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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Ref: Submission of information pursuant to Regulation 30(4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The Manager,

## Sub: Press Release

We are enclosing herewith the Press Release dated November 30, 2017 titled: Thomas Cook India targets the strong growth of Pune's smaller high potential catchment areas.

This is for your information and records.

Thank you, Yours faithfully, For **Thomas Cook (India) Limited** 

Amit J. Parekh Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

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# Thomas Cook India targets the strong growth of Pune's smaller high potential catchment areas

~ Opens two Gold Circle Partner franchise outlets in Viman Nagar and Kothrud ~

**Mumbai, November 30, 2017: Thomas Cook (India) Ltd.**, India's leading integrated travel and travel related financial services company, strengthened its presence in Pune with two new franchise "Gold Circle Partner" outlets in Viman Nagar and Kothrud, inaugurated by Mr. Romil Pant- Senior Vice President-Leisure Travel, Thomas Cook (India) Ltd. This expansion augments Thomas Cook India's distribution and reach in Pune to 6 consumer access centres: 2 owned branches and 4 Gold Circle Partner (franchise) outlets.

Thomas Cook India's data had highlighted smaller catchment areas within Pune as high potential source markets for its holiday business. Hence in an initiative to harness this opportunity, the Company then identified/selected Viman Nagar and Kothrud to set up its Gold Circle Partner franchise outlets.

The Thomas Cook Gold Circle Partner programme is an exclusive franchise partner initiative that increases the brand's presence-reach across the country, giving consumers access to the company's products & services in metros/mini-metros and strongly emerging Tier 2 & 3 markets. The Gold Circle Partner benefits via brand association with the leading travel company in India, along with knowledge sharing/training and expertise to manage a travel business. In addition, a Gold Circle Partner is equipped with sales & marketing support to further new business development, and acquisition/retention of a wider customer base.

The new Gold Circle Partner outlets in Viman Nagar & Kothrud offer consumers end-to-end travel solutions with a bouquet of travel and travel related financial services, including:

- International & Domestic Holidays (Group Tours, FIT Personalised holidays, Cruises, Rail...)
- Travel Insurance
- Foreign Exchange; Pre-Paid Forex Cards; Remittance Services

*Mr. Rajeev Kale, President & Country Head Leisure Travel & M.I.C.E, Thomas Cook (India) Limited* said, "Pune has been identified as a prime growth driver and continues to deliver strong growth of 22% YoY for our Leisure Travel business. Pune's smaller catchment localities are yet under leveraged and offer us significant potential and hence we've carefully selected. . our new outlets at Viman Nagar & Kothrud, ( key residential, commercial and retail centres) of Pune to provide us a viable catchment with a range of consumers across families, young professionals and business travellers, students, senior citizens and NRIs."

He further added, "To target our significant and growing Maharastrian consumer base we had launched 5 unique Maharashtrian Tours (Including - Avismarniya Europe, Europe Ek Anubhav, Prekshniya Europe, Avismanya America) and we are delighted to see strong demand from Pune.

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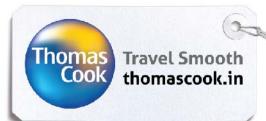
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About Thomas Cook (India) Limited: Thomas Cook (India) Ltd. (TCIL) is the leading integrated travel and travel related financial services company in the country offering a broad spectrum of services that include Foreign Exchange, Corporate Travel, MICE, Leisure Travel, Insurance, Visa & Passport services and E-Business. The company set up its first office in India in 1881.

The Thomas Cook India Group spanning 21 countries across 4 continents, a team of over 198,500 and a combined revenue in excess of Rs. 8700 crore (over \$ 1.34 billion), operates leading B2C and B2B brands including, Thomas Cook, SOTC, TCI, Sita, Asian Trails, Allied T Pro, Australian Tours Management, Desert Adventures, Travel Circle International Limited, Private Safaris East & South Africa. The Group is today one of the largest travel service provider networks headquartered in the Asia-Pacific region.

ICRA has reaffirmed the long-term rating on TCIL's non-convertible debenture programme at 'ICRA AA/Stable' and on the preference share programme at 'ICRA AA-/ Stable'. CRISIL has reaffirmed the long term rating of 'CRISIL AA-/ Stable' on TCIL's non-convertible debenture programme and long-term banking facilities, and the short-term rating of 'CRISIL A1+' on the banking facilities.

Thomas Cook (India) Ltd has been felicitated with The French Ambassador's Diamond Award for Exemplary Achievements in Visa Issuance 2015 & 2016; Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Travel Awards 2016 to 2011. Thomas Cook India's Travel Quest was honoured at PATA Gold Awards 2015 and Thomas Cook India's Centre of Learning has received IATA accreditation as Top 10 South Asia IATA Authorized Training Centers 2016, 2015, 2013 & 2012. For more information, please visit www.thomascook.in

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The company, through Thomas Cook (India) Ltd., owns 52.10% of Quess Corp Limited, a provider of integrated business services, and 100% of Sterling Holiday Resorts Limited (formerly Thomas Cook Insurance Services (India) Limited), a company engaged in time share and resort business.

About Quess Corp Limited: Quess Corp Limited (BSE: 539978, NSE: QUESS), established in 2007, is India's leading integrated business services provider. Based out of Bengaluru, Quess today has a Pan-India presence with 65 offices across 34 cities along with overseas footprint in North America, the Middle East and South East Asia. It serves over 1700+ customers across 4 segments namely, Global Technology Solutions, People & Services, Integrated Facility Management and Industrials. Quess has over 212,500 employees (including Manipal Integrated Services and Terrier Security Services) and market cap of over INR 11,551 Crores as on September 30, 2017. For further details on Quess Corp Ltd. please visit: <a href="http://www.quesscorp.com">http://www.quesscorp.com</a>

**About Sterling Holiday Resorts Limited:** Sterling Holiday Resorts Limited, a leading holiday lifestyle company in India, was incorporated in 1986 with the vision of delivering great holiday experiences to Indian families. To achieve this vision, the company pioneered Vacation Ownership in India and set about building a network of leisure resorts at some of the best holiday destinations in India. Currently, Sterling Holidays has an inventory of 2124 rooms across 32 resorts.

In March 2016, Sterling Holidays acquired 'Nature Trails Resorts Private Limited' - an adventure holiday company that operates resorts at four unique destinations in Maharashtra. For more information, please visit www.sterlingholidays.com

About SOTC Travel Limited: SOTC Travel Limited (formerly known as SOTC Travel Private Limited) is a step-down subsidiary of Fairfax Financial Holdings Group; held through its Indian listed subsidiary, Thomas Cook (India) Limited (TCIL). SOTC is a leading travel and tourism company active across various travel segments including Leisure Travel, Incentive Travel and Business Travel.

TCIL through its Subsidiary holds100% stake in Travel Circle International Limited, which has an attractive business in the travel sector backed by a trusted brand name, and a stable and motivated professional management team. The company is a premium outbound travel operator in Hong Kong.

**About the recent acquisitions:** TCIL recently completed the acquisition of TC Forex Services Limited (Formerly known as Tata Capital Forex Limited) (TC Forex) and TC Travel and Services Limited (TC Travel). TC Forex is a wholly owned subsidiary of TCIL offering travel related foreign exchange products including Currency notes, Travel Cards and Traveller's cheques. TCIL through its Subsidiary holds 100% stake in TC Travel which offers a wide range of services including Airline ticketing, Booking Hotel accommodation, Visa and Passport facilitation, Travel insurance etc.

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