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**BSE Limited** 

Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers Dalal Street, Mumbai-400001, India **Scrip Code:** 532454/ 890157

Sub: Change in the Board of Directors of Bharti Airtel Limited

Dear Sir/ Ma'am.

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('Listing Regulations'), we wish to inform you that the Board of Directors of the Company, at its meeting held on **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**:

- a) approved the appointment of Pradeep Kumar Sinha (DIN: 00145126) as an Additional Director in the capacity of Independent Director with effect from May 18, 2022, on the recommendation of HR and Nomination Committee and subject to the approval of members;
- b) approved the appointment of Shyamal Mukherjee (DIN: 03024803) as an Additional Director in the capacity of Independent Director with effect from May 18, 2022, on the recommendation of HR and Nomination Committee and subject to the approval of members;
- c) noted the retirement of Manish Kejriwal (DIN: 00040055), Independent Director of the Company with effect from the close of business hours on September 25, 2022, upon completion of his second term of office and placed on record, its appreciation for the valuable contribution made by him;
- d) noted the resignation of Shishir Priyadarshi (DIN: 03459204) from the position of Independent Director with effect from the close of business hours on October 31, 2022 and placed on record, its appreciation for the valuable contribution made by him; and
- e) noted the designation of Dinesh Kumar Mittal (DIN: 00040000), Independent Director as L∈ad Independent Director on the Board of the Company with effect from September 26, 2022.

The press release being issued by the Company, in this regard is enclosed as Annexure A.

The details, as required to be disclosed pursuant to Listing Regulations read with relevant circulans)/ guideline(s), are enclosed as **Annexure B**.

Kindly take the above on record.

Thanking you, Sincerely yours,

For Bharti Airtel Limited

Rohit Krishan Puri

Dy. Company Secretary & Compliance Officer





## Airtel announces appointment of new independent directors on its Board

**New Delhi, May 17, 2022:** Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), India's premier communications solutions provider, today announced the appointment of PK Sinha and Shyamal Mukherjee as Independent Directors on its Board of Directors. The appointments are subject to approval by shareholders at Airtel's upcoming Annual General Meeting.

PK Sinha, IAS (Retd.), served as the Cabinet Secretary for more than 4 years before moving to the Prime Minister's Office. He retired from there in March 2021 after 44 years of continuous service to the nation. He has been a Government nominee Director in numerous major Public Sector Undertakings and is well versed with the principles of healthy corporate governance.

Shyamal Mukherjee is the former Chairman and Senior Partner of PwC India and was at the forefront of making PwC a future-ready firm. Shyamal began his professional journey with PwC in 1984 and became a partner in 1993. He held several leadership roles at PwC India, including Brand & Strategy leader and Leader of India Tax practice. Shyamal also serves as an Independent Director on the board of ITC Ltd and a member of its Audit Committee.

The Company added that Manish Kejriwal, Lead Independent Director, would be retiring on September 25, 2022 on completion of his second tenure. Shishir Priyadarshi would be leaving the board with effect from October 31, 2022 to devote time towards his other professional commitments. D. K. Mittal IAS (Retd.), would be designated as Lead Independent Director with effect from September 26, 2022.

Sunil Bharti Mittal, Chairman, Bharti Airtel said: "Airtel takes pride in having one of the most distinguished Board of Directors that is committed to high standards of corporate governance. These appointments are made with a long term view - to make the board future-ready, address the long term requirements of the Company and ensure smooth transition in key board positions. On behalf of the Board, I welcome PK Sinha and Shyamal Mukherjee and their valuable experience will add immense value to Airtel's growth journey. I also want to thank Manish Kejriwal and Shishir Priyadarshi for their tremendous contribution to Airtel."

#### **About Airtel**

Headquartered in India, Airtel is a global communications solutions provider with over 480 Mn customers in TP countries across South Asia and Africa. The company ranks amongst the top three mobile operators globally and its networks cover over two billion people. Airtel is India's largest integrated communications solutions provicer and the second largest mobile operator in Africa. Airtel's retail portfolio includes high speed 4G/4.5G mobile broadband, Airtel Xstream Fiber that promises speeds up to 1 Gbps with convergence across linear and on-demand entertainment, streaming services spanning music and video, digital payments and financial services. For enterprise customers, Airtel offers a gamut of solutions that includes secure connectivity, cloud and data centre services, cyber security, IoT, Ad Tech and cloud based communication. For more details visit <a href="https://www.airtel.com">www.airtel.com</a>.





## 1. Details w.r.t. appointment of Pradeep Kumar Sinha as an Additional Director in the capacity of Independent Director

S.No.	Details
1	Reason for change viz. appointment, resignation, removal, death or otherwise
	Appointment
2	Date of appointment and term of appointment
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	Date of appointment: Appointment shall take effect from May 18, 2022.
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	Term of appointment:
	Pradeep Kumar Sinha shall hold office of 'Additional Director' upto the date of the
	upcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company. The term of appointment as an Independent Director shall be five (5) years i.e. upto May 17, 2027, subject to the
	approval of members of the Company.
3	Brief Profile
	Pradeep Kumar Sinha joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1977 after completing
	his Masters in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics in 1976. He had graduated in Economics (Honours) from St. Stephens College, Delhi. While in service,
	he completed M. Phil in Social Sciences in 1991 and was a Visiting Fellow in University
	of Oxford during 1999. He has also attended prestigious programmes, such as, on
	'Mergers and Acquisitions' in University of Stanford and on Leaders in Development
	in Harvard University.
	In the formative years, he served in the State of Uttar Pradesh, whereafter he served
	mostly in the Government of India and rose to the highest position of Cabinet Secretary,
	the head of civil services. He served as the Cabinet Secretary for more than 4 years
	before moving to the Prime Minister's Office. He retired from there in March 2021 after
	44 years of continuous service to the nation.
	The notable positions he held in UP are District Magistrate, Agra; Vice Chairman, Meerut
	Development Authority; Additional CEO Greater Noida Authority; Commissioner
	Varanasi Division, Secretary, Planning, and Principal Secretary, Irrigation.
	In the Cout of India he worked mostly in the Dower and Oil 9 Con (Betraloum)
	In the Govt. of India, he worked mostly in the Power and Oil & Gas (Petroleum Ministries. Between them, he has worked for about 15 years. Notable positions held in
	Gov't of India include: Financial Advisor and Special Secretary, Petroleum and Natura
	Gas; Secretary, Ports and Shipping; and Secretary, Power.
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	He has been a Government Nominee Director in numerous major Public Sedb Undertakings and is therefore well versed with the principles of healthy corporate
	governance. These include ONGC, IOCL, HPCL, BPCL, GAIL, etc. In particular, he was
	on the Board of Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL) for about 7 years at a stretch and similar
	on the Boards of BPCL and HPCL for about 6 years each.
	By virtue of his experience, he has developed expertise in the sectors of Energy
4	Infrastructure, Transport, Urban Development and Finance.  Disclosure of relationships between directors
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	Pradeep Kumar Sinha is not related to any of the directors of the Company.
5	Confirmation w.r.t. debarment from holding the office of Director
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any SEBI order or any other such authority.

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# 2. Details w.r.t. appointment of Shyamal Mukherjee as an Additional Director in the capacity of Independent Director

S.No.	Details
1	Reason for change viz. appointment, resignation, removal, death or otherwise
	Appointment
2	Date of appointment and term of appointment
	Date of appointment: Appointment shall take effect from May 18, 2022.
	Term of appointment: Shyamal Mukherjee shall hold office of 'Additional Director' upto the date of the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company. The term of appointment as an Independent Director shall be five (5) years i.e. upto May 17, 2027, subject to the approval of members of the Company.
3	Brief Profile
	Shyamal is the former Chairman and Senior Partner of PwC in India. As Chairmar, Shyamal was at the forefront of making PwC a more future-ready firm, investing in and strengthening the firm's key capabilities across its people, go-to-market initiatives, and internal transformation.
	As a leader, Shyamal has been known for building a culture that is values-driver, encourages innovation and robust governance. He has also been a staunch advocate of bringing in more diversity in the talent pool at PwC and has spearheaded initiatives that are today bearing fruit.
	Shyamal believes that responsible organisations play a pivotal role in building a sustainable society, and under his Chairmanship, PwC Foundation in India was engaged in providing support to the causes of education for the girl child, empowerment of women, environmental sustainability and disaster relief initiatives across the country.
	During his long professional career, Shyamal has advised several multinational Telecom companies wanting to invest/operate in India on business issues, and regulatory and tax matters. He has also been involved in advising on transactions and mergers & acquisitions.
	Shyamal started his professional journey with PwC in 1984 and became a partner in 1993. Along the way, he assumed several leadership roles, including PwC India's Brand & Strategy leader and Leader of PwC India's Tax practice.
	Shyamal is a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Law from University of Delhi and is a Chartered Accountant and member of Bar Council of Delhi.
4	Disclosure of relationships between directors
E .	Shyamal Mukherjee is not related to any of the directors of the Company.
5	Confirmation w.r.t. debarment from holding the office of Director
	Shyamal Mukherjee is not debarred from holding the office of Director by virtue of are SEBI order or any other such authority.





### 3. Details w.r.t. resignation of Shishir Priyadarshi from the position of Independent Director

- Reason for resignation: Shishir Priyadarshi has stated in his resignation letter that he would like to devote time towards some new full time professional responsibilities because of which he is resigning as an Independent Director of the Company with effect from the close of business hours on October 31, 2022.
- b) Name of other listed entities in which resigning director holds directorships: None
- c) Confirmation from the Independent Director: Shishir Priyadarshi has confirmed in his letter that there are no other material reasons other than those mentioned above, for his resignation from the position of Independent Director of the Company. The confirmation received from Shishir Priyadarshi is also enclosed herewith.



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Board of Directors Bharti Airtel Limited Bharti Crescent, 1 Nelson Mandela Road Vasant Kunj, Phase II, New Delhi – 110070, India

<u>Subject</u>: Resignation as an Independent Director of Bharti Airtel Limited (Bharti Airtel/ the Company)

I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign as an Independent Director from the Board of Bharti Airtel with effect from the close of business hours of 31st October of 2022.

It has been an honour and privilege to have had this the opportunity to serve on the Board of Bharti Airtel as an Independent Director. It has been a fascinating journey and I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure. I would now like to devote time towards some new full time professional responsibilities, because of which I am resigning as an Independent Director of the Company, with effect from the close of business hours on 31st October of 2022. I hope that giving this advance notice will help plan a smooth transition, while also allowing the Company sufficient time to inform all the relevant stakeholders in advance.

I confirm that there are no other material reasons other than those mentioned above, for my resignation from the Board of the Company.

I take this opportunity to thank all my fellow board members and management team for their support and guidance during my tenure. They have always done an amazing job and I am sure their professionalism only bodes well for the Company in its future endeavours.

Kindly accept my resignation and advise the team to make the necessary fillings with the Registrar of Companies, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, and other appropriate statutory authorities.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

Shishir Priyadarshi (DIN: 03459204)