

## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

In the matter of **SAMBANDH FINSERVE PRIVATE LIMITED** Under the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP)

**Name of the Corporate Debtor:** Sambandh Finserve Private Limited

**CIN:** U67120OR1996PTC011931

**NCLT Bench:** Cuttack

**Date of CIRP Commencement:** 05<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Resolution Professional (RP):** Saradindu Jena

**IBBI Registration No.:** IBBI/IPA-002/IP-N00520/2017-18/11622

### Invitation for Expression of Interest from Prospective Resolution Applicants:

Pursuant to the initiation of the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) of **Sambandh Finserve Private Limited** under the provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC), and as per the applicable regulations, **Form G** is hereby issued to invite Expression of Interest (EOI) from prospective **Resolution Applicants (RAs)** for the submission of a **Resolution Plan** for **Sambandh Finserve Private Limited**.

### Key Information:

#### 1. Background of the Corporate Debtor:

Sambandh Finserve Private Limited was initially incorporated in the name of MODLINE BUILD CAP PVT.LTD. on July 03, 1996 under the provisions of Companies Act, 1956. The name was subsequently changed to SAMBANDH FINSERVE PRIVATE LIMITED on June 17, 2010. A fresh Certificate of Incorporation was issued by the Registrar of Companies, Cuttack, Odisha in the name of Sambandh Finserve Private Limited.

**Sambandh Finserve Private Limited (SFPL)** was registered with the Reserve Bank of India as a Non-Banking Finance Company – Micro Finance Institution (NBFC-MFI). The primary business was to offer customized lending and financing solutions to low-income and to those having little access to formal financial avenues, who use the credit to run small businesses, renovate their dwelling units, and educate their children. SFPL had presence in the five states of Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar and Gujarat states, Sambandh is widely known in the industry as a client centric organization.

The RBI had granted CoR bearing No. B14-02392 dated May 09, 2002 to the company to commence and carry on the business of NBFI as a Non-Deposit taking NBFC (NBFC-ND). Subsequently, the name of the company was changed to Sambandh Finserve Private Limited and shifted its Registered Office. A fresh CoR bearing No. 04.00023 dated November 01, 2010 was issued to the company by the Bhubaneswar Regional Office of RBI.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 45-N of the RBI Act, 1934, the RBI had conducted inspection of the books of accounts of the company from October 23, 2020 to October 25, 2020 with reference to its financial position as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020. During inspection, the RBI assessed that taking into account the fraud committed

(amounting to Rs. 300.35 crore), the Net Owned Fund (NOF) was at (-) Rs.232.20 crore as against Rs.65.88 crore reported by the company. Therefore, the company is not meeting the Net Owned Fund criteria of Rs.5.00 crore as prescribed for NBFC-MFIs and as such, the company violated para 49 of Chapter -III (Specific directions applicable to NBFC-MFI(s) of RBI Master Direction DNBR PD 007/03.10.119/2016-17 dated September 01,2016 as amended from time to time. Taking into consideration the non-compliance with the extant directions of RBI and seriousness of the violations, RBI passed an order dated September 09,2021 for cancellation of the CoR No. 04.00023, dated November 01,2010 in terms of Section 45-IA (6) of the Reserve Bank of India Act,1934. The Company was directed to return the CoR in original and not to carry on the business of NBFI

The corporate debtor has been admitted into CIRP under Section 7 of the IBC pursuant to the order of the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Cuttack Bench (NCLT) on 05<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

## 2. Process Timeline:


The timeline for submission of EOIs and subsequent steps will be as per the CIRP regulations.

- A. Publication Date of Form G: 05/11/2024
- B. Last Date for Submission of EOIs: 20/11/2024
- C. Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants: 30/11/2024
- D. Last date for submission of objections to provisional list: 05/12/2024
- E. Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants: 15/12/2024
- F. Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants: 20/12/2024
- G. Last date for submission of resolution plans: 19/01/2025

## 3. Eligibility Criteria for Resolution Applicants:

The Committee of Creditors (CoC) has approved the following eligibility criteria for prospective resolution applicants, in accordance with Section 25(2)(h) of the IBC:

- A. **Net Worth:** The applicant must have a minimum net worth of **INR 10.00 Crore** as on 31/03/2024, certified by a chartered accountant or another authorized professional.
- B. **Turnover:** The applicant must have an annual turnover of at least **INR 30.00 Crore** in the previous financial year, as evidenced by audited financial statements.

  
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- C. **Experience:** The applicant must have experience in managing the business of **Micro Finance Institutions or Non-Banking Finance Companies** and must be making a profit for the last three Financial Years as per their books of accounts.
- D. **Legal Compliance:** The applicant must not be disqualified under Section 29A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, including but not limited to not being an undischarged insolvent, not having been convicted of an offense punishable with imprisonment for two or more years, and having no management control of a company whose accounts have been classified as non-performing for over one year.
- E. **Financial Capability:** The applicant must provide proof of financial capability, such as a commitment from a financial institution or bank, demonstrating the ability to invest an amount of at least **INR 50.00 Crore** in the resolution plan.

4. **Documents Required for Submission of EOI:** Prospective applicants shall submit the following documents along with their EOI:

- A. A cover letter on the letterhead of the interested party indicating their willingness to participate in the process.
- B. Profile of the applicant, including relevant experience and expertise in the sector of the Corporate Debtor.
- C. Audited financial statements for the last three years and a certificate from a practicing Chartered Accountant certifying the financial details as per the eligibility criteria.
- D. An expression of interest shall be unconditional and be accompanied by-
  - (a) an undertaking by the prospective resolution applicant that it meets the criteria specified by the Committee of Creditors.
  - (b) relevant records in evidence of meeting the criteria under clause (a);
  - (c) an undertaking by the prospective resolution applicant that it does not suffer from any ineligibility under section 29A to the extent applicable;
  - (d) relevant information and records to enable an assessment of ineligibility under clause (c);
  - (e) an undertaking by the prospective resolution applicant that it shall intimate the resolution professional forthwith if it becomes ineligible at any time during the corporate insolvency resolution process;
  - (f) an undertaking by the prospective resolution applicant that every information and records provided in expression of interest is true and correct and discovery of any false information or record at any time will render the applicant ineligible

to submit resolution plan, forfeit any refundable deposit, and attract penal action under the Code; and

(g) an undertaking by the prospective resolution applicant to the effect that it shall maintain confidentiality of the information and shall not use such information to cause an undue gain or undue loss to itself or any other person and comply with the requirements under sub-section (2) of section 29.

**5. Submission Guidelines:**

A. The EOI must be submitted in a sealed envelope, superscribed as "**Expression of Interest for Sambandh Finserve Private Limited**," to the following address:

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Plot No-216, District Centre, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751016, Odisha.

B. Additionally, a soft copy of the EOI should be emailed to: **sambandh.cirp@gmail.com**

6. **Evaluation of EOIs:** Upon receipt of EOIs, the Resolution Professional, in consultation with the CoC, will evaluate the prospective resolution applicants based on the prescribed eligibility criteria. The shortlisted applicants will be provided with access to the Information Memorandum (IM), Evaluation Matrix, and other necessary documents.
7. **Access to Information Memorandum (IM):** Shortlisted applicants who meet the eligibility criteria and qualify under the evaluation process will be given access to the Information Memorandum and other relevant documents after executing a **Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)** as per the provisions of the IBC.
8. **Disclaimer:** This is not an offer document. The purpose of this invitation is to provide interested parties with information regarding the CIRP of the Corporate Debtor and to invite EOIs for the resolution of the company. The Resolution Professional and the Committee of Creditors reserve the right to cancel or modify the process or reject any or all EOIs/applications without assigning any reason and without any liability.

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For further details, kindly refer to the publication of Form G and other relevant information on the websites: <https://www.sambandhfin.com/>

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