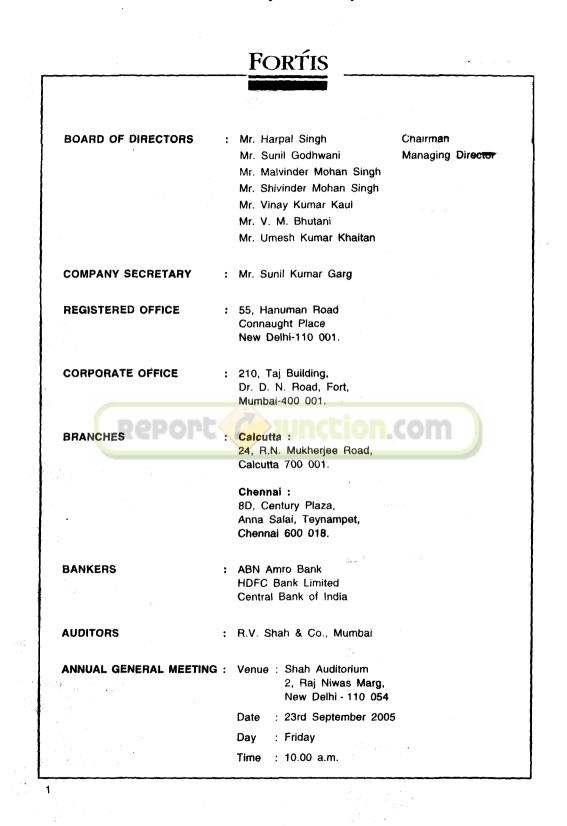
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# NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Tenth Annual General Meeting of Fortis Financial Services Limited will be held on Friday, the September 23, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. at Shah Auditorium, 2-Raj Niwas Marg, Delhi-110 054 to transact the following business:

# **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

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- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2005 along with the Report of Directors and Auditors.
- To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Harpal Singh, who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.
- To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Shivinder Mohan Singh, who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.
- 4. To appoint M/s R V Shah & Co., Chartered Accountants, the retiring Auditors of the Company, as the Auditors of the Company, to hold office from the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting until the conclusion of next Annual General Meeting at a remuneration to be decided by the Board of Directors.

# By Order of the Board of Directors

	(Sunil Kumar Garg)
Dated : August 17, 2005	Company Secretary

# NOTES:

- 1. A MEMBER ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE MEETING IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT A PROXY TO ATTEND AND VOTE INSTEAD OF HIMSELF AND SUCH PROXY NEED NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE COMPANY. THE INSTRUMENT APPOINTING THE PROXY SHOULD BE DEPOSITED AT THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY NOT LESS THAN 48 HOURS BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING.
- 2. The Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will remain close from September 20, 2005 to September 23, 2005 (both days inclusive).
- 3. Members desiring any information as regards to accounts are requested to write to the Company atleast 10 days before the



meeting at 55, Hanuman Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi - 110 001 for the kind attention of Mr. Sunil Kumar Garg, Company Secretary.

- Members are requested, if desired, to avail the benefits of Nomination facility for the shares held by them.
- Members/proxies are requested to bring the Annual Report along with duly filled attendance slips sent herewith for attending the meeting.
- Corporate members intending to send their authorised representative(s) to attend the Annual General Meeting are requested to send a duly certified copy of the Board Resolution authorising their representative(s) to attend and vote at the Meeting.
- In case of Joint holders attending the meeting, only such joint holder who is higher in the order of names will be entitled to vote.
- 8. Members/proxies attending the Annual General Meeting are hereby informed that the management of the Company has decided that no gifts/coupons shall be distributed.
- Members are requested to note that M/s. Intime Spectrum Registry Limited A-31, 3rd Floor, Naraina Industrial Area, Phase-I, Near PVR Naraina, New Delhi-110 028, as a common agency for share registry work.
- 10. The shares of the Company are under Compulsory Demat for trading since June 28, 2001. The members are requested to convert their holding from physical shares into Demat form and send all DRF to our registrar or our Mumbai/New Delhi office through your depository participants. For any query, do write to our Company Secretary. The ISIN No. of the Company is INE991C01018.
- 11. Members of erstwhile The Empire Finance Company Limited (EFCL), who have not surrendered their Share Certificates of EFCL, are requested to surrender the same to the Company and get Share Certificates of Fortis Financial Services Limited in exchange in accordance with the approved exchange ratio.

# By Order of the Board of Directors

Dated : August 17, 2005

(Sunil Kumar Garg) Company Secretary



Name of Director	Mr. Harpal Singh	Mr. Shivinder Mohan Singh
Date of Birth	September 11, 1949	July 21, 1975
Date of Appointment	July 29, 1999	June 27, 2000
Expertise in Specific Functional area	Mr. Harpal Singh has a diverse corporate experience in the area of Corporate Strategic planning and marketing that include senior positions held in Hindustan Motors, Shaw Wallace, Mahindra & Mahindra and Telco.	Mr. Shivinder Mohan Singh is currently Join Managing Director of Fortis Healthcare Limited He has earlier worked with Eli Lilly Ranbax Limited.
· · · ·	He is currently Chairman and Managing Director of Fortis Healthcare Limited.	
Qualification	B.A.(Honours) in Economics from St. Stephens College, Delhi University	B.A.(Honours) in mathematics from St. Stephen College, Delhi University
	Master degree in Public Atfairs from California State College at Hayward, California, U. S.A.	Master Degree in Business Administration fror Fuqua School of Business, Duke University U.S.A.
Directorship held n other Companies (Excluding Foreign Companies)	Fortis Healthcare Limited     Sortis Securities Limited     SSRL Ranbaxy Limited     Fortis Medical Centre Holdings Limited     International Hospital Limited	<ol> <li>Fortis Healthcare Limited</li> <li>SRL Ranbaxy Limited</li> <li>Oscar Investments Limited</li> <li>Ranbaxy Holding Company</li> <li>Ranbaxy Health Care Private Limited</li> <li>Chetak Pharmaceuticals Private Limited</li> <li>Chetak Pharmaceuticals Private Limited</li> <li>Chetak Newstment &amp; Trading Company (P) Ltd</li> <li>Chinar Investment &amp; Trading Company (P) Ltd</li> <li>Chinar Investment &amp; Trading Company (P) Ltd</li> <li>Shimal Holdings Private Limited</li> <li>Fortis Securities Limited</li> <li>Fortis Securities Limited</li> <li>Fortis Healthcare Holdings Limited</li> <li>Socar Bio-Tech Private Limited</li> <li>Socar Bio-Tech Private Limited</li> <li>International Hospital Limited</li> <li>Shimat Research Laboratories Limited</li> <li>Shimat Research Laboratories Limited</li> <li>Fortis Comdex Limited</li> </ol>
Committee position held in other Companies	Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited Management Committee Audit Committee Compensation Committee Fortis Healthcare Limited Audit Committee Management Committee - Chairman	Fortis Financial Services Limited Shareholders'/Investors' Grievance Committee Ranbaxy Holding Company Audit Committee Shareholders'/Investors' Grievance Committee



# REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

(Pursuant to Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement)

### COMPANY'S PHILOSOPHY ON CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Your Company believes that the fundamental objective of Corporate Governance is enhancement of longterm Shareholders value, while keeping in view the interest of all stakeholders. The Company always try to fulfill its commitment towards its investors above everything else. The Company has constantly laid emphasis on the value of transparency, efficiency and fair dealing. These values have aided the Company to carry on its business smoothly even during the trouble times that Non Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) have had to face.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MEETING AND ATTENDANCE**

The Board of Directors comprises seven Directors. The names and categories of the Directors on the Board, their attendance at Board Meetings during the year and at the last Annual General Meeting, as also the number of Directorships and Committee Memberships/Chairmanships held by them in Indian public Companies as on March 31, 2005 are given below :-

During the year ended March 31, 2005, seven Board Meetings were held on the following dates: (i) April 29, 2004 (ii) July 29, 2004 (iii) September 30, 2004 (iv) October 19, 2004(v) October 30, 2004 (vi) December 07, 2004 and (vii) January 31, 2005.

Name of the Directors	Category of Directorship	Attend Board Meeting	lance at Last AGM	No. of Directorships heid in other Companies	members	d Committee hips held in companies Chairman
Mr Harpal Singh Chairman	Non-Executive Independent	5	Yes	7	4	1
Mr Sunil Godhwani Managing Director	Executive Independent	7	Yes	3	Nil	Nil
Mr Malvinder Mohan Singh	Non-Executive Promoter	4	Yes	15	7	1
Mr Shivinder	Non-Executive	5	No	11	1	Nil
Mohan Singh	Promoter					
Mr U K Khaitan	Non-Executive	Nil	No	tion.co	Nil	Nil
Mr V K Kaul	Non-Executive Independent	7	Yes	10	8	1
Mr V M Bhutani	Non-Executive Independent	7	Yes	6	1	2

Dates of Board Meetings are fixed in advance and agenda papers are circulated to Directors seven days before the meeting.

# COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company's Audit Committee consists of 3 non-executive Directors -Mr. Malvinder Mohan Singh, Mr. V. K. Kaul, and Mr. V M Bhutani. The Chairman of the Committee is Mr. V M Bhutani, an Independent Director. The Audit Committee plays an important role in ensuring good governance through proper reporting of

The role of the audit committee, in brief, is:

- to review the accounting practices/standards followed by the Company;
- any changes in accounting policies;
- compliance with accounting standards;
- adequacy of internal control/audit system;
- any related party transactions and functions;
- discussion on unaudited quarterly/half yearly financial statements including quarterly Limited Review etc.
- The Company Secretary acts as the Secretary of the Committee.

Minutes of Audit Committee Meetings are circulated to members of the Committee and the Board kept apprised.

During the year ended March 31, 2005, three meetings of the Audit Committee were held:- July 21, 2004, October 22, 2004 and January 21, 2005. The attendances of the members at meetings were as follows:

Name of member of Audit Committee	Status	No. of Meetings held	No. of Meeting attended
Mr. V. M. Bhutani – Chairman	Independent	3	3
Mr. V. K. Kaul	Independent	3	3
Mr. Malvinder Mohan Singh	Promoter	3	2

namely Fortis Securities Ltd (FSL) and Fortis Comdex Ltd. (FCL) on May 16, 2005, pursuant to approval of the shareholders. The sale has resulted in a gain of Rs. 2400 Lacs.

As per requirements of Section 212 of the Companies Act, 1956, the audited statements of FSL and FCL together with their Directors' Report and Auditors' Report for the year ended March 31, 2005 are annexed.

### FIXED DEPOSITS

The Company has not invited/received any fixed deposits during the year as per Section 58A of the Companies Act, 1956 read with Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 1975. The matured and unclaimed deposits aggregating to Rs.0.37 Lacs representing 7(Seven) deposit holders have been transferred to an escrow account with designated Bank as specified by Reserve Bank of India.

### LISTING

The Equity Shares of the Company have been voluntary delisted from the Delhi Stock Exchange with effect from March 1, 2005 in accordance with the SEBI (Delisting of Securities) Guidelines. 2003.

Equity Shares of the Company continue to remain listed on The Stock Exchange, Mumbai (BSE). The annual listing fee for the year 2004-05 has been paid to BSE.

### DIRECTORS

In accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, Mr. Harpal Singh and Mr. Shivinder Mohan Singh, Directors of the Company retire by rotation at the ensuing Annual General Meeting and being eligible offer themselves for re-appointment.

### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

In terms of provisions of Section 217(2AA) of the Companies Act, 1956 your Directors confirm as under:

- that in the preparation of the annual accounts for the year ended on March 31, 2005, the applicable accounting standards had been followed;
- (ii) that the Directors had selected such accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the Financial Year 2004-05 and of the profit of the Company for that period;
- (iii) that the Directors had taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 for safeguarding the



assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities;

(iv) That the Directors had prepared the annual accounts of the Company on a "going concern" basis.

### PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

None of the Employees is in receipt of remuneration for the year which in aggregate was more than the limit prescribed under Section 217(2A) of the Companies Act, 1956 read with the Companies (Particulars of employees) Rules, 1975, as amended.

### AUDITORS

M/s R V Shah & Company, Chartered Accountants, retire at the ensuing Annual General Meeting and being eligible, offers themselves for re- appointment.

### CONSERVATION OF ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNING AND OUTGO

The Company has nothing to report in respect of information on conservation of energy, technology absorption and foreign exchange earnings and outgo as required under Section 217(1)(e) of the Companies Act, 1956 read with Companies (Disclosures of Particulars in the report of Board of Directors) Rules, 1988.

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

A separate report on Corporate Governance as stipulated under clause 49 of the Listing Agreement is furnished as a part of the Directors' Report and the certificate from the Company's Auditors regarding compliance of conditions of Corporate Governance is annexed to the said Report.

# CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As required under Clause 32 of the Listing Agreement with the Stock Exchanges, Audited Consolidated Financial Statements form part of the Annual Report.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Your Directors would like to express their grateful appreciation for the assistance and co-operation received from the Financial Institutions, Banks, Government Authorities and Shareholders during the year under review. The Directors of your Company also wish to place on record their deep sense of appreciation for the committed services of the executives and staff of the Company.

On order of the Board of Directors

Place : New Delhi Date : August 17, 2005

Harpal Singh Chairman

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors have pleasure in presenting the Tenth Annual Report along with Audited Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2005.

### FINANCIAL RESULTS

The summarized Financial Results are as under:

Particulars	(F <u>2004-05</u>	<b>Is. in Lacs)</b> 2003-04
Gross Income	918.73	2400.48
Profit before Write Off, Provision for Tax	41.17	1241.73
Amounts written off	0.00	650.45
Provision for Tax	0.00	64.00
Profit after Tax (PAT)	41.17	527.28
Provision/(Reversal) for Nor Performing Assets/Diminutio in value of Investments		(3788.52)
Balance brought forward from last year Balance carried forward	(2975.68) (3692.34)	(7266.00) (2975.68)

# DIVIDEND

In view of the accumulated losses, the Directors do not recommend any dividend for the year.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND

# (i) FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Gross Income of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2005 was Rs.918.73 Lacs, compared to Rs.2400.48 Lacs in the previous year. PAT of the Company for the year was Rs.41.17 Lacs compared to Rs.527.28 Lacs in the previous year.

Finance Charges during the year were Rs.319.42 Lacs compared to Rs.592.62 Lacs in the previous year.

# (II) INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Non Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) are being regulated by Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The regulatory and supervisory frameworks for NBFCs have been continuously strengthened to ensure healthy functioning of NBFCs. Entries of new NBFCs and Private Sector Banks have resulted in a strong competitive environment. Under this scenario, NBFCs are now under pressure to cut costs and to develop a focused marketing approach on selected customer segments by offering more personalised services.

### (iii) COMPANY'S PERFORMANCE

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Over the last three years, the Company has been focusing on and strengthening non fund based business which has yielded



positive results. The Company has been able to record PAT of Rs.41.17 Lacs during the year due to its efforts made on reducing its costs and focusing on non fund based activities.

### (iv) OUTLOOK FOR THE COMPANY

The Company intends to continue its thrust on fee based activities and minimize cost of debt and other operating/administrative costs.

# (v) OPPORTUNITIES & FUTURE OUTLOOK

India is a large and growing economy with rapidly expanding financial services sector. During the last decade, there has been a considerable broadening and deepening of the Indian Financial sector.

The Company was able to unlock significant value of its investments in its wholly owned subsidiaries during the financial year 2005-06 and has been able to significantly reduce its accumulated losses and repay its debts.

The Company intends to continue its thrust to reduce costs and derive income from its non fund based activities.

### (vi) RISKS & CONCERNS

The Company is exposed to specific risks that are particular to its business and environments within which it operates, like hardening of interest rates, market and credit risks etc. The Company manages these risks by maintaining a conservative financial profile and by following prudent business and risk management practices.

# (vii) INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEMS AND THEIR ADEQUACY

The Company has proper and adequate system of internal control commensurate with its size and business. The Company ensures adherence to internal control policies and procedures as well as all regulatory compliances.

The Company has an Audit Committee of the Board of Directors which meets regularly to review, inter-alia, risk management policies, adequacy of internal controls and audit findings on various

# aspects of the business.

### (viii) HUMAN RESOURCES

The Company is making do the existing employees through motivation and in order to conserve costs, no recruitments have been made. The total number of employees was 10 as on March 31, 2005.

### SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

The Company has divested its entire equity investments in its two wholly owned subsidiaries



# REMUNERATION TO DIRECTORS/REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

No remuneration has been paid to any of the Directors of the Company. Accordingly, the need for remuneration committee has not arisen.

### SHAREHOLDERS'/INVESTORS' GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors of the Company has constituted a Shareholders'/Investors' Grievance Committee comprising of Mr. Harpal Singh, Mr. Malvinder Mohan Singh, Mr. Shivinder Mohan Singh and Mr. V. M. Bhutani.

The Company has authorised aforesaid Directors severally and Mr. J. S. Grewal, Senior General Manager along with Mr. Sunil Kumar Garg, Company Secretary jointly to approve the share transfers.

This committee looks into redressing of shareholders' complaints, like delay in transfer/demat of shares, non receipt of Annual Reports etc. The Committee oversees the performance of the Registrar and Transfer Agents and recommends measures to improve the level of Investors' Services.

The Company attends the investors' grievances/correspondence expeditiously and usually reply is sent within a period of 15 days of receipt, except in cases that are constrained by disputes or legal impediments.

The Shareholders/Investors Grievance and Share Transfer Committee reviews the complaints received and the action taken by the company.

The Company has received Seventeen complaints from Stock Exchanges, during the year ended March 31, 2005 and all the complaints were resolved to the satisfaction of the shareholders. There was no share transfer request pending with the Company as on March 31, 2005.

Mr. Sunil Kumar Garg, Company Secretary is the Compliance Officer of the Company.

### GENERAL BODY MEETING

The last three Annual General Meetings of the Company were held at Shah Auditorium, 2, Raj Niwas Marg, Delhi 110 054 as under :-\_\_\_\_\_

Financial Year	Date	Day	Time
2003-04	22.09.2004	Wednesday	10.00 a.m.
2002-03	22.09.2003	Monday	3.00 p.m.
2001-02	27.09.2002	Friday	3.00 p.m.

### **RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY POSTAL BALLOT**

During the financial year 2004-05, an ordinary resolution for divestment of equity shares held in wholly owned subsidiaries was put through postal ballot. The resolution was approved with 99.98% majority.

### DISCLOSURES

### **Related Party Transactions**

The Company has not entered into any transaction of material nature with the Promoters, the Directors or the Management, their subsidiaries or relatives etc. that may have any potential conflict with the interests of the Company.

### Compliance by the Company

No penalties have been imposed on the Company by the Stock Exchange or SEBI or any statutory authority on any matter related to capital markets during the period under review.

#### Means of Communication

- (a) In compliance with the requirements of Listing Agreement, the Company regularly intimates unaudited as well as audited financial results to the Stock Exchanges immediately after they are taken on record by the Board. These financial results are normally published in the Pioneer (English newspaper) and Veer Arjun (Hindi newspaper). The unaudited results are not sent individually to the shareholders.
- (b) Management Discussion and Analysis Report forms part of the Report of the Directors.

# SHAREHOLDERS' INFORMATION:

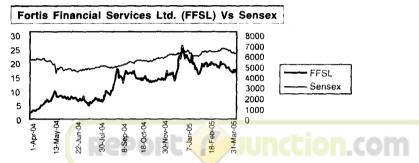
(a) 10th Annual General Meeting: Day September 23, 2005, Time 10.00 a.m., Venue Shah Auditorium, 2, Raj Niwas Marg, Delhi - 110 054.

(b)	Financial Calendar :	
	Financial Reporting for the guarter ending June 30, 2005	End July 2005
	Financial Reporting for the quarter ending Sept 30, 2005	End October 2005
	Financial Reporting for the guarter ending Dec 31, 2005	End January 2006
	Financial Reporting for the quarter ending March 31, 2006	End April 2006
	Annual General Meeting for the year ended March 31, 2006	End Sept 2006
(c)	Dates of Book Closure	·
	September 20, 2005 to September 23, 2005 (both days inclusive)	
(d)	Listing on Stock Exchanges	
	The Equity Shares of the Company have been voluntary delisted fr	om the Delhi Stock Exchange with
	effect from March 1, 2005 in accordance with the SEBI (Delisting of S	Securities) Guidelines, 2003, Equity
	Shares of the Company continue to remain listed on The Stock Exc	
	listing fee for the year 2004-05 has been paid to BSE.	<b>č</b>
(e)	Stock Code	
	The Stock Exchange, Mumbai	526927



MONTH	8	ISE	Volume of Shaes		
-	High (Rs.)	Low (Rs.)	(Qty.)	(No. of Traders)	
April	7.60	3.02	104027	595	
May	11.18	6.30	238011	1257	
June	9.60	5.99	52058	414	
July	8.80	5.12	68661	508	
August	20.16	6.40	433418	2807	
September	19.95	13.55	416071	2750	
October	16.80	13.10	146545	1210	
November	18.90	13.50	451845	2569	
December	29.60	12.90	1712599	8326	
January	25.65	16.30	404646	2691	
February	22.25	18.30	629899	3393	
March	21.95	16.80	377893	2343	

# (g) Share Prices of the Company on BSE



### (h) Registrar and Transfer Agents

The Company has appointed Intime Spectrum Registry Limited, A-31, 3rd Floor, Naraina Industrial Area, Phase-I, Near PVR Naraina, New Delhi - 110 028, as its Registrar and Share Transfer Agents for physical and Dematerialized shares.

However, keeping in view convenience of the shareholders, documents relating to shares will continue to be received by the Company at 210, Taj Building, 1st Floor, D.N. Road, Fort, Mumbai-400 001. Telephone No. 022-22073191 and at Regd. Office: 55, Hanuman Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001. Telephone No. 011 - 23346875 E-mail ID secretarial.mumbai@fortisindia.com.

### (i) Share Transfer Sytems

- Share transfer requests are acted upon within 15-20 days from the date of their receipt at the share department. In case no response is received from the Company within 35 days of lodgment of transfer request, the lodger should immediately write to the Company with full details so that necessary action could be taken to safeguard interest of the concerned against any possible loss/interception during postal transit.
- 2. Dematerialisation requests duly completed in all respect are normally processed within 7-10 days from the date of their receipt at the share department.

# (j) Distribution of Shareholding

a) Class- wise Distribution of Equity Shares as on 31st March, 2005

No. of Shares	No. of Sharehoiders	Amount of Shareholding (in Rs.)	Percentage (%)
Upto 2500	14,961	1,46,78,550	5.68
2501-5000	1,296	50,45,370	1.96
5001-10000	505	41,42,940	1.60
10001-20000	207	31,72,120	1.22
20001-30000	62	15.76,960	0.61
30001-40000	25	9.02,660	0.35
40001-50000	28	13,17,740	0.51
50001-100000	34	23,96,750	0.92
100001 and Above	47	22,53,70,660	87.15



	Category	No. of Shares held	Percentage (%)
A	Promoters' Holdings	20,749,225	80.24
	Sub Total (a)	20,749,225	80.24
B	Non Promoters' Holdings		
	a Private Corporate Bodies	553,802	2.14
	b Indian Public	3,483,770	13.47
	c NRIs/ OCBs	1,073,578	4.15
	Sub-Totai (b)	5,111,150	19.76
	Grand Total (a+b)	25,860,375	100.00

There are no outstanding warrants or any convertible instruments.

### (k) Dematerialisation of Shares

The shares of the Company are in compulsory demat segment. The Company's shares are available for trading in the depository system, of both the National Securities Depository Limited and the Central Depository Services (India) Limited. As on March 31, 2005, 24,26,28,970 Equity Shares of the Company, forming 93,82 % of the Share Capital of the Company, stand dematerialized.

International Securities Identification Number- INE 991C01018 (with NSDL and CDSL)

### (I) Liquidity of Shares

The Equity Shares of the Company are traded in the B-2 group at BSE.

### (m) Address for Correspondence

The Company's Registered office is situated at 55-Hanuman Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001. The Shareholders may address their communication/ suggestions/ gueries to:

Fortis Financial Services Limited 210, Taj Building, Dr. D. N. Road, Fort, Mumbai 400 001. Tel. No. (022) 207 31 91 Fax No. : (022) 207 31 90.

OR

55, Hanuman Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi - 110 001 Telephone No. (011) 23346875 Fax No. (011) 23346876 Contact Person: Mr. Sunil Garg, Company Secretary

# CERTIFICATE TO THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF FORTIS FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

We have examined the compliance of conditions of corporate governance by Fortis Financial Services Limited for the year ended March 31, 2005, as stipulated in clause 49 of the Listing Agreement of the said Company with the stock exchanges.

The compliance of conditions of corporate governance is the responsibility of the management. Our examination was limited to procedures and implementation thereof, adopted by the Company for ensuring the compliance of the condition of corporate governance. It is neither an audit nor an expression of opinion on the financial statements of the company.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanation given to us, we certify that the Company has complied with the conditions of corporate governance as stipulated in the abovementioned Listing Agreement.

We state that no investor grievance is pending for a period exceeding one month except where disputed or sub-juices, as per the records maintained by the Shareholders'/ Investors' Grievance Committee.

We further state that such compliance is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company for the efficiency/effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

For R. V. Shah & Co. Chartered Accountant

Place : New Delhi Dated : August 17, 2005 (R. V. Shah) Proprietor Membership No. F16097