

# **NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the members of M/s. **BENCHMARK COMPUTER SOLUTIONS LIMITED** is scheduled to be held on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. IST through Video Conferencing "VC"/ Other Audio-Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact, with or without modifications the following business:

#### **ORDINARY BUISINESS:**

#### 1. <u>To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for</u> <u>the Financial Year ended March 31, 2024 together with the Reports of the Board of</u> <u>Directors and the Auditors thereon.</u>

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

**"RESOLVED THAT** the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2024 together with the Reports of the Board of Directors and the Auditors thereon be and is hereby received and adopted."

# 2. <u>To appoint Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil (DIN: 01245532)</u>, who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

**"RESOLVED THAT** in accordance with the provision of section 152 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil (DIN: 01245532), who retires by rotation at this ensuing Annual General Meeting, subject to members approval, be and is hereby re-appointed as a Director of the company as approved by the board of Director and Nomination & Remuneration Committee."

### 3. <u>To appoint M/s. Valawat & Associates, Chartered Accountants (Registration No.</u> <u>003623C) as the Statutory Auditors of the Company.</u>

To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following Resolution, as an ORDINARY RESOLUTION:

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of sections 139, 142 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, [including any statutory modification(s) or amendment(s) thereto or re-enactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force] and pursuant to the recommendations of the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company, M/s. Valawat & Associates, Chartered Accountants (Registration No. 003623C), be and are hereby appointed as the Statutory Auditors of the Company to hold office for a term of 1 (One) year from the conclusion of this 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) until the conclusion of the 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM to be held in the year 2025, on such remuneration as may be



mutually agreed between the Board of Directors/ Audit Committee of the company in consultation with the Statutory Auditors.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Directors of the Company (including any Committee thereof), be authorised on behalf of the Company, including but not limited to determine role and responsibilities/scope of work of the Statutory Auditors, to negotiate, finalise, amend, sign, deliver and execute the terms of appointment, including any contract or document in this regard and to alter and vary the terms and conditions of remuneration arising out of increase in scope of work, amendments to the Accounting Standards or the Companies Act, 2013 or Rules framed thereunder or Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and such other requirements resulting in any change in the scope of work, etc., without being required to seek any further consent or approval of the Members of the Company and to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as it may, in its absolute discretion deem necessary or desirable for the purpose of giving effect to this Resolution and with power to the Board to settle all questions, difficulties or doubts that may arise in respect of the implementation of this Resolution."

#### **SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

#### 4. <u>To increase in the limit of managerial remuneration of Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil</u> (DIN: 01245532), Managing Director of the Company.

To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions, as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Sections 196 and 197 read with Schedule V and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"), if any, read with the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014 and applicable provisions of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force) and the enabling provisions of Articles of Association of the Company, based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee ("NRC") and the Board of Directors of the Company, the consent of the members of the Company be and is hereby accorded to increase the remuneration of Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil (DIN: 01245532), Managing Director of the Company from Rs. 28,20,000/- per annum to 70,50,000/- per annum, commission, perquisites and other benefits as detailed in the explanatory statement enclosed with this Notice, for the remaining period of his present term of appointment.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the aggregate amount of remuneration payable to Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil (DIN: 01245532), in a financial year may exceed the maximum admissible limits as prescribed in Section 197 of the Act, and the terms and remuneration as set out in the explanatory statement of this resolution shall be deemed to form part hereof and in the event of inadequacy or absence of profits arising in any financial year, Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil (DIN: 01245532), shall be entitled to receive remuneration, commission, perquisites and other benefits etc. upto the limit as approved by the members herein above, as minimum remuneration.



**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** in the event of any statutory amendment or modification or relaxation in the provisions of Schedule V of the Act, relating to the payment of remuneration to the managerial personnel, the Board of Directors of the Company, (including its committees thereof), subject to the recommendations of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee be and is hereby authorized to vary the remuneration, commission, perquisites and other benefits etc. within such prescribed limits.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board of Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorized to revise, enhance, alter and vary from time to time the terms and conditions of appointment and remuneration by seeking further consent and approval of the shareholders of the Company and to do all necessary acts, deeds and things as it may, in its absolute discretion, and to sign all such documents and writings as may be necessary to give effect to this resolution and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto."

#### 5. <u>To increase in the limit of managerial remuneration of Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay</u> <u>Wakode (DIN: 10460812), Whole Time Director of the Company.</u>

#### To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Sections 196 and 197 read with Schedule V and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"), if any, read with the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014 and applicable provisions of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force) and the enabling provisions of Articles of Association of the Company, based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee ("NRC") and the Board of Directors of the Company, the consent of the members of the Company be and is hereby accorded to increase the remuneration of Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode (DIN: 10460812), Whole Time Director of the Company from Rs. 28,20,000/- per annum to 70,50,000/- per annum, commission, perquisites and other benefits as detailed in the explanatory statement enclosed with this Notice, for the remaining period of her present term of appointment.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the aggregate amount of remuneration payable to Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode (DIN: 10460812), in a financial year may exceed the maximum admissible limits as prescribed in Section 197 of the Act, and the terms and remuneration as set out in the explanatory statement of this resolution shall be deemed to form part hereof and in the event of inadequacy or absence of profits arising in any financial year, Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode (DIN: 10460812) shall be entitled to receive remuneration, commission, perquisites and other benefits etc. upto the limit as approved by the members herein above, as minimum remuneration.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** in the event of any statutory amendment or modification or relaxation in the provisions of Schedule V of the Act, relating to the payment of remuneration to the managerial personnel, the Board of Directors of the Company, (including its committees thereof), subject to the recommendations of the Nomination and



Remuneration Committee be and is hereby authorized to vary the remuneration, commission, perquisites and other benefits etc. within such prescribed limits.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board of Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorized to revise, enhance, alter and vary from time to time the terms and conditions of appointment and remuneration by seeking further consent and approval of the shareholders of the Company and to do all necessary acts, deeds and things as it may, in its absolute discretion, and to sign all such documents and writings as may be necessary to give effect to this resolution and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto."

#### 6. <u>To Regularize the appointment of Ms. Mona Bhide (DIN: 05203026) as Non -</u> <u>Executive Independent Director</u>

#### To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

**RESOLVED THAT** Ms. Mona Bhide (DIN: 05203026), who was appointed as an Additional Director of the Company with effect from September 03, 2024 by the Board of Directors, based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, and who holds office upto the date of this Annual General Meeting of the Company under Section 161(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 ('Act') [including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force] and Articles of Association of the Company, and who is eligible for appointment and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing under Section 160(1) of the Act from a Member proposing her candidature for the office of Director, be and is hereby appointed as a Director of the Company.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Sections 149, 150, 152 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Act read with Schedule IV to the Act and the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014, and applicable regulations of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('SEBI Listing Regulations'), as amended from time to time, the appointment of Ms. Mona Bhide, that meets the criteria for independence as provided in Section 149(6) of the Act and Regulation 16(1)(b) of the SEBI Listing Regulations and who has submitted a declaration to that effect, and who is eligible for appointment as an Independent Director of the Company, for a term of five years, i.e., from September 03, 2024 to September 02, 2029 (both days inclusive) and who would not be liable to retire by rotation, be and is hereby approved.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board of Directors be and is hereby authorised to do all acts and take all such steps as may be necessary, proper or expedient to give effect to this resolution."

### 7. <u>To approve the overall Borrowing Limits u/s 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013.</u>

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:



"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 180(1)(c) and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made there under (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force), the Articles of Association of the Company and subject to such other approvals as may be necessary, consent of the Company be and is hereby accorded to the Board of Directors of the Company ('hereinafter referred to as the 'Board', which term shall be deemed to include any Committee thereof which the Board may hereinafter constitute to exercise its powers including the powers conferred by this Resolution') to borrow any sum or sums of money by obtaining loans, overdraft facilities, lines of credit, commercial papers, convertible/ nonconvertible debentures, external commercial borrowings (loans/bonds), INR denominated offshore bonds or in any other forms from Banks, Financial Institutions, other Bodies Corporate or other eligible investors, from time to time, which, together with the monies already borrowed by the Company (apart from temporary loans obtained or to be obtained from the Company's Bankers in the ordinary course of business) may exceed, at any time, the aggregate of the paid-up share capital and free reserves, provided that the total amount so borrowed by the Board shall not at any time exceed Rs. 200 Crores (Rupees Two Hundred Crores only) or equivalent amount in any other foreign currency.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution, director and key managerial personnel of the Company be and are hereby severally authorized to do all acts, deeds, matters and things as they may in their absolute discretion deem necessary, proper or desirable and to settle any question, difficulty, doubt that may arise in respect of the matter aforesaid and further to do all acts, deeds, matters and things as may be necessary, proper or desirable or expedient to give effect to the above resolution."

### 8. <u>To seek approval under Section 180(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 inter alia for</u> <u>creation of mortgage or charge on the assets, properties or undertaking(s) of the</u> <u>Company.</u>

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 180(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") and any other applicable provisions, if any of the Act, or any amendment or modifications thereof and pursuant to the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company, consent of the Company be and is hereby accorded to the Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the 'Board', which term shall be deemed to include any Committee thereof which the Board may hereinafter constitute to exercise its powers including the powers conferred by this Resolution) to sell, lease or dispose of in any manner including but not limited to mortgaging, hypothecating, pledging or in any manner creating charge on all or any part of the present and future moveable or immovable assets or properties of the Company or the whole or any part of the undertaking(s) of the Company of every nature and kind whatsoever (hereinafter referred to as the "Assets") and/or creating a floating charge on the Assets to or in favour of banks, financial institutions, investors, debenture trustees or any other lenders to secure the amount borrowed by the company or any entity which is a subsidiary or associate or group entity, from time to time, for the due re-payment of principal and/or together with interest, charges, costs, expenses and all other monies payable by the Company or any such entity in respect of the such borrowings



provided that the aggregate indebtedness so secured by the assets do not at any time exceed the value of limits approved under Section 180(1)(c) of the Act."

**"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board be and is hereby severally authorized to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be considered necessary in this regard for and on behalf of the Company, including but not limited to, negotiating and finalizing the terms of sale, lease, creation of security or any other dispositions, filing of necessary forms, returns, applications, submissions under the Act."

# 9. <u>To approve threshold limit of loans/ guarantees, providing of securities and making of investments in securities under section 186 of the Companies Act, 2013.</u>

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Section 186 of the Companies Act, 2013 and any other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made there under (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force) and consent of the members of the Company be and is hereby accorded to the Board of Directors of the Company (hereinafter referred to as the "Board" which term shall include any Committee constituted by the Board or any person(s) authorized by the Board to exercise its powers, including the powers conferred by this Resolution) to (a) give any loan to any person or other body corporate; (b) give any guarantee or provide security in connection with a loan to any other body corporate or person; and (c) acquire by way of subscription, purchase or otherwise, the securities of any other body corporate from time to time in one or more tranches as the Board of Directors as in their absolute discretion deem beneficial and in the interest of the Company, for an amount not exceeding Rs. 200 Crores (Rupees Two Hundred Crores Only), notwithstanding that such investments, outstanding loans given or to be given and guarantees and/or security provided may collectively exceed the limits prescribed under Section 186 of the Companies Act, 2013.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution, the Board of Directors of the Company be and is hereby authorized to take from time to time all decisions and such steps as may be necessary for giving loans, guarantees or providing securities or for making such investments and to execute such documents, deeds, writings, papers and/or agreements as may be required and do all such acts, deeds, matters and things, as it may in its absolute discretion, deem fit; necessary or appropriate."

#### 10. <u>Approval to advance any loan/give guarantee/provide security u/s 185 of the</u> <u>Companies Act, 2013.</u>

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Section 185 and other applicable provisions, if any of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act") (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force) and subject to such approvals, consents, sanctions and permissions as may be necessary, approval of the members be and is hereby accorded to the Board of Directors of the Company (hereinafter referred to as the "Board" which term shall include any Committee constituted by the Board



or any person(s) authorized by the Board to exercise its powers, including the powers conferred by this Resolution), for giving loan(s) in one or more tranches including loan represented by way of book debt (the "Loan") to, and/or giving of guarantee(s), and/or providing of security(ies) in connection with any Loan taken/to be taken by any entity which is a Subsidiary or Associate or Joint Venture or group entity of the Company or any other person in which any of the Directors of the Company is deemed to be interested as specified in the explanation to sub-section 2 of section 185 of the Act (collectively referred to as the "Entities"), of an aggregate amount not exceeding Rs. 200 Crores (Rupees Two Hundred Crores Only) for any financial year, in its absolute discretion deem beneficial and in the best interest of the Company.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution, the Board of Directors of the Company be and is hereby authorized to negotiate, finalise and agree to the terms and conditions of the aforesaid Loans / Guarantees / Securities, and to take all necessary steps, to execute all such documents, instruments and writings and to do all necessary acts, deeds and things in order to comply with all the legal and procedural formalities and to do all such acts, deeds or things incidental or expedient thereto and as the Board may think fit and suitable."

### For and on Behalf of the Board of Directors BENCHMARK COMPUTER SOLUTIONS LIMITED

Hemant Muddanna Sanil Chairman & Managing Director (DIN: 01245532)

Date: 03/09/2024 Place: Mumbai



# NOTES:

 Pursuant to the General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020 and 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, in relation to "Clarification on passing of ordinary and special resolutions by companies under the Companies Act, 2013", General Circular Nos. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, 10/2022 dated December 28, 2022 and subsequent circulars issued in this regard, the latest being 09/2023 dated September 25, 2023 in relation to "Clarification on holding of Annual General Meeting ('AGM') through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM)", (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") the Company is convening the 21<sup>st</sup> AGM through Video Conferencing ('VC')/Other Audio Visual Means ('OAVM'), without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue.

Further, the Securities and Exchange Board of India ('SEBI'), vide its Circulars dated May 12, 2020, January 15, 2021, May 13, 2022, January 5, 2023 and October 7, 2023 ('SEBI Circulars') and other applicable circulars issued in this regard, has provided relaxations from compliance with certain provisions of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('Listing Regulations').

In compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act'), the Listing Regulations and MCA Circulars, the 21<sup>st</sup> AGM of the Company is being held through VC/OAVM on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 12:30 p.m. IST. The deemed venue for the AGM will be the Registered Office of the Company.

- 2. Pursuant to the provisions of the act, a member entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf and the proxy need not be a member of the company. Since this AGM is being held pursuant to the MCA circulars through VC/OAVM, the requirement of physical attendance of members has been dispensed with. Accordingly, in terms of the MCA circulars and the SEBI circulars, the facility for appointment of proxies by the members will not be available for this AGM and hence the proxy form, attendance slip and route map of AGM are not annexed to this notice.
- 3. The Annual Report, Notice of the AGM and other documents sent through e-mail are also available on the Company's website <u>https://www.benchmarksolution.com/</u>
- 4. The Company has engaged the services of NSDL to provide VC facility and e-voting facility for the AGM.
- 5. The relevant Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102(1) of the Act, setting out the material facts concerning special business(s) as set out above in Item No.3 to 10 is annexed hereto. The relevant details required to be disclosed in respect to Directors seeking appointment/ re-appointment at this AGM pursuant to Regulation 36(3) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, "(LODR Regulations or Listing Regulations)". Secretarial Standards on General Meeting ("SS2") issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and other applicable provisions of the Act, have been provided in Annexure A to this Notice.



Additional information as required under Listing Regulations and Secretarial Standard on General Meeting (SS-2) in respect of the Directors retiring by rotation at this Meeting is annexed hereto.

- 6. The Members can join the AGM in the VC/OAVM mode 15 minutes before and after the scheduled time of the commencement of the Meeting by following the procedure mentioned in the Notice.
- 7. Corporate/Institutional Members are entitled to appoint authorized representatives to attend the AGM through VC/ OAVM on their behalf and cast their votes through remote e-voting or at the AGM. Corporate/ Institutional Members intending to authorize their representatives to participate and vote at the Meeting are requested to send a certified copy of the Board resolution/authorization letter to the Scrutinizer at email ID cs.mukeshsaraswat@gmail.com with a copy marked to evoting@nsdl.co.in and to the Company at info@benchmarksolution.com authorizing its representative(s) to attend through VC/OAVM and vote on their behalf at the Meeting, pursuant to section 113 of the Act.
- 8. In line with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, the Notice calling the AGM has been uploaded on the website of the Company at <u>https://www.benchmarksolution.com</u>. The Notice can also be accessed from the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. Bombay Stock Exchange of India Limited (BSE-EMERGE) at <u>www.bseindia.com</u> respectively and is also available on the website of NSDL (agency for providing the Remote e-Voting facility) i.e. <u>www.evoting.nsdl.com</u>.
- 9. The attendance of the Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- 10. The Register of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel and their shareholding maintained under section 170 of the Act and Register of Contracts or arrangements in which directors are interested maintained under section 189 of the Act and relevant documents referred to in this Notice of AGM and explanatory statement, will be available electronically for inspection by the Members during the AGM. All documents referred to in the Notice will also be available for electronic inspection without any fee by the Members from the date of circulation of this Notice up to the date of AGM, i.e. 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Members seeking to inspect such documents can send an email to info@benchmarksolution.com.
- 11. Members seeking any information with regard to the accounts or any matter to be considered at the AGM, are requested to write to the Company on or before Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 to <u>info@benchmarksolution.com</u>. The same will be replied by the Company suitably.
- 12. Members are requested to intimate changes, if any, pertaining to their name, postal address, email address, telephone/ mobile numbers, Permanent Account Number (PAN), mandates, nominations, power of attorney, bank details such as, name of the bank and branch details, bank account number, MICR code, IFSC code, etc.

For shares held in electronic form: to their Depository Participants ("DPs").

- 13. **NOMINATION:** Members holding shares in electronic form may contact their respective Depository Participants for availing this facility.
- 14. ELECTRONIC DISPATCH OF NOTICE AND ANNUAL REPORT In accordance with the MCA General Circular Nos. 20/2020 dated 5th May, 2020 and 10/2022 dated 28th December, 2022 and SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/ CFD/PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/4 dated 5th January, 2023, the financial statements (including Board's Report, Auditors' Report or other documents required to be attached therewith) for the Financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 pursuant to section 136 of the Act and Notice calling the AGM pursuant to section 101 of the Act read with the Rules framed thereunder, such statements including the Notice of AGM are being sent only in electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/ RTA or the Depository Participant(s) as at closing business hours on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. The physical copies of such statements and Notice of AGM will be dispatched only to those shareholders who request for the same.

Members are requested to register/update their email addresses, in respect of electronic holdings with the Depository through the concerned Depository Participants.

- 15. SCRUTINISER FOR E-VOTING: Mr. Mukesh Saraswat, Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No. FCS- 9992, CP No. 10856), proprietor of M/s M K Saraswat & Associates, Practicing Company Secretaries has been appointed as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.
- 16. The Scrutinizer shall, immediately after the conclusion of voting at the AGM, unblock the votes cast and make, not later than two working days of conclusion of the AGM, a consolidated Scrutinizer's Report of the total votes cast in favour or against, if any, to the Chairman or a person authorized by him in writing, who will acknowledge the receipt of the same and declare the result of the voting forthwith.
- 17. The Scrutinizer after scrutinizing the votes cast at the meeting and through remote e-Voting will not later than two working days from the conclusion of the meeting, make a consolidated Scrutinizer's Report and submit the same to the Chairman. The results declared along with Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the website of the Company. The results shall simultaneously be communicated to stock exchanges where the shares of the Company are listed i.e. National Stock Exchange of India Limited placed on the Company's website https://www.benchmarksolution.com.
- 18. Subject to approval of the requisite number of votes, the Resolutions set out in this Notice for the AGM shall be deemed to be passed on the date of the meeting i.e. Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.
- 19. The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Tuesday, 24th September, 2024 to Monday, 30th September, 2024 (both days inclusive) in connection with the AGM.
- 20. In case of joint holders attending the meeting, only such joint holder who is higher in the order of name will be entitled to vote.



Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended) and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015 (as amended), and the Circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the Company is providing facility of remote e-Voting to its Members in respect of the business to be transacted at the AGM. For this purpose, the Company has entered into an agreement with National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) for facilitating voting through electronic means, as the authorized agency. The facility of casting votes by a member using remote e-Voting system as well as venue voting on the date of the AGM will be provided by NSDL.

- 21. The Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 stipulate that the remote electronic voting period shall close at 05:00 P.M (IST) on the date preceding the date of AGM. Accordingly, the remote e-Voting period will commence at 09:00 A.M (IST) on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and will end at 05:00 P.M (IST) on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. The remote e-Voting will not be allowed beyond the aforesaid period and time, and the remote e-Voting module shall be disabled by NSDL.
- 22. Members may please note that SEBI vide its Circular No. SEBI/ HO/MIRSD/MIRSD RTAMB/P/CIR/2022/8 dated January 25, 2022 has mandated the listed companies to issue securities in dematerialised form only while processing service requests viz. issue of duplicate securities certificate; claim from an unclaimed suspense account; renewal/exchange of securities certificate; endorsement; sub-division/splitting of securities certificate; consolidation of securities certificates/ folios; transmission and transposition. Accordingly, Members are requested to make service requests by submitting a duly filled and signed Form ISR-4 for the above-mentioned requests and surrender their original securities certificate(s) for processing of service requests to the RTA. The RTA shall thereafter issue a 'Letter of confirmation' in lieu of physical securities certificate(s), to the securities holder/claimant within 30 days of its receipt of such request after removing objections, if any. The 'Letter of Confirmation' shall be valid for a period of 120 days from the date of its issuance, within which the securities holder/claimant shall make a request to the DP for dematerializing the said securities. Form ISR-4 is available on the website of RTA. It may be noted that any service request can be processed only after the folio is KYC Compliant.
- 23. As per the provisions of Section 72 of the Act and SEBI Circular, the facility for making nomination is available for the Members in respect of the shares held by them. Members who have not yet registered their nomination are requested to register the same by submitting Form No. SH-13. If a Member desires to opt out or cancel the earlier nomination and record a fresh nomination, he/ she may submit the same in Form ISR-3 or SH-14 as the case may be. Members are requested to submit the said details to their DP in case the shares are held by them in dematerialized form and to Company's Registrars and Transfer Agents, Cameo Corporate Services Limited in case the shares are held in physical form.
- 24. The Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") has mandated the submission of Permanent Account Number (PAN) by every participant in securities market. Members holding shares in electronic form are, therefore, requested to submit their PAN to the



Depository Participants with whom they maintain their demat accounts. Members holding shares in physical form should submit their PAN to the RTA of the Company.

- 25. The cut-off date for the purpose of determining the Members eligible for participation in remote e-voting (e-voting from a place other than venue of the AGM) and voting at the AGM is Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024. Please note that Members can opt for only one mode of voting i.e., either by voting at the meeting or remote e-voting. If Members opt for remote e-voting, then they should not vote at the Meeting and vice versa. However, once an e-vote on a resolution is cast by a Member, such Member is not permitted to change it subsequently or cast the vote again. Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the date of the Meeting can attend the Meeting and participate in the Meeting, but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.
- 26. Any person who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after the dispatch of the Notice and holding shares as on the cut-off date, i.e., 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024, may obtain the User ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or info@benchmarksolution.com. However, if you are already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting, then you can use your existing user ID and password for casting your vote. If you forgot your password, you may reset your password by using "Forgot User Details/Password" option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com or contact NSDL at the following Toll-free no. 1800-222-990. Only a Member who is entitled to vote shall exercise his/her/its vote through e-voting and any recipient of this Notice who has no voting rights as on the Cut-off Date should treat the same as intimation only.

# THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS FOR REMOTE E-VOTING AND JOINING GENERAL MEETING ARE AS UNDER:

The remote e-voting period begins on Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 09:00 A.M. and ends on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 05:00 P.M. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter. The Members, whose names appear in the Register of Members / Beneficial Owners as on the record date (cut-off date) i.e. Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, may cast their vote electronically. The voting right of shareholders shall be in proportion to their share in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date, being Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

#### How do I vote electronically using NSDL e-Voting system?

The way to vote electronically on NSDL e-Voting system consists of "Two Steps" which are mentioned below:

#### Step 1: Access to NSDL e-Voting system

# A) Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meeting for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode

In terms of SEBI circular dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants.



Shareholders are advised to update their mobile number and email Id in their demat accounts in order to access e-Voting facility.

Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with <b>CDSL</b>	<ol> <li>Users who have opted for CDSL Easi / Easiest facility, can login through their existing user id and password. Option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any further authentication. The users to login Easi /Easiest are requested to visit CDSL website www.cdslindia.com and click on login icon &amp; New System Myeasi Tab and then user your existing my easi username &amp; password</li> <li>After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the Mythematication for the user of the limit.</li> </ol>
	e-Voting option for eligible companies where the evoting is in progress as per the information provided by company. On clicking the e-voting option, the user will be able to see e-Voting page of the e-Voting service provider for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting. Additionally, there is also links provided to access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers i.e. CDSL/ NSDL/RTA, so that the user can visit the e-Voting service providers' website directly.
	<ol> <li>If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at CDSL website <u>www.cdslindia.com</u> and click on login &amp; New System Myeasi Tab and then click on registration option.</li> <li>Alternatively, the user can directly access e-Voting page by providing Demat Account Number and PAN No. from a e-Voting link available on <u>www.cdslindia.com</u> home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile &amp; Email as recorded in the Demat Account. After successful authentication, user will be able to see the e-Voting option where the e-voting is in progress and also able to directly access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers.</li> </ol>
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with <b>NSDL</b>	<ol> <li>Existing IDeAS user can visit the e-Services website of NSDL Viz. <u>https://eservices.nsdl.com</u> either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. On the e-Services home page click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under 'IDeAS' section, this will prompt you to enter your existing User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting services under Value added services. Click on "Access to</li> </ol>

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	e-Voting" under e-Voting services and you will be able to see e-
	Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service
	provider i.e. NSDL and you will be re-directed to e-Voting website
	of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period
	or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.
	2. If you are not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is
	available at https://eservices.nsdl.com. Select "Register Online for
	<b>IDeAS Portal"</b> or click at
	https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp
	3. Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing
	the following URL: <u>https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/</u> either on a
	Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Voting
	system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available
	under 'Shareholder/Member' section. A new screen will open. You
	will have to enter your User ID (i.e. your sixteen-digit demat
	account number hold with NSDL), Password/OTP and a
	Verification Code as shown on the screen. After successful
	authentication, you will be redirected to NSDL Depository site
	wherein you can see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-
	<b>Voting service provider i.e. NSDL</b> and you will be redirected to
	e-Voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote
	e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the
	meeting.
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	4. Shareholders/Members can also download NSDL Mobile App
	"NSDL Speede" facility by scanning the QR code mentioned
	below for seamless voting experience.
	NSDL Mobile App is available on
	💣 App Store 🛛 🕨 Google Play
Individual	You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account
Shareholders	through your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-
(holding securities in	Voting facility. upon logging in, you will be able to see e-Voting option.
securities in demat mode)	Click on e-Voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL/CDSL
login through	Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see e- Voting feature. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider i.e.
their	NSDL and you will be redirected to e-Voting website of NSDL for casting
	135555 and you will be redirected to e-voting website of 135555 for easiling



Depository	your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting &
Participants	voting during the meeting.

Important note: Members who are unable to retrieve User ID/ Password are advised to use Forget User ID and Forget Password option available at above mentioned website.

Helpdesk for Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode for any technical issues related to login through Depository i.e. NSDL and CDSL

Login type	Helpdesk details
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at <u>evoting@nsdl.com</u> or call at 022 – 48867000
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with CDSL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at <u>helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com</u> or contact at toll free no. 1800225533.

### B) Login Method for e-Voting and joining virtual meeting for shareholders other than Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode and shareholders holding securities in physical mode.

How to Log-in to NSDL e-Voting website?

- 1. Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: <u>https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/</u> either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile.
- 2. Once the home page of e-Voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholder/ Member' section.
- 3. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID, your Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen.

Alternatively, if you are registered for NSDL eservices i.e. IDEAS, you can log-in at https://eservices.nsdl.com/ with your existing IDEAS login. Once you log-in to NSDL eservices after using your log-in credentials, click on e-Voting and you can proceed to Step 2 i.e. Cast your vote electronically.

4. Your User ID details are given below:

Manner of holding shares i.e. Demat (NSDL or CDSL) or Physical	Your User ID is:
a) For Members who hold shares in demat account with NSDL.	8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digit Client ID



	For example, if your DP ID is IN300*** and Client ID is 12***** then your user ID is IN300***12*****.
b) For Members who hold shares in	16 Digit Beneficiary ID
demat account with CDSL.	For example, if your Beneficiary ID is
	12************ then your user ID is
	12*******
c) For Members holding shares in	EVEN Number followed by Folio Number
Physical Form.	registered with the company
	For example, if folio number is 001*** and EVEN
	is 101456 then user ID is 101456001***

- 5. Password details for shareholders other than Individual shareholders are given below:
- a) If you are already registered for e-Voting, then you can user your existing password to login and cast your vote.
- b) If you are using NSDL e-Voting system for the first time, you will need to retrieve the 'initial password' which was communicated to you. Once you retrieve your 'initial password', you need to enter the 'initial password' and the system will force you to change your password.
- c) How to retrieve your 'initial password'?
  - i. If your email ID is registered in your demat account or with the company, your 'initial password' is communicated to you on your email ID. Trace the email sent to you from NSDL from your mailbox. Open the email and open the attachment i.e. a .pdf file. Open the .pdf file. The password to open the .pdf file is your 8-digit client ID for NSDL account, last 8 digits of client ID for CDSL account or folio number for shares held in physical form. The .pdf file contains your 'User ID' and your 'initial password'.
  - ii.If your email ID is not registered, please follow steps mentioned below in process for those shareholders whose email ids are not registered.
- 6. If you are unable to retrieve or have not received the "Initial password" or have forgotten your password:
- a) Click on "Forgot User Details/Password?" (If you are holding shares in your demat account with NSDL or CDSL) option available on <u>www.evoting.nsdl.com</u>.
- b) Physical User Reset Password?" (If you are holding shares in physical mode) option available on <u>www.evoting.nsdl.com</u>.
- c) If you are still unable to get the password by aforesaid two options, you can send a request at <a href="mailto:evoting@nsdl.com">evoting@nsdl.com</a> mentioning your demat account number/folio number, your PAN, your name and your registered address etc.



- d) Members can also use the OTP (One Time Password) based login for casting the votes on the e-Voting system of NSDL.
- 7. After entering your password, tick on Agree to "Terms and Conditions" by selecting on the check box.
- 8. Now, you will have to click on "Login" button.
- 9. After you click on the "Login" button, Home page of e-Voting will open.

#### Step 2: Cast your vote electronically and join General Meeting on NSDL e-Voting system.

#### How to cast your vote electronically and join General Meeting on NSDL e-Voting system?

- 1. After successful login at Step 1, you will be able to see all the companies "EVEN" in which you are holding shares and whose voting cycle and General Meeting is in active status.
- 2. Select "EVEN" of company for which you wish to cast your vote during the remote e-Voting period and casting your vote during the General Meeting. For joining virtual meeting, you need to click on "VC/OAVM" link placed under "Join Meeting".
- 3. Now you are ready for e-Voting as the Voting page opens.
- 4. Cast your vote by selecting appropriate options i.e. assent or dissent, verify/modify the number of shares for which you wish to cast your vote and click on "Submit" and also "Confirm" when prompted.
- 5. Upon confirmation, the message "Vote cast successfully" will be displayed.
- 6. You can also take the printout of the votes cast by you by clicking on the print option on the confirmation page.
- 7. Once you confirm your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.

#### **General Guidelines for shareholders**

1. Institutional shareholders (i.e. other than individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) are required to send scanned copy (PDF/JPG Format) of the relevant Board Resolution/ Authority letter etc. with attested specimen signature of the duly authorized signatory(ies) who are authorized vote. to the Scrutinizer Mr. Mukesh Saraswat by e-mail to to cs.mukeshsaraswat@gmail.com with a copy marked to evoting@nsdl.com/. Institutional shareholders (i.e. other than individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) can also upload their Board Resolution / Power of Attorney / Authority Letter etc. by clicking on "Upload Board Resolution / Authority Letter" displayed under "e-Voting" tab in their login.



- 2. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential. Login to the e-voting website will be disabled upon five unsuccessful attempts to key in the correct password. In such an event, you will need to go through the "Forgot User Details/Password?" or "Physical User Reset Password?" option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com to reset the password.
- 3. In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of <u>www.evoting.nsdl.com</u> or call on.: 022 4886 7000 or send a request to <u>evoting@nsdl.com/</u>.

Process for those shareholders whose email ids are not registered with the depositories for procuring user id and password and registration of e mail ids for e-voting for the resolutions set out in this notice:

- 1. In case shares are held in physical mode please provide Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to info@benchmarksolution.com
- 2. In case shares are held in demat mode, please provide DPID-CLID (16-digit DPID + CLID or 16-digit beneficiary ID), Name, client master or copy of Consolidated Account statement, PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) to <u>info@benchmarksolution.com</u>. If you are an Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode, you are requested to refer to the login method explained at step 1 (A) i.e. Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meeting for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode.
- 3. Alternatively, shareholder/members may send a request to <u>evoting@nsdl.com</u> for procuring user id and password for e-voting by providing above mentioned documents.

In terms of SEBI circular dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are required to update their mobile number and email ID correctly in their demat account in order to access e-Voting facility.

# THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS FOR e-VOTING ON THE DAY OF THE AGM ARE AS UNDER:

- 1. The procedure for e-Voting on the day of the AGM is same as the instructions mentioned above for remote e-voting.
- 2. Only those Members/ shareholders, who will be present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and have not casted their vote on the Resolutions through remote e-Voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-Voting system in the AGM.



- 3. Members who have voted through Remote e-Voting will be eligible to attend the AGM. However, they will not be eligible to vote at the AGM.
- 4. The details of the person who may be contacted for any grievances connected with the facility for e-Voting on the day of the AGM shall be the same person mentioned for Remote e-voting.

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS FOR ATTENDING THE AGM THROUGH VC/OAVM ARE AS UNDER:

- 1. Member will be provided with a facility to attend the AGM through VC/OAVM through the NSDL e-Voting system. Members may access by following the steps mentioned above for Access to NSDL e-Voting system. After successful login, you can see link of "VC/OAVM" placed under "Join meeting" menu against company name. You are requested to click on VC/OAVM link placed under Join Meeting menu. The link for VC/OAVM will be available in Shareholder/Member login where the EVEN of Company will be displayed. Please note that the members who do not have the User ID and Password for e-Voting or have forgotten the User ID and Password may retrieve the same by following the remote e-Voting instructions mentioned in the notice to avoid last minute rush.
- 2. Members are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops for better experience.
- 3. Further Members will be required to allow Camera and use Internet with a good speed to avoid any disturbance during the meeting.
- 4. Please note that Participants Connecting from Mobile Devices or Tablets or through Laptop connecting via Mobile Hotspot may experience Audio/Video loss due to Fluctuation in their respective network. It is therefore recommended to use Stable Wi-Fi or LAN Connection to mitigate any kind of aforesaid glitches.
- 5. Members are encouraged to submit their questions in advance with regard to the financial statements or any other matter to be placed at this AGM, from their registered e-mail address, mentioning their name, DP ID and Client ID number/ folio number and mobile number, to reach the Company's e-mail address at info@benchmarksolution.com. before 5.00 p.m. (IST) on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 2024. Such queries will be appropriately responded by the Company.
- 6. Shareholders who would like to express their views/ ask questions as a speaker at the Meeting may pre-register themselves by sending a request from their registered e-mail address mentioning their names, DP ID and Client ID/ folio number, PAN and mobile number at <u>info@benchmarksolution.com</u>. Pre-registration should be done between Tuesday, September 24, 2024 (9:00 a.m. IST) and Saturday, September 28, 2024 (5:00 p.m. IST). The same will be replied by the company suitably.



#### **ANNEXURE TO THE NOTICE**

# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 102 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013.

#### **ITEM NO. 3:**

Members of the Company at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 approved the appointment of M/s. AMS & CO., Chartered Accountants (Registration No. 130878W), ("Retiring Auditors") as the Auditors of the Company to hold office for a term of 1 (one) year from the conclusion of said Annual General Meeting till the conclusion of ensuing 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2024. M/s. AMS & CO., will complete their present term on conclusion of ensuing Annual General Meeting.

The Board of Directors of the Company ("the Board"), at its meeting held on 03<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 has considered the experience and expertise and on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, proposed to the Members of the Company appointment of M/s. Valawat & Associates, Chartered Accountants (Registration No. 003623C) as Statutory Auditors of the Company in place of the Retiring Auditors, for a term of 1 (One) year from the conclusion of this 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) until the conclusion of the 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM to be held in the year 2025, at such remuneration as may be mutually agreed between the Board of Directors/ Audit Committee of the company in consultation with the Statutory Auditors.

M/s. Valawat & Associates is a firm of Chartered Accountants (CA Priyansh Valawat being the Partner) registered with The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) bearing ICAI Firm Registration No. 003623C. The firm was established in the year 1987 and rendering un-interrupted value-added services to the incorporated bodies, reputed business houses and High Net worth (HNI) individuals. There are 4 partners namely Mr. Narendra Kumar Valawat, Mr. Jinendra Jain, Mr. Rajnish Karnawat and Mr. Priyansh Valawat. It has strength of 15 employees. M/s. Valawat & Associates has head office at Udaipur, Rajasthan and Branch Office at Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The Partners of the firm are well experienced in field of audit, taxation, company law matters, Central Excise, Custom Laws, Sales tax and Project financing. Firm has served many manufacturing and trading industries over the years some of major industries are as: NBFC, Insurance Sector, Chemical Industries, Education Industries, Retail & Consumer Industries, Media & Entertainment Sector, Construction Sector, Hospitality Sector, Technology Sector and Banking Sector. The firm has been providing diverse and specialized services in the following areas:

•Review & setting up of systems and procedures with adequate internal controls and preparation of operational manual for various departments of an organization;

•Management audit/ internal audit & statutory audit of the industry;

•Financial and Management consultation;

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•Taxation matters including tax consultation, appearance for assessment, appeal, etc., Corporate & mercantile law consultation.

#### **Profile of Singing Auditor:**

CA Priyansh Valawat, A Chartered Accountant by profession with experience in the field of Auditing & Assurance and Indirect Tax. He has core competence in Statutory Audits along with tax audits of various manufacturing companies. He is a graduate in Commerce from H.R. College of Commerce & Economics, University of Mumbai. He is in-charge of Mumbai branch of the Firm.

M/s. Valawat & Associates, Chartered Accountants have consented to their appointment as Auditors and have confirmed that if appointed, their appointment will be in accordance with Section 139 read with Section 141 of the Companies Act, 2013. M/s. Valawat & Associates, have also provided confirmation that they have subjected themselves to the peer review process of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and hold a valid certificate issued by the 'Peer Review Board' of the ICAI.

The proposed remuneration to be paid to Auditors for the financial year 2024-25 as mutually agreed between company's Board of directors and the auditor. The remuneration for the subsequent year(s) of their term shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Company based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

The Board of Directors recommends the remuneration payable to Statutory Auditors as under: M/s. Valawat & Associates, Chartered Accountants will be paid an aggregate remuneration as mutually decide between the Board of directors and the auditor in the form of Statutory Audit fees for audit of financial statements of the Company for the FY 2024-25. The said remuneration excludes applicable taxes and out of pocket expenses. The remuneration paid to statutory auditor will be disclosed in the Financial Statements of the Company on annual basis.

None of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives are, in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the resolution at Item No. 3 of the Notice of the 21<sup>st</sup> AGM.

The Board recommends the passing of Ordinary Resolution as set out at Item No. 3 of the accompanying Notice for member's approval

#### Item No. 4:

Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil was appointed as Managing Director by way of a special resolution passed by themembers at the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Company held on 02<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 with effect from 02<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2029 for period of five years.

Further the Members at the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Company held on 02<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 by way of a special resolution, approved remuneration Rs. 28,20,000/- to Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil, Managing Director, upto the limits as approved by Members at the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting as maximum remuneration.



The Managing Director has provided dedicated and meritorious services and significant contribution to the overall growth of the Company. Therefore, the Board is of the view that the existing upper limit remuneration in respect of Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil, Managing Director of the Company may not be sufficient enough to pay the increased remuneration over a period of his term, therefore the approval of the members of the Company is sought for revision in the maximum limit of remuneration, in terms of the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") & SEBI LODR Regulations 2015.

Broad particulars of the terms of remuneration payable to Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil is stated in the employment agreement and brief particulars are mentioned as under:

#### Salary, Perquisites and Allowances per annum:

Salary, Perquisites and Allowances shall not any time in any financial year during his tenure, shall not exceed Rs.70,50,000/- per Annum.

#### **Commission/performance linked incentive:**

Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil shall not be entitled to any Commission/performance linked incentive.

#### Annual Leaves:

Earned/Privilege leave on full pay and allowances as per rules of the company but not more than 30 days for every twelve months of service. Leave accumulated shall be encash able at the end of the tenure. Encashment of leave at the end of the tenure will not be included in the computation of the ceiling on perquisites.

#### **Reimbursements:**

Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil shall be entitled to be reimbursed the travelling and entertainment expenses actually and properly incurred by him in or about the business of the Company and approved by the Board.

#### **Minimum Remuneration:**

Where in any financial year during the current tenure of the Managing Director, the Company has no profits or its profits are inadequate, the Company will pay remuneration by way of salary and perquisites not exceeding the limits as specified above. The Board of Directors shall have liberty to alter and vary the aforesaid terms and conditions relating to remuneration in line with such amendments as may be made from time to time to the Companies Act, 2013.

# THE STATEMENT CONTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS REQUIRED IN SCHEDULE V OF THE COMPANIESACT, 2013

I. General information:	
(1) Nature of industry	Our Company was originally incorporated as
	"Benchmark Computer Solutions Private Limited"
	under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 on
	31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2002. Thereafter, our Company was
	converted from a private limited company to a
	public limited company, pursuant to a resolution
	passed in the extraordinary general meeting of our
	Shareholders held on June 28, 2023, and



	consequently, the name of our Company was changed to 'Benchmark Computer Solutions Limited', and a fresh certificate of incorporation consequent upon conversion from private company to public company dated July 13, 2023 was issued by the ROC to our Company. Our Company is engaged into IT infrastructure solutions and technology consulting company provides end-to- end technology and technology related services including IT Infrastructure Solutions,Software and Web Based Application Development Services, Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) and Facility Management Services (FMS). Depending on the requirements our company can tailor make a bouquet of services to effectively meet the expectations of our clients. Our focus remains on long term sustainable growth with longer duration contracts.			
(2) Date or expected date of commencement of commercial production	The Company was incorporated on 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2002 with Registration No. 137752, in the State of Maharashtra under the Companies Act, 1956. Further, the Company had commenced its business on the same date i.e. 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2002.			
(3) In case of new companies, expected date of commencement of activities as per projectapproved by financial institutions appearing in the prospectus	Not applical		,	
(4) Financial performance based on given indicators. Amount in Lakhs.	Particulars	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022
	PBT	301.70	272.71	126.40
	PAT	221.24	195.92	96.40
(5) Foreign investments or collaborations, ifany.	Not applicable			
<b>II. Information about the appointee:</b>	1			
(1) Background details	Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Communication from Mangalore University in the year 1986.			
(2) Past remuneration	Rs 28,20,000/- per annum			
<ul> <li>(3) Recognition or awards</li> <li>(4) Job profile and his suitability</li> </ul>	Not applicableMr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil has been serving on the Board of the Company as a Director, since 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2002 and Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil has been serving as a Managing Director of the Company since 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 for a period of 5 (Five) consecutive years.			



	With in-depth knowledge and wide experience of 35 years, Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil has been very instrumental in executing the strategy of converting the Company into total solution provider for IT Sector.
	Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil has provided keen and commendable contribution to overall growth of the Company.
	Astute director with over 35 years of experience in the field of computer systems and IT related services. A professional engineering ever ready to deal with complex macro issue and provide innovative turn – key solutions resulting in significant value addition for the prestigious customers.
(5) Remuneration proposed	Rs. 70,50,000/- per annum
(6) Comparative remuneration profile	Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil, has been drawing
with respect to industry, size of the	remuneration in this range for the past several
company, profile of the position and	years, therefore, retaining him at this remuneration
person (in case of expatriates the relevant	is imperative.
details would be withrespect to the country	
of his origin)	
(7) Pecuniary relationship directly or indirectly with the company, or relationship with the managerial personnel or other director, if any.	Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil is holding 2479449 Equity Shares in the Company i.e. 36.12% of the Paid-Up Capital of the Company.
	Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil is the husband of Mrs.
	Savita Hemant Sanil Executive Director of the
	Company.
III. Other information:	* *
(1) Reasons of loss or inadequate profits	As the Company's focus is growth oriented, it is
	majorly incurring capital expenditures for its
	capacity expansion for coping up with the ever-
	increasing customer demands.
(2) Steps taken or proposed to be taken	Company is focusing on geographic expansion
for improvement	of its business;
	Adding new customer's base;
(3) Expected increase in productivity and	
profits in measurable terms	above, the Company believes that there will be
-	significant increase in productivity and profitability
	in the years to come.

Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil being interested in the resolution set out in item no. 4. Mrs. Savita Hemant Sanil being wife of Mr. Hemant Muddanna Sanil and their relatives may be deemed to be interested in the said resolution, to the extent of their shareholding in the Company, none



of the Directors or Key Managerial Personnel(s) of the Company or their relatives are in any way, concerned or interested either financially or otherwise, in the resolution set out in item No. 4.

The Company has disclosed all the related information and to the best of understanding of the Board of Directors, no other information and facts are required to be disclosed that may enable members to understand the meaning, scope, and implications of the items of business and to take decision thereon.

The Board of Directors of your Company recommends that the Special Resolution under Item No. 4 be passed in the interest of your Company.

# Item No. 5:

Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode was appointed as Whole Time Director by way of a special resolution passed by the members at the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Company held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 to 01<sup>st</sup> March, 2029 for period of five years.

Further the Members at the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Company held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 by way of a special resolution, approved remuneration Rs. 28,20,000/- to Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode, Whole Time Director, upto the limit as approved by Members at the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting as maximum remuneration.

The Whole Time Director has provided dedicated and meritorious services and significant contribution to the overall growth of the Company. Therefore, the Board is of the view that the existing upper limit remuneration in respect of Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode, Whole Time Director of the Company may not be sufficient enough to pay the increased remuneration over a period of her term, therefore the approval of the members of the Company is sought for revision in the maximum limit of remuneration, in terms of the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") & SEBI LODR Regulations 2015.

Broad particulars of the terms of remuneration payable to Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode is stated in the employment agreement and brief particulars are mentioned as under:

#### Salary, Perquisites and Allowances per annum:

Salary, Perquisites and Allowances shall not any time in any financial year during her tenure, shall not exceed Rs. 70,50,000/- per Annum.

### **Commission/performance linked incentive:**

Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode shall not be entitled to any Commission/performance linked incentive.

### Annual Leaves:

Earned/Privilege leave on full pay and allowances as per rules of the company but not more than 30 days for every twelve months of service. Leave accumulated shall be encash able at the end of the tenure. Encashment of leave at the end of the tenure will not be included in the computation of the ceiling on perquisites.

#### **Reimbursements:**



Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode shall be entitled to be reimbursed the travelling and entertainment expenses actually and properly incurred by her in or about the business of the Company and approved by the Board.

#### Minimum Remuneration:

Where in any financial year during the current tenure of the Whole Time Director, the Company has no profits or its profits are inadequate, the Company will pay remuneration by way of salary and perquisites not exceeding the limits as specified above. The Board of Directors shall have liberty to alter and vary the aforesaid terms and conditions relating to remuneration in line with such amendments as may be made from time to time to the Companies Act, 2013.

# THE STATEMENT CONTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS REQUIRED IN SCHEDULE V OF THE COMPANIESACT, 2013

I. General information:			
(1) Nature of industry	Our Company was originally incorporated as "Benchmark Computer Solutions Private Limited" under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 on 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2002. Thereafter, our Company was converted from a private limited company to a public limited company, pursuant to a resolution passed in the extraordinary general meeting of our Shareholders held on June 28, 2023, and consequently, the name of our Company was changed to 'Benchmark Computer Solutions Limited', and a fresh certificate of incorporation consequent upon conversion from private company to public company dated July 13, 2023 was issued by the ROC to our Company. Our Company is engaged into IT infrastructure solutions and technology consulting company provides end- to-end technology and technology related services including IT Infrastructure Solutions, Software and Web Based Application Development Services, Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) and Facility Management Services (FMS). Depending on the requirements our company can tailor make a bouquet of services to effectively meet the expectations of our clients. Our focus remains on long term sustainable growth with longer duration contracts.		
(2) Date or expected date of commencementof commercial production	The Company was incorporated on 31st October, 2002 with Registration No. 137752, in the State of Maharashtra under the Companies Act, 1956. Further, the Company had commenced its business on the same date i.e. 31st October, 2002.		



(3) In case of new companies, expected date of commencement of activities as per projectapproved by financial institutions appearing in the prospectus	Not applicable			
<ul><li>(4) Financial performance based on given indicators.</li><li>Amount in Lakhs.</li></ul>	Particulars	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022
	PBT	301.70	272.71	126.40
	PAT	221.24	195.92	96.40
(5) Foreign investments or collaborations, ifany.	Not applical	ole		
II. Information about the appointee:				
(1) Background details	Mrs. Sange bachelor deg			ode holds a
(2) Past remuneration	Rs 28,20,00	0/- per ann	um	
(3) Recognition or awards	Not applical	ble		
(4) Job profile and his suitability	<ul> <li>Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode has been serving on the Board of the Company as a Director, since 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 and Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode has been serving as a Whole Time Director of the Company since 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 for a period of 5 (Five) consecutive years.</li> <li>With in-depth knowledge and wide experience of 15 years in advertisement field. She Worked as Art Director in Rank Advertising and Vakil &amp; Sons.</li> <li>Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode is handling Operations part of Benchmark Computer Solutions as Head of Operations Since 2008.</li> <li>Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode has provided keen and commendable contribution to overall</li> </ul>			ompany as a 24 and Mrs. been serving company since of 5 (Five) e experience She Worked ag and Vakil le is handling k Computer ince 2008. e has provided
(5) Remuneration proposed	growth of the Company. Rs. 70,50,000/- per annum			
(6) Comparative remuneration profile with respect to industry, size of the company, profile of the position and person (in case of expatriates the relevant details would be with respect to the country of his origin)	this remuneration is imperative.			
(7) Pecuniary relationship directly or indirectly with the company, or relationship with the managerial personnel or other director, if any.	· 2479449 Equity Shares in the Company i.e.			



	Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode is the wife of late Mr. Dhananjay Wakode [Managing Director & Promoter].	
III. Other information:		
(1) Reasons of loss or inadequate profits	As the Company's focus is growth oriented, it is majorly incurring capital expenditures for its capacity expansion for coping up with the ever- increasing customer demands.	
(2) Steps taken or proposed to be taken forimprovement	<ul> <li>Company is focusing on geographic expansion of its business;</li> <li>Adding new customer's base;</li> </ul>	
(3) Expected increase in productivity and profits in measurable terms	In view of the steps taken by the Company as stated above, the Company believes that there will be significant increase in productivity and profitability in the years to come.	

Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode being interested in the resolution set out in item No. 5. Mrs. Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode and their relatives may be deemed to be interested in the said resolution, to the extent of their shareholding in the Company, none of the Directors or Key Managerial Personnel(s) of the Company or their relatives are in any way, concerned or interested either financially or otherwise, in the resolution set out in item No. 5.

The Company has disclosed all the related information and to the best of understanding of the Board of Directors, no other information and facts are required to be disclosed that may enable members to understand the meaning, scope, and implications of the items of business and to take decision thereon.

The Board of Directors of your Company recommends that the Special Resolution under Item No. 5 be passed in the interest of your Company.

### Item No. 6:

Based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee ('NRC'), the Board appointed Ms. Mona Bhide (DIN: 05203026), as an Additional Director of the Company and also an Independent Director not liable to retire by rotation, for a term of five years, i.e., from September 03, 2024 upto September 02, 2029 (both days inclusive), subject to approval by the Members.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 161(1) of the Act and Articles of Association of the Company, Ms. Mona Bhide shall hold office up to the date of this AGM and is eligible to be appointed as a Director.

The Company has, in terms of Section 160(1) of the Act, received in writing notice from a Member, proposing her candidature for the office of Director. The profile and specific areas of expertise of Ms. Mona Bhide are provided as Annexure to this Notice.

Ms. Mona Bhide has given her declaration to the Board, inter alia, that (i) he meets the criteria of independence as provided under Section 149(6) of the Act and Regulation 16(1)(b) of the SEBI Listing Regulations, (ii) is not restrained from acting as a Director by virtue of any Order



passed by SEBI or any such authority and (iii) is eligible to be appointed as a Director in terms of Section 164 of the Act. She has also given her consent to act as a Director.

In the opinion of the Board, Ms. Mona Bhide is a person of integrity, possesses relevant expertise / experience and fulfils the conditions specified in the Act and the SEBI Listing Regulations for appointment as an Independent Director and she is independent of the management.

Given her experience, the Board considers it desirable and in the interest of the Company to have Ms. Mona Bhide on the Board of the Company and accordingly the Board recommends the appointment of Ms. Mona Bhide as an Independent Director as proposed in the Special Resolution set out at Item No. 6 of the accompanying Notice for approval by the Members.

Except for Ms. Mona Bhide and/or her relatives, no other Director, Key Managerial Personnel or their respective relatives are, in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the resolution at Item No. 6 of the Notice.

#### Item No. 7 & 8:

Keeping in view the Company's long term strategic and business objectives, the Company may need additional funds. For this purpose, the Company may, from time to time, raise finance from various Banks and/or Financial Institutions and/ or any other lending institutions and/or Bodies Corporate and/or such other persons/ individuals as may be considered fit, which, together with the monies already borrowed by the Company (apart from temporary loans obtained from the Company's bankers in ordinary course of business) may exceed the aggregate of the paid-up capital and free reserves of the Company. Pursuant to Section 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013, the Board of Directors cannot borrow more than the aggregate amount of the paid-up capital of the Company and its free reserves at any time except with the consent of the members of the Company in a general meeting.

In order to facilitate securing the borrowing made by the Company, it would be necessary to create charge on the assets or whole or part of the undertaking of the Company. Further, Section 180(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 provides for the power to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the whole or substantially the whole of the undertaking of the Company subject to the approval of members in the General Meeting.

The above proposal is in the interest of the Company and the Board recommends the Resolution as set out at Item nos. 7 & 8 for approval by the members of the Company as Special Resolutions.

None of the Directors or Key Managerial Personnel or their relatives are in any way concerned with or interested, financially or otherwise in the said resolution except to the extent of their shareholding in the Company, if any.

#### Item No. 9:

In order to make optimum use of funds available with the Company and also to achieve long term strategic and business objectives, the Board of Directors of the Company proposes to



make use of the same by making investment in other bodies corporate or granting loans, giving guarantee or providing security to other persons or other bodies corporate as and when required.

Members may note that pursuant to Section 186 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act"), the Company can give loan or give any guarantee or provide security in connection with a loan to any other body corporate or person and acquire securities of any other body corporate, in excess of 60% of its paid up share capital, free reserves and securities premium account or 100% of its free reserves and securities premium account, whichever is more, with the approval of Members by special resolution passed at the general meeting.

In view of the aforesaid, it is proposed to take approval under Section 186 of the Companies Act, 2013, by way of special resolution, up to a limit of Rs. 200 Crores, as proposed in the Notice. The above proposal is in the interest of the Company and the Board recommends the Resolution as set out at Item No. 9 for approval by the members of the Company as Special Resolution.

None of the Directors or Key Managerial Personnel or their relatives are in any way concerned with or interested, financially or otherwise in the said resolution except to the extent of their shareholding in the Company, if any.

#### Item No. 10:

Pursuant to Section 185 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"), a Company may advance any loan including any loan represented by book debt, or give any guarantee or provide any security in connection with any loan taken by any entity (said entity(ies)) covered under the category of 'a person in whom any of the director of the Company is interested' as specified in the explanation to Section 185(2)(b) of the Companies Act, 2013, after passing a Special Resolution in the general meeting.

It is proposed to make loan(s) including loan represented by way of Book Debt to, and/or give guarantee(s) and/or provide security(ies) in connection with any loan taken/to be taken by the Subsidiary Companies or Associate or Joint Venture or group entity or any other person in whom any of the Director of the Company is deemed to be interested as specified in the explanation to Section 185(2)(b) of the Act (collectively referred to as the "Entities"), from time to time, for the purpose of capital expenditure of the projects and/or working capital requirements including purchase of fixed assets as may be required from time to time for its principal business activities and other matters connected and incidental thereto, within the limits as mentioned in the Item no. 10 of the notice.

The members may note that Board of Directors would carefully evaluate the proposals and provide such loan, guarantee or security through deployment of funds out of internal resources/accruals and/or any other appropriate sources, from time to time, and the proposed loan shall be at such rate of interest as agreed by the parties in the best interest of the Company and shall be used by the borrowing company for its principal business activities only.



The Board of Directors recommend the resolution set forth in Item no. 10 of the notice for your approval as a Special Resolution.

None of the Directors or Key Managerial Personnel or their relatives are in any way concerned with or interested, financially or otherwise in the said resolution except to the extent of their shareholding in the Company, if any.

# For and on Behalf of the Board of Directors BENCHMARK COMPUTER SOLUTIONS LIMITED

Hemant Muddanna Sanil Chairman & Managing Director (DIN: 01245532)

Date: 03/09/2024 Place: Mumbai



# "ANNEXURE - A"

# DETAILS OF DIRECTORS SEEKING APPOINTMENT / RE-APPOINTMENT AT THE FORTHCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(Pursuant to Regulation 36 of SEBI Listing Regulations 2015 and clause 1.2.5 of Secretarial Standard-2 on General Meetings)

Name of Director	Mr. Hemant Sanil	Ms. Mona Bhide
DIN	01245532	05203026
Date of Birth	02/09/1964	17/04/1963
Age	60 Years	61 Years
Tenure of appointment/ re – appointment	5 years	5 years
Reason for appointment/ re- appointment	Retire by Rotation	Appointment
Brief resume & Nature of expertise in specific functional areas	He is associated with the Company since 2002. He has completed his Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Communication from Mangalore University in the year 1986. He is having experience of more than 20 years in the field of Computer System Industry.	She is a Legal Professional. She is a Managing Partner od Dave & Girish & Co., a Law Firm. She has been I legal practice since the year 1989.
Disclosure of relationship	Mrs. Savita Sanil - Spouse	Not related to any Director /Key Managerial Personnel of the Company
Names of listed entities in which the person also holds the directorship except Benchmark Computer Solutions Limited	N.A.	3 Companies
No. of Equity Shares held in the Company	24,79,449	Nil



Membership &	Stakeholder	Relationship	Stakeholder Relationship
Chairmanships of	Committee,	Audit	Committee – 1
Committees of the Board	ommittees of the Board Committee, Nomination and remuneration Committee	Membership	
		Committee	Audit Committee – 2 Membership
		NominationandremunerationCommittee -2Membership	
			Corporate Social
			Responsibility – 2 Membership
			Risk Management Committee – 1 Chairmanship

# Note: Membership/Chairmanship in Committees including Benchmark Computer Solutions Limited has been considered.

For and on Behalf of the Board of Directors BENCHMARK COMPUTER SOLUTIONS LIMITED

Hemant Muddanna Sanil Chairman& Managing Director DIN: 01245532 Sangeeta Dhananjay Wakode Whole Time Director DIN: 10460812

Date: 03/09/2024 Place: Mumbai