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# **CAUTIONARY STATEMENT**

Statements in this annual report describing the company's objectives, projections, estimates and expectations may be forward looking statements with in the meaning of applicable laws and regulations. Actual results might differ substantially or materially from those expressed or implied. Important developments that could affect the Company's operations include a downtrend in the international trade, exchange rate fluctuations, significant changes in economic environment, slow down in infrastructure sector etc.



#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

# **Chairman & Managing Director**

**DEEPAK KOTHARI** 

#### **Executive Director**

MITESH KOTHARI

#### **Directors**

DR. AVINASH GUPTA
PRAMOD KUMAR TANDON
VIKAS CHATURVEDI
POONAM ACHARYA

# **CS & Compliance Officer**

**RAJKUMAR GUPTA** 

#### **Chief Financial Officer**

**ANURAG TANDON** 

#### **AUDITORS**

1. M/S. RAJIV MEHROTRA & ASSOCIATES Chartered Accountants 3/3-A, Vishnupuri Kanpur - 208002

# 2. M/S.G.M.KAPADIA & CO.

Chartered Accountants 1007, Raheja Chambers 213, Nariman Point Mumbai - 400 021

### **SECRETARIAL AUDITORS**

ADESH TANDON & ASSOCIATES Company Secretaries

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#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

#### Chairman

PRAMOD KUMARTANDON

#### Members

DEEPAK KOTHARI DR. AVINASH GUPTA VIKAS CHATURVEDI

# STAKEHOLDERS RELATIONSHIP COMMITTEE

# Chairman

PRAMOD KUMARTANDON

#### **Members**

DEEPAK KOTHARI MITESH KOTHARI DR. AVINASH GUPTA

#### NOMINATION & REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

#### Chairman

PRAMOD KUMARTANDON

# Members

DR. AVINASH GUPTA VIKAS CHATURVEDI

#### CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE

# Chairman

PRAMOD KUMAR TANDON

#### Members

DEEPAK KOTHARI DR. AVINASH GUPTA

# **RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

# Chairman

PRAMOD KUMARTANDON

#### **Members**

DEEPAK KOTHARI DR. AVINASH GUPTA VIKAS CHATURVEDI



# II ALIVE IN OUR MEMORIES FOREVER II



KARMA YOGI M. M. KOTHARI

Our Founder Chairman (25th July 1925 - 27th November 2015)

"The soul never takes birth and never dies at any time nor does it come into being again when the body is created. The soul is birth less, eternal, imperishable and timeless and is never destroyed when the body is destroyed."





# Chairman's Message

Dear Fellow Share Owners,

I yet again feel honoured to be amongst the stake holders in this annual general meeting of the Company although quite somber to witness such an unprecedented devastation in the world at large due to Covid - 19 pandemic.

We are passing through the most challenging years of our life, the global economy witnessed the largest contraction at least since World War II. Unexpectedly virulent 2nd Wave of Covid - 19 pandemic has caused severe strain to our health infrastructure and economy as a whole.

The pandemic brought out challenges in many forms. Economic impact and business disruptions apart, many members of our extended family had to face health emergencies. It has caused deep scars on psychology as people had to adjust to the new ways of living. Notwithstanding these challenges our employees displayed unrelenting commitment in conducting our operations on the principle of "Going beyond business".

During the period under review, as anticipated, the economic environment remained under tremendous pressure, the Company continued its operations during sporadic lock downs and disruptions. Although there was a marginal upside in domestic trade but the international trade has fallen significantly due to fall in demand and supply and logistic restrictions in different countries.

Similarly the Company has stake in commercial as well as residential spaces along with its subsidiaries/ associates. Some of the projects continued to be stalled and in commercial spaces occupancy is also adversely impacted. This may lead to some reassessment of growth estimates for FY 2021 - 2022.

The disruption of this magnitude across the globe has left a huge economic void all round the world which caused a steep fall in the consumption resulting in negative growth. Demand and supply chain **turned turtle**.

Your Company is quite aware of the situation and exploring new Business Models and aligning in to this evolving economic scenario. The Management is optimistic to leverage itself to these future economic encounters.



Continued accommodative monetary policy of RBI, massive vaccination programs of various Govts. getting momentum and the expected increase in infrastructure expenditure by the Govt., fresh announcement of stimulus packages in India and otherdeveloped countries are the factors that will support growth recovery coupled with global growth prospects with exports as an additional strong driver of growth coupled with dilution of lock downs.

Economic pundits also assert that the worst is nearly over and silver lining have started appearing on the horizon. As per the recent estimates, the US and China are expected to boost demand for exports/ imports even economies of EU and Japan are also expected to expand. Various Governments initiatives have resulted in boost of confidence which in turn shall boost the overall demand for exports and domestic trade/ economic activities."

In these difficult times financial prudence is to conserve the resources and seize the opportunities unfolding in the future with new business investments which you will definitely support for sailing through rough weathers cautiously. we are sure that we will re-dedicate our energies to strive forward taking little steps since the cascading effects will linger on for some more time.

Historically it is proven that typically a crisis of this magnanimity is followed by a period of strong growth. In the end, I extend my thanks to all the stake holders of the Company, business associates and dedicated/ devoted TEAM who has helped us tide through the present roughest times and are prepared to achieve our goals of the future.

I once again express my gratitude to each and every one of you for reposing your confidence on the management and surely hope that it will continue.

With lots of Thanks,

Deepak Kothari Kanpur

Dated: 12th August, 2021



# **NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Members of M/s Kothari Products Limited will be held on Thursday, the 30th September, 2021 through video conferencing ( "VC" ) or other audio visual means ( "OAVM" ) at 11:30 A.M., to transact the following businesses:-

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS:**

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Standalone Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2021 together with the Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.
- 2. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2021 together with the Reports of the Auditors thereon.
- **3.** To appoint a Director in place of Sri Mitesh Kothari (DIN: 00089076), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.

#### **SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

# 4. To consider and if thought fit, to give assent/dissent to the following resolution as a Special Resolution:-

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provision of sections 196, 197 & 203 read with schedule V of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014 and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the said Act, including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being inforce; Sri Deepak Kothari, who has attained the age of 70 years, be and is hereby re-appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director (KMP) of the Company for a period of Three years w.e.f. 12th October, 2021, who shall not be liable to retire by rotation, on following terms & conditions:-

#### A. SALARY:

Rs. 2,00,000/- P.M.

### **B. PERQUISITES:**

Sri Deepak Kothari will be entitled to perquisites like furnished accommodation or House Rent Allowance in lieu thereof together with reimbursement of expenses for utilization of gas, electricity, water, provision of car(s) with driver(s), reimbursement of ordinary medical expenses and leave travel concession for self and his family, club fees, premium towards personal accident insurance and Mediclaim Policy and all other payments in the nature of Perquisites/allowances as may be agreed by the Board of Directors from time to time subject to the aggregate monetary value of the perquisites in a year not exceeding the Annual Salary.

# C. OTHER CONDITIONS

For all other terms and conditions not specifically spelt out above, the Rules and Orders of the Company shall apply.

"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT where during the currency of tenure of the Chairman & Managing Director, the Company has no profits or its profits are inadequate in any financial year, the Chairman & Managing Director shall be entitled to remuneration by way of salary and perquisites not exceeding the limits specified above subject to Schedule V, as minimum remuneration.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Company be and are hereby severally authorized to do and sign all such acts, deeds and documents as may be considered necessary, usual or expedient to give effect to above resolution."

# 5. To consider and if thought fit, to give assent/dissent to the following resolution as a Special Resolution:-

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provision of sections 196 & 197 read with schedule V of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014 and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the said Act, including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force, Sri Mitesh Kothari be and is hereby re-appointed as Executive Director of the Company, for a period of Three years w.e.f. 1st October, 2021, who shall be liable to retire by rotation, on terms & conditions as mentioned below:-

#### A. SALARY:

Rs.1, 50,000/- P.M.



#### **B. PERQUISITES:**

Sri Mitesh Kothari will be entitled to perquisites like furnished accommodation or House Rent Allowance in lieu thereof together with reimbursement of expenses for utilization of gas, electricity, water, provision of car(s) with driver(s), reimbursement of ordinary medical expenses and leave travel concession for self and his family, club fees, premium towards personal accident insurance and Mediclaim Policy and all other payments in the nature of perquisites/allowances as may be agreed by the Board of Directors from time to time subject to the aggregate monetary value of the perquisites in a year not exceeding the Annual Salary.

#### C. OTHER CONDITIONS

For all other terms and conditions not specifically spelt out above, the Rules and Orders of the Company shall apply.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT where during the currency of tenure of the Executive Director, the Company has no profits or its profits are inadequate in any financial year, the Executive Director shall be entitled to remuneration by way of salary and perquisites not exceeding the limits specified above subject to schedule V, as minimum remuneration.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Company be and are hereby severally authorized to do and sign all such acts, deeds and documents as may be considered necessary, usual or expedient to give effect to above resolution."

Regd. Off: 'PAN PARAG HOUSE' 24/19, THE MALL KANPUR - 208 001

By Order of the Board for KOTHARI PRODUCTS LTD.

(RAJ KUMAR GUPTA)
CS & Compliance Officer

DATE: 29th June, 2021

# **NOTES:**

- 1. In view of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") has vide its Circular No.20/2020 dated 5th May, 2020 read with Circular No. 14/2020 and 17/2020 dated 8th April, 2020 and 13th April, 2020 respectively (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") permitted the holding of the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") through VC / OAVM Facility, without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue. In compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"), SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), MCA Circulars and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMDI/CIR/P/2020/79 dated 12th May 2020 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular"), the 37th AGM of the Company is being held through VC / OAVM Facility. The detailed procedure for participating in the meeting through VC/OAVM Facility is mentioned hereunder in this notice and also on the website of National Securities Depositories Limited ("NSDL"). The deemed venue for the 37th AGM shall be the Registered Office of the Company. In terms of the MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular, the Notice of the 37th AGM will be available on the website of the Company at www.kothariproducts.in and on the website of BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at https://www.nseindia.com
- 2. 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 Facility, physical attendance of Members has been dispensed with. Accordingly, the facility for appointment of proxies by the Members will not be available for the 37th AGM of the Company and therefore the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip are not annexed to this Notice.
- 3. Attendance of the Members of the Company, participating in the 37th AGM through VC / OAVM Facility will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under section 103 of the Act.
- 4. The Register of Members of the Company shall remain closed from Thursday, 23rd September, 2021 to Thursday, 30th September, 2021 (both days inclusive) in connection with the Annual General Meeting.
- 5. THE MEMBERS HOLDING PHYSICAL SHARES ARE, IN THEIR OWN INTEREST, ADVISED TO SEND IMMEDIATELY REQUESTS FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND BANK PARTICULARS, IF ANY, TO OUR REGISTRAR I.E. M/s. ALANKIT ASSIGNMENTS LTD., (UNIT: KOTHARI PRODUCTS LTD.) "ALANKIT HEIGHTS" 4E/2 JHANDEWALAN EXTENSION, NEW DELHI 110 055, PHONE NOS. (011) 23541234 & 42541234 FAX NO. (011) 41543474. HOWEVER, THE MEMBERS HOLDING DEMAT SHARES ARE ADVISED TO IMMEDIATELY INTIMATE THE CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND BANK DETAILS TO THEIR CONCERNED DEPOSITORY PARTICIPANTS.



- 6. Those Members who have not encashed/received their Dividend warrants for the financial years 2013 14 onwards may approach immediately and latest by 15th September, 2021 to the Secretarial Department at the Registered Office of the Company for revalidation of Dividend Warrants or for obtaining duplicate Dividend Warrants in lieu of the lost warrants. The Company has uploaded the details of unpaid and unclaimed amounts lying with the Company on the website of the Company (www.kothariproducts.in).
- 7. Transfer of Unclaimed/Unpaid amounts to the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF):

Pursuant to Sections 124 and 125 of The Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder, all Unclaimed/Unpaid dividend for a period of seven years, from the date they became due for payment, were required to be transferred to the IEPF. Accordingly, all unclaimed/unpaid dividend for the Financial Year 2013-14, have to be transferred to the Investors Education & Protection Fund (IEPF) established by the Central Government.

Further, as per Section 124(6) of the Act read with the IEPF Rules as amended, all shares in respect of which dividend has remained unpaid/unclaimed for seven consecutive years or more are also required to be transferred to the Demat Account of the IEPF Authority.

The Company has sent notices to all the members whose Dividends are lying unpaid/unclaimed for seven consecutive years or more. Concerned Members are requested to claim the same immediately. In case the dividends are not claimed, necessary steps will be initiated by the Company to transfer shares held by the members to IEPF without further notice.

The unpaid Dividend amount relating to the Financial Years, 1997-98, 1998-2000 (Interim), 1998-2000 (Final), 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-2009, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 & 2012-13 have been transferred to the aforesaid Investor Education & Protection Fund.

MEMBERS ARE AGAIN ADVISED TO NOTE THAT THE UNPAID DIVIDEND AMOUNT RELATING TO FINANCIAL YEAR 2013-14 WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE INVESTOR EDUCATION & PROTECTION FUND, AS PER THE PROVISIONS OF SEC.124(5) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 IN OCTOBER, 2021. THE DIVIDEND FOR THE AFORESAID YEAR SHALL BE PAID ONLY ON RECEIPT OF REQUEST AND SATISFACTORY COMPLIANCE OF THE REQUISITE PROCEDURE.

- 8. SEBI had also mandated that requests for effecting transfer of securities (except transmission or transposition of securities) shall not be processed after March 31, 2019, unless the securities are held in dematerialized form. Hence, the Members holding shares in physical form are requested to convert their holdings to dematerialized form at the earliest.
- 9. Section 72 of the Companies Act, 2013 has extended nomination facility to individuals holding shares in Companies. Shareowners, in particular, those holding shares as sole holder are advised to avail of the above facility in their own interest, by furnishing to the Company the particulars of their nominations. The prescribed application form may be obtained by the shareowners from the Company's Secretarial Department at its Registered Office.
- 10. Pursuant to the MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular, in view of the prevailing situation, owing to the difficulties involved in despatch of physical copies of the Notice of the 37th AGM and the Annual Report for the year 2020-21 including therein the Audited Financial Statements for financial year ended 31st March, 2021, are being sent only by email to the Members. Members who have not registered their email addresses with the Company or with their respective Depository Participants and who wish to receive the Notice of the 37th AGM and the Annual Report for the year 2020-21 and all other communications sent by the Company, from time to time, can now register the same by submitting a duly filled-in request form mentioning their folio number, complete address, email address to be registered along with scanned self attested copy of the PAN Card and any document (such as Driving Licence, Passport, Bank Statement, Aadhar Card) supporting the registered address of the Member, by email to the Registrar. Members holding shares in demat form are requested to register their email addresses with their Depository Participant(s) only.
- 11. Even after registering for e-communication, the members are entitled to receive such communication/documents in physical form, upon making a request for the same, by post, free of cost.
- 12. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Act read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended), Secretarial Standard on General Meetings (SS-2) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India ("ICSI") and Regulation 44 of Listing Regulations read with MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular, the Company is providing remote e-Voting facility to its Members in respect of the business to be transacted at the 37th AGM and facility for those Members participating in the 37th AGM to cast vote through e-Voting system during the 37th AGM. National Securities Depositories Ltd. (NSDL) will be providing facility for voting through remote e-Voting, for participation in the 37th AGM through VC/OAVM Facility and e-Voting during the 37th AGM.
- 13. A person, whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the cut-off date only, shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting.
- 14. Members who have acquired shares after the e-mailing of the Annual Report and before the book closure may obtain the user ID and Password by sending a request at **evoting@nsdl.co.in or rta@alankit.com** by mentioning their Folio No./DP ID



- and Client Id. However, if you are already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting, then you can use your existing user ID and password for casting your vote. If you have forgotten your password, you can reset your password by using "Forgot User Details / Password" option available on **www.evoting.nsdl.com** or contact NSDL at the following toll free no. 1800-222-990.
- 15. The Company has appointed Sri Adesh Tandon, a Practising Company Secretary of Kanpur as Scrutinizer to receive and scrutinize the completed physical ballot forms and votes cast electronically by the members. The results declared alongwith the Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the Company's website **www.kothariproducts.in** and on the website of NSDL **www.evoting.nsdl.com** within 3 days of passing the resolutions at the Thirty Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Company on Wednesday, 30thSeptember, 2021 and communicated to the Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd. and National Stock Exchange of India Limited, where the shares of the Company are listed.
- 16. The Securities & Exchange Board of India has notified that the shareholders/transferees of shares (including Joint holders) holding shares in physical form are required to furnish a certified copy of their PAN Card to the Company/RTA while transacting in the securities market including by transfer, transmission or any other Corporate Action. Accordingly, all the Physical shareholders/transferees of shares (including Joint holders) are requested to furnish a certified copy of their PAN Card to the Company/RTA while transacting in the securities market including by transfer, transmission or any other Corporate Action.
- 17. Annual Report and AGM Notice is available at the website of the Company at **www.kothariproducts.in** in the Investor's Section.
- 18. Pursuant to SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, particulars of Directors seeking re-appointments at this meeting are provided in the Corporate Governance Report forming part of the Annual Report.
- 19. THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS FOR REMOTE E-VOTING & E-VOTING AT AGM ARE AS UNDER:-

#### The EVEN of the Company 117749

The remote e-voting period begins on 27th September, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. and ends on 29th September, 2021at 5:00 P.M. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter.

# A) Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meeting for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode

In terms of SEBI circular 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.

Login method for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode is given below:

Login method for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode is given below:		
Type of shareholders	Login Method	
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL.	1. Existing IDeAS user can visit the e-Services website of NSDL Viz. https://eservices.nsdl.com either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. On the e-Services home page click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under 'IDeAS' section, this will prompt you to enter your existing User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting services under Value added 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 i.e.	
	<b>NSDL</b> and you will be re-directed to e-Voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.	
	2. If you are not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is available at https://eservices.nsdl.com. Select "Register Online for IDeAS Portal" or click at https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp	
	3. Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/ either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholder/Member' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID (i.e. your sixteen digit demat account number hold with NSDL), Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen. After successful authentication, you will be redirected to NSDL Depository site wherein you can see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider i.e. NSDL and you will be redirected to e-Voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.	