Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of New Chumta Tea Company Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of New Chumta Tea Company Limited ("the Company"), which comprise of the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2024, the Statement of Profit and Loss (including Other Comprehensive Income), the Cash Flow Statement and the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information (hereinafter referred to as "the financial statements").

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements give the information required by the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the Indian Accounting Standards prescribed under section 133 of the Act read with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended, ("Ind AS") and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Company as at March 31, 2024, the profit and total comprehensive income, changes in equity and its cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

The Liability on account of Gratuity & leave encashment payable to employees on retirement has not been ascertained and provided in the account as required under Ind AS Financial Statements.

We conducted our audit of the financial statements in accordance with the Standards on Auditing specified under section 143(10) of the Act (SAs). Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section in our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) together with the independence and ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements under the provisions of the Act and the Rules made there under, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ICAI's Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained by us is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the financial statements.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

We determined the matters stated below to be key audit matters to be communicated in the report.

Key Audit Factors

Evaluation of uncertain other receivable: The company had transferred lease hold right in the land for Rs. 768.96 lacs to the four companies. Due to litigation the amount remains unrealized.

Audit Response principle of process follows in the Audit

As per the agreed terms with four companies the company has surrendered its lease hold rights of certain portion of land for a consideration of Rs. 787.05 lacs out of which a sum of Rupees 768.96 lacs still recoverable from three companies .

Lease was granted to four companies by government of west Bengal for a period of 99 years for the purpose development of tea tourism. Subsequently Indian army raised objection for security reason (the land is surrounded by the army area) and wanted to acquire the land. The government of west Bengal proposed to cancel the lease allowed to four companies. The four companies have filed a writ petition before High court at Calcutta against the proposal of the government of west Bengal for cancellation of the lease. In the judgement high court has stated that state government may terminate the lease in accordance with law. In other words four companies who still hold the lease property with possession of the property cannot be dispossessed of without payment of compensation.

The said four companies have filed a petition for contempt of court for not implementing decision of high court & matters still pending.

We have reviewed the issue in the meeting of partners & senior chartered Accounts (other than partner associated with audit) Having regard to the discussion in the meeting and the judgment of high court we have considered the management perception for considering the balance as effective and good as on 31st March 2024.

Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Management Discussion and Analysis, Board's Report including Annexure to Board's Report, Business Responsibility and sustainability Report Corporate Governance and Shareholder's Information, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the course of our audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Standalone Financial Statements

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the matters stated in Section 134(5) of the Act with respect to the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance including other comprehensive income, cash flows and changes in equity of the Company in accordance with the Ind AS and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Ind AS. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Financial Statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors are also responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due
 to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain
 audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk
 of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting
 from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions,
 misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal financial controls relevant to the audit in order to design
 audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under section 143(3)(i) of the Act,
 we are also responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the Company had adequate
 internal financial controls system with reference to financial statement in place and the
 operating effectiveness of such controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's and Board of Directors use of the going concern basis of accounting in respect of financial statement and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained upto the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including
 the disclosures, and whether financial statements represent the underlying transactions and
 events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Materiality is the magnitude of misstatements in the financial statements that, individually or in aggregate, makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable user of the financial statements may be influenced. We consider quantitative materiality and qualitative factors in (i) planning the scope of our audit work and in evaluating the results of our work; and (ii) to evaluate the effect of any identified misstatements in the financial statements.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Other Matters

The financial statement does not contain any transaction related to garden which was earlier under the control of the company. The previous year's vendor account transaction have been settled during the year.

- 1. As required by the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020, issued by the Central Government of India in terms of sub-section (11) of section 143 of the Act (hereinafter referred to as the "the Order"), and on the basis of such checks of the books and records of the Company as we considered appropriate and according to the information and explanations given to us, we give in the Annexure "A", a statement on the matters specified in the paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Order.
 - 2. A. As required by Section 143(3) of the Act, based on our audit we report that:
 - a. We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
 - b. In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Company so far as it appears from our examination of those books;
 - c. The Balance Sheet, the Statement of Profit and Loss including Other Comprehensive Income, the Cash Flow Statement and Statement of Changes in Equity dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account;
 - d. In our opinion, the aforesaid financial statements comply with the Indian Accounting Standards specified under Section 133 of the Act,
 - e. On the basis of the written representations received from the Directors as on March 31, 2024 taken on record by the Board of Directors, none of the Directors is disqualified as on March 31, 2024 from being appointed as a Director in terms of Section 164(2) of the Act.
 - f. With respect to the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to financial statement of the Company and the operating effectiveness of such controls, refer to our separate Report in "Annexure B". Our report expresses an unmodified opinion on the adequacy and operating effectiveness of the Company's internal financial controls over financial reporting.
- B. With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditors' Report in accordance with Rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditor's) Rules, 2014(as amended), in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us we report.
 - a) The Company has disclosed the impact of pending litigations as at 31 March 2024 on its financial position in its financial statements. (Refer Note 34 in Notes to the Financial Statements)
 - b) The Company did not have any long-term contracts including derivative contracts for which there were any material foreseeable losses.
 - c) There were no amounts which were required to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Company.
 - d) (i) The management has represented that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds have been advanced or loaned or invested (either from borrowed funds or share premium or any other sources or kind of funds) by the Company incorporated

in India to or in any other persons or entities, including foreign entities ("Intermediaries"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Intermediary shall directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") by or on behalf of the Company incorporated in India or provide any guarantee, security or the like to or on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries.

- (ii) The management has represented, that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds have been received by the Company from any persons or entities, including foreign entities ("Funding Parties"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Company shall:
- directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") by or on behalf of the Funding Parties or
- provide any guarantee, security or the like from or on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries
- (iii) Based on such audit procedures as considered reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances, nothing has come to our notice that has caused us to believe that the representations under sub clause (d)(i) and (d)(ii) contain any material mis-statement.
- e) Based on our examination on test check basis and in accordance with the implementation guide on reporting on audit trail under rule 11(g) of the Companies (Audit & Auditors) Rule 2014, we find that the company has not used accounting software for maintaining its books of accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2024 which has a feature of recording audit trail (Edit Log) facility.
- f) The Company has not declared or paid any dividend during the year.

C. With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditor's Report in accordance with the requirements of section 197(16) of the Act, as amended: In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the remuneration paid by the Company to its directors during the year is in accordance with the provisions of section 197 & schedule V of company act.

For KHANDELWAL RAY & CO.

Chartered Accountants RegistrationNo.302035E

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Pinaki Sarkar Membership no.051449 Partner

Kolkata

Annexure A to the Auditors' Report

Referred to in paragraph I under Report on "Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements", section of our Report of even date:

- (i) (a) (A) The Company has maintained proper records to show full particulars, including quantitative details and situation of Property, Plant and Equipment.
 - (b) There is a regular program of physical verification of Property, plant and equipment by the management, which in our opinion is reasonable, having regard to the size of the Company and the nature of its assets. No material discrepancies have been noticed in respect of the assets physically verified during the year as compared to book records.
 - (c) According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the Company, the title deeds of Immovable properties (other than immovable properties where company is lessee & the lessee agreement has duly executed in favor of lessee) disclosed in the financial statement are held in the name of the company. However in respect of leasehold properties where company is lease, the lease properties agreements are duly executed in name of the company and the same has been deposited with bank for availing credit facilities.
 - (d) According to the information and explanation given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the Company that the Company has not revalued its Property, Plant and Equipment or intangible assets during the year.
 - (e) According to the information and explanation given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the Company there are no proceeding initiated or pending against the Company for holding any benami properties under the prohibition of Benami Properties Transaction Act,1988 and rules made there under.
 - ii. (a) According to information and explanation given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the company, the company has not provided any guarantee or security or granted any loans or advances in the nature of loans, secured or unsecured to Companies, firms, Limited Liability Partnerships or any other Parties. However, the Company has made an investment in a Mutual fund and the same has been redeem during the year.
- (a) A. Based on the audit procedures carried on by us and as per the information and explanations given to us, the Company does not have any subsidiary associate and joint venture. Accordingly, the reporting under this clause is not applicable for the company.
 - B. Based on the audit procedures carried on by us and as per the information and explanations given to us, the Company has not granted loan or advance in a nature of loan to a party other than subsidiary, joint venture & associates.

- (b) Company has made investments in Shares and Mutual Fund which already been shown in the accounts.
- (c) In view of clause (B) this clause is not applicable for the company.
- (d) In view of the clause (B) this clause is not applicable for the company.
- (e) In view of the clause (B) this clause is not applicable for the company.
- (f) According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the Company, the Company has not granted a loan or advance in the nature of loan to any entity as stated in clause (B) above.
- iii. According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records, the Company has not given any loans, or provided any guarantee or security as specified under Section 185 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Company has not provided any guarantee or security as specified under Section 186 of the Companies Act, 2013. Further, the Company has complied with the provisions of Section 186 of the Companies Act, 2013 in relation to loans given and investments made.
- iv. In our opinion and according to the information and explanations given to us, the Company has not accepted any deposits covered under Section 73 to Section 76 of the Companies Act 2013 and the Rules framed there under & directing of Reserve Bank of India Accordingly this clause is not applicable.
- v. On the basis of MOU sale of garden on and from 01.01.2023. The Company has no manufacturing activity in Tea.
- vi. (a) According to the information and explanation given to us and on the basis of records of the Company examined by us, we are of the opinion that the Company is regular in depositing with appropriate authorities undisputed statutory dues including provident fund, employees' state insurance, income tax, service tax, goods and services tax, duty of custom and cess and other material statutory dues applicable to it.

There is no arrears outstanding statutory dues as at the last day of the financial year for a period of more than 6 months from the date they became payable.

- (b) According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the company, there are no dues of provident fund, employees' state insurance, income tax, Goods & service tax, custom duty and other material statutory dues which have not been deposited by the company on account dispute an on 31st March, 2024.
- vii) According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the Company, the Company has not surrendered or disclosed

any transactions, previously unrecorded as income in the books of account, in the tax assessments under the Income Tax Act, 1961 as income during the year.

- viii) (a) According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the Company, the Company has not defaulted in the repayment of loans or other borrowings or in the payment of interest thereon to any lender during the year
 - (b) According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the Company, the Company has not been declared a willful defaulter by any Bank or financial institution or other lender
 - (c) According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the Company, in our opinion, No Term loan has been availed by the company.
 - (d) According to the information and explanations given to us and on an overall examination of the financial statement of the Company, we report that fund raised on short-term basis have, prima. Facie, not been used during the year for long term purpose.
 - (e) According to the information and explanations given to us the Company does not have subsidiary, associate or joint venture. Accordingly, the reporting under this clause is not applicable for the company.
 - (f) According to the information and explanations given to us the Company does not have subsidiary, associate or joint venture. Accordingly, the reporting under this clause is not applicable for the company.
- ix) (a) The Company has not raised any moneys by way of initial public offer or further public offer (including debt instruments) during the year. Accordingly, the reporting under this clause is not applicable for the company.
 - (b) According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the Company, the Company has not made any preferential allotment or private placement of shares or fully or partly convertible debentures during the year. Accordingly, the reporting under this clause is not applicable for the company.
- x) (a) Based on examination of the books and records of the Company and according to the information and explanations given to us, considering the principles of materiality outlined in Standards on Auditing, we report that no fraud by the Company or on the Company has been noticed or reported during the course of the audit.
 - (b) According to the information and explanations given to us, no report under sub-section (12) of Section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013 has been filed by the auditors in Form ADT-4 as prescribed under Rule 13 of Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 with the Central Government during the year.

- (c) According to the information and explanations given to us, no complaint from whistle Blower has been received.
- xi) According to the information and explanations given to us the Company is not a Nidhi Company. Accordingly, the reporting under this clause is not applicable for the Company.
- xii) According to the information and explanations given to us and based on our examination of the records of the Company, transactions with the related parties are in compliance with Sections 177 and 188 of the Act where applicable and details of such transactions have been disclosed in the financial statements as required by the applicable accounting standards.
- xiii) (a) Based on information and explanations provided to us, in our opinion, the Company has an internal audit system commensurate with the size and nature of its business.
 - (b) The internal audit as done by the management has not been provided to us.
- xiv) According to the information and explanations given to us and based on our examination of the records of the Company, the Company has not entered into non-cash transactions with directors or persons connected with them.
- xv) (a) The Company is not required to be registered under Section 45-IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. Accordingly, clause 3(xvi)(a) of the Order is not applicable.
 - (b) The Company has not conducted non- banking financial or housing financial activities during the year accordingly, the reporting under this clause of the order is not applicable.
 - (c) The Company is not a Core Investment Company (CIC) as defined in the regulations made by the Reserve Bank of India. Accordingly, under this clause) of the Order is not applicable.
 - (d) According to the information and explanations provided to us during the course of audit, the Group does not have any CIC. Accordingly, the requirements of clause 3(xvi)(d) are not applicable.
- xvi) The Company has not incurred cash losses in the current and in the immediately preceding financial year.
- xvii) There has been no resignation of the statutory auditors during the year. Accordingly, the reporting under clause 3(xviii) is not applicable.
- xviii) According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of the financial ratios, ageing and expected dates of realization of financial assets and payment of financial liabilities, other information accompanying the financial statements, our knowledge of the Board of Directors and management plans and based on our examination of the evidence supporting the assumptions, nothing has come to our attention, which causes us to believe that any material uncertainty exists as on the date of balance sheet as and when they fall due within a period of one year from the balance sheet date. We, state that this is not an assurance as to the future viability of the Company. We further state that our reporting is based on the

facts up to the date of the audit report and we neither give guarantee nor any assurance that all liabilities falling due within a period of one year from the balance sheet date, will get discharged by the Company as and when they fall due.

xix) According information and explanation given to us and on the basis of examination recorded. We are of the opinion that company does not satisfy any condition stated in section 135 (i). In view of above provision of corporate social responsibilities is not applicable to the company.

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Pinaki Sarkar Partner Membership No. 051449

Report on the Internal Financial Controls under Clause (i) of Sub-section 3 of Section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act")

We have audited the internal financial controls over financial reporting of New Chumta Tea Company Limited ("the Company") as of 31st March, 2024 in conjunction with our audit of the financial statements of the Company for the year ended on that date.

Management's Responsibility for Internal Financial Controls

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal financial controls based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ('ICAI'). These responsibilities include the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to company's policies, the safeguarding of its assets, the prevention and detection of frauds and errors, the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, and the timely preparation of reliable financial information, as required under the Companies Act, 2013.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal financial controls over financial reporting based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting (the "Guidance Note") and the Standards on Auditing, issued by ICAI and deemed to be prescribed under section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 to the extent applicable to an audit of internal financial controls, both applicable to an audit of Internal Financial Controls and both issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those Standards and the Guidance Note require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether adequate internal financial controls over financial reporting was established and maintained and if such controls operated effectively in all material respects.

Our audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the adequacy of the internal financial controls system over financial reporting and their operating effectiveness. Our audit of internal financial controls system over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal financial controls over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the Company's internal financial controls system over financial reporting.

Meaning of Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting

A Company's internal financial control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal financial control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Inherent Limitations of Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting

Because of the inherent limitations of internal financial controls over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal financial controls over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal financial control over financial reporting may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Company has, in all material respects, an adequate internal financial controls system over financial reporting and such internal financial controls over financial reporting were operating effectively as at 31st March, 2021, based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

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