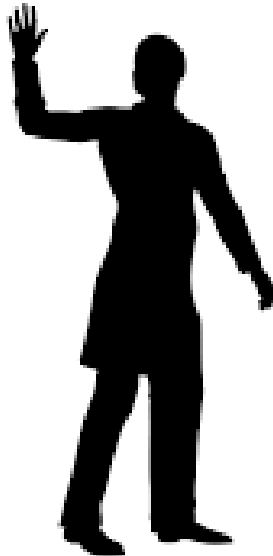


Deloitte Haskins resigns as Fortis Healthcare's auditor

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Fortis Healthcare has said that its statutory auditor Deloitte Haskins and Sells LLP has tendered resignation as the company's largest shareholder Malaysian firm IHH prefers to align its auditors on a group-wide basis.

"Pursuant to the issuance of 235,294,117 equity shares to Northern TK ventures Pte Limited, a subsidiary of IHH, IHH has become the largest shareholder in the company," Fortis Healthcare said in a filing to the BSE, reported PTI.

Post induction of additional nominee directors of IHH on the boards of the company, IHH prefers to align its auditors on a group-wide basis, it added.

"This may lead to streamlining the audit process and also bring in efficiencies from a cost and time perspective," Fortis Healthcare said.

"The aforesaid matter was discussed with the statutory auditors of the company - Deloitte Haskins and Sells LLP. After due consideration, the auditors have tendered their resignation with effect from December 28, 2018," it added.

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