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24th April, 2018

The Manager, Listing Department

**BSE Limited** Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers,

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**Scrip Code: 500413** 

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

The Manager, Listing Department

National Stock Exchange of India Limited Exchange Plaza, 5th Floor, Plot No. C/1, G Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E),

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Scrip Code: THOMASCOOK

NCD: Thomas Cook 9.37% 2018 SERIES 1, Thomas Cook

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9.37% 2019 SERIES 2 Thomas Cook 9.37% 2020 SERIES

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

Sub: Press Release

We are enclosing herewith the Press Release dated April 24, 2018 titled: 'Thomas Cook India Signs an MOU with Tourism New Zealand and Immigration New Zealand'.

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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## News Release

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## Thomas Cook India Signs an MOU with Tourism New Zealand and Immigration New Zealand

 The Partnership will reduce time for processing New Zealand Visas from 15 days to 3 days

Mumbai April 24, 2018: Thomas Cook (India) Ltd., India's leading integrated travel and travel related financial services company, has been selected as a preferred partner for the Tourism Industry Partnership (TIP) Programme between Tourism New Zealand (TNZ) and Immigration New Zealand (INZ).

The TIP programme between Tourism New Zealand and Immigration New Zealand will focus on streamlining the visa process for Indian visitors to New Zealand.

Through this partnership that was announced today, Indian leisure travellers will benefit from a more streamlined visa service with a faster processing time of three days compared to the previous online application processing time of 15 days.

Thomas Cook reveals that New Zealand has been emerging as a popular destination amongst not only the family segment but also millennial travellers looking for adventure and experiences that include river rafting, hiking, bungee jumping, sky diving, self drive in addition to experiencing New Zealand's spectacular scenery. Through this partnership, Thomas Cook India will be entitled to the benefit of this new visa process, thus making it easier for Indians to travel to New Zealand.

Speaking on the announcement, Mr. Rajeev Kale, President & Country Head - Holidays, MICE, Visa & Passport, Thomas Cook India said, "We are honoured to have been selected as a preferred agent for this partnership. This programme provides us with an advantage of faster processing of visitor visa applications from 15 days to 3 days for nationals of India who want to travel to New Zealand."

He added, "We have seen a strong and steady growth of travellers heading to New Zealand; with a growth of more than 19% over the last few years, it has turned into a key market for Thomas Cook India. This new visa process will make it even easier for Indian travellers to experience New Zealand and we are confident of seeing higher uptake".

**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'. 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 & 2017; Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Travel Awards 2016 to 2011. Thomas Cook India's Travel Quest was honoured at PATA Gold

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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 <a href="https://www.thomascook.in">www.thomascook.in</a>

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The company, through Thomas Cook (India) Ltd., owns 49.02% of Quess Corp Limited, a provider of integrated business services, and 100% of Sterling Holiday Resorts 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 <a href="https://www.sterlingholidays.com">www.sterlingholidays.com</a>

**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. For more information please visit <a href="www.sotc.in">www.sotc.in</a>

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 offers travel related foreign exchange products including Currency notes, Travel Cards and Traveller's cheques and TC Travel offers a wide range of services including Airline ticketing, Booking Hotel accommodation, Visa and Passport facilitation, Travel insurance etc.

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