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NSE Scrip Symbol: BLS	BSE Scrip Code: 540073	MSE Scrip Symbol: BLS

Dear Sir / Madam,

### **Subject: Press Release**

Pursuant to Regulation 30 read with Schedule III of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, please find enclosed a Press Release dated November 24, 2021 with respect to BLS International's Subsidiary Starfin India Pvt. Ltd empanelled by Punjab National Bank & Central Bank of India for Corporate Business Correspondent.

#### For BLS International Services Limited

Dharak A. Mehta Company Secretary & Compliance Officer ICSI Membership No.: ACS40502

Encl: as above



## **PRESS RELEASE**

# BLS International's Starfin empanelled by Punjab National Bank & Central Bank of India for Corporate Business Correspondent

Strengthens financial inclusion and last mile banking services across India

**New Delhi, 24 November 2021** – The subsidiary of BLS International, Starfin India Pvt. Ltd. has been empanelled by two banks i.e. Punjab National Bank & Central Bank of India to support the financial inclusion mission of Govt of India. The company has become the official Corporate Business Correspondent (BC) to deliver last mile banking services in rural/ semi urban/ urban/ metro areas across India. Initially, the company will roll out over 700 centres on behalf of Central Bank of India while the number of banking centres is awaited from Punjab National Bank.

Effective immediately, Starfin will initiate more than 30 banking services like enrolment of customers, debit cards, balance enquiry, statement of accounts, passbook printing, money deposit, and bills/utilities payment services to account holders of both banks across India. The company will also provide micro insurance/ mutual fund products/ pension products/other third-party products through these customer service points.

Commenting on this, Mr. Shikhar Aggarwal, Joint Managing Director, BLS International said, "This empanelment strengthens our banking correspondent portfolio delivering last mile banking services to the unserved and under-served population of India. We are delighted to initiate banking services for Punjab National Bank & Central Bank of India to support the 'National Mission for Financial Inclusion' across India."

BLS International's subsidiary, Starfin is already empanelled as the Corporate BC for Bank of Baroda; the National BC for State Bank of India; Corporate BC for Uttarakhand Gramin Bank; and Microfinance Agency for Punjab National Bank.

### **About BLS International**

BLS International Services Ltd. is a trusted global tech-enabled services partner for governments and citizens, having an impeccable reputation for setting benchmarks in the domain of visa, passport, consular, citizen, e-governance, attestation, biometric, e-visa and retail services since 2005. The company is recognized as "India's Most Valuable Companies" by Business Today Magazine, "Best under a Billion' company" by Forbes Asia and ranked amongst "Fortune India's Next 500 companies".

The company works with over 46 client governments including Diplomatic Missions, Embassies & Consulates and leverages technology and processes that ensure data security. The Company now has an extensive network of more than 12,000 centres globally with a robust strength of over 15,000 employees and associates that provides consular, biometrics and citizen services. BLS has processed over 52 million applications till date globally.

BLS International is certified with CMMI DEV V2.0 & SVC V2.0 along with ISO 9001:2015 for Quality Management Systems; ISO 27001:2013 for Information Security Management Systems; ISO 14001:2015 for Environmental Management Systems; ISO/ IEC 45001:2018 for Occupational Safety and Health; ISO / IEC 20000-1:2011 for IT Service Management; ISO 26000:2010 for Social Responsibility; ISO 23026:2015 for System Engineering and Management Requirements; ISO/IEC 28000:2017 for Supply Chain Management System; ISO/IEC 27002: 2013 for Management of Information Security; ISO 31000: 2018 for Risk Management; ISO 27001:2013 for Risk Management of Information.

BLS International is the only listed company in this domain with operations in 66 countries.

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