# **AVT NATURAL PRODUCTS LIMITED**

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Report 2021-2022



# **Natural Ingredients for Life**

# **Vision**

To enrich lives by being a global leader in natural ingredient solutions.

# Mission

To improve the everyday quality of life through our products and services by relying on our ethos of being innovation-driven and customer-centric.

## **AVT NATURAL PRODUCTS LIMITED**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Ajit Thomas, Chairman

Mr. M.A. Alagappan

Mr. P. Shankar, I.A.S. (Retd.)

Mr. A.D. Bopana

Mrs. Shanthi Thomas

Mr. Habib Hussain

Mrs. Kavitha Vijay

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Mr. M.A. Alagappan, Chairman

Mr. Ajit Thomas

Mr. P. Shankar, I.A.S. (Retd.)

Mr. A.D. Bopana

Mr. Habib Hussain

Mrs. Kavitha Vijay

# NOMINATION & REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Mr. M.A. Alagappan, *Chairman* 

Mr. P. Shankar, I.A.S. (Retd.)

Mr. Habib Hussain

# STAKEHOLDERS RELATIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. Ajit Thomas, Chairman

Mr. A.D. Bopana

Mr. Habib Hussain

# CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Mr. P. Shankar, I.A.S. (Retd.), Chairman

Mr. Ajit Thomas

Mr. Habib Hussain

### **RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. M.A. Alagappan, *Chairman* 

Mr. Ajit Thomas

Mrs. Kavitha Vijay

#### **KEY MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL**

Mr. B. Krishna Kumar, Sr. Vice President & Manager

Mr. A. Ramadas, Sr. Vice President and CFO

Mr. Sharon Josh, Company Secretary

#### **AUDITORS**

M/s PKF Sridhar & Santhanam LLP.

Chartered Accountants,

KRD Gee Gee Crystal, 7th Floor,

91-92. Dr. Radhakrishanan Salai.

Mylapore, Chennai - 600004.

### **BANKERS**

Bank of Baroda

State Bank of India

Citibank N.A.,

The Hongkong and Shanghai

Banking Corporation Ltd.,

The Federal Bank Ltd.,

#### PLANT LOCATIONS

SF No. 234/1, Mysore Trunk Road, Puduvadavalli, Sathyamangalam - 638 401, Erode District, Tamil Nadu.

Tel.: 04295 - 243220

HL No. 1182, Halkurke Village, Honnavalli Hobli,

Tiptur Taluk - 572 201, Tumkur District, Karnataka.

Tel.: 08134 - 264177

Plot No.225/1A, 5-7, Kaipoorikkara,

Vazhakulam, Marampilly Post, Aluva - 683105.

Ernakulam District, Kerala.

Tel.: 0484 - 2848240, Fax: 0484 - 2677512

## SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

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Clove Hitch Quav

Plantation Wharf

London SW 113 TN

AVT Natural S.A. DE C.V.

Blvd. Bernardo Quintana 300, Torre 57, Interior A,

Col. Centro Sur, C.P. 76090

Santiago de Querétaro, Qro.

México

AVT Natural North America Inc.

(Wholly owned Subsidiary of AVT Natural Europe Ltd.)

1013 Centre Road Suite 4035

Wilmington, New Castle 19805

#### REGISTERED OFFICE

60, Rukmani Lakshmipathy Salai,

Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.

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# **NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at 11:00 AM Indian Standard Time (IST) on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2022, through Video Conference (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the following business:

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

- To receive, consider and adopt the audited financial statements including the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2022, and the reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.
- 2. To declare final dividend.
- 3. To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Ajit Thomas (DIN: 00018691), who retires by rotation and is eligible for re-appointment.
- 4. To appoint auditors of the Company and to fix their remuneration and to pass the following resolution as Ordinary resolution:

"RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of Sections 139, 142 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, and Companies (Audit & Auditors) Rules, 2014, pursuant to recommendations of the Audit Committee, the consent of the members be and are hereby accorded for the appointment of M/s Suri & Co, Chartered Accountants, Chennai as statutory auditors of the company, in place of M/s PKF Sridhar & Santhanam LLP, Chartered accountants, KRD Gee Cee Crystal, 7th Floor, 91-92, Dr Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004, (Firm registration No. 003990S / S200018) who are retiring after the completion of 5 years, from the completion of ensuing Annual general meeting till the conclusion of 41st Annual General Meeting and the Board of Directors be and are hereby authorized to fix remuneration payable to them as mentioned in the explanatory statement.

#### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

# 5. AMENDMENTS TO MAIN OBJECTS CLAUSE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 13 and other applicable provisions,

if any, of Companies Act, 2013, (including any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof, for the time being in force), and the rules framed there under, consent of the members of the Company be and is hereby accorded, subject to the approval of the Registrar of Companies, Chennai to alter the Objects in the Memorandum of Association.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the existing Main Objects, Clause III A (1) of the Memorandum of Association be and is hereby amended by including the following new objects under SI. Nos. f, g, h, i & j after the existing SI. No 'e'.

#### f. AGRO CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

Insecticides, Fungicides, Herbicides, Rodenticides Fertilizers, Plant Nutrients, Growth regulators, Emulsifiers, Acaricides, Fumigants, Adjuvants, Carriers.

### g. ORGANIC CHEMICALS

Basic and intermediate organic chemicals from natural and petrochemical raw materials for application in various items like dyes, fertilizers, pesticides, paints, rubber chemicals and pharmaceuticals etc.

#### h. INORGANIC CHEMICALS

Inorganic basic and intermediate chemicals of Sodium, potassium, Chlor Alkali products, electro Thermal products, Phosphorus products, nitrogen chemicals, Sulphur chemicals.

### i. OILS,FATS & WAXES

Vegetable oils - edible and non-edible, refined, winterized, deodorized and crude soyabean, groundnut, Mustard, sunflower, Rapeseed, Olive, Cottonseed, Coconut, Palm. Linseed, Castro seed, Niger seed, Rice barn, Safflower, Sesamum - Vanaspati and cooking oil, Animal fats and oils, waxes, vegetable oil and by products including the meal or extract as poultry or cattle feeds and other edible and non-edible applications.

## j. FOOD AND FOOD BY-PRODUCTS

To setup, promote and carry on the business of manufacturers, dealers, importers, exporters of variety of food products including soyabean products, proteins, lecithin, soya flour and preparation, soya dal, antibiotics, instant nuggets, peanuts, milk, curds, health drinks, oil snacks and all other textured and extruded soya food products, and to market products through wholesalers, retail shops, stockists, distributors and selling agents and institutions in India and abroad.

FURTHER RESOLVED that in the existing Other Objects, Clause III C of the Memorandum of Association sub clauses '7,9,11,12 & 13' be deleted.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Board of Directors of the Company be and is hereby authorized to do or cause to be done all such acts, deeds and other things as may be required or considered necessary or incidental thereto.

By order of the Board

#### For AVT Natural Products Limited

Place : Chennai Sharon Josh
Date : 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Company Secretary

Registered office:

60, Rukmani Lakshmipathy Salai, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008

### **NOTES:**

- The Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 36(5) of SEBI (Listing Obligation & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, which sets out details relating to Business at the meeting is annexed hereto.
- 2. In view of the extraordinary circumstances due to outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) by Circular No.14/2020 dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, Circular No. 20/2020 dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, Circular No. 02/2021 dated 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 Circular No. 21/2021 dated 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 and Circular No. 2/2022 dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 read with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/ CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated January 15, 2021 and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2022/62 dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 (the said Circulars) had permitted sending

- of the Notice of AGM along with Annual Report only through electronic mode to those Members whose e-mail addresses were registered with the Company / Depositories as well as conducting the AGM through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) and accordingly in compliance with applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the said Circulars the Notice of the AGM along with Annual Report for the Financial Year 2021-22 is being sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company / Depositories.
- 3. Members may note that the Notice along with the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2021- 22 has been uploaded on the website of the Company at www.avtnatural.com/. The Notice and the Annual Report can also be accessed from the websites of the Stock Exchanges, i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com.
- 4. As the Members can attend and participate in the AGM through VC / OAVM only, the facility to appoint proxies to attend and vote on behalf of the Members is not available for this AGM and hence the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip are not annexed to this Notice. Similarly, the route map is not annexed to the Notice. The deemed venue for the AGM shall be the Registered Office of the Company.
- 5. Corporate Members are entitled to appoint authorized representatives to attend the AGM through VC / OAVM and vote on their behalf. Institutional / Corporate Shareholders (i.e. other than individuals, HUF, NRI, etc.) are required to send a scanned, certified copy (PDF / JPG Format) of their Board or governing body's Resolution / Authorisation, authorising their representative to attend the AGM through VC / OAVM on their behalf and to vote through remote e-voting to the Scrutinizer through e-mail at vsureshpcs@gmail.com with a copy marked to Corporate Services Cameo Ltd.at investor@cameoindia.com.
- The recorded transcript of the AGM shall also be made available as soon as possible on the website of the Company at www.avtnatural.com.
- 7. The relevant details, pursuant to Regulations 36(3) of the SEBI Listing Regulations and

- Secretarial Standard on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, in respect of Director seeking appointment at this AGM is annexed.
- The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of Annual General Meeting.
- 9. The SEBI has mandated the submission of PAN by every participant in the securities market. Members holding shares in the dematerialized form are, therefore, requested to submit their PAN details to their DPs. Members holding shares in physical form are requested to submit their PAN details in Form ISR 1 to Cameo.
- 10. The Register of directors and Key Managerial Personnel and their shareholding, maintained under Section 170 of the Act, and the Register of Contracts or Arrangements in which the directors are interested, maintained under Section 189 of the Act, will be available electronically for inspection by the members during the AGM. All documents referred to in the Notice will also be available for electronic inspection without any fee by the members from the date of circulation of this Notice up to the date of AGM, i.e. August 24, 2022. Members seeking to inspect such documents can send an email to avtnpl@avtnatural.com
- 11. The Voting rights of members shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the Cut-off date 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022.
- 12. The Company has appointed M/s Cameo Corporate Services Limited, Chennai as its Registrar & Share Transfer Agent and depository interface of the Company with CDSL and NSDL. Shareholders intending to hold their shares in electronic form may approach their depository participants for dematerialisation of shares. Shareholders may send their shares for effecting transfers/ transmission to M/s Cameo Corporate Services Limited.
- 13. The final dividend as recommended by the Board, if approved at this meeting, will be paid within 30 days from the date of AGM to those members whose names appear in the Register of Members on that date.

- 14. Members are requested to notify immediately any change in their address to the company's Share Transfer Agent, M/s. Cameo Corporate Services Limited, Subramanian Building, No. 1, Club House Road, Chennai - 600 002 in the case of physical holdings and to their respective Depository Participants in case of dematted shares.
- 15. Members are requested to lodge their e-mail ID's along with their Name and Folio No. to Company's Share Transfer Agent, M/s. Cameo Corporate Services Limited, 'Subramanian Building', No.1, Club House Road, Chennai 600 002, Email:- investor@cameoindia.com to enable the Company to send all future communications including Annual Reports through electronic mode.
- 16. Members are requested to notify the Company's Share Transfer Agent immediately of their bank account number and name of the bank and branch in the case of physical holdings, and to their respective Depository Participants in case of dematted shares, so that the payment of dividend when made through National Electronic Clearing Service (NECS), National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT), Direct Credit, Dividend Warrants etc., can be made without delay.
- 17. Shareholders who have multiple folios in identical names or in joint names in the same order, are requested to intimate to the Company these folios, to enable the Company to consolidate all such shareholdings into one folio.
- 18. Shareholders of the Company may avail the nomination facility by executing the prescribed nomination form, which can be obtained from the Registered Office of the Company or from the company's Share Transfer Agent.
- 19. The equity shares of the company would continue to be listed on BSE Ltd and The National Stock Exchange Ltd. The Annual listing fee, as prescribed, has been paid to the BSE & NSE.
- 20. Pursuant to provisions of Section 124 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Company has transferred the unpaid or unclaimed Final Dividend for the financial year 2013-14 and Interim Dividend for the Financial Year 2014-15 to the Investor Education & Protection Fund (IEPF) constituted by the Central Government. Final Dividend declared for the financial year

- 2014-15 remaining unpaid/unclaimed over a period of 7 years is liable to be transferred to the above fund during the year and no claim shall lie against the Company or the said Fund once it is transferred. Members are advised to claim the unpaid dividend, if any, immediately.
- 21. Pursuant to Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Amendment Rules, 2017 ("Rules") notified by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, the Company is required to transfer all shares in respect of which dividend has not been paid or claimed for seven consecutive years to the IEPF. The shareholders are requested to claim the unpaid dividend amount(s) immediately, failing which their shares shall be transferred to the demat account of the IEPF Authority as per the procedure stipulated in the Rules as amended from time to time.

The Members / claimants whose shares, unclaimed dividend, sale proceeds of fractional shares etc. have been transferred to IEPF may claim the shares or apply for refund by making an application to IEPF Authority in Form IEPF 5 (available on www.iepf.gov. in) along with requisite fee as decided by it from time to time. The Member / claimant can file only one consolidated claim in a Financial Year as per the IEPF Rules.

It is in the Member's interest to claim any unencashed dividends and for future, opt for Electronic Clearing Service, so that dividends paid by the Company are credited to the Member's account on time.

- 22. The members, who have not yet obtained the share certificates for the bonus shares issued by the Company in the year 2006 and 2013, are requested to approach the Company's Share Transfer Agent and claim the same.
- 23. Members are requested to note that trading of Company's shares through Stock Exchange is permitted only in demat form. Further, the Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI) mandated that all the transfers of the shares in the physical form shall not be allowed after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Accordingly, members who have not yet converted their holdings into electronic demat form may do so immediately for their own interest.

- 24. To prevent fraudulent transactions, members are advised to exercise due diligence and notify the Company of any change in address or demise of any member as soon as possible. Members are also advised not to leave their demat account(s) dormant for long. Periodic statement of holdings should be obtained from the concerned Depository Participant and holdings should be verified.
- 25. 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 Share Transfer Agent or to the Company.
- 26. Members may also note that the Notice of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and the Annual Report for 2021-22 will also be available on the Company's website: www.avtnatural.com for downloading. The physical copies of the aforesaid documents will also be available at the Company's Registered Office for inspection during normal business hours on working days. Even after registering for e-communication, members are entitled to receive such communication in physical form, upon making a request for the same, by post free of cost. For any communication, the shareholders may also send requests to the Company's share transfer agent email ID: investor@cameoindia.com.
- 27. In terms of Section 101 of the Companies Act 2013 read with rule 18 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and section 136 of the Companies Act 2013 read with rule 11 of Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014, electronic copy of the notice of 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company inter-alia, indicating the process and manner of e-Voting along with attendance slip and proxy form is being sent to all the members whose e-mail id's are registered with the Company / depository participant(s) for communication purpose unless any member has requested for a hard copy of the same. For members who have not registered their e-mail ID, physical copies of the notice of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company

inter-alia, indicating the process and manner of e-Voting with attendance slip and proxy form is being sent in the permitted mode being sent in the permitted mode.

- 28. Members attending the AGM through VC / OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Act.
- 29. Members whose names appear on the Register of Members / List of Beneficial Owners as on Cutoff date i.e 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022 will be considered for the purpose of availing Remote e-Voting or Vote in the Annual General Meeting. A person who is not a member as on the cut-off date should treat this Notice for information purposes only.
- 30. Since the AGM will be held through VC in accordance with the circulars, the route map, proxy form and attendance slip are not attached to this notice.

### 26. Voting facilities

In compliance with provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, the Company is pleased to provide members facility to exercise their right to vote at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) by electronic means and the business may be transacted through e-Voting Services provided by Central Depository Services (India ) Limited (CDSL).

The facility for voting either through electronic voting system shall be made available at the meeting and members attending the meeting who have not already cast their vote by remote e-Voting shall be able to exercise their right at the meeting.

Members who have cast their vote by remote e-Voting prior to the meeting may also attend the meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

# CDSL e-Voting System - For e-voting and Joining Virtual meetings.

 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 05, 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.
- 2. 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 08, 2020, April 13, 2020 and May 05, 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.
- 3. The Members can join the AGM in the VC / OAVM mode 15 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 at least 1000 members on first come first served basis. This will not include large Shareholders (Shareholders holding 2% or more shareholding), 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.
- 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 08, 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.

- 6. 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.avtnatural.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.
- 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 05, 2020.
- In continuation of this Ministry's General Circular No. 20/2020, dated 05<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 and after due examination, it has been decided to allow companies whose AGMs were due in the year 2022, to conduct their AGMs on or before 31.12.2022, in accordance with MCA circular no. 02/2022 dated May 5, 2022.

Shareholders who would like to express their views / ask questions during the meeting may register themselves as a speaker by sending their request in advance atleast 7 days prior to meeting mentioning their name, demat account number/folio number, email ID, mobile number at avtnpl@avtnatural.com 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 avtnpl@avtnatural.com. These queries will be replied to by the Company suitably by email.

# THE INTRUCTIONS OF SHAREHOLDERS FOR E-VOTING AND JOINING VIRTUAL MEETINGS ARE AS UNDER:

- **Step 1**: Access through Depositories CDSL/NSDL e-Voting system in case of individual shareholders holding shares in demat mode.
- Step 2: Access through CDSL e-Voting system in case of shareholders holding shares in physical mode and non-individual shareholders in demat mode.
- (i) The voting period begins on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022 at 9:00 AM and ends on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 at 5:00 PM. During this period shareholders' of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date (record date) of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022 may cast their vote electronically. 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) Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/ CIR/P/2020/242 dated 09.12.2020, 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. However, it has been observed that the participation by the public non-institutional shareholders / retail shareholders is at a negligible level.

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.

**Step 1**: Access through Depositories CDSL/NSDL e-Voting system in case of individual shareholders holding shares in demat mode.

(iv) In terms of SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/ CIR/P/2020/242 dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are advised to update their mobile number and email Id in their demat accounts in order to access e-Voting facility.

Pursuant to abovesaid SEBI Circular, Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meetings for Individual shareholders holding securities in Demat mode CDSL/NSDL is given below:

Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with CDSL Depository	1) 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.
	2) After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e-Voting option for eligible companies where the evoting is in progress as per the information provided by company. On clicking the evoting 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 & 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.

Type of shareholders	Login Method
	3) If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/Registration/EasiRegistration
	4) 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 or click on https://evoting.cdslindia.com/Evoting/EvotingLogin The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile & Email as recorded in the Demat Account. After successful authentication, user will be able to see the e-Voting option where the evoting is in progress and also able to directly access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers.
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL Depository	1) 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