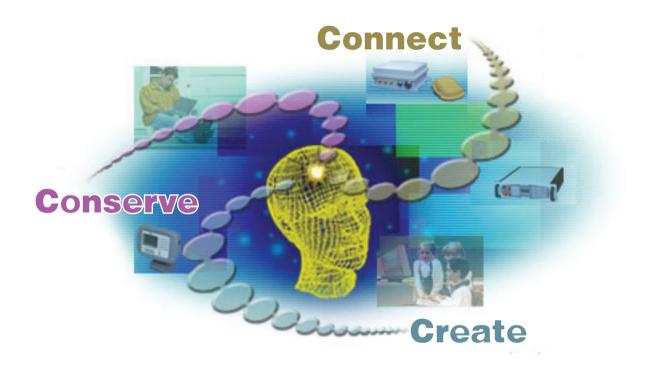
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# **COMPANY INFORMATION**

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dr. Abburi Vidyasagar	-	Chairman & Managing Director
Smt. Abburi Sarada	-	Whole-Time Director
Shri. Raghu Prasad Pidikiti	-	Non Executive Director
Shri. Yalamanchili Kishore	-	Independent Director
Shri. Naveen Nandigam	-	Independent Director
Shri. Elluru Bala Venkata Ramana Gupta	-	Independent Director
Shri. Myneni Narayana Rao	-	Independent Director

### **Chief Financial Officer**

Smt. Abburi Sarada

### **Company Secretary & Compliance Officer** Shri. M Murali Krishna (w.e.f 10.10.2019)

#### **Registered Office:**

CIN: L72200AP1990PLC011334 Sy. No. 141, Plot No 47/P, APIIC Industrial Park, Gambheeram (V), Anandapuram (M), Visakhapatnam - 531 163, Andhra Pradesh Phone: +91 - 891 – 2850000 Fax: +91 - 891 – 2850004

### **Corporate Office:**

Plot No. 68 & 69, Jubilee Heights, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Survey No's. 66 & 67, Jubilee Enclave Madhapur, Hyderabad -500 081, Telangana Phone: +91 - 40 - 6630 5000, Fax: +91 - 40 - 6630 5004

#### **Registrars & Share Transfer Agents:**

M/s. KFin Technologies Pvt.Ltd Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad - 500 032 Phones: 040 - 6716 1565 Email: einward.ris@kfintech.com

#### Audit Committee

Shri. N. Naveen	-	Chairman
Shri. Y. Kishore	-	Member
Shri. Raghu Prasad Pidikiti	-	Member
Shri. E.B.V. Ramana Gupta	-	Member
Shri. M. Narayana Rao	-	Member
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Shri. M. Narayana Rao	-	Chairman
Shri. N. Naveen	-	Member
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Shri. Raghu Prasad Pidikiti	-	Member

### Auditors:

M/s. Ramanatham & Rao, Chartered Accountants P. B. No. 2102, Flat No. 302, Kala Mansion, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad - 500003.

#### Internal Auditors:

M/s. Ramesh & Co., Chartered Accountants 6-3-661/B/1, Plot No: 78, Sangeeth Nagar, Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500082, Telangana. Tel No: 040-23311864/30686266.

### Secretarial Auditors:

M /s. P. S. Rao & Associates, Company Secretaries, Flat No.10, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, D. No.6-3-347/22/2 Ishwarya Nilayam, Opp: Sai Baba Temple, Dwarakapuri Colony, Punjagutta, Hyderabad – 500 082, Telangana, India

### **Bankers:**

Canara Bank Industrial Finance Branch, H. No. 3-5-874/19/1 to 3, Beside Old MLA Quarters, Hyderguda Hyderabad – 500 029, Telangana Ph. No. 040 – 23436945

# **Board Committees**

## Stakeholders Relationship Committee:

Shri. M Narayana Rao	-	Chairman
Shri. Y. Kishore	-	Member
Dr. Abburi Vidyasagar	-	Member
Shri. Raghu Prasad Pidikiti	-	Member

#### **Corporate Social Responsibility Committee:**

Smt. A. Sarada	-	Chairman
Shri. N. Naveen	-	Member
Shri. Y. Kishore	-	Member
Shri. B.V.K. Durga Prasad	-	Member

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# NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Members of Avantel Limited will be held on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 at 10:00 A.M IST through Video Conference ("VC")/ Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") facility to transact the following items of business:

### **ORDINARY BUSINESS:**

- 1. To consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended on March 31, 2020, together with the Report of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.
- 2. To declare final dividend of Rs. 2/- per Equity Share of Rs. 10/- each to the shareholders for the Financial Year ended on March 31, 2020.
- **3.** To appoint a Director in place of Dr. Abburi Vidyasagar (DIN: 00026524), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment as Director.

### SPECIAL BUSINESS:

4. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SMT. ABBURI SARADA (DIN : 00026543) AS THE WHOLE-TIME DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY

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

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of section 196, 197 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Schedule V of the said act, Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personal) Rules, 2014 (including any statutory modification(s) or reenactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force), SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time, and subject to approvals, if any required, the recommendations of Nomination & Remuneration Committee and the Board of Directors, the consent of the members of the Company be and is hereby accorded for the re-appointment of Smt. Abburi Sarada (DIN :00026543), as Whole-Time Director of the Company at a remuneration of Rs. 18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs only) per annum and other superannuation benefits as per service rules of the Company and a perquisite of rent free Accommodation as approved by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, for a term of Two years effective from 14<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2020."

**"FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Smt. Abburi Sarada (DIN :00026543) in addition to above mentioned Salary is also eligible for a commission of 3% on net profits of the Company arrived in pursuance of Section 198 of the Companies Act, 2013."

**"FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the overall amount of remuneration payable to Smt. Abburi Sarada (DIN :00026543) shall not exceed 5% of net profits of the Company arrived in pursuance of Section 198 of the Companies Act,2013."

**"FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** in the event the Company does not have profits or the profit of the Company is inadequate in any financial year during her tenure as referred above, the amount of Salary and perquisites referred above shall be paid as minimum remuneration in terms of Section II of Part II of Schedule V to the Companies Act, 2013."

### 5. INCREASE IN BORROWING POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

**"RESOLVED THAT** in supersession of the earlier resolutions passed by members vide postal ballot notice dated 15.12.2014 and pursuant to the provisions of section 180 (1) (c) and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013, including any statutory modifications or any amendments or any substitution or re-enactment thereof, if any, for the time being in force, the consent of the members of the Company be and is hereby accorded to borrow, enhance or avail loan facility for the general, working capital and such other corporate purposes, from time to time as the board

may think fit, any sum or sums of money which together with the monies already borrowed by the Company (apart from temporary loans obtained from the Company's Bankers in the ordinary course of business) may exceed the aggregate of the paid up capital of the Company and free reserves, that is to say reserves not set apart for any specific purpose, provided that the total amount of moneys so borrowed shall not, at any time exceed the limit of Rs. 100 Crores (Rupees Hundred Crores only) over and above aggregate of the paid up capital of the Company and free reserves."

"**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** for the purpose of giving effect to the above said resolution, the Board of Directors of the Company (hereinafter referred to as the "Board", which term shall be deemed to include any committee constituted by the Board or any person(s) authorized by the Board in this regard) be and is hereby authorized to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things including but not limited to filling of necessary forms/documents with the appropriate authorities and to execute all such deeds, documents, instruments and writings as it may in its sole and absolute discretion deem necessary or expedient and to settle any question, difficulty or doubt that may arise in regard thereto."

## 6. CREATION OF THE CHARGE / PROVIDING OF SECURITY OF THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY

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

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 (1) (a) and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the rules made thereunder, consent of the members be and is hereby accorded to the Board of Directors of the Company (which term shall be deemed to include any Committee of the Board constituted / to be constituted to exercise its powers) to create mortgage and/or charge(s) and/or hypothecation(s) in addition to the mortgage(s)/charge(s)/hypothecation(s) created/to be created by the Company, in such form manner with such ranking at such time on such terms as the Board may determine, on all or any of the movable and/or immovable properties and assets of all kinds of the Company, both present and future and/or the whole or any part of the undertaking(s) of the Company in favour of the Financial Institution(s)/ Banks/ Lender(s)/Agent(s) and Trust(s)/Trustee(s) for securing the borrowings availed/to be availed by the Company, by way of loan(s) (in foreign currency and/or rupee currency) and securities (comprising fully/ partly Convertible Bonds/Debentures/Warrants and/or Non-Convertible Debentures or other debt instruments) issued/ to be issued by the Company from time to time, subject to the limits approved under Section 180 (1) (c) of the Companies Act, 2013, together with interest, premium (if any) on redemption, all other costs, charges and expenses and all other monies payable by the Company in terms of the Loan Agreement(s)/Heads of Agreement(s), Debenture Trust Deed(s)or any other document, entered into/to be entered into between the Company and the Lender(s)/Agent(s) and Trust(s)/Trustee(s), in respect of the said loans/borrowings/bonds/debentures/warrants and containing such specific terms and conditions and covenants in respect of enforcement of security as may be stipulated in that behalf and agreed to between the Board of Directors or committee thereof and the Lender(s)/Agent(s) and Trust(s)/Trustee(s)."

"**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board of Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorized to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things and to execute such deeds, documents or writings as are necessary or expedient, on behalf of the Company for creating the aforesaid mortgage(s)/charge(s)/hypothecation(s) as it may in its absolute discretion deem necessary or expedient for such purpose and for giving effect to the above Resolution."

By order of the Board of Directors

For Avantel Limited

Sd/-**Abburi Vidyasagar** Chairman & Managing Director DIN: 00026524

Place: Hyderabad Date: 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

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# NOTES:

- 1. An Explanatory Statement setting out all the material facts as required under Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of special business of the Company is appended and forms part of the Notice.
- 2. 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 (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") and Securities and Exchange Board of India Circular No SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated 12th May 2020 ("SEBI Circular") 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.
- 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 and SEBI Circular 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/Authorization shall be sent to the Scrutinizer by email through its registered email address to <u>cssunil1427@gmail.com</u> with a copy marked to <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u>
- 5. The Company has notified closure of Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the company from 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 to 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 (Both dates inclusive) The dividend on Equity Shares, if declared at the Meeting, will be credited / dispatched within 20 days from the date of AGM to those members whose names shall appear on Company's Register of Members on 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020. In respect of the shares held in dematerialized form, the dividend will be paid to members whose names are furnished by National Securities Depository Limited and Central Depository Services (India) Limited as beneficial owners as on that date.
- 6. In case you are holding the Company's shares in dematerialized form, please contact your depository participant and give suitable instructions to update your bank details in your demat account and to notify any changes with respect to their addresses email id, ECS mandate. Further, in case you are holding Company's shares in physical form, please inform Company's STA viz. KFin Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad 500 032, by enclosing a photocopy of blank cancelled cheque of your bank account.
- 7. As per Regulation 40 of SEBI Listing Regulations, as amended, securities of listed companies can be transferred only in dematerialized form with effect from, April 1, 2019, except in case of request received for transmission or transposition of securities. In view of this and to eliminate all risks associated with physical shares and for ease of portfolio management, members holding shares in physical form are requested to consider converting their holdings to dematerialized form. Members can contact the Company or Company's Registrars and Transfer Agents, KFin Technologies Pvt. Ltd in this regard.
- 8 To support the 'Green Initiative', Members who have not yet registered their email addresses are requested to register the same with their DPs, in case the shares are held by them in electronic form and with Avantel Limited in case the shares are held by them in physical form.
- 9 In case you are holding the Company's shares in dematerialized form, please contact your depository participant and give suitable instructions to update your bank details in your demat account and to notify any changes with respect

to their addresses email id, ECS mandate. In case you are holding Company's shares in physical form, please inform the Company's STA viz. M/s. KFin TechnologiesPvt.Ltd, Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad - 500 032, by enclosing a photocopy of blank cancelled cheque of your bank account.

- 10. Members who hold shares in physical form can nominate a person in respect of all the shares held by them singly or jointly. Members who hold shares in single name are advised, in their own interest to avail of the nomination facility. Members holding shares in dematerialized form may contact their respective depository participant(s) for recording nomination in respect of their shares.
- 11. Members holding shares in the same name under different Ledger Folios are requested to apply for consolidation of such Folios and send the relevant share certificates to the Share Transfer Agent/Company.
- 12. In case of joint holders, the Member whose name appears as the first holder in the order of names as per the Register of Members of the Company will be entitled to vote at the AGM.
- 13. 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 June 10, 2020 through email on <u>cs@avantel.in</u>. The same will be replied by the Company suitably.
- 14. Members are requested to note that, dividends if not encashed for a consecutive period of 7 years from the date of transfer to Unpaid Dividend Account of the Company, are liable to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund ("IEPF"). The shares in respect of such unclaimed dividends are also liable to be transferred to the demat account of the IEPF Authority. In view of this, Members are requested to claim their dividends from the Company, within the stipulated timeline. The Members, whose unclaimed dividends/shares have been transferred to IEPF, may claim the same by making an online application to the IEPF Authority in web Form No. IEPF-5 available on www.iepf.gov.in.
- 15. In compliance with the aforesaid MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular dated May 12, 2020, Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report 2019-20 is being sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/ Depositories. Members may note that the Notice and Annual Report 2019-20 will also be available on the Company's website www.avantel.in, websites of the BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and on the website of NSDL https://www.evoting.nsdl.com
- 16. The attendance of the Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act,2013.
- 17. Pursuant to Finance Act 2020, dividend income will be taxable in the hands of shareholders w.e.f. April I, 2020 and the Company is required to deduct tax at source from dividend paid to shareholders at the prescribed rates. For the prescribed rates for various categories, the shareholders are requested to refer to the Finance Act, 2020 and amendments thereof. The shareholders are requested to update their PAN with the Company/ TCPL (in case of shares held in physical mode) and depositories (in case of shares held in demat mode) Shareholders are advised to visit the website of the company www.avantel.in for further instructions on this.

A Resident individual shareholder with PAN and who is not liable to pay income tax can submit a yearly declaration in Form No. 15G/15H, to avail the benefit of non-deduction of tax at source by sending an email to einward.ris@kfintech. com by 11:59 p.m. IST on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Shareholders are requested to note that in case their PAN is not registered, the tax will be deducted at a higher rate of 20%.

Non-resident shareholders can avail beneficial rates under tax treaty between India and their country of residence, subject to providing necessary documents i.e. No Permanent Establishment and Beneficial Ownership Declaration, Tax Residency Certificate, Form 10F, any other document which may be required to avail the tax treaty benefits by sending an email to einward.ris@kfintech.com The aforesaid declarations and documents need to be submitted by the shareholders by 11:59 p.m. IST on June 18, 2020.

- 18. Since the AGM will be held through VC / OAVM, the Route Map is not annexed in this Notice.
- 19. Instructions for e-voting and joining the AGM are as follows:
  - 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 Monday, June 22, 2020 (9:00 a.m. IST) and ends on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 (5:00 p.m. IST). During this period, Members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on Thursday, June 18, 2020 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 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 during the AGM.
    - iii. The Board of Directors has appointed M B Suneel (Membership No. ACS 31197) of P S Rao & 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 casted 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 I 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.

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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 DPID 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************************************
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.co.in 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 their 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.