



SAFFRON INDUSTRIES LIMITED

25TH ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018



NOTICE TO MEMBERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Members of SAFFRON INDUSTRIES LIMITED will be held on Saturday, the 15th Day of September, 2018 at 11.00 A.M. at Nava-Bharat Bhavan, Chhatrapati Square, Wardha Road, Nagpur - 440 015, to transact the following business :

ORDINARY BUSINESS:

ITEM NO. 1:

To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2018 and the Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.

ITEM NO. 2

To appoint a Director in place of Shri Vinod Maheshwari (holding DIN-00340953) who retires by rotation and being eligible offers himself for re-appointment.

ITEM NO. 3:

To ratify the appointment of auditors of the Company, and to fix their remuneration and to pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution thereof:

“**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Section 139, 142 and other applicable provisions of Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 made there under the appointment of M/s. Utsav Sumit Associates, Chartered Accountants, Nagpur, (Firm Registration No.-0165514C) as the Statutory Auditors of the Company to hold office till the conclusion of the 29th Annual General Meeting to be held in the calendar year 2022 be and is hereby ratified and that the Board of Directors be and is hereby authorized to fix the remuneration payable to them for the financial year ending 31st March, 2019 as may be determined by the audit committee in consultation with the auditors.”

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

ITEM NO. 4:

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

“**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Sections 149, 152, read with Schedule IV and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder, Regulation 16(1)(b) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force), Mr. Achalla Srinivas (holding DIN 08053090), who was appointed as an Additional Independent Director with effect from 14 February 2018 and who holds office of Director up to the date of this Annual General Meeting pursuant to the provisions of Section 161 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Articles of Association of the Company and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in



writing under Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013, from a member proposing his candidature for the office of Director, be and is hereby appointed as an Independent Director of the Company to hold office for a term of five (5) consecutive years up to 13 February 2023.”

ITEM NO. 5:

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

“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 shareholders of the Company be and is hereby accorded, subject to the approval of the Registrar of Companies, Mumbai, to append Clause III (A) (1) (a) AND Clause III (A) (1) (b) of the Memorandum of Association of Company:

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution, Mr. Vinod Maheshwari, Chairman and/or Mr. Manoj Sinha, Executive Director of the Company be and are hereby authorised, on behalf of the Company, to do all acts, deeds, matters and things as deem necessary, proper or desirable and to sign and execute all necessary documents, applications and returns for the purpose of giving effect to the aforesaid resolution along with filing of necessary E-form with the Registrar of Companies, Mumbai.”

By Order of the Board,

Sd/-

Place: Nagpur

Dated: August 09, 2018

**Saurabh Somani
Company Secretary**



NOTES:

i) The Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Monday, 10th September, 2018 to Saturday, 15th September, 2018 (both days inclusive)

ii) A MEMBER OF THE COMPANY ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE SAID MEETING IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT A PROXY TO ATTEND AND VOTE INSTEAD OF HIMSELF AND THE PROXY NEED NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE COMPANY.

A person can act as a proxy on behalf of members not exceeding fifty and holding in the aggregate not more than ten percent of the total share capital of the Company carrying voting rights. A member holding more than ten percent of the total share capital of the Company carrying voting rights may appoint a single person as proxy and such person shall not act as a proxy for any other person or shareholder.

Proxy Form/s, in order to be effective, must be received at the Registered Office of the Company at Nagpur, not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.

Proxies shall not have any right to speak at the meeting.

iii) The statement pursuant to section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 26 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 setting out, of material facts concerning each item of business specified above is annexed hereto.

iv) Electronic copy of the Annual Report and the Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Company together with the attendance slip and Proxy Form are being sent to all the members whose email IDs are registered with the Company/Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA) of the company/ Depository Participants. For members who have not registered their email address with the Company/ RTA of the company /Depository Participants, physical copies of the above documents are being sent in the permitted mode.

v) Members, who hold shares in physical form, are requested to advise the Company immediately of any change in their addresses.

vi) Members, who hold shares in electronic form, are requested to intimate details regarding change of address, etc. to the Depository Participants, where they have their Demat accounts.

vii) Members may avail of the facility of dematerialisation by opening Demat accounts with the Depository Participants of either National Securities Depository Limited or Central Depository Services (India) Limited and get equity share certificates held by them dematerialised.

viii) The Members/Proxies should bring the Attendance Slip sent herewith duly filled in for attending the Meeting. The Members holding shares in dematerialized form are requested to write their Client ID and DP ID numbers and those who hold shares in physical form are requested to write their folio number in the attendance slip for attending the meeting.

ix) Since the securities of the Company are compulsorily tradable in electronic form, to ensure better investor service and elimination of risk of holding securities in physical form, it is requested that the members holding shares in physical form to get their shares dematerialized at the earliest.



x) In case members wish to ask for any information about accounts or operations of the Company, they are requested to send their queries in writing at least 7 days before the date of the meeting, so that the information can be made available at the time of the meeting.

xi) Members having multiple folios are requested to intimate to the Company such folios to enable the Company to consolidate all shareholdings into one folio.

xii) Members are requested to bring their copy of the Annual Report for the meeting.

xiii) Members may note that the Notice of the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Report will be available on the Company's website www.saffronindustries.in. The physical copies of the aforesaid documents will also be available at the Company's registered office for inspection during normal working days. Members are also entitled to receive the physical copy upon making specific request.

xiv) As per the provisions of Companies act, 2013, nomination facility is available for members. The nomination forms can be obtained from the Company's Share Transfer Agents by the members holding share in physical form, in respect of members holding shares in electronic form the forms may be obtained from the Depository Participants with whom they are maintaining their demat account.

xv) Members are requested to make all correspondence relating to share transfer (both in Physical & Demat form) to our Share Transfer Agent, M/s. Adroit Corporate Services Pvt. Ltd., 19, Jaferbhoy Industrial Estate, 1st Floor, Makwana Road, Marol Naka, Mumbai – 400 059.

xvi) Green Initiative in the Corporate Governance - Registration of email address

The members are requested to register email address with the Depository Participant / the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company, i.e. Adroit Corporate Services Private Limited, as the case may be, for service of documents.

Voting through electronic means

In compliance with provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and as amended from time to time and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is pleased to provide to the Members the facility to exercise their right to vote on resolutions proposed to be considered at the 25th Annual General Meeting (AGM) by electronic means and the business may be transacted through e-voting services. The facility of casting the votes by the Members using an electronic voting system from a place other than venue of the AGM ("remote e-voting") will be provided by Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL).

The facility for voting through ballot paper shall be made available at the AGM to the Members attending the meeting. The Members, who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting, shall be able to exercise their right to vote at the meeting through ballot paper.

- (i) The voting period begins on 12th September, 2018 (9 a.m.) and ends on 14th September, 2018 (5 p.m.). During this period shareholders' of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date 8th September, 2018 may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.
- (ii) The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website www.evotingindia.com.



- (iii) Click on Shareholders / Members
- (iv) 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. Members holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company.
- (v) Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.
- (vi) If you are holding shares in demat form and had logged on to www.evotingindia.com and voted on an earlier voting of any company, then your existing password is to be used.
- (vii) If you are a first time user follow the steps given below:

	For Members holding shares in Demat Form and Physical Form
PAN	<p>Enter your 10 digit alpha-numeric PAN issued by Income Tax Department (Applicable for both demat shareholders as well as physical shareholders)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members who have not updated their PAN with the Company/Depository Participant are requested to use the first two letters of their name and the 8 digits of the sequence number in the PAN field. • In case the sequence number is less than 8 digits enter the applicable number of 0's before the number after the first two characters of the name in CAPITAL letters. Eg. If your name is Ramesh Kumar with sequence number 1 then enter RA00000001 in the PAN field.

- (viii) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.
- (ix) Members holding shares in physical form will then directly reach the Company selection screen. However, members 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.
- (x) For Members holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-voting on the resolutions contained in this Notice.
- (xi) Click on the EVSN for the Saffron Industries Limited on which you choose to vote.
- (xii) 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.
- (xiii) Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- (xiv) 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.



- (xv) Once you “CONFIRM” your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.
- (xvi) You can also take a print of the votes cast by clicking on “Click here to print” option on the Voting page.
- (xvii) If a demat account holder has forgotten the changed 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.
- (xviii) **Shareholders can also cast their vote using CDSL’s mobile app m-Voting available for android based mobiles. The m-Voting app can be downloaded from Google Play Store. Apple and Windows phone users can download the app from the App Store and the Windows Phone Store respectively. Please follow the instructions as prompted by the mobile app while voting on your mobile.**
- (xix) **Note for Non – Individual Shareholders and Custodians**
 - Non-Individual shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) and Custodian are required to log on to www.evotingindia.com and register themselves as Corporates.
 - 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.

In case you have any queries or issues regarding e-voting, 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

General Instructions for e-voting:

- You can update your mobile number and e-mail id in the user profile details of the folio, which may be used for sending future communication(s).
- 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 of 8th September, 2018.
- Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes member of the Company after dispatch of the notice and holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e. 8th September, 2018 may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com However, if you are already registered with CDSL for remote e-voting, then you can use your existing user ID and password for casting your vote. If you forgot your password, you can reset your password by using “Forgot User Details / Password” option available on www.evotingindia.com



- A member may participate in the AGM EVSN after exercising his right to vote through remote e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again at the AGM.
- 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 as well as voting at the AGM through ballot paper.
- Mr. Vaibhav Netke, Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No. A38174 and CP No. 19556), 532/A, Hanuman Nagar, Near Bharat Yatra Travel Point, Nagpur 440009, e-mail: cs.vaibhavjain34@gmail.com, has been appointed as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the voting and remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.
- The Chairman shall, at the AGM, at the end of discussion on the resolutions on which voting is to be held, allow voting with the assistance of Scrutinizer, by use of ballot paper for all those members, who are present at the AGM but have not cast their votes by availing the remote e-voting facility.
- The Scrutinizer shall after the conclusion of voting at the AGM, will first count the votes cast at the meeting and thereafter unblock the votes cast through remote e-voting in the presence of at least two witnesses not in the employment of the Company and shall make, not later than three days of the conclusion of the AGM, a consolidated scrutinizer's report of the total votes cast in favour or against, if any, to the Chairman or a person authorized by him in writing, who shall countersign the same and declare the result of the voting forthwith.
- The Results declared alongwith the report of the Scrutinizer shall be placed on the website of the Company www.saffronindustries.in and on the website of CDSL immediately after the declaration of result by the Chairman or a person authorized by him in writing. The results shall also be immediately forwarded to the BSE Limited, Mumbai.
- As per the provisions of Section 20 of the Companies Act, 2013, a member may request for any document through a particular mode, for which the member shall pay such fees as may be determined by the Company in its annual general meeting. Since the cost of providing, dispatching documents may vary according to the mode of service, weight, its destination, etc., therefore it is proposed that estimated actual expense, charges borne by the Company for such dispatch will be paid in advance by the member to the company.

By Order of the Board,

Sd/-

Place: Nagpur
Dated: August 09, 2018

Saurabh Somani
Company Secretary



STATEMENT ANNEXED TO THE NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 102 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND REGULATION 26 OF THE SEBI (LISTING OBLIGATIONS AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS, 2015

Item No. 2 of the Notice

Mr. Vinod Maheshwari

Mr. Vinod Maheshwari, aged about 78 years is a dynamic & intelligent Industrialist possessing rich experience of over 45 years in the Newspaper Industry. He is the Chairman of Saffron Industries Ltd.

Mr. Vinod Maheshwari is also Managing Editor of “Nava Bharat” the renowned Hindi Daily Newspaper covering three major states namely Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh. The activities related to printing & publishing of Newspaper “Nava Bharat” for Nagpur & Mumbai editions are handled by him.

He was appointed as a Director of the Company on 20th April, 1993.

He is a Member of the Audit Committee, the Stakeholders Relationship Committee, and the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

Other Directorships

Sr. No.	Directorships
1	NAVA-BHARAT PRESS LIMITED
2	NAVABHARAT INFRAVENTURES LIMITED
3	NAVABHARAT NEWS MEDIA LIMITED
4	NAVA BHARAT PRESS (NAGPUR) PVT LTD
5	NAVABHARAT REAL ESTATE PRIVATE LIMITED
6	MADHYADESH REALTY AND FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED
7	MADHYADESH PUBLICATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
8	MADHYADESH HOLDINGS PRIVATE LIMITED
9	MADHYADESH PRESS PRIVATE LIMITED
10	BIONOVA PAPER Crafts PRIVATE LIMITED

He does not hold any committee positions in the other Companies

He is not related to any Director on the Board of Directors of the Company.

He holds 17,85,800 equity shares (24.85 %) in the Company.

Mr. Vinod Maheshwari retires by rotation, and being eligible, offers himself for reappointment.

Mr. Vinod Maheshwari may be deemed to be concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the resolution to the extent of his shareholding.

Save and except the above, none of the other Directors / Key Managerial Personnel of the Company or their relatives are, in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the resolution as set out in Item No. 2 of the Notice.



The Board recommends the ordinary resolution as set out at Item No. 2 of the Notice for approval by the members.

Item No. 4 of the Notice

Mr. Achalla Srinivas

Mr. Achalla Srinivas, aged about 42 years is a commerce graduate from the University of Mumbai & also pursued MBA (HR) from K.J. Somaiya College, Mumbai. He has a vast experience of 21 years in handling various areas of Print Media including Advertisement, Branding, Circulation, Production, Inventory Management and Operational Activities.

He was appointed as the Additional Independent Director of the Company on 14th February, 2018.

He is a Member of the Audit Committee, the Stakeholders Relationship Committee, and the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

He does not hold any directorship in the other companies.

He is not liable to retire by rotation being an Independent Director.

He does not hold any committee positions in the other Companies

He is not related to any Director on the Board of Directors of the Company.

He does not hold any equity shares of the Company.

Save and except the above, none of the other Directors / Key Managerial Personnel of the Company or their relatives are, in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the resolution as set out in Item No. 4 of the Notice.

The Board recommends the ordinary resolution as set out at Item No. 4 of the Notice for approval by the members.

Item No. 5 of the Notice

Alteration in Memorandum of Association of the Company

In the present situation paper industry is booming and accordingly its impact on the Company is expected to be positive. Since the paper industry is on growth path the Company will be capitalizing the situation and will be focusing on the business growth.

Considering the Company's strength it is proposed to diversify into profit making ventures which may turn around the Company's financial condition in its favor.

Accordingly it is proposed to enter into the business of land & real estate development.

Further the Company has a good amount of freehold land which is at prime location and has good transport connectivity along with top class amenities which can be utilized for development of residential township purpose.