

## **Sundaram Finance to acquire BNP Paribas' stake in MF JV**

Chennai 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010: The Board of Sundaram Finance Ltd., (SFL) has today, decided, in principle, to acquire from BNP Paribas, the 49.90% share holding of the latter, in both Sundaram BNP Paribas Asset Management Company Limited and Sundaram BNP Paribas Trustee Company Limited, subject to necessary agreements and regulatory approvals. Pursuant to the acquisition, these two companies will become 100% subsidiaries of SFL.

As part of the global acquisition, BNP Paribas SA acquired the banking, financial and insurance activities of the Fortis Group, which resulted in its indirectly acquiring interests in Fortis Investment Management (India) Private Limited and Fortis Trustee ( India) Private Limited, the AMC and Trustee Company respectively of Fortis Mutual Fund in India.

In view of the above, SFL and BNP Paribas have, after careful consideration of the available options, amicably agreed to proceed with the disengagement from their joint ventures in relation to the asset management business in India, and for SFL to acquire the interests of BNP Paribas therein.

There will be no impact on the other 3 Joint Ventures namely, Sundaram BNP Paribas Home Finance Ltd. ( SF Group Holding 51%), Sundaram BNP Paribas Fund Services Ltd., (SF Group Holding 51%) and BNP Paribas Sundaram Global Securities Operations Private Limited (SF Group Holding 49%). The partners with their active and continued participation look forward to further strengthening their relationship and ensure sustained growth of those JVs.

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