





ALKALI METALS LIMITED

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ANNUAL REPORT 2019 - 2020







BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DR. YADAV J. S. CHAIRMAN SRI. JAYARAMAN G. DIRECTOR SRI. SURYAPRAKASH RAO K.V. DIRECTOR

SRI. VENKATA RAO Y. S. R. MANAGING DIRECTOR

SMT. LALITHYA POORNA Y. DIRECTOR MR. PRASHANTH Y.V. DIRECTOR

MS. UMA KUMARI K. CFO

MR. SIDDHARTH DUBEY COMPANY SECRETARY

BANKERS

STATE BANK OF INDIA Commercial Branch, Bank Street, Koti, Hyderabad - 500 095.

AUDITORS

M/s. G. Nagendrasundram & Co. CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS Flat No. B-502, Pasha Court, 6-3-680, Somajiguda, Hyderabad - 500 082.

REGISTERED OFFICE & FACTORIES

Plot B-5, Block III, Industrial Development Area, Uppal, Hyderabad - 500 039.

Sy.No. 299 to 302, Dommara Pochampally Village, Qutubullapur Mandal, Medchal District - 500 043.

Plot No. 36, 37 & 38 JN Pharma City, Visakhapatnam - 531 019.

REGISTRARS AND SHARE TRANSFER AGENTS

M/s. CAMEO CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED Subramanian Building, No.1, Club House Road, Chennai - 600 002.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 52nd Annual General Meeting of M/s. Alkali Metals Limited will be held on Saturday the 26th September, 2020 at 11:00 AM through Video Conference (VC) / other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS

- 1) To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2020 and the Statement of Profit & Loss for the financial year ended as on that date i.e financial statements and the reports of the Directors, Auditors thereon.
- 2) To elect a director in place of Mrs. Y.Lalithya Poorna (DIN: 00345471) who retires by rotation and is eligible for re-appointment.
- 3) To confirm Interim Dividend as final dividend for the financial year 2019-20.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

4) To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s) the following resolution as a special resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT the consent of the members be and is hereby accorded to reappoint Sri. Y.S.R. Venkata Rao as Managing Director in accordance with the provisions of Section 196, 197 and 203 read with Schedule V and all other applicable provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014 (including any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force), for a further period of 3 years with effect from 01.05.2021 on the following remuneration:

Basic Pay : ₹4,50,000/- per month **H.R.A** : ₹1,50,000/- per month

Commission: 5% on profits (calculated as per Section 198 of Companies Act, 2013)

Medical benefit : Medi-claim policy for ₹5,00,000/Insurance : Accidental Insurance for ₹25,00,000/-

Leave Travel : One month's basic pay per year which can be accumulated upto 2 years

Vehicle : Company car with a driver for official use **Telephone & Email** : Free Cell and email service for official use

Gratuity : Half month's basic pay for each completed Year of service

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board be and is hereby authorized to provide an annual increment at the rate of 10% p.a. on such remuneration.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the above remuneration will be paid as the minimum remuneration and in any case if the amount exceeds the limits specified in Schedule V, Company may obtain the approval in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013."

By order of the Board For Alkali Metals Limited

Y.S.R. VENKATA RAO MANAGING DIRECTOR

DIN: 00345524

Place: Hyderabad Date: 12th June,2020

NOTES

- 1) The Statement Pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 with respect to special business set out in the Notice is annexed.
- 2) As you are aware, in view of the situation arising due to COVID-19 global pandemic, the general meetings of the companies shall be conducted as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, Circular No.17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020. The forthcoming AGM will thus be held through through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM). Hence, Members can attend and participate in the ensuing AGM through VC/OAVM. The deemed venue for the AGM shall be the Registered Office of the Company.
- 3) 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 MCA Circulars dated April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020 and May 5, 2020 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 Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) for facilitating voting through electronic means, as the authorized e-Voting's agency. The facility of casting votes by a member using remote e-voting as well as the e-voting system on the date of the AGM will be provided by CDSL.
- 4) The Members can join the AGM in the VC/OAVM mode 30 minutes before and after the scheduled time of the commencement of the Meeting by following the procedure mentioned in the Notice. The facility of participation at the AGM through VC/OAVM will be made available to atleast 1000 members on first come first served basis. This will not include Promoters, Institutional Investors, Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, the Chairpersons of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee, Auditors etc. who are allowed to attend the AGM without restriction on account of first come first served basis.
- 5) The attendance of the Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of ascertaining the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- Pursuant to MCA Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, the facility to appoint proxy to attend and cast vote for the members is not available for this AGM. However, in pursuance of Section 112 and Section 113 of the Companies Act, 2013, representatives of the members such as the President of India or the Governor of a State or body corporate can attend the AGM through VC/OAVM and cast their votes through e-voting.
- 7) 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 www.alkalimetals.com. The Notice can also be accessed from the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively. The AGM Notice is also disseminated on the website of CDSL (agency for providing the Remote e-Voting facility and e-voting system during the AGM) i.e. www.evotingindia.com.
- 8) The AGM has been convened through VC/OAVM in compliance with applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with MCA Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020 and MCA Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and MCA Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020.

- A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of himself / herself and such proxy need not be a member. In terms of MCA Circulars, since physical attendance of Members has been dispensed with, there is no requirement of appointment of proxies. Accordingly, facility of appointment of proxies by Members under Section 105 of the Act, will not be available for the AGM and hence the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip are not annexed to the Notice.
- The Register of members and transfer books of the company will remain closed from Monday the 21st September, 2020 to Saturday the 26th September, 2020 both days inclusive.
- 11) Members, who hold shares in electronic / demat form are requested to furnish the change of address, details of their bank accounts, viz, name of the bank, full address of the branch, account no. etc., to their respective Depository Participants and who hold shares in physical form to the Company's Registrars and Transfer Agents M/s. Cameo Corporate Services Ltd., Subramanian Building, No.1, Club House Road, Chennai 600 002 so as to enable the Company to incorporate the bank details on the dividend warrants.
- 12) Pursuant to Section 72 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made there under the Members holding shares in single name may, at any time, nominate in form SH-13, any person as his/her nominee to whom the securities shall vest in the event of his/ her death. Nomination would help the nominees to get the shares transmitted in their favor without hassles. Members desirous of making any cancellation/variation in the said nomination can do so in SH-14.
- 13) Members holding shares in identical order of names in more than one folio are requested to write to the company's Registrars & Transfer Agents enclosing their share certificates to enable consolidation of their shareholdings in one folio. As per the amended Provisions based on the PAN, all different folios of the same PAN will be treated as one folio.
- 14) Members are requested to refer to the Corporate Governance Report for information in connection with the unpaid / unclaimed dividend along with underlying shares thereto liable to be transferred to Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) administered by the Central Government. Members are requested to refer the web site of the Company www.alkalimetals.com for the details made available by the Company pursuant to the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Amendment Rules, 2017.

As per Section 124(6) of the Act read with the IEPF Rules as amended from time to time, all the shares in respect of which dividend has remained unpaid/unclaimed for seven consecutive years or more are required to be transferred to an IEPF Demat Account. In case the dividends are not claimed by the respective shareholders. Company had transferred unpaid/unclaimed dividend till the financial year 2011-12 along with underlying shares to IEPF authorities. Company will initiate the necessary steps on due dates to transfer shares held by the members to IEPF along with dividend remaining unpaid/unclaimed thereon.

Members may please note that in the event of transfer of such shares and the unclaimed dividends to IEPF, members are entitled to claim the same from IEPF authorities by submitting an online application in the prescribed Form IEPF-5 available on the website www.iepf.gov.in and sending a physical copy of the same duly signed to the Company along with the requisite documents enumerated in the Form IEPF-5. Members can file only one consolidated claim in a financial year as per the IEPF Rules.

15) 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 the PAN to their Depository Participants with whom they are maintaining their demat accounts. Members holding shares in physical form can submit their PAN details to the Registrars and Transfer Agents of Company.

In compliance with provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended from time to time, Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirement) Regulations 2015 and Secretarial Standard on General Meetings (SS2) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, the Company is pleased to provide the members with facility to exercise their right to vote at the 52nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) by electronic means and the business may be transacted through remote e-voting Services provided by Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL).

The e-voting period commences on Wednesday the 23rd September, 2020 (09:00 A.M.) and ends on Friday the 25th September, 2020 (05:00 P.M). During this period shareholders of the Company, holding shares as on cut-off date of Saturday the 19th September, 2020 either in physical form or in dematerialized form, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting portal shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the shareholder, the shareholder shall not be allowed to change it subsequently. The voting rights of shareholders shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid up equity share capital of the Company. A member who has cast his/her vote by electronic means are entitle to attend the AGM but not entitled to vote again at the AGM.

CS B. Venkatesh Babu, Company Secretary in Practice (F6708) has been appointed as the scrutinizer to scrutinize the remote e-voting process. The Scrutinizer shall, immediately after the conclusion of voting at the general meeting, will first count the votes cast at the meeting and thereafter unblock the votes cast through remote e-voting in the presence of at least two witnesses not in the employment of the Company and he will submit his report within the period not exceeding three working days from the conclusion of e-voting. The Chairman will declare the results on or after the AGM of the Company accordingly and will also be placed at the company website and also forward the same to the stock exchanges where the shares has been listed.

THE INTRUCTIONS FOR SHAREHOLDRES FOR REMOTE E-VOTING ARE AS UNDER:

- 17) The voting period begins on Wednesday the 23rd September, 2020 (09:00 A.M.) and ends on Friday the 25th September, 2020 (05:00 P.M). During this period shareholders' of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date Saturday the 19th September, 2020 may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.
- 18) Shareholders who have already voted prior to the meeting date would not be entitled to vote at the meeting venue.
 - i) The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website www.evotingindia.com.
 - ii) Click on "Shareholders" module.
 - iii) Now enter your User ID
 - a. For CDSL: 16 digits beneficiary ID,

- b. For NSDL: 8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digits Client ID,
- c. Shareholders holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company.

OR

Alternatively, if you are registered for CDSL's EASI/EASIEST e-services, you can log-in at https://www.cdslindia.com from Login - Myeasiusing your login credentials. Once you successfully log-in to CDSL's EASI/EASIEST e-services, click on e-Voting option and proceed directly to cast your vote electronically.

- iv) Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.
- v) If you are holding shares in demat form and had logged on to www.evotingindia.com and voted on an earlier e-voting of any company, then your existing password is to be used.
- vi) If you are a first time user follow the steps given below:

	For Shareholders holding shares in Demat Form and Physical Form
PAN	Enter your 10 digit alpha-numeric *PAN issued by Income Tax Department (Applicable for both demat shareholders as well as physical shareholders)
	• Shareholders who have not updated their PAN with the Company/Depository Participant are requested to use the sequence number sent by Company/RTA or contact Company/RTA.
Dividend Bank Details OR Date of	Enter the Dividend Bank Details or Date of Birth (in dd/mm/yyyy format) as recorded in your demat account or in the company records in order to login.
Birth (DOB)	• If both the details are not recorded with the depository or company please enter the member id / folio number in the Dividend Bank details field as mentioned in instruction (v).

- vii) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.
- viii) Shareholders holding shares in physical form will then directly reach the Company selection screen. However, shareholders holding shares in demat form will now reach 'Password Creation' menu wherein they are required to mandatorily enter their login password in the new password field. Kindly note that this password is to be also used by the demat holders for voting for resolutions of any other company on which they are eligible to vote, provided that company opts for e-voting through CDSL platform. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential.
- ix) For shareholders holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-voting on the resolutions contained in this Notice.
- x) Click on the EVSN for the relevant < Company Name > on which you choose to vote.
- xi) On the voting page, you will see "RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION" and against the same

- the option "YES/NO" for voting. Select the option YES or NO as desired. The option YES implies that you assent to the Resolution and option NO implies that you dissent to the Resolution.
- xii) Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- xiii) After selecting the resolution you have decided to vote on, click on "SUBMIT". A confirmation box will be displayed. If you wish to confirm your vote, click on "OK", else to change your vote, click on "CANCEL" and accordingly modify your vote.
- xiv) Once you "CONFIRM" your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.
- xv) You can also take a print of the votes cast by clicking on "Click here to print" option on the Voting page.
- xvi) If a demat account holder has forgotten the login password then Enter the User ID and the image verification code and click on Forgot Password & enter the details as prompted by the system.
- xvii) Shareholders can also cast their vote using CDSL's mobile app "m-Voting". The m-Voting app can be downloaded from respective Store. Please follow the instructions as prompted by the mobile app while Remote Voting on your mobile.

PROCESS FOR THOSE SHAREHOLDERS WHOSE EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE DEPOSITORIES FOR OBTAINING LOGIN CREDENTIALS FOR E-VOTING FOR THE RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED IN THIS NOTICE:

- 19) For Physical shareholders- please provide necessary details like 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 Company/RTA email id.
- 20) For Demat shareholders -, please provide Demat account detials (CDSL-16 digit beneficiary ID or NSDL-16 digit DPID + CLID), 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 Company/RTA email id.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHAREHOLDERSATTENDING THE AGM THROUGH VC/OAVM ARE AS UNDER:

- i. Shareholder will be provided with a facility to attend the AGM through VC/OAVM through the CDSL e-Voting system. Shareholders may access the same at https://www.evotingindia.com under shareholders/members login by using the remote e-voting credentials. The link for VC/OAVM will be available in shareholder/members login where the EVSN of Company will be displayed.
- ii. Shareholders are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops / IPads for better experience.
- iii. Further shareholders will be required to allow Camera and use Internet with a good speed to avoid any disturbance during the meeting.
- iv. 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.

- v. Shareholders who would like to express their views/ask questions during the meeting may register themselves as a speaker by sending their requestin advance atleast 7 days prior to meeting mentioning their name, demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at (company email id). The shareholders who do not wish to speak during the AGM but have queries may send their queries in advance 7 days prior to meeting mentioning their name, demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at (company email id). These queries will be replied to by the company suitably by email.
- vi. Those shareholders who have registered themselves as a speaker will only be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the meeting.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHAREHOLDERS FOR E-VOTING DURING THE AGM ARE AS UNDER:-

- i. The procedure for e-Voting on the day of the AGM is same as the instructions mentioned above for Remote e-voting.
- ii. Only those shareholders, who are 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 available during the AGM.
- iii. If any Votes are cast by the shareholders through the e-voting available during the AGM and if the same shareholders have not participated in the meeting through VC/OAVM facility, then the votes cast by such shareholders shall be considered invalid as the facility of e-voting during the meeting is available only to the shareholders attending the meeting.
- iv. Shareholders 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.

Note for Non-Individual Shareholders and Custodians

- Non-Individual shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) and Custodians are required to log on to www.evotingindia.com and register themselves in the "Corporates" module.
- A scanned copy of the Registration Form bearing the stamp and sign of the entity should be emailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com.
- After receiving the login details a Compliance User should be created using the admin login and password. The Compliance User would be able to link the account(s) for which they wish to vote on.
- The list of accounts linked in the login should be mailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com and on approval of the accounts they would be able to cast their vote.
- A scanned copy of the Board Resolution and Power of Attorney (POA) which they have issued in favour of the Custodian, if any, should be uploaded in PDF format in the system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.