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## OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE PUNE SCORPIO-N INCIDENT

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. issues this statement in response to concerns raised by a recent YouTube video featuring unverified claims about the Scorpio-N incident. Our foremost priority is the safety and well-being of our customers, and we wish to begin by expressing our sincere empathy for the family involved. We truly appreciate that the majority of passengers emerged safely from the incident. Regrettably, we acknowledge that one passenger sustained a severe injury, and we have been in touch with the customer for over a month now, with the intention to extend all possible help and transparently share information from our initial investigation of the unfortunate episode.

With utmost respect, we would like to share key findings from the investigation as stated below:

- 1. Collision Severity at high speed:** The connected car server data indicates a speed range of 105-122 km/h during the driving cycle. Operating at a speed of 120 km/h, the vehicle accumulates a notable 1350 kJ (kilojoules) of energy—more than double the 617 kJ recorded at a speed of 80 km/h. This heightened energy level indicates a greater collision severity, thereby elevating the potential risks of injury and damage.
- 2. Impact of High Speed on Guard Penetration:** The extensive penetration of steel guards into the car can be attributed to extremely high speeds. This has resulted in the open-ended steel guard blades penetrating through the right side of the car which has cut off the front wheel joints.
- 3. Integrity of Ball Joint and Wheel:** Contrary to the claim that the ball joint was detached, our investigation reveals that the wheel became detached due to the high-impact collision. Importantly, the ball joint remained intact. It's worth noting that had the wheel detached before impact, noticeable scratch marks on the road surface would have been evident, yet such marks are absent in the video footage.
- 4. Dealership's Proximity to the Incident:** The vehicle was towed under official jurisdiction, and the dealership, located 450 kilometres away, had no plausible means to cause overnight damage. There is no indication of malicious intent to conceal or downplay the incident on the part of the dealership or the authorities.

The vehicle remains in the custody of the authorities, and we remain committed to cooperating fully with any further investigation required. As a trusted Indian brand with a legacy spanning decades, our commitment is to share the facts with utmost accuracy, understanding that this commitment is entwined with the safety and trust of our valued customers.