Introduction

In an age when enterprises are increasingly seen as critical components of the society, they are accountable not only to their shareholders from a revenue and profitability perspective but also to the larger society which is also its stakeholder. Hence, adoption of responsible business practices in the interest of the social set-up and the environment are as vital as their financial and operational performance.

Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, developed the 'National Voluntary Guidelines (NVG) on Social, Environmental and Economic Responsibilities of Business' in 2011. These guidelines contain comprehensive principles to be adopted by companies as part of their business practices.

Further Security Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has mandated top 1,000 listed companies of India by market capitalization to publish a Business Responsibility Report (BRR) based on NVG under SEBI Regulation 34(2) (f) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015 ("SEBI LODR") as amended.

BRR serves as a tool to communicate the performance of organization on Economic, Social and Governance (ESG) parameters to its stakeholders. It also motivates the company to measure, disclose, and be accountable for organizational performance while working towards the goal of responsible and sustainable development.

SPL is delighted to present its BRR for the Financial Year 2019-20. This report is developed in-line with the 'suggested framework' by SEBI.