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Dear Sir/ Madam,

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

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### Sub: Press Release

We are enclosing herewith the Press Release dated July 14, 2020 titled "As Indians seek to travel safe via smaller groups, Thomas Cook India & SOTC launch premium, chauffeured Van Tours - Private Journeys"

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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# As Indians seek to travel safe via smaller groups, Thomas Cook India & SOTC launch premium, chauffeured Van Tours -*Private Journeys*

- Personalised itineraries across 32 countries
- Attractive Pricing and Special Offers
- Assured Safe Travel Program in partnership with Apollo Clinics

**Mumbai, July 14, 2020:** Aimed at ensuring the health and safety of its customers, Thomas Cook (India) Ltd., India's leading integrated travel services company along with its Group Company SOTC Travel Ltd., have launched *Private Journeys*: premium, chauffeured van tours, strategically designed for smaller groups of family, extended family or friends. *Private Journeys* covers over 32 countries, for travel from September 2020-2021 and at affordable prices starting at Rs. 25 800.00\*.

Thomas Cook's & SOTC's *Private Journeys* allows for a leisurely exploration of a destination: its history, culture, cuisine and its hidden secrets! Curated by experts, exclusive private experiences have been included: from chasing the Northern Lights in Norway or the Russian Lapland, whale watching in South Africa, enjoying the resplendent colours of autumn in Bavaria, Germany or soaking in the ambience of Christmas markets from Paris to Prague, a celebration of Christmas in Santa Land, Finland, a taste of history and culture in Vietnam or Cambodia, exploring the natural wonders of New Zealand or the breath-taking winter wonderland in Switzerland.

Destinations range from: France, Italy, Switzerland, Finland, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Norway, Hungary, Netherlands, Estonia, Russia, Romania, Croatia, Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Latvia, Lithuania, Georgia, Armenia, Kazakhstan; Kenya and South Africa; Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand to New Zealand, among others.

Private Journeys offers customers a range of benefits:

- 1. Premium, private vehicles at one's disposal with professional English speaking drivers
- 2. Centrally located 4 star hotels; inclusive of breakfast
- 3. Itineraries cover key seasons, festivals, wildlife experiences, unique elements of culture & history
- 4. 24x7 on ground local emergency helpline
- 5. Affordable pricing & Attractive discounts: Up to 30% off basis group size + Early Bird Bonus (15% off for bookings up to July 31, 2020)
- 6. Travel from Sept 2020 till Sept 30, 2021 (Offer for early bookers till July 31, 2020)
- 7. Flexibility of date change\*; Zero cancellation charges up to 15 days prior to departure
- 8. A minimal booking amount of Rs. 25 000.00\*; Easy payment and EMI options
- 9. Meticulous health & safety under the Company's <u>Assured Program</u> in partnership with Apollo Clinics
- 10. Overseas Medical Insurance- cover includes Covid-19 related hospitalisation

**Mr. Rajeev Kale, President & Country Head – Holidays, MICE, Visa, Thomas Cook (India) Ltd.** said, "As we enter a new era of travel with increased focus on health and safety, our Private Journeys intends to bring back consumer confidence with a unique concept of premium, chauffeur-driven van tours, specially designed for smaller/secure groups of family or close friends. The easy-paced itineraries promise a relaxed holiday with in-depth exploration of each destination. And while we have included delightful premium experiences, the pricing has been kept very affordable - starting at just Rs. 25 800.00\*.

Further, our Assured Program in partnership with Apollo Clinics ensures meticulous health and safety protocols across every travel touch-point: from airports, transportation, hotels, to restaurants and attractions."

Click here to book Thomas Cook India's Private Journeys

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**Mr. Daniel Dsouza, President & Country Head, Leisure, SOTC Travel** said, "Private trips is an emerging trend, that lets families and friends enjoy and explore a destination in privacy and safety in the COVID era. The pioneering concept of Private Journeys offers the comfort of a chauffeur driven van ensuring a safe and private holiday all throughout their journey. Private Journeys comes with the Assured Program – in association with Apollo Clinics and includes comprehensive Insurance Cover for COVID-19 related hospitalization for a stress free travel journey."

He added, "To ensure a safe customer journey right from the start, we have conceptualized Virtual Outlets to assist via phone, chat or a video call for customers seeking contactless services."

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\*Terms and conditions apply

About Thomas Cook (India) Limited: Set up in 1881, 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, Value Added Services, Visa and Passport services and E-Business. It operates leading B2C and B2B brands including Thomas Cook, SOTC, TCI, SITA, Asian Trails, Allied T Pro, Australian Tours Management, Desert Adventures, Luxe Asia, Kuoni Hong Kong, Sterling Holiday Resorts Limited, TC Forex, Distant Frontiers, TC Tours, TC Visa, Travel Circle International Limited, Ithaka, Digiphoto Entertainment Imaging (DEI), 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 25 countries across 5 continents, a team of over 8388 and a combined revenue in excess of Rs. 6948.3 Cr. (over \$ 0.93 Bn.) for the financial year ended March 31, 2020.

TCIL has been felicitated with The Best Travel Agency – India at TTG Travel Awards 2019, The Best Outbound Tour Operator at the Times Travel Awards 2018 & 2019 and Leading Company with Cutting Edge Travel Innovation at the Times, Silver award for Asia's Best Integrated Report (First Time) category at the Asia Sustainability Reporting Awards, Travel Awards 2018, Best Risk Management-Framework & Systems at the India Risk Management Awards 2019; Best Cash Management Solution – India at the Asset Triple A Treasury, Trade, Supply Chain & Risk Management Awards 2018, Best Outbound Tour Operator at the SATTE awards 2019, Excellence in Domestic Tour Operations at the SATTE Awards 2018, The French Ambassador's Award for Exemplary Achievements in Visa Issuance – 2015 to 2019 and the Condé Nast Traveller – Readers' Travel Awards from 2011 to 2019.

CRISIL has reaffirmed the rating on debt programmes and bank facilities of Thomas Cook (India) Ltd at 'CRISIL AA-/Negative 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.

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About Subsidiaries of Thomas Cook (India) Ltd.: Sterling Holiday Resorts Limited, wholly owned subsidiary of TCIL is engaged in time share and resort business.

SOTC Travel Limited, wholly owned subsidiary of TCIL is a leading travel and tourism company active across various travel segments including Leisure Travel, Incentive Travel and Business Travel.

Travel Corporation India (TCI), a brand owned by TCIL through its wholly owned subsidiary company, is the leading Destination Management Company in India that offers tailor-made travel and related services to India, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka.

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

## For more information, visit:

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<u>About SOTC Travel</u>: SOTC Travel Limited (Formerly SOTC Travel Pvt. Ltd.) is a step-down subsidiary of Fairfax Financial Holdings Group; held through its Indian listed subsidiary, Thomas Cook (India) Limited (TCIL). SOTC India is a leading travel and tourism company active across various travel segments including Leisure Travel, Incentive Travel and Business Travel and Foreign Exchange. SOTC was established in 1949. Since then, it has escorted lakhs of travellers across the globe for more than 70 years to various destinations around the world. A new age innovative holidaymaker, SOTC strives to make holidays a priority for every Indian. 'We are for holidays' and we want Indians to prioritize their holidays.

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