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#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

MR. SANJIV KHANDELWAL
(Chairman & Managing Director)
MR. MOHAN M JAYAKAR
MRS. SHILPA KHANDELWAL
MR. KHUSHROW SHIAVAX PATEL

#### AUDITORS:

MESSRS, A. J. MEHTA & ASSOCIATES CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS SHAHVIRI BUILDING, IST FLOOR, PICKET ROAD, MUMBAI – 400 002

#### BANKERS:

ABN-AMRO BANK
CORPORATION BANK
HIDEC BANK
STATE BANK OF INDIA -- SILVASSA
UNION BANK OF INDIA -THE BANK OF RAJASTHAN LTD.

#### REGISTERED OFFICE:

4TH FLOOR, DOULATRAM MANSION RAMBHAU SALGAONKAR MARG COLABA, MUMBAI – 400 005

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#### SHARE TRANSFER AND DEMAT REGISTRARS:

M-S INTIME SPECTRUM REGISTRY LIMITED C-13. LANNALAL SILK MILLS COMPOUND - L. B. MARG, BHANDUP (W) MUMBAL - 400 078
Tel.: 022 - 25923837



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#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the members of EZ-COMM Trade Technologies Limited will be held on Saturday, the 29th day of September, 2007 at 3.00 p.m at the Registered Office of the Company at 4th Floor, Doulatram Mansion, Rambhau Salgaonkar Marg, Colaba, Mumbai – 400 005 to transact the following business:

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS:**

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2007 and the Profit & Loss Account for the year ended on that date and the Reports of the Board of Directors and the Auditors thereon.
- To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Shilpa Khandelwal, who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers herself for re-appointment.
- 3. To appoint M/s A. J. Mehta & Associates as the Auditors of the Company who shall hold office from the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and to fix their remuneration."

#### SPECIAL BUSINESS

4. To consider and if thought fit to pass with or without modification(s) the following resolution as Ordinary Resolution

"RESOLVED THAT Mr.Khushrow Shiavax Patel who was appointed as additional director of the company by the Board of Directors and who ceases to hold office under section 260 of the Companies Act. 1956 be and is hereby appointed director of the Company."

By order of the Board of Directors

Sd/-

Sanjiv Khandelwal

Chairman and Managing Director

Mumbai: 27th August, 2007

Registered Office:

4th Floor, Doulatram Mansion Rambhau Salgaonkar Marg Colaba, Mumbai – 400 005

#### NOTES:

- 1. The Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 173(2) of the Companies Act, 1956, in respect of resolution under Item No.4 of the accompanying notice is annexed herewith
- 2. A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of himself and a proxy need not be a member. The proxy from, in order to be effective, must however be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company, not less than forty-eight hours before the commencement of the meeting.
- 3. The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books will remain closed through 25th September 2007 to 29th September 2007 (both days inclusive).
- 4. Members are requested to sign at the place provided for the attendance slip annexed to the Proxy Form and hand over the slip at the entrance to the place of the meeting.
- 5. Members who hold shares in dematerialised form are requested to bring their client ID and DP ID numbers for easier identification of attendance at the meeting.
- 6. As a measure of economy, copies of the Annual Report will not be distributed at the Annual General Meeting. Members are therefore requested to bring their copies of the Annual Report to the meeting.

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#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

**ITEM NO.4** 

Mr.Kushrow Shiavax Patel who was appointed as Additional Director of the Company on 30th September, 2006 by the Board of Directors of the Company. According to the provisions of Section 260 of the Companies Act, 1956, he holds office as Director only up to the date of the ensuing Annual General Meeting. The Company has also received notice under section 257 from a member proposing the appointment as Director along with the prescribed deposit. The Board considers it desirable that the Company should continue to avail itself of his services.

By order of the Board of Directors
Sd/Sanjiv Khandelwal
Chairman and Managing Director

Mumbai: 27th August, 2007

Registered Office: 4th Floor, Doulatram Mansion Rambhau Safgaonkar Marg Colaba, Mumbai 400 005

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Your Directors have pleasure in presenting the Fourteenth Annual Report together with the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st March 2007.

Financial Results: (in Rs.)	<u>Year ended</u> <u>31-03-2007</u>	<u>Year ended</u> <u>31-03-2006</u>
Profit/(Loss) before depreciation	(4,41,75,430.90)	10,51,881.00
Depreciation	6,67,367.65	5,73,129.00
Profit/(Loss) before tax	(4,48,42,798.55)	4,78,751.99
Less :Provision for taxation		
Current Tax/Fringe Benefit Tax	90,000.00	1,25,000.00
Provision for Deferred Tax (Net)	(5.67,370.00)	1,82,756.00
Add prior Period Adjustments	41,435.75	(60,541.00)
Profit/(Loss)after tax	(4,54,58,732.80)	4,75,966,95
Add: Surplus brought forward	27,69,744.80	22,93,777.81
Balance carried to Balance Sheet	(4,26,88,988.00)	27,69,745.00

#### Income, Activities & Operations:

During the year, the Company earned Rs.52,49,063.00 as income from e-business and Rs.5.93,940.52 as other income.

Although the global markets and the economy continue to be in a positive mood, companies are investing in the latest technology. The Company expects better returns, development and progress in the coming time. The Company has an impressive foreign client list with the work of the Company being appreciated the world over. The client list of the company has been growing and includes many well-known companies. The company expects to increase the value of the business from these clients.

The company also has been empanelled by the Maharashtra Government to build an eGovernance IT infrastructure in the State.

The Thin Client Solution launched by the Company has received quite a good response. The Solution is based on the Linux platform (a type of an Operating System). Deploying this latest technology, Clients of the Company can reduce the Total Cost of Ownership of their Information Technology Infrastructure. This solution empowers clients to centralize their Data Management. It also eliminates the risk of virus attacks. In addition, it has a very strong Business Continuity Plan and Disaster Recovery Plan features.

The Company has structured a new business for helping other software companies market their products and services in India. This concept, termed as Virtual Sales Office (VSO), is a fairly new concept in India and your Company is one of the pioneers in implementing this concept. A major client of the company is Net Business Solutions (NBS), which is in the people placements and product sales business.

The Company has spent considerable resources in creating technologies for the Wireless business. The Company has ventured into the Wireless Internet connectivity business. This new technology of providing Wireless Broadband Internet connection by creating "Hotspots" is being pioneered in India by EZ-COMM. The Company built cutting edge technology that lets users access this service in designated area through the use a Prepaid cards.

This is quite new to our country. Already, a few Five-Star Hotels have signed agreements to deploy this internet technology in their respective hotels and a couple of them are ready for kick-off soon. The Company has deployed this technology with materials imported from Canada. The Company expects good returns in the coming years.



#### Dividend:

The Directors do not recommend any dividend.

#### Land:

The Company has preferred an appeal in the Court of the Honourable Administrator, Dadra & Nagar Haveli at Silvassa, against the order of the Collector, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, rejecting the application of the Company seeking N.A. permission in respect of the land for industrial purpose. The Company awaits results.

#### Public Deposits:

The Company has not accepted any Deposit within the meaning of Section 58A of The Companies Act. 1956 and the rules made thereunder during the year.

#### Directors:

During the year under review Mr.Khushrow Shiavax Patel appointed as Additional Director of the Company. He holds office as Director only up to the date of the ensuing Annual General Meeting. The Board considers it desirable that the Company should continue to avail itself of his services.

Mr. Shilpa Khandelwal retires by rotation and being eligible, offers herself for re-appointment.

#### Directors' Responsibility Statement:

Pursuant to the requirement under Section 217 (2AA) of the Companies Act. 1956, with respect to Directors' Responsibility Statement, it is hereby confirmed:

- (i) That in the preparation of the accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2006, the applicable accounting standards have been followed along with proper explanation relating to material departures;
- (ii) That the Directors have selected such accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgements and estimates that were fairly reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company for the year under review;
- (iii) That the Directors have taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities;
- (iv) That the Directors have prepared the accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2007 on a 'going concern' basis.

#### Particulars of Employees:

The Company has not paid any remuneration attracting the provision of Companies (Particulars of Employees) Rules, 1975 read with Section 217(2A) of the Companies Act, 1956, as amended. Hence, there is no requirement to append any information to this report in this regard.

#### Particulars of Energy Conservation, Technology absorption & Foreign Exchange Earnings and outgo:

Since the Company has ventured into the e-commerce and software development business and there are no manufacturing activities, there are no particulars relating to conservation of energy and technology; absorption.



The following foreign exchange earlings and outgo were there during the year:

Foreign Exchange earned (In Rs.)

F.O.B Value of Exports

Nil

For e-business

1600282/-

Foreign Exchange used

(In Rs.)

Hosting charges

16967/-

Travelling

36131/-

#### Auditors:

M/s A. J. Mehta & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Mumbai, the Auditors of the Company retire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. The Company has received letters from them to the effect that their appointment, if made, would be within the prescribed limits under Section 224 (1-B) of the Companies Act, 1956. The Board recommends their re-appointment.

#### Auditors' Report:

The Auditors' Report is attached to the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2007. As there are no employees who have served for more than five years, no provision is necessary for Gratuity in the accounts. Leave salary is paid on actual basis; hence no provision is made for that either. The notes to the accounts referred to in the Auditors' Report are otherwise self-explanatory.

#### Listing:

The Equity Shares of the company are listed on The Stock Exchange, Mumbai, The Stock Exchange, Ahmedabad and The Delhi Stock Exchange Association.

The company's shares are tradable compulsorily in electronic form and the company has established connectivity with both the depositories, i.e. Central Depository Services (India) Ltd. & National Securities Depository Ltd.

The company has also appointed M/s Intime Spectrum Registry Limited as its Share Transfer and Depository Registrars. Shareholders are requested to send the matters relating to share transfers and/ or dematerialisation to the Company Registrars. In view of the numerous advantages offered by the depository system, members are requested to avail of the facility of dematerialisation of the company's shares on either of the Depositories as aforesaid.

#### Corporate Governance:

In line with the guidelines stipulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Committee on Corporate Governance, adequate steps have been taken to ensure that most of the provisions of Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement are duly complied with.

A separate report on corporate governance is included/attached as part of the Annual Report. The Auditors' Certificate confirming Compliance of Conditions of Corporate Governance is included in the said Corporate Governance Report. The Company is soon to induct more Directors.

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#### Acknowledgement:

The Directors record their thanks to the Corporation Bank, State Bank of India – Silvassa, HDFC Bank, ABN-AMRO Bank, The Bank of Rajasthan, Ltd. and Union Bank of India for their co-operation. The Directors also acknowledge the co-operation received from officers and staff of the Company.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Mumbai Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 Sd/-Sanjiv Khandelwal Chairman and Managing Director

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#### Management Discussion & Analysis Report

#### Industry Structure & Development

The Indian IT industry is gradually coming on track to achieve its long-term aspirations of exports of around US\$ 50 billion by the end of the decade. A very high Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) (46 per cent) has been seen by the industry since 1999.

However, in the course of the last decade, India's IT software industry has scripted one of the most amazing success stories by contributing very substantially to India's flourishing forex reserves and to employment, along with radically altering the country's image and standing amongst nations.

#### Opportunities & Threats

IT, when appropriately used, has proven to be of immense benefit in increasing efficiency, cutting costs, improving decision-making and providing better customer service. There are document case studies on how IT has helped reduce inventories, cut down time-to-market, and generally improved the bottom-line of companies.

As an enabler and enhancer, IT is clearly a major productivity too. India's software expertise has helped foreign companies – and countries – to become more competitive. So far, most of this has been to companies counties that are not in direct competition with Indian companies or India. It would, indeed, be ironical if Indian software expertise were to enhance a competitor's productivity, and help it overtake Indian companies. (Source: NASSCOMM report)

#### Risk and Concerns

#### Technology Obsolescence

EZ-COMM manages potential operational risks by adopting continuous technological upgradation of technologies and systems.

#### Intellectual Property

Although the Company takes adequate precautions to protect its Intellectual Property (IP), it faces the risk of others using and gaining from its IP.

#### Insurance

The Company needs to consider insurance of its assets and operations against a wide range of risks as part of its overall risk management strategies. The management is now considering the same.

#### Internal Controls

EZ-COMM has proper and adequate system of internal controls to ensure that all assets are safeguarded, and protected against loss from unauthorised use or disposition, and that transactions are authorised, recorded and reported correctly.

The internal control systems are supplemented by an extensive programme of internal audits, reviews by - management, and documented policies, guidelines and procedures. The internal control systems are designed to ensure that the financial and other records are reliable for preparing financial statements and other data, and for maintaining accountability of assets.

#### Discussions on Financial Performance with respect to operational Performance:

During the year, the Company earned Rs.52,49,063.00 as income from e-business and Rs.5,93,940.52 as other income.