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To Listing Compliance Department BSE Limited Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001

# Subject: Press Release

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, please find enclosed herewith the copy of press release made to analysts and investors in connection with Unaudited Standalone & Consolidated Financial Results for quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June,2023.

Request you to please take note of the same.

**Thanking You** 

Yours Faithfully,

For Natural Capsules Limited

Shilpa Burman Company Secretary & Compliance Officer





# **NATURAL CAPSULES LIMITED REPORTS Q1FY24 RESULTS**

**Bangalore, August 9th, 2023:** Natural Capsules Limited, one of India's leading manufacturer of hard capsules shell has announced its financial results for the first guarter ended June 30th, 2023.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

| REVENUES <b>37.70 cr</b> |                  | EBITDA           | 5.96 cr            | EBITDA MARGINS | 15.81%     |  |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------|--|
| <b>① 0.21%</b>           | <b>④</b> -14.69% | <b>④</b> -11.41% | <b>(</b> ) -34.72% | ⊕ -184 BPS     | ⊕ -485 BPS |  |
| PAT                      | 1.82 cr          | EPS              | <b>₹1.96</b>       | Кеу            |            |  |
| <b>④</b> -46.15%         | <b>④</b> -65.07% | <b>-42.86%</b>   | <b>④</b> -73.62%   | (↑) Q-o-Q      | (↑) Y-o-Y  |  |

### COMMENTING ON THE PERFORMANCE, MR. SUNIL MUNDRA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SAID,

I am pleased to provide you with an update on our performance in Q1FY24. The operating environment in the pharmaceutical industry continued to remain challenging throughout the quarter. Even amid these challenges, our realisations and volumes remained consistent with the previous quarter.

The impact on profitability, particularly on EBITDA margins, was influenced by a primary factor. There were closures of a few capacities in India for the manufacturing of Gelatin due to maintenance shutdowns. This led to availability issues for Gelatin, our key raw material. As a result, we had to resort to the import of high-cost inventory during the quarter, which inevitably affected our profitability.

Our strategic thrust this year is on the exports market. With a keen eye on broadening our horizon and expanding our footprint, we are optimistic about recording substantial growth in our exports in the coming year.

While we have encountered some challenges with the installation of the first HPMC line, culminating in delays in the commencement of commercial operations, our team has been working diligently to address and rectify these issues. These unanticipated challenges have resulted in slight deviations from our initial timelines for the HPMC lines.

On the API front, the yields recorded for the scale-up batches have shown marked improvement compared to the small batches. We have successfully completed the first round of inspections by the Drug Department for our API facility and are gearing up for the second round. Following this, we anticipate obtaining the manufacturing license.

We remain on schedule to begin the commercial production of small volume batches by the end of Q2FY24, and confidently aim to start commercial production of large volume batches by Q4FY24.

It's worth acknowledging that as we embark on these large CAPEX undertakings, certain challenges and delays, unfortunately, become part and parcel of the journey. Furthermore, the operating environment in the capsule business has been less than conducive in the past quarters. However, we are committed and are taking all the necessary measures to ensure that Natural Capsules Limited is swiftly back on a growth trajectory.

We deeply appreciate your belief in our vision and our capabilities. Rest assured, we remain steadfast in our mission to deliver value and sustained growth.

# **UPDATES ON CAPEX**

|          | Q1FY23  | Q2FY23   | Q3FY23 | Q4FY23 | Q1FY24  | Q2FY24   | Q3FY24  | Q1FY24   |
|----------|---|--|--------|--------|---|--|---|--|
| CAPSULES | <ul> <li>Added 1 line<br/>for gelatin<br/>capsules<br/>added in<br/>June</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>1 line for<br/>gelatin<br/>capsules<br/>added in<br/>September</li> </ul> |        |        | <ul> <li>1 lines for<br/>HPMC capsules<br/>to be added in<br/>Q1FY24</li> </ul> |  | <ul> <li>1 lines for<br/>HPMC<br/>capsules to<br/>be added in<br/>Q3FY24</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>1 lines for<br/>HPMC<br/>capsules to be<br/>added in<br/>Q4FY24</li> </ul>        |
| ΑΡΙ      |   |  |        |        |   | <ul> <li>Start of<br/>Commercial<br/>production in<br/>small volume<br/>batches</li> </ul> |   | <ul> <li>Start of<br/>Commercial<br/>production in<br/>large volume<br/>batches</li> </ul> |

### ABOUT NATURAL CAPSULE LIMITED (NCL)

Natural Capsules Limited (NCL) is a hard capsule shell manufacturer, who pioneered manufacturing of vegetarian capsules in India and is the second largest Indian manufacturer for gelatin capsules. The company was incorporated as a Public Limited Company in 1993 at Bangalore, and it further expanded its operations to Pondicherry in 2003. The company is now foraying into API manufacturing with complex high-end patented technology developed in-house, under its subsidiary company Natural Biogenex Private Limited.

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