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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Ref: Press Release – Intimation under Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

We are enclosing herewith the Press Release dated September 30, 2024 titled, "Thomas Cook India Group enters into a Joint Venture to build Generative AI solutions for the Travel Domain with Atirath Technologies Pvt. Ltd.".

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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# Focus on growth & enhanced customer experience

**Mumbai, September 30, 2024**: Artificial Intelligence (AI) is changing the entire Travel ecosystem. Digital First customers are driving demand for diverse travel experiences that are customised to their preferences and want these seamlessly fulfilled. Travel providers on the other hand, are challenged with personalisation to scale and providing relevant recommendations, while delivering a seamless customer experience.

The Thomas Cook India Group intends to better serve the rapidly growing travel market and evolving travellers to create growth opportunities – via custom built, generative AI powered, voice enabled solutions with local language transcribing and speech capabilities, capable of learning and improving continuously.

To achieve a robust, scalable and custom built Gen AI solution for the Travel Domain, the Thomas Cook India Group has entered into a Joint Venture with Atirath Technologies Private Limited.

### **Projected benefits to the Thomas Cook India Group:**

- Ability to extend reach and serve more customers
- Address them better with local language capabilities
- Create a seamless digital journey moving customers directly to online transactions
- Reduce human dependence to scale up
- Assist sellers improving productivity and customer experience
- Create a completely new distribution model

Madhavan Menon, Executive Chairman Thomas Cook India Group, said, "I am delighted to announce our JV with Atirath Technologies Private Limited that is aimed at creating potent growth and customer experience capabilities for the TCIL Group in the rapidly evolving space of AI solutions.

This is a business imperative, given the need to scale volumes and productivity without a corresponding linear cost structure and is aligned with our Customer & Digital First strategy.

Today, AI (especially Gen AI) has found its way into every customer use case and is becoming the new normal in terms of meeting customer expectations and improved service delivery. I am sure this partnership with the dynamic team at Atirath, will help enhance TCIL's leadership in the travel industry and give us an early mover advantage in the exciting new frontier of Generative AI."

About Thomas Cook (India) Limited: Set up in 1881, Thomas Cook (India) Limited (TCIL) is the leading omnichannel travel company in the country offering a broad spectrum of services including Foreign Exchange, Corporate Travel, MICE, Leisure Travel, Value Added Services, and Visa Services. It operates leading B2C and B2B brands including Thomas Cook, SOTC, TCI, SITA, Asian Trails, Allied TPro, Australian Tours Management, Desert Adventures, Travel Circle International Limited (TCI 勝景), Sterling Holiday Resorts Limited, Distant Frontiers, TC Tours, Digiphoto Entertainment Imaging (DEI), Go Vacation, Private Safaris East & South Africa.

As one of the largest travel service provider networks headquartered in the Asia-Pacific region, The Thomas Cook India Group spans 28 countries across 5 continents.

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TCIL has been felicitated with the award for MICE Travel Agency (Outbound) at the Economic Times MICE & Wedding Tourism Awards 2024, 'Masters of Risk - Travel & Hospitality' at India Risk Management Awards 2024, MICE Tour Operator of the Year - Outbound at SATTE 2024, Best Tour Operator at India Travel Awards North 2023, MICE Travel Operator of the Year at the Economic Times Travel & Tourism Awards 2023, winner of the Corporate Citizen Award (Travel Tourism & Hospitality) at the Corporate Citizen Conclave & Award 2023, The Outbound Tour Operator of the Year 2022 & 2019 at the SATTE Awards, IAMAI India Digital Awards 2022, CNBC-TV18 & ICICI Lombard India Risk Management Award - Travel & Leisure Category 2022 & 2021, CIO100 Award for digital innovation 2022, 'Innovation in Omni-experience' Award at International Data Corporation's (IDC) Industry Innovation Awards 2021, Silver award for Asia's Best Integrated Report (First Time) category at the Asia Sustainability Reporting Awards 2019-2021.

CRISIL has reaffirmed the rating on debt programs and bank facilities of TCIL - 'CRISIL AA- / Positive' on the long-term bank facilities of TCIL and 'CRISIL A1+' rating on the short-term bank facilities and short- term debt of the company.

For more information, please visit www.thomascook.in

Fairbridge Capital (Mauritius) Limited, a subsidiary of Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited, is the promoter of TCIL with a shareholding of 63.83% of its paid-up capital.

**About Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited:** Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited is a holding company which, through its subsidiaries, is primarily engaged in property and casualty insurance and reinsurance and the associated investment management. Founded in 1985 by the present Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. V. Prem Watsa, the company is headquartered in Toronto, Canada. Its common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol FFH and in U.S. dollars under the symbol FFH.U.

#### About Subsidiaries of Thomas Cook (India) Limited (TCIL):

#### Sterling Holiday Resorts Limited

Sterling Holiday Resorts Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of TCIL is a leading leisure hospitality company with 40+ resorts, hotels and retreats across hills, beaches, jungles, waterfront, adventure, heritage, pilgrimage and drive-to locations. Sterling provides a variety of offerings: Leisure holidays through FIT packages, Meetings & Conferences, Weddings, Reunions, Picnics and Holidays through Memberships.

## SOTC Travel Limited

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

Established in 1949, SOTC is an Indian-grown brand with a legacy of 75 years. Since then, it has escorted millions of travellers across the globe to various destinations around the globe. The Company firmly believes that today, 'No one understands the Indian Traveller better than SOTC'.

## Travel Corporation (India) Limited

Travel Corporation (India) Limited (TCI) (operating brands Sita, TCI and Distant Frontiers), a wholly owned subsidiary of TCIL, is the leading Destination Management Company in India that offers tailor-made travel and related services to India, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka.

#### **DEI Holdings Limited**

Thomas Cook India Group holds 51% stake in DEI Holdings Limited (DEI), one of the world's leading imaging solutions and services providers.

#### For more information, visit:

Sterling Holiday Resorts Limited: https://www.sterlingholidays.com

SOTC Travel Limited: <a href="https://www.sotc.in">https://www.sotc.in</a>

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