

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20**

## EMPIRE INDUSTRIES LIMITED CIN: L17120MH1900PLC000176

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MR. S. C. MALHOTRA

MR. RANJIT MALHOTRA

#### MR. DILEEP MALHOTRA

MRS. UMA RANJIT MALHOTRA Resigned w.e.f. 31.07.2020

MR. KABIR MALHOTRA Appointed w.e.f. 31.07.2020

MR. RAJBIR SINGH MR. C. P. SHAH MR. SUBODH CHANDRA MS. GEETANJALI R NAIDU *Appointed w.e.f. 03.03.2020* MR. B. C. GANDHI *Resigned w.e.f. 12.02.2020* 

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE:

MR. RAJBIR SINGH ... *Chairman* MR. C. P. SHAH MR. SUBODH CHANDRA

### STAKEHOLDERS' RELATIONSHIP COMMITTEE

MR. RAJBIR SINGH ... *Chairman* MR. C. P. SHAH MR. SUBODH CHANDRA

NOMINATION & REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MR. RAJBIR SINGH .. *Chairman* MR. C. P. SHAH MR. SUBODH CHANDRA

#### CSR COMMITTEE MR. KABIR MALHOTRA ... Chairman Appointed w.e.f. 31.07.2020 MR. DILEEP MALHOTRA MR. RAJBIR SINGH MRS. UMA RANJIT MALHOTRA Resigned w.e.f. 31.07.2020

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MR. DILEEP MALHOTRA ... *Chairman* MR. RAJBIR SINGH MR. C. P. SHAH

# DIRECTOR FINANCE & COMPANY SECRETARY

MR. SUHAS CHANDRA NANDA

AUDITORS A.T. JAIN & CO.

ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS DSK Legal Chairman Vice-Chairman & Managing Director Jt. Managing Director

Executive Director

Woman Director

Independent Director Independent Director Independent Director Woman Independent Director

Independent Director

### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

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### BANKERS

Indian Bank Bank of India Bank of Baroda Central Bank of India Kotak Mahindra Bank Citi Bank N.A.

#### **REGISTRARS & TRANSFER AGENTS**

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### NOTICE

The ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of EMPIRE INDUSTRIES LIMITED will be held on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 3.00 P.M. through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the following business:

#### AGENDA

#### **Ordinary Business:**

- 1. To adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2020, and the Profit & Loss Account for the year ended on that date.
- 2. To declare a Dividend for the year ended March 31, 2020.
- 3. To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Ranjit Malhotra, who retires by rotation, and being eligible, offers himself for reappointment.
- 4. To ratify appointment of M/s. A. T. Jain & Co. as Statutory Auditors:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Sections 139, 142 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) and the Rules made thereunder, (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force) and pursuant to the resolution passed by Members at the 116th Annual General Meeting appointing M/s. A. T. Jain & Co., Chartered Accountants (Firm Registration No.103886W) as Statutory Auditors of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of 121st Annual General Meeting of the Company, the Company hereby ratifies and confirms the appointment of M/s. A. T. Jain & Co., as Statutory Auditors of the Company for the financial year ending 31st March, 2021 on such remuneration as recommended by the Audit Committee and as may be mutually agreed between the Board of Directors of the Company and the Statutory Auditors."

#### Special Business:

5. Re-appointment of Mr. Subodh Chandra as an Independent Non-Executive Director.

To consider and if thought fit, to pass, with or without modification, the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Sections 149, 150, 152 and any other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act") and the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014 (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force) read with Schedule IV to the Act and Regulation 16(1)(b) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Regulation 17 (IA) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018, Mr. Subodh Chandra (DIN: 02076844), Independent

Non-Executive Director of the Company, who has submitted a declaration that he meets the criteria of independence as provided in Section 149(6) of the Act and Regulation 16 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time and who is eligible for reappointment, be and is hereby re-appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company to hold office for second term of five consecutive years with effect from the conclusion of 119<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting to the conclusion of 124th Annual General Meeting of the Company and whose office shall not be liable to retire by rotation".

**"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** any Director and/or the Company Secretary of the Company be and is hereby authorised to do all acts, deeds and things including filings and take steps as may be deemed necessary, proper or expedient to give effect to this Resolution and matters incidental thereto".

6. To consider and if thought fit, to pass, with or without modification, the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 148(3) and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 14 of The Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force) the remuneration payable during the financial year 2020-2021 to M/s. Vinay Mulay & Co, Cost Accountants (Registration No. M/8791), appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company to conduct the audit of the cost records of the Company for the financial year 2020-2021 amounting to Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) as also the payment of GST as applicable and re-imbursement of out of pocket expenses incurred by them in connection with the aforesaid audit be and is hereby ratified and confirmed."

> By Order of the Board For **EMPIRE INDUSTRIES LIMITED**

## SUHAS CHANDRA NANDA

DIRECTOR FINANCE & COMPANY SECRETARY

#### **Registered Office:**

414, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400 013.

Place: Mumbai Date: June 29, 2020.



### NOTES:

- 1. The information in respect of the business under item Nos. 5 & 6 set out above forms part of the Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- 2. Pursuant to the General Circular numbers 14/2020, 17/2020, 20/2020 and 22/2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Circular number SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Circulars"), companies are allowed to hold AGM through VC, without the physical presence of members at a common venue. Hence, in compliance with the Circulars, the AGM of the Company is being held through VC.
- 3. 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 the AGM is being held in accordance with the Circulars through VC, the facility for appointment of proxies by the members will not be available.
- 4. Participation of members through VC will be reckoned for the purpose of quorum for the AGM as per section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act").
- 5. Members of the Company under the category of Institutional Investors are encouraged to attend and vote at the AGM through VC. Corporate members intending to authorize their representatives to participate and vote at the meeting are requested to send a certified copy of the Board resolution / authorization letter to the Company or upload on the VC portal / e-voting portal.
- 6. 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. September 28, 2020. Members seeking to inspect such documents can send an email to investor\_relations@ empiremumbai.com.
- 7. Members whose shareholding is in electronic mode are requested to direct notifications about change of address and updates about bank account details to their respective depository participants(s) (DP). Members whose shareholding is in physical mode are requested to opt for the Electronic Clearing System (ECS) mode to receive dividend on time in line with the Circulars. We urge members to utilize the ECS for receiving dividends. Please refer point No.12 for the process to be followed for updating bank account mandate.
- 8. In compliance with Section 108 of the Act, read with the corresponding rules, and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("the Listing Regulations"), the Company has provided a facility to its members to exercise their votes electronically through the electronic voting ("e-voting") facility provided by the Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL). Members who have cast their votes by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may participate in the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their votes again. The manner of voting remotely by members holding shares

in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for members who have not registered their email addresses is provided in the instructions for e-voting section which forms part of this Notice. The Board has appointed Ms. Deepa Gupta, Practicing Company Secretary, as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting in a fair and transparent manner.

- 9. The e-voting period commences on Friday, September 25, 2020 (9:00 a.m. IST) and ends on Sunday, September 27, 2020 (5:00 p.m. IST). During this period, members holding shares either in physical or dematerialized form, as on cut-off date, i.e. as on September 21, 2020 may cast their votes electronically. The e-voting module will be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter. A member will not be allowed to vote again on any resolution on which vote has already been cast. The voting rights of members shall be proportionate to their share of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date, i.e. as on September 21, 2020.
- 10. The facility for voting during the AGM will also be made available. Members present in the AGM through VC and who have not cast their vote on the resolutions through remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through the e-voting system during the AGM.
- 11. 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 CDSL helpdesk.evoting@ cdslindia.com However, if he / she is already registered with CDSL for remote e-voting then he / she can use his / her existing user ID and password for casting the vote.
- 12. We urge members to support our commitment to environmental protection by choosing to receive the Company's communication through email. Members holding shares in demat mode, who have not registered their email addresses are requested to register their email addresses with their respective depository participants, and members holding shares in physical mode are requested to update their email addresses with the Company's RTA, Bigshare Services Private Limited at investor@ bigshareonline.com to receive copies of the Annual Report 2019-20 in electronic mode. Members may follow the process detailed below for registration of email ID to obtain the Annual Report, user ID / password for e-voting and updation of bank account mandate for the receipt of dividend.

Type of Holder	Process to be followed		
	Registering Email Address	Updating bank account details	
Physical	Send a request to the RTA of the Company, Bigshare Services Private Limited at 1st Floor Bharat Tin Works Building, Opp. Vasant Oasis, Makwana Road, Marol, Andheri (E) Mumbai 400072. providing Folio No., Name of member, scanned copy of the	Send a request to the RTA of the Company, Bigshare Services Private Limited at 1st Floor Bharat Tin Works Building,Opp. Vasant Oasis, Makwana Road, Marol, Andheri (E) Mumbai 400072. providing Folio No., Name of member, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN	

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Physical	share certificate (front and back), PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar card) for registering email address.	(self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar card) for updating bank account details. The following additional details need to be provided in case of updating bank account details:
		<ul> <li>Name and branch of the bank in which you wish to receive the dividend,</li> </ul>
		• the bank account type,
		<ul> <li>Bank account number allotted by their banks after implementation of core banking solutions</li> </ul>
		• 9 digit MICR Code Number
		• 11 digit IFSC
		• a scanned copy of the cancelled cheque bearing the name of the first member.
Demat	Please contact your DP and register your email address and bank account details in your demat account, as per the process advised by your DP.	

- 13. In compliance with the Circulars, the Annual Report 2019-20, the Notice of the 119th AGM, and instructions for e-voting are being sent only through electronic mode to those members whose email addresses are registered with the Company / depository participant(s).
- 14. Members may also note that the Notice of the 119th AGM and the Annual Report 2019-20 will also be available on the Company's website, http://empiremumbai.com/investorinformation, websites of the Stock Exchanges, i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com.
- 15. Additional information, pursuant to Regulation 36 of the Listing Regulations, in respect of the directors seeking appointment / reappointment at the AGM, forms part of this Notice.
- 16. SEBI has mandated the submission of the Permanent Account Number (PAN) by every participant in the securities market. Members holding shares in electronic form are, therefore, requested to submit their PAN to their depository participant(s). Members holding shares in physical form are required to submit their PAN details to the RTA.
- 17. As per the provisions of Section 72 of the Act, the facility for making nomination is available for the Members in respect of the shares held by them. Members who have not yet registered their nomination are requested to register the same by submitting Form No. SH-13. Members are requested to submit these details to their DP in case the shares are held by them in electronic form, and to the Bigshare Services Private Limited, in case the shares are held in physical form.

- 18. The Scrutinizer will submit her report to the Chairman of the Company ('the Chairman') or to any other person authorized by the Chairman after the completion of the scrutiny of the e-voting (votes casted during the AGM and votes casted through remote e-voting), not later than 48 hours from the conclusion of the AGM. The result declared along with the Scrutinizer's report shall be communicated to the stock exchange, and RTA and will also be displayed on the Company's website, www. empiremumbai.com.
- 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.
- 20. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 205A(5) and 205C of the Companies Act, 1956 read with Companies Act, 2013, the Company has transferred the unpaid or unclaimed dividend for the financial year 2011-2012 to the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) established by the Central Government. No dividend has been declared for the years ended 31.03.1991 to 31.03.2003.

## The Company has declared dividend in subsequent years as shown below:

S. No.	Year	Description	Date of Declaration	Last Date for claiming unpaid Dividend
1.	2003-04	Dividend @ 10%	21.09.2004	Transferred to IEPF
2.	2004-05	Dividend @ 20%	26.08.2005	Transferred to IEPF
3.	2005-06	Dividend @ 40%	25.08.2006	Transferred to IEPF
4.	2006-07	Dividend @ 60%	28.08.2007	Transferred to IEPF
5.	2007-08	Dividend @ 80%	27.08.2008	Transferred to IEPF
6	2008-09	Dividend @ 100%	27.08.2009	Transferred to IEPF
7	2009-10	Dividend @ 200%	27.08.2010	Transferred to IEPF
8.	2010-11	Dividend @ 220%	26.08.2011	Transferred to IEPF
9.	2011-12	Dividend @ 240%	28.08.2012	Transferred to IEPF
10.	2012-13	Dividend @ 240%	26.07.2013	25.07.2020
11.	2013-14	Dividend @ 240%	24.07.2014	23.07.2021
12.	2014-15	Dividend @ 240%	24.07.2015	23.07.2022
13.	2015-16	Interim Dividend @ 200%	08.03.2016	07.03.2023
14.	2015-16	Final Dividend @ 40%	30.07.2016	29.07.2023
15.	2016-17	Dividend @ 250%	27.07.2017	26.07.2024
16.	2017-18	Dividend @ 250%	26.07.2018	25.07.2025
17.	2018-19	Dividend @ 250%	26.07.2019	25.07.2026

21. Members wishing to claim dividends that remain unclaimed are requested to correspond with the RTA as mentioned above, or with the Company Secretary, at the Company's registered office. Members are requested to note that dividends that are not claimed within seven years from the date of transfer to the Company's Unpaid Dividend Account, will be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF). Shares on which dividend remains unclaimed for seven consecutive years shall be transferred to the IEPF as per Section 124 of the Act, read with applicable IEPF rules.

22. As per provisions of Section 125(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 ("the Rules") notified by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs effective from September 7, 2016, the Company is required to transfer all shares in respect of which dividend has not been paid or claimed by the shareholders for seven consecutive years or more in the name of Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) Suspense Account established by the Central Government. Accordingly, the Company has transferred shares to IEPF Authority. For claiming the shares and unclaimed dividends you have to apply to the Authority by submitting an online application in Form IEPF-5 available on the website www.iepf. gov.in along with fee specified by the authority.

# 23. CDSL e-Voting System – For Remote e-voting and e-voting during AGM

- 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 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.

- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.empiremumbai.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.

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

- (i) The voting period begins on Friday, September 25, 2020 (9:00 a.m. IST) and ends on Sunday, September 27, 2020 (5:00 p.m. IST). 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 September 21, 2020 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) The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website www. evotingindia.com.
- (iv) Click on "Shareholders" module.
- (v) Now enter your User ID
  - a. For CDSL: 16 digits beneficiary ID,
  - b. For NSDL: 8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digits Client ID,
  - c. Shareholders holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company. OR

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

- (vi) Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.
- (vii) 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.
- (viii) If you are a first time user follow the steps given below:

	For Shareholders holding shares in Demat Form and Physical Form	
PAN	<ul> <li>Enter your 10 digit alpha-numeric *PAN issued by Income Tax Department (Applicable for both demat shareholders as well as physical shareholders)</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	
Dividend Bank Details <b>OR</b> Date of Birth (DOB)	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>If both the details are not recorded with the de- pository or company please enter the member id / folio number in the Dividend Bank details field as mentioned in instruction (v).</li> </ul>	

- (ix) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.
- (x) 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.
- (xi) For shareholders holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-voting on the resolutions contained in this Notice.
- (xii) Click on the EVSN for the relevant <Company Name> on which you choose to vote.
- (xiii) 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.
- (xiv) Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- (xv) After selecting the resolution you have decided to vote on, click on "SUBMIT". A confirmation box will be displayed. If you wish to confirm your vote, click on "OK", else to change your vote, click on "CANCEL" and accordingly modify your vote.
- (xvi) Once you "CONFIRM" your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.

- (xvii) You can also take a print of the votes cast by clicking on "Click here to print" option on the Voting page.
- (xviii) If a demat account holder has forgotten the login password then Enter the User ID and the image verification code and click on Forgot Password & enter the details as prompted by the system.
- (xix) Shareholders can also cast their vote using CDSL's mobile app "**m-Voting**". The m-Voting app can be downloaded from respective Store. Please follow the instructions as prompted by the mobile app while Remote Voting on your mobile.

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

- 1. For Physical shareholders- please provide necessary details like Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to **Company/RTA email id**.
- 2. For Demat shareholders -, please provide Demat account details (CDSL-16 digit beneficiary ID or NSDL-16 digit DPID+CLID), Name, client master or copy of Consolidated Account statement, PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) to Company/RTA email id.

#### C. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHAREHOLDERS ATTENDING THE AGM THROUGH VC/OAVM ARE AS UNDER:

- 1. Shareholder will be provided with a facility to attend the AGM through VC/OAVM through the CDSL e-Voting system. Shareholders may access the same at https://www. evotingindia.com under shareholders/members login by using the remote e-voting credentials. The link for VC/OAVM will be available in shareholder/members login where the EVSN of Company will be displayed.
- 2. Shareholders are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops / IPads for better experience.
- 3. Further shareholders will be required to allow Camera and use Internet with a good speed to avoid any disturbance during the meeting.
- 4. Please note that Participants Connecting from Mobile Devices or Tablets or through Laptop connecting via Mobile Hotspot may experience Audio/Video loss due to Fluctuation in their respective network. It is therefore recommended to use Stable Wi-Fi or LAN Connection to mitigate any kind of aforesaid glitches.
- 5. 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 at least two days prior to meeting mentioning their name, demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at (company email id). The shareholders who do not wish to speak during the AGM but have queries may send their queries in advance two days prior to meeting mentioning their name, demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at (company email account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at evolve their name, demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at (company email id). These queries will be replied to by the company suitably by email.
- 6. Those shareholders who have registered themselves as a speaker will only be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the meeting.



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

- 1. The procedure for e-Voting on the day of the AGM is same as the instructions mentioned above for Remote e-voting.
- Only those shareholders, who are present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and have not casted their vote on the Resolutions through remote e-Voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-Voting system available during the AGM.
- 3. If any Votes are cast by the shareholders through the e-voting available during the AGM and if the same shareholders have not participated in the meeting through VC/OAVM facility, then the votes cast by such shareholders shall be considered invalid as the facility of e-voting during the meeting is available only to the shareholders attending the meeting.
- 4. Shareholders who have voted through Remote e-Voting will be eligible to attend the AGM. However, they will not be eligible to vote at the AGM.

#### (xx) Note for Non - Individual Shareholders and Custodians

- Non-Individual shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) and Custodians are required to log on to www.evotingindia.com and register themselves in the "Corporates" module.
- A scanned copy of the Registration Form bearing the stamp and sign of the entity should be emailed to helpdesk. evoting@cdslindia.com.
- After receiving the login details a Compliance User should be created using the admin login and password. The Compliance User would be able to link the account(s) for which they wish to vote on.
- The list of accounts linked in the login should be mailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com and on approval of the accounts they would be able to cast their vote.
- A scanned copy of the Board Resolution and Power of Attorney (POA) which they have issued in favour of the Custodian, if any, should be uploaded in PDF format in the system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.
- Alternatively Non Individual shareholders are required to send the relevant Board Resolution/ Authority letter etc. together with attested specimen signature of the duly authorized signatory who are authorized to vote, to the Scrutinizer and to the Company at the email address viz; investor\_relations@empiremumbai.com (designated email address by company), if they have voted from individual tab & not uploaded same in the CDSL e-voting system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.

If you have any queries or issues regarding attending AGM & e-Voting from the e-Voting System, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www. evotingindia.com, under help section or write an email to helpdesk. evoting@cdslindia.com or contact Mr. Nitin Kunder (022-23058738) or Mr. Mehboob Lakhani (022-23058543) or Mr. Rakesh Dalvi (022-23058542).

All grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Manager, (CDSL,) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25th Floor,

Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013 or send an email to helpdesk. evoting@cdslindia.com or call on 022-23058542/43.

#### ANNEXURE TO NOTICE

As required by Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 the following Explanatory statement set out all material facts relating to the business mentioned under Item Nos. 5 & 6 of the accompanying Notice dated June 29, 2020.

#### ITEM NO.5

## Re-appointment of Mr. Subodh Chandra as an Independent Non-Executive Director.

Mr. Subodh Chandra was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company by the members at the 114th AGM of the Company held on 26th August, 2014 for a period of five consecutive years commencing from 1st April, 2014 upto 31st March, 2019. As per Section 149(10) of the Act, an Independent Director shall hold office for a term of upto five consecutive years on the Board of a Company, but shall be eligible for re-appointment on passing a special resolution by the Company for another term of upto five consecutive years on the Board of a Company. Based on recommendation of Nomination and Remuneration Committee and in terms of the provisions of Sections 149, 150, 152 read with Schedule IV and any other applicable provisions of the Act and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Regulation 17 (IA) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018, Mr. Subodh, being eligible for re-appointment as an Independent Director and offering himself for re-appointment, is proposed to be re-appointed as an Independent Director for second term of five consecutive years from 1st April, 2019 upto 31st March, 2024.

The Company has received declaration from him stating that he meets the criteria of Independence as prescribed under sub-section (6) of Section 149 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation16(1) (b) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. He has also given his consent to continue to act as Director of the Company, if so appointed by the members. In the opinion of the Board, Mr. Subodh fulfils the conditions specified under Section 149 (6) of the Act, the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 16(1) (b) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 for his reappointment as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company and is independent of the management. The Board considers that his continued association would be of immense benefit to the Company and it is desirable to continue to avail services of Mr. Subodh as an Independent Director.

Accordingly, the Board recommends passing of the Special Resolution in relation to re-appointment of Mr. Subodh Chandra as an Independent Director for another term of five consecutive years with effect from 1st April, 2019 to 31st March, 2024, for the approval by the shareholders of the Company.

Except Mr. Subodh Chandra, being an appointee, none of the Directors and Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives is concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the resolution set out at Item No. 5 of the accompanying Notice of the AGM. Mr. Subodh Chandra is not related to any Director of the Company.