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In this annual report, we have disclosed forward-looking information to enable investors to comprehend our prospects and take informed investment decisions. This report and other statements – written and oral – that we periodically make contain forward-looking statements that set out anticipated results based on the management's plans and assumptions. We have tried wherever possible to identify such statements by using words such as 'anticipates', 'estimates', 'expects', 'projects', 'intends', 'plans', 'believes' and words of similar substance in connection with any discussion of future performance. We cannot guarantee that these forwardlooking statements will be realised, although we believe we have been prudent in our assumptions. The achievement of results is subject to risks, uncertainties and even inaccurate assumptions. Should known or unknown risks or uncertainties materialise, or should underlying assumptions prove inaccurate, actual results could vary materially from those anticipated, estimated or projected. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forwardlooking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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The year 2014-15 was marked by one of the sharpest oil price meltdowns in living memory.

The Company restructured its Balance Sheet and strengthened its rig deployment to report highest ever profit in its existence.

This represents validation of our various initiatives to make Aban Offshore Limited, a robustly sustainable company.





"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

M. A. Abraham | 1939-2004

CORPORATE INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

P. Murari	-	Chairman
Reji Abraham	-	Managing Director
K. Bharathan	-	Director
Ashok Kumar Rout	-	Director
Deepa Reji Abraham	-	Additional Director (from 19-09-2014)
Subhashini Chandran	-	Additional Director (from 19-09-2014)
P. Venkateswaran	-	Deputy Managing Director
C.P. Gopalkrishnan	-	Deputy Managing Director &
		Chief Financial Officer
S.N. Balaji	-	Senior Manager (Legal) &
		Secretary

AUDIT COMMITTEE

P. Murari	-	Chairman
K. Bharathan	-	Member
P. Venkateswaran	-	Member

STAKEHOLDERS RELATIONSHIP COMMITTEE

K. Bharathan	-	Chairman
P. Venkateswaran	-	Member
C. P. Gopalkrishnan	-	Member

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

P. Murari	-	Chairman
K. Bharathan	-	Member
Reji Abraham	-	Member

NOMINATION & REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

K. Bharathan	-	Chairman
P. Murari	-	Member
Ashok Kumar Rout	-	Member

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Ashok Kumar Rout	-	Chairman
C.P. Gopalkrishnan	-	Member
Reji Abraham	-	Member (till 28.01.2015)
Deepa Reji Abraham	-	Member (from 28.01.2015)
Subhashini Chandran	-	Member (from 28.01.2015)

STATUTORY AUDITORS

FORD, RHODES, PARKS & CO., Chartered Accountants Paruvatham, No.2, 56th Street, Off: 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar Chennai – 600 083

BANKERS & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

AXIS BANK LIMITED BANK OF BARODA BANK OF INDIA CANARA BANK CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA CORPORATION BANK EXPORT IMPORT BANK OF INDIA ICICI BANK LIMITED **IDBI BANK LIMITED** INDIAN BANK INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA **ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE** PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK STATE BANK OF HYDERABAD STATE BANK OF INDIA STATE BANK OF MYSORE STATE BANK OF TRAVANCORE SYNDICATE BANK THE LAKSHMI VILAS BANK LTD UNION BANK OF INDIA UCO BANK

REGISTERED OFFICE

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Registered Office 'Janpriya Crest' 113 Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai 600 008.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Members of **ABAN OFFSHORE LIMITED** will be held on Wednesday, the 23rd September, 2015 at 10.15 A.M at The Music Academy, Kasturi Srinivasan Hall (Mini Hall), New No.168, T.T.K. Road, Royapettah, Chennai – 600 014 to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS

- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2015 and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended as on that date together with the reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.
- To consider and declare a dividend @ 10% p.a (pro-rata) on the paid up Non Convertible Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares for the year ended 31st March, 2015.
- 3. To consider and declare a dividend on Equity Shares for the year ended 31st March, 2015.
- 4. To appoint a Director in place of Mr. C.P. Gopalkrishnan (holding DIN:00379618) who retires by rotation and being eligible offers himself for reappointment.
- To ratify the appointment M/s. Ford, Rhodes, Parks & Co., Chartered Accountants, Chennai as Statutory Auditors of the Company and to pass with or without modification(s), the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

"**RESOLVED THAT** M/s. Ford, Rhodes, Parks & Co., Chartered Accountants, Chennai (Firm Registration No. 102860W) who were re appointed as the Auditors of the Company at the Annual General Meeting held on 19th September, 2014 to hold office till the conclusion of the thirty first AGM to be held in the year 2017 subject to their ratification of their appointment at every AGM to conduct the audit on a remuneration as may be paid on a progressive billing basis to be agreed between the Auditor and the Audit committee/ Board there of be and is hereby ratified."

SPECIAL BUSINESS

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

RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Sections 149, 150, 152, 161 and any other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force) read with Schedule IV to the Companies Act, 2013 Ms.Subhashini Chandran (holding

DIN:00075592) appointed as an Independent Director of the Company on 19th September, 2014 for a period of five years subject to ratification of the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice, in writing, from a member proposing her candidature for the office of Director, be and is hereby appointed as an Independent Director of the Company to hold office for five consecutive years for a term upto 18th September, 2019.

- 7. To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:
 - **RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Sections 149(1), 152, 161 and other applicable provisions, if any of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force) of the Companies Act, 2013 Ms Deepa Reji Abraham (holding DIN: 00212451), appointed as Additional Director of the Company pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act, 2013 and who holds office up to the date of Annual General Meeting and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing from a member proposing her candidature for the office of Director, be and is hereby appointed as a Director of the Company liable to retire by rotation."
- 8. To consider and if though fit, to pass with or without modification(s), the following resolution as a **Special Resolution**:

RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the provisions of Section 42 and 62 (1) (c) and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rules (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof) and relevant provisions of the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of the Company, Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, Issue of Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds and Ordinary Shares (through Depositary Receipt Mechanism) Scheme, 1993, guidelines prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") and subject to such approvals, consents, permissions and / or sanction of the Ministry of Finance of the Government of India, Reserve Bank of India and any other appropriate authorities, institutions or bodies, as may be necessary and subject to such terms and conditions, modifications, alterations as may be prescribed and/or specified by any of them in granting any such approval, consent, permission or sanction, the consent, authority and approval 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) to offer, issue, and allot, in the course of one or more offerings, in one or more foreign markets, any securities (including but not limited to Equity Shares, Global Depository Receipts American Depository Receipts/Shares, Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds, Convertible Bonds, Euro - Convertible Bonds that are convertible at the option of the Company and / or at the option of the holders of such securities, securities partly or fully convertible into Equity Shares and / or securities linked to Equity Shares and /or any instruments or securities with or without detachable warrants secured or unsecured or such other types of securities representing either Equity Shares or convertible securities) (hereinafter referred to as "Securities") to Foreign/Domestic investors, Non-residents, Foreign Institutional Investors/ Foreign Companies/NRI(s)/Foreign National(s) or such other entities or persons as may be decided by the Board, whether or not such persons/entities/investors are Members of the Company through Prospectus, Offering Letter, Circular to the general public and / or through any other mode or on private placement basis as the case may be from time to time in one or more tranches as may be deemed appropriate by the Board on such terms and conditions as the Board may in its absolute discretion deem fit for an amount not exceeding US\$ 400 Million (US Dollar Four hundred Million only)or its equivalent currencies including green shoe option on such terms and conditions including pricing as the Board may in its sole discretion decide including the form and the persons to whom such Securities may be issued and all other terms and conditions and matters connected therewith."

"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT without prejudice to the generality of the above the aforesaid issue of the Securities may have all or any term or combination of terms in accordance with normal practice including but not limited to conditions in relation to payment of interest, dividend, premium or redemption or early redemption at the option of the Company and / or to the holder(s) of the Securities and other debt service payment whatsoever and all such terms as are provided in offerings of this nature including terms for issue of additional Equity Shares of variation of interest payment and of variation of the price or the period of conversion of Securities into Equity Shares or issue of Equity Shares during the duration of the Securities or terms pertaining to voting rights or option for early redemption of Securities."

"**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to issue and allot such number of underlying Equity Shares as may be required to be issued and allotted upon conversion of any such Securities referred to above or as may be in accordance with the terms of the offering(s) and that the said Equity Shares shall be subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and shall rank in all respects *paripassu* with the existing Equity Shares of the Company including payment of dividend."

"**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the consent of the Company be and is hereby granted in terms of Section 180 (1) (a) and Section 180 (1) (c) and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rules and subject to all necessary approvals to the Board to borrow monies in excess of the paid up capital and free reserves and to secure, if necessary, all or any of the above mentioned Securities to be issued, by the creation of a mortgage and / or charge on all or any of the Company's immovable and / or movable assets, both present and future in such form and manner and on such terms as may be deemed to be fit and appropriate by the Board."

"**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** such of these Securities to be issued as are not subscribed may be disposed of by the Board to such person in such manner and on such terms as the Board in its absolute discretion thinks fit, in the best interest of the Company and as is permissible in law."

"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Company may enter into any arrangement with any agency or body for issue of Depository Receipts representing underlying Equity Shares/Preference Shares / other securities issued by the Company in registered or bearer form with such features and attributes as are prevalent in international capital markets for instruments of this nature and to provide for the tradability or free transferability thereof as per the international practices and regulations and under the forms and practices prevalent."

"**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Securities issued in foreign markets shall be deemed to have been made abroad and / or in the market and / or at the place of issue of the Securities in the international market and may be governed by applicable foreign laws."

"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT for the purpose of giving effect to any issue or allotment of Securities or instruments representing the same, the Board be and is hereby authorised to determine the form, terms and timing of the offering(s), including the class of investors to whom the Securities are to be allotted, number of Securities to be allotted in each tranche, issue price, face value, premium amount on issue, conversion of Securities, Exercise of warrants / Redemption of Securities, rate of interest, redemption period, listings on one or more stock exchanges as the Board in its absolute discretion deems fit and to make and accept any modifications in the proposal as may be required by the authorities involved in such issues and on behalf of the Company to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as it may at its discretion deem necessary or desirable for such purpose, including without limitation the Appointment of Registrar, Book-Runner, Lead-Managers, Trustees / Agents, Bankers, Global Co-ordinators, Custodians, Depositories, Consultants, Solicitors, Accountants, entering into arrangements for underwriting, marketing, listing, trading, depository and such other arrangements and agreements, as may be necessary and to issue any offer document(s) and sign all deeds, documents and to pay and remunerate all agencies / intermediaries by way of commission, brokerage, fees, charges, out of pocket expenses and the like as may be involved or connected in such offerings of securities, and also to seek listing of the securities or securities representing the same in any Indian and / or in one or more international stock exchanges with power on behalf of the Board to settle any questions, difficulties or doubts that may arise in regard to any such issue, offer or allotment of securities and in complying with any Regulations, as it may in its absolute discretion deem fit, without being required to seek any further clarification, consent or approval of the members or otherwise to the end and intent that the members shall be deemed to have given their approval thereto expressly by the authority of this resolution."

"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board be and is hereby authorised to delegate all or any of the powers herein conferred to any Committee of Directors or the Managing / Deputy Managing Directors or any Director or any other Officer or Officers of the company to give effect to the aforesaid resolution."

9. To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s), the following resolution as a **Special Resolution**:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 42 and 62 (1) (c) read with rules and all other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (including any amendments, statutory modification, variation or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force) and enabling provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, Listing Agreement entered into with the Stock Exchanges and subject to the provisions of Chapter VIII of the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2009 as amended from time to time, the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act. 1999 and the Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India) Regulations, 2000 applicable rules, regulations, guidelines or laws and / or any approval consent, permission or sanction of the Central Government, Reserve Bank of India or any other appropriate authorities, institution or bodies (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "appropriate authorities") and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by any one of them while granting any such approval, consent, permission and / or sanction (hereinafter referred to as the requisite approvals) which may be agreed to by the Board of Directors of the Company (hereinafter called the "Board", which term shall be deemed to include any committee which the Board may have constituted or hereinafter constitute to exercise its powers including the power conferred by this resolution) the Board be and is hereby authorized to, in its absolute discretion create, issue, offer and allot equity shares / fully convertible debentures / partly convertible debentures / non convertible debentures with warrants / any other securities (other than warrants) which are convertible into or exchangeable with equity shares on such date as may be determined by the Board but not later than 60 months from the date of allotment (collectively referred to as "QIP Securities") to the Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs") as per SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2009 as amended. on the basis of placement document(s) at such time and times in one or more tranche or tranches at par or at such price or prices and at a discount or premium to the price or prices in such manner, determined in accordance with the pricing formula prescribed under Chapter VIII of the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2009, as amended on such terms and conditions and in such manner as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine in consultation with the Lead Managers, Advisors or other intermediaries for an amount not exceeding Rs.2,500 Crores (Rupees two thousand five hundred crores only) including such premium amount as may be finalized by the Board."

"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the relevant date for the determination of the applicable price for the issue of the QIP Securities (which are Equity Shares), if any, shall be the date on which the Board of the Company decides to open the proposed issue ("Relevant Date")."

"**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the relevant date for the determination of the applicable price for the issue of any other type of QIP Securities, which are convertible into or exchangeable with Equity Shares at a later date, the date on which the holder of such securities becomes entitled to apply for share shall be the relevant date and such applicable price shall be subject to appropriate adjustments in the applicable rules/regulations/statutory provisions ("Relevant Date")".

"**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorized to issue and allot such number of equity shares as may be required to be issued and allotted upon conversion of any securities referred above or as may be necessary in accordance with the terms of the offering all such shares shall be subject to the terms of Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of the Company and being paripassu with the then existing shares of the Company in all respects as may be provided under the terms of the issue and in the offering document."

"**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorized to offer such equity shares at a price which shall not be less than the price prescribed in Chapter VIII of the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2009 as amended from time to time including a discount of not more than 5% (or such other discount as may be prescribed by SEBI from time to time) as prescribed in the provision to Regulation 85(1) of Chapter VIII of the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2009 as amended."

"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT such of these Securities to be issued as are not subscribed may be disposed off by the Board to such persons and in such manner and on such terms as the Board in its absolute discretion thinks fit in accordance with the provisions of law."

"**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the issue to the holders of the securities with equity shares underlying such securities shall be inter alia, subject to suitable adjustment in the number of shares, the price and the time period etc., in the event of any change in the equity capital structure of the Company consequent upon any merger, amalgamation, takeover or any other reorganization or restructuring in the Company."

"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT for the purpose of giving effect to any issue or allotment of securities or instruments representing the same as described above, the Board be and is hereby authorized on behalf of the Company to do all such acts deeds, matters and things as it may in its absolute discretion deem necessary or desirable for such purpose, including without limitation the entering into of underwriting, marketing and institution/ trustees/ agents and similar agreements/ and to remunerate the managers, underwriters and all other agencies/ intermediaries by way of commission, brokerage, fees and the like as may be involved or connected such offerings of such securities, with power on behalf of the Company to settle any question, difficulties or doubts that may