Pursuant to Regulation 40 of the Listing Regulations, the securities of listed companies can be transferred only in the dematerialized mode w.e.f. April 1, 2019, except in case of transmission or transposition of securities. In this regard, SEBI has clarified by a Press Release No. 12/2019 dated March 27, 2019, that the said amendments do not prohibit an investor from holding the shares in physical mode and the investor has the option of holding shares in physical mode even after April 1, 2019. However, any investor who is desirous of transferring shares (which are held in physical mode) after April 1, 2019 can do so only after the shares are dematerialized. However, requests for transfer of shares held in physical mode, as filed in Form SH-4, prior to April 1, 2019 and returned to the investors due to deficiency in the documents, may be re- submitted for transfer even after April 1, 2019 provided it is submitted along with the necessary documents including PAN details. In exceptional cases, the transfer of physical shares is subject to the procedural formalities as prescribed under SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOS3/CIR/P/2018/139 dated November 6, 2018