



## ALKALI METALS LIMITED AN ISO 9001 & 14001, API COMPANY AND EXPORT HOUSE



# **ANNUAL REPORT** 2020 - 2021









#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

J. S. Yadav	Chairman & Independent Director
G. Jayaraman	Independent Director
K.V. Suryaprakash Rao	Independent Director
Y. S. R. Venkata Rao	Managing Director
Y. Lalithya Poorna	Director
Y.V. Prashanth	Director (till June 13, 2020)
A.R. Prasad	Director (w.e.f. February 10, 2021)
K. Uma Kumari	Chief Financial Officer
Siddharth Dubey	Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
	J. S. Yadav G. Jayaraman K.V. Suryaprakash Rao Y. S. R. Venkata Rao Y. Lalithya Poorna Y.V. Prashanth A.R. Prasad K. Uma Kumari Siddharth Dubey

#### BANKERS

State Bank of India Commercial Branch, Bank Street, Koti, Hyderabad - 500 095.

#### STATUTORY AUDITORS

M/s. G. Nagendrasundram & Co. Chartered Accountants

#### **REGISTERED OFFICE & FACTORIES Unit - I**

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

#### Unit - II

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

#### Unit - III

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

#### **REGISTRAR AND SHARE TRANSFER AGENT**

M/s. Cameo Corporate Services Limited Subramanian Building, No.1, Club House Road, Chennai - 600 002.

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#### NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of M/s. Alkali Metals Limited will be held on Saturday the August 21, 2021 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 Financials Statements as on March 31, 2021 together with the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
- 2. To declare dividend for the Financial Year 2020-21.
- 3. To appoint a Director in place of Mrs. Y. Lalithya Poorna (DIN: 00345471) who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers herself for re-appointment.

#### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

4. To consider and if though fit, to pass with or without modification(s) the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of section 152, 160 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, read with the rules made there under, Dr. Ramachandra Prasad Attaluri (DIN: 08765436) who was appointed as an Additional Director of the Company by the Board of Directors at their Meeting held on February 10, 2021, to hold office up to the date of this Annual General Meeting be and is hereby appointed as Director of the Company liable to retire by rotation".

By order of the Board For Alkali Metals Limited

Place : Hyderabad Date : June 10, 2021 Y.S.R. Venkata Rao Managing Director DIN: 00345524



#### 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. 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. 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021 and SEBI Circle dated January 15, 2021. The forthcoming Annual General Meeting ("AGM") will thus be held through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM). Accordingly members can attend and participate in the ensuing AGM through VC/OAVM. The deemed venue for the meeting 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 January 13, 2021, 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. Thereby 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.
- 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.
- 6. In terms of MCA Circulars No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020 since physical attendance of members has been dispensed with, the facility to appoint proxy to attend and cast vote for the members is not available for this AGM. Thereby, proxy form and attendance slip is not annexed to the notice. 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 MCA Circular No. 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021 reading with Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 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 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 Register of members and transfer books of the Company will remain closed from Tuesday the August 17, 2021 to Saturday the August 21, 2021 both days inclusive.
- 9. 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.

- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. Members are requested to refer to the Report on Corporate Governance 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. The Company has transferred the unpaid/unclaimed dividend till the Financial Year 2012-13 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.

- 13. 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.
- 14. Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated December 9, 2020, under Regulation 44 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, listed entities are required to provide remote e-voting facility to its shareholders, in respect of all shareholders' resolutions.

Currently, there are multiple e-voting service providers (ESPs) providing e-voting facility to listed entities in India. This necessitates registration on various ESPs and maintenance of multiple user IDs and passwords by the shareholders.

In order to increase the efficiency of the voting process, pursuant to a public consultation, it has been decided to enable e-voting to all the demat account holders, by way of a single login credential, through their demat accounts/ websites of Depositories/ Depository Participants. Demat account holders would be able to cast their vote without having to register again with the ESPs, thereby, not only facilitating seamless authentication but also enhancing ease and convenience of participating in e-voting process.

15. 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 53<sup>rd</sup> 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 August 18, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. and ends on Friday the August 20, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. During this period shareholders of the Company, holding shares as on cut-off date of Monday the August 16, 2021 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. After the conclusion of the casting of votes at the AGM, the Scrutinizer shall count these votes. 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 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:

- 16.
- i. The voting period begins on Wednesday the August 18, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. and ends on Friday the August 20, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.
- ii. Shareholders who have already voted prior to the meeting date would not be entitled to vote at the meeting venue.
- iii. Shareholders are advised to update their mobile number and email-id in their demat accounts in order to access e-Voting facility.

Pursuant to above said SEBI Circular, Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meetings for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode is given below:



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Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual shareholders holding securities in	a) 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 URL for users to login to Easi / Easiest are https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/home/login or visit www.cdslindia.com and click on Login icon and select New System Myeasi.
	<ul> <li>b) After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e-Voting option for eligible companies where the e-voting 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 &amp; voting during the meeting. Additionally, there is also links provided to access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers i.e. CDSL/NSDL/KARVY/LINKINTIME, so that the user can visit the e-Voting service providers' website directly.</li> </ul>
with CDSL	c) If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/Registration/EasiRegistration
	<ul> <li>d) Alternatively, the user can directly access e-Voting page by providing demat Account Number and PAN No. from a e-voting link available on www.cdslindia.com home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered mobile number &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> </ul>
Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	<ul> <li>a) If you are already registered for NSDL IDeAS facility, please visit the e-services website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://eservices.nsdl.com either on a personal computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-services is launched, click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under 'IDeAS' section, a new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-voting services. Click on "Access to 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 name and you will be re-directed to e-voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting &amp; voting during the meeting.</li> <li>b) If the user is not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is available at https://eservices.nsdl.com. Select "Register Online for IDeAS "Portal or click at</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp</li> <li>c) 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. Once the home page of e-Voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login"</li> </ul>

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-voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting

Individual	You can also login using the login credentials of your Demat account through your
shareholders	Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-voting facility. After
(holding	Successful login, you will be able to see e-voting option. Once you click on e-voting
securities	option, you will be redirected to NSDL/CDSL Depository site after successful
in demat mode)	authentication, wherein you can see e-voting feature. Click on Company name or e-
login through	voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-voting service provider
their Depository	website for casting your vote during the remote e-voting period or joining virtual
Participants	meeting & 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 abovementioned website.

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

Login type	Helpdesk details
Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode with <b>CDSL</b>	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at 022-23058738 and 22-23058542-43.
Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode with <b>NSDL</b>	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or call at toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30

- iv. Login method for e-voting and joining virtual meeting for shareholders other than individual shareholders holding in demat form & shareholders holding physical share certificates.
  - a) The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website www.evotingindia.com.
  - b) Click on "Shareholders" module.
  - c) Now enter your User ID

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- ✓ For CDSL: 16 digits beneficiary ID,
- ✓ For NSDL: 8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digits Client ID,

 $\checkmark$  Shareholders holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company.

- d) Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.
- e) 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.

Mode	For shareholders holding shares in demat dorm other than individual and physical form	
PAN	Enter your 10 digit alpha-numeric *PAN issued by Income Tax Department (Applicable for both demat shareholders as well as shareholders holding physical share certificates)	
	• 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 Birth (DOB)	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.	
	• 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).	

- f) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.
- g) 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.
- h) For shareholders holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for evoting on the resolutions contained in this notice.
- i) Click on the EVSN for the relevant <Company Name> on which you choose to vote.
- j) 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.
- k) Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire resolution details.