

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

A stylized illustration of an offshore oil rig at sunset. The rig is silhouetted against a warm orange and yellow sky, with its structure highlighted by red and blue lights. The rig has a tall derrick and several platforms. In the foreground, there is a dark blue, wavy line representing the sea surface, with numerous small, glowing blue bubbles rising from below. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, oranges, and yellows.

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Forward-looking statement

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 forward looking statements will be realized, although we believe we have been prudent in 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. Readers should bear this in mind.

We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.



**"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	- Director
Subhashini Chandran	- Director
P. Venkateswaran	- Director
C.P. Gopalkrishnan	- Deputy Managing Director & Chief Financial Officer
S.N.Balaji	- Deputy General Manager (Legal) & Secretary

AUDIT COMMITTEE

P. Murari	- Chairman
K. Bharathan	- Member
P. Venkateswaran	- Member
Ashok Kumar Rout	- 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
Deepa Reji Abraham	- Member
Subhashini Chandran	- Member

STATUTORY AUDITORS

P.Murali & Co.,

Chartered Accountants
Office 'C' 7th Floor, Tower 1
Sakthi Towers,
No. 766, Anna Salai
Chennai- 600 002

BANKERS

AXIS BANK LIMITED
BANK OF BARODA
BANK OF INDIA
CANARA BANK
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA
EXPORT IMPORT BANK OF INDIA
ICICI BANK LIMITED
IDBI BANK LIMITED
INDIAN BANK
INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
STATE BANK OF INDIA
UNION BANK OF INDIA

REGISTERED OFFICE

"Janpriya Crest"
113 Pantheon Road Egmore
Chennai - 600 008.
CIN : L01119TN1986PLC013473
Website : www.abanoffshore.com
Email ID : ir@aban.com
Phone : 044 - 49060606
Fax : 044-28195527

REGISTRAR AND SHARE TRANSFER AGENT

CAMEO CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED
Unit: Aban Offshore Limited
"Subramanian Building"
No.1, Club House Road, Chennai - 600 002.
Email ID : investor@cameoindia.com
Phone : 044 - 28460390
Fax : 044 - 28460129



Aban Offshore Limited

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

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty fifth Annual General Meeting of the members of ABAN OFFSHORE LIMITED will be held on Monday the 20th September 2021 at 10:15 a.m. IST through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. To receive, consider and adopt the financial statements, namely (i) the Audited Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2021 (ii) the Audited Profit and Loss Account for the year ended on that date, (iii) cash flow statement for the financial year ended on that date (iv) statement of changes in Equity, if any (v) an Explanatory statement annexed to, or forming part of the documents referred to in (i) to (iv) above together and the reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To appoint a Director in place of Mrs. Deepa Reji Abraham (DIN: 00212451) who retires by rotation and being eligible offers herself for reappointment.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

3. To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s), the following resolution as **SPECIAL RESOLUTION:**

"RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the provisions of sections 196, 197 and 203 and other applicable provisions and rules, if any of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Schedule V to the Act and subject to the approval of the Central Government, consent of the Company be and is hereby accorded for the re-appointment of Mr. C.P.Gopalkrishnan (DIN:00379618) as Deputy Managing Director of the Company for a period of 5 years from 01.08.2021 to 31.07.2026 on the terms and conditions with respect to remuneration as under:

A a) Basic Salary

In the range of Rs.8,00,000/- to Rs.15,00,000/- per month

b) Perquisites

I) Housing

Expenditure by the Company on hiring furnished accommodation shall be subject to a ceiling of 60% of salary

If the Company does not provide accommodation the HRA will be paid upto 60% of basic salary.

Gas, Electricity, water or reimbursement of expenses in lieu thereof shall be in accordance with the schemes and rules of the Company

II) Medical Reimbursement

Reimbursement of expenses incurred for self and family subject to a ceiling of one month's salary in a year or three months salary over a period of three years

III) Leave Travel Concession

Reimbursement of expenditure incurred for self and family once a year subject to a maximum of one month's salary.

IV) Club Fees

Actual fees for a maximum of two clubs subject to a maximum of Rs.20,000/- per annum. No admission and life membership fees will be paid.

- V) Personal Accident Insurance and other term insurance.

The premium shall be paid as per the rules of the Company.

- VI) Contribution to Provident Fund and Superannuation Fund shall be paid as per the rules of the Company and shall not be included in the computation of ceiling on perquisites to the extent these either singly or put together are not taxable under the Income Tax Act, 1961.

- VII) Gratuity shall not exceed half a month's salary for each completed year of service

- VIII) Car for use on Company's business and telephone at residence will not be considered as perquisites. Personal long distance calls on telephone and use of car for private purpose shall be billed by the Company.

- IX) Leave

Privilege Leave

On full pay and allowance as per the Rules of the Company. Encashment of the leave at the end of the tenure will not be included in the computation of ceiling and perquisites. He will also be entitled to Casual Leave and sick leave as per the Leave Rules of the Company.

The Remuneration Committee be and is hereby authorised in its absolute discretion and from time to time to fix within the range stated above the remuneration payable to Mr. C. P. Gopalkrishnan.

B. Minimum Remuneration

In case of loss or inadequacy of profits in any financial year during the currency of tenure of Mr.C.P.Gopalkrishnan, the payment of salary and perquisites shall be governed by the limits prescribed under Section II of Part II of Schedule to the Act.

// By Order of the Board //

Chennai- 600 008

June 21, 2021

S.N.Balaji

Dy. General Manager (Legal) & Secretary

NOTES

1. In view of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") has vide its circular dated May 5, 2020 read with circulars dated April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020 and Circular dated January 13, 2021 (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") permitted the holding of the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") through VC / OAVM, without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue. In compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act"), SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations") and MCA Circulars, the AGM of the Company is being held through VC / OAVM.
- 2 This Notice, together with the Annual Report for the financial year 2020-21 is being sent only in electronic form, in accordance with the relaxation granted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India Vide Circular No.SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated 15th January 2021, to all the shareholders whose names stand on the Register of Members/ list of Beneficial Owners as received from National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL)/ Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) as at the close of business hours on Friday, the 13th August 2021 and who have registered the email id with the Company/Depositories.
- 3 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, physical attendance of Members has been dispensed with. Accordingly, the facility for appointment of proxies by the Members will not be available for the AGM and hence the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip are not annexed to this Notice.

4. Institutional / Corporate Shareholders (i.e. other than individuals / HUF, NRI, etc.) are required to send a scanned copy (PDF/JPG Format) of its Board or governing body Resolution/Authorization etc., authorizing its representative to attend the AGM through VC / OAVM on its behalf and to vote through remote e-voting. The said Resolution /Authorisation shall be sent to the Scrutinizer by email through its registered email address to ramgcs@gmail.com with a copy marked to evoting@nsdl.com.
 5. Members who are holding shares in physical form are requested to avail dematerialization facility. For further information, please refer to FAQs posted by National Securities Depository Limited on its website www.nsdl.co.in and Central Depository Services (India) Limited on its website www.cdsindia.com.
 6. 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., to their DPs in case the shares are held by them in electronic form and to Cameo Corporate Services (CAMEO) in case the shares are held by them in physical form.
 7. Members holding shares in physical form, in identical order of names, in more than one folio are requested to send to the Company or CAMEO, the details of such folios together with the share certificates for consolidating their holdings in one folio. A consolidated share certificate will be issued to such Members after making requisite changes.
 8. Members seeking any information with regard to the accounts or any matter to be placed at the AGM, are requested to write to the Company on or before 13th September, 2021 through email on secretarial@aban.com. The same will be replied by the Company suitably.
 9. Pursuant to the Investor Education and Protection Fund (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016, the Company is providing / hosting the required details of Unclaimed amount referred to under Section 124 of the Companies Act, 2013 on its website and also on the website of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) viz www.iepf.gov.in.
 10. Since the AGM will be held through VC/OAVM, the Route Map is not annexed in this Notice.
- A. VOTING THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS**
- i. In compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Act, read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, and Regulation 44 of the SEBI Listing Regulations, the Members are provided with the facility to cast their vote electronically, through the e-voting services provided by NSDL, on all the resolutions set forth in this Notice. The instructions for e-voting are given herein below.
 - ii. The remote e-voting period commences on September 17, 2021 (9:00 a.m. IST) and ends on September 19, 2021 (5:00 p.m. IST). During this period, Members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on 13th day of September 2021 i.e. cut-off date, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter. Those Members, who will be present in the AGM through VC / OAVM facility and have not cast 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 during the AGM.
 - iii. The Board of Directors has appointed Mr. G Ramachandran (Membership No. FCS 9687) of M/s. G Ramachandran & Associates, Practicing Company Secretaries as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the voting during the AGM and remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.
 - iv. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend/participate in the AGM through VC / OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.
 - v. The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to their shares in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date.
 - vi. Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after sending of the Notice and holding shares as of the cut-off date, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in. However, if he/she is already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting then he/she can use his/her existing User ID and password for casting the vote.

- vii. The details of the process and manner for remote e-voting are explained herein below:

Step 1: Log-in to NSDL e-voting system at <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/>

Step 2: Cast your vote electronically on NSDL e-voting system.

Details on Step 1 are mentioned below:

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: <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/> 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 “Shareholders” section.
3. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID, your Password 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 demat account with CDSL	16 Digit Beneficiary ID For example, if your Beneficiary ID is 12***** then your user ID is 12*****
C) For Members holding shares in Physical Form.	EVEN Number followed by Folio Number registered with the company For example, if EVEN is 123456 and folio number is 001*** then user ID is 123456001***

- 5 Your password details are given below:

- a) If you are already registered for e-voting, then you can use 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 by NSDL. 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 in your mailbox from evoting@nsdl.com. 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) In case you have not registered your email address with the Company / Depository, please follow instructions mentioned below in this notice.

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 www.evoting.nsdl.com.
- b) “Physical User Reset Password?” (If you are holding shares in physical mode) option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com.

- c) If you are still unable to get the password by aforesaid two options, you can send a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in mentioning your demat account number/folio number, your PAN, your name and your registered address.

- d) Members can also use the one-time password (OTP) based login for casting the votes on the e-Voting system of NSDL.

7. After entering your password, click 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.

Details on Step 2 are mentioned below:

How to cast your vote electronically on NSDL e-voting system?

1. After successful login at Step 1, you will be able to see the Home page of e-voting. Click on e-voting. Then, click on Active Voting Cycles.
2. After click on Active Voting Cycles, you will be able to see all the companies “EVEN” in which you are holding shares and whose voting cycle is in active status.
3. Select “EVEN” of the Company.
4. Now you are ready for e-voting as the Voting page opens.
5. 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.
6. Upon confirmation, the message “Vote cast successfully” will be displayed.
7. You can also take the printout of the votes cast by you by clicking on the print option on the Confirmation page.
8. Once you confirm your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.

General Guidelines for shareholders

Institutional / Corporate shareholders (i.e. other than individuals, HUF, NRI, etc.) are required to send a 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 to vote, to the Scrutinizer by email to ramgcs@gmail.com with a copy marked to evoting@nsdl.co.in.

1. 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 <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com> to reset the password.
2. In case of any queries relating to e-voting you may refer to the FAQs for Shareholders and e-voting user

manual for Shareholders available at the download section of <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com> or call on toll free no.: 1800-222-990 or send a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in.

In case of any grievances connected with facility for e-voting, please contact :

Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Manager, NSDL,
4th Floor, ‘A’ Wing, Trade World,
Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg,
Lower Parel, Mumbai 400 013.
Email: evoting@nsdl.co.in/pallavid@nsdl.co.in,
Tel: 91 22 2499 4545/ 1800-222-990.

Process for registration of email id for obtaining Annual Report and user id/password for e-voting

Physical Holding	Send a request to the Registrar and Transfer Agents of the Company, CAMEO at sofia@cameoindia.com providing 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) for registering email address.
Demat Holding	Please contact your Depository Participant (DP) and register your email address and bank account details in your demat account, as per the process by your DP.

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

1. Members will be able to attend the AGM through VC / OAVM or view the live webcast of AGM provided by NSDL at <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com> by using their remote e-voting login credentials and selecting the EVEN for Company’s AGM.

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. Further Members can also use the OTP based login for logging into the e-voting system of NSDL.

2. Facility of joining the AGM through VC / OAVM shall open 30 minutes before the time scheduled for the AGM and will be available for Members on first come first served basis.

3. Members who need assistance before or during the AGM, can contact NSDL on evoting@nsdl.co.in/ 1800-222-990 or contact Mr. Amit Vishal, Senior Manager – NSDL at amitv@nsdl.co.in/ 022-24994360
4. Members who would like to express their views or ask questions during the AGM may register themselves as a speaker by sending their request from their registered email address mentioning their name, DP ID and Client ID/folio number, PAN, mobile number at agmspeakers@aban.com from September 13, 2021 (9:00 a.m. IST) to September 15, 2021 (5:00 p.m. IST). Those Members who have registered themselves as a speaker will only be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the AGM. The Company reserves the right to restrict the number of speakers depending on the availability of time for the AGM.

Other Instructions

1. The Scrutinizer shall, immediately after the conclusion of voting at the AGM, first count the votes cast during the AGM, thereafter unblock the votes cast through remote e-voting and make, not later than 48 hours 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 authorised by him in writing, who shall countersign the same.
2. The result declared along with the Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the Company's website www.abanoffshore.com and on the website of NSDL <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com> immediately. The Company shall simultaneously forward the results to National Stock Exchange of India Limited and BSE Limited, where the shares of the Company are listed.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 101 (2) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 IN RESPECT OF SPECIAL BUSINESS CONTAINED IN THE NOTICE DATED 21.06.2021.**ITEM NO.3**

Mr.C.P.Gopalkrishnan joined the organisation in the year 1987. At the Annual General Meeting held on 29th September, 2016 he was reappointed as Deputy Managing Director for a further period of 5 years from 01 August, 2016 to 31 July, 2021. His biodata is available under the Corporate Governance Report.

Considering his contributions to the growth and in the best interest of the company, the Directors at their meeting held on 21.06.2021 recommended the reappointment of Mr.Gopalkrishnan as Deputy Managing Director for a further period of 5 years from 01.08.2021 to 31.07.2026 as detailed in the resolution. Members may note that Mr.C.P.Gopalkrishnan will be attaining the age of seventy, before the completion of this term. The resolution requires approval of the members and hence the item is placed before the Meeting for approval.

Mr. C.P.Gopalkrishnan is not being paid remuneration since April 2018 in view of the loss incurred by the Company and on account of default to the lenders. In the event of Company turning around, during his term, remuneration referred in the resolution can be paid.

Except Mr.C.P.Gopalkrishnan, none of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and their relatives is in any way concerned or interested in the item of business.

// By Order of the Board //

Chennai- 600 008
June 21, 2021

S.N.Balaji
Dy. General Manager (Legal) & Secretary