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# ANNUAL REPORT

2020 - 2021



# SMITHS & FOUNDERS (INDIA) LIMITED

CIN: L85110KA1990PLC011303

# **SMITHS & FOUNDERS (INDIA) LIMITED**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Suresh Shastry Chairman & Managing Director

Supriya Shastry Whole-Time Director (Till 05.05.2021)

V Parthasarathy Independent Director Sudhindra N Kalghatgi Independent Director

Shailaja Suresh Non-Executive & Non-independent Director Manjunath K H Independent Director (Till 30.04.2021)

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER Sadananda S Zutti

**COMPANY SECRETARY &** 

**COMPLIANCE OFFICER** Roopashree B Shettigar

**AUDITORS** B.N.Subramanya & Co.

**Chartered Accountants** 

# 101, R.V-15, 'E ' Block, 6<sup>th</sup> Main Road Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560003

**REGISTRAR &** Integrated Registry Management Services Private Limited

**TRANSFER AGENTS** 30, Ramana Residency, 4<sup>th</sup> Cross, Sampige Road

Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560003

## **SMITHS & FOUNDERS (INDIA) LIMITED**

**REGSISTERED OFFICE** No.505, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Brigade Rubix,

No.20, H M T Main Road, Bangalore - 560013

**WORKS** Plot No N12 and N13, Industrial Estate, Sagar Road, Shimoga,

Karnataka, 577204

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**WEBSITE** <u>www.smithsandfoundersindia.com</u>

## **NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of the Members of **Smiths & Founders (India) Limited** will be held on Monday, September, 27, 2021 at IST 10.00 a.m. through Video Conferencing / Other Audio Visual Means ("VC") to transact the following business:

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS:**

- 1. To consider and adopt the audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2021 and the Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.
- 2. To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Suresh Shastry (DIN: 01099554), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.

#### **SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

3. To approve continuation of directorship of Parthasarathy V (DIN: 06761878), as Independent Director in terms of Regulation 17 (1A) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and in this regard, to consider and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a **Special Resolution:** 

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Regulation 17 (1A) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules framed thereunder, consent of the Members be and is hereby accorded to continue and hold office of Independent Director of the Company by Parthasarathy V (DIN: 06761878) (who will attain 75 years of age on April 10, 2022) till his current tenure of appointment namely, up to February 13, 2024.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** Mr. Suresh Shastry, Chairman & Managing Director be and is hereby authorized to do all such acts, deeds and things and to sign all such documents and writings as may be necessary to give effect to this resolution and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto."

By the Order of the Board

Sd/-

Roopashree B Shettigar Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

# Registered Office:

No.505, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Brigade Rubix, No.20, HMT Main Road, Bangalore 560 013 CIN: L85110KA1990PLC011303

E-mail Id: <a href="mailto:cosec@smithsandfoundersindia.com">cosec@smithsandfoundersindia.com</a>
Website: <a href="mailto:www.smithsandfoundersindia.com">www.smithsandfoundersindia.com</a>

Place: Bangalore Date: 28.08.2021

#### **NOTES**:

1. In view of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") had vide its General Circular Nos. 14/2020, 17/2020, 20/2020 and 02/2021 dated April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020, May 5, 2020 and January 13, 2021 respectively (collectively referred to as "MCA circulars") permitted the holding of the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") through VC, without the physical presence of the members at a common venue. Hence, in compliance with the MCA circulars and the provisions of the Act, SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations") the 30<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company is being held through VC.

The Deemed Venue for the 30<sup>th</sup> AGM shall be the registered office of the Company.

- 2. The relevant details, pursuant to Regulations 26(4) and 36(3) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), in respect of Director(s) seeking appointment/re-appointment at this AGM is annexed.
- 3. A MEMBER ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE MEETING IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT A PROXY TO ATTEND AND VOTE INSTEAD OF HIMSELF/HERSELF AND THE PROXY NEED NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE COMPANY. Since the AGM is being held pursuant to the MCA Circulars through VC, physical attendance of members has been dispensed with. Accordingly, the facility for appointment of proxies by the Members will not be available for this AGM and hence the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip are not annexed to this Notice. However, Body Corporates are entitled to appoint authorised representatives to attend the AGM through VC and participate thereat and cast their votes through e-voting.
- 4. The Members can join the AGM in the VC 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 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.
- 5. Members attending the AGM through VC shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Act.
- Members desirous of seeking information in respect of Accounts of the Company are requested to send their queries to <u>accounts@smithsandfoundersindia.com</u> on or before September 23, 2021.
- 7. During the 30th AGM, Members may access the scanned copy of the Register of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel and their shareholding maintained under section 170 of the Act and the register of contracts and arrangements in which the Directors are interested, maintained under section 109 of the Act, upon logging in to CDSL e-voting system.
- 8. In case of joint holders, the Member whose name appears as the first holder in the order of names as per the Register of Members of the Company will be entitled to vote at the AGM through e-voting.

- Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from September 21, 2021, to September 27, 2021 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of 30<sup>th</sup> AGM.
- 10. Corporate members intending to send their authorised representatives to attend the Meeting are requested to send to the Company a certified copy of the Board Resolution authorising their representative to attend and vote on their behalf at the Meeting.
- 11. As per the provisions of Section 72 of the Companies Act, 2013 (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. The said form can be downloaded from the Company's website <a href="www.smithsandfoundersindia.com">www.smithsandfoundersindia.com</a> (under 'Investors' section). Members are requested to submit the said details to their DP in case the shares are held by them in electronic form and to Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent Integrated Registry Management Services Private Limited, in case the shares are held by them in physical form.
- 12. As per Regulation 40 of SEBI Listing Regulations, as amended, securities of listed companies can be transferred only in dematerialized form with effect from April 1, 2019, except in case of request received for transmission or transposition of securities. In view of this and to eliminate all risks associated with physical shares and for ease of portfolio management, members holding shares in physical form are requested to consider converting their holdings to dematerialized form. Members can contact the Company or Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent Integrated Registry Management Services Private Limited for assistance in this regard.
- 13. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has mandated the submission of Permanent Account Number (PAN) by every participant in securities market. Members holding shares in electronic form are therefore, requested to submit the PAN to their Depository Participant ("DP") with whom they are maintaining their demat account. Members holding shares in physical form can submit their PAN details to the Registrar and Transfer Agent Integrated Registry Management Services Private Limited.
- 14. Members are requested to intimate changes, if any, pertaining to their name, postal address, email address, telephone/ mobile numbers, Permanent Account Number (PAN), mandates, nominations, power of attorney, bank details such as, name of the bank and branch details, bank account number, MICR code, IFSC code, etc., to their DPs in case the shares are held by them in electronic form and to the Company's Registrars and Transfer Agents, Integrated Registry Management Services Private Limited for shares held in physical form, with relevant documents that may be required.
- 15. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic and resultant difficulties involved in dispatch of physical copies of the Annual Report, the MCA, vide its Circular dated May 5, 2020 has dispensed with the requirement of dispatch of physical copies of the Annual Report. Accordingly, the Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report 2020-21 is being sent only by electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depositories. Members may note that the Notice and Annual Report 2020-21 will also be available on the Company's website <a href="www.smithsandfoundersindia.com">www.smithsandfoundersindia.com</a>, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and on the website of CDSL <a href="https://www.evoting.cdsl.com">https://www.evoting.cdsl.com</a>. For any communication, the shareholders may also send

requests to the Company's dedicated investor email-id: <a href="mail-oce-2">cosec@smithsandfoundersindia.com</a>.

### 16. Voting through electronic means

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.

### The instructions for shareholders voting electronically and joining virtual Meetings are as under:

- i. The voting period begins on September 24, 2021 (9.00 a.m.) and ends on September 26, 2021 (5.00 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 (record date) of September 20, 2021 may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.
- ii. Shareholders who have already voted prior to the meeting date would not be entitled to vote at the meeting venue.
- iii. Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated 09.12.2020, under Regulation 44 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, listed entities are required to provide remote e-voting facility to its shareholders, in respect of all shareholders' resolutions. However, it has been observed that the participation by the public non-institutional shareholders/retail shareholders is at a negligible level.

Currently, there are multiple e-voting service providers (ESPs) providing e-voting facility to listed entities in India. This necessitates registration on various ESPs and maintenance of multiple user IDs and passwords by the shareholders.

In order to increase the efficiency of the voting process, pursuant to a public consultation, it has been decided to enable e-voting to all the demat account holders, by way of a single login credential, through their demat accounts/websites of Depositories/ Depository Participants. Demat account holders would be able to cast their vote without having to register again with the ESPs, thereby, not only facilitating seamless authentication but also enhancing ease and convenience of participating in e-voting process.

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

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

Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with CDSL	Users who have opted for CDSL Easi / Easiest facility, can login through their existing user id and password. Option will be made

Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with **NSDL** 

- 1. If you are already registered for NSDL IDeAS facility, please visit the e-Services website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: <a href="https://eservices.nsdl.com">https://eservices.nsdl.com</a> either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Services is launched, click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under 'IDeAS' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting services. Click on "Access to e-Voting" under e-Voting services and you will be able to see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name and you will be re-directed to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.
- 2. If the user is not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is available at <a href="https://eservices.nsdl.com">https://eservices.nsdl.com</a>. Select "Register Online for IDeAS "Portal or click at <a href="https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp">https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp</a>
- 3. Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: <a href="https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/">https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/</a> 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 name and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting

Individual Shareholders (holding securities in demat mode) login through their Depository Participa nts

You can also login login credentials using the your demat account through your Depository Participant NSDL/CDSL for registered with e-Voting facility. After Successful login, you will be able to see e-Voting option. Once you click on e-Voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL/CDSL Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see e-Voting feature. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.

**Important note:** Members who are unable to retrieve User ID/ Password are advised to use Forget User ID and Forget Password option available at above mentioned website.

# Helpdesk for Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode for any technical issues related to login through Depository i.e. CDSL and NSDL

Login type	Helpdesk details	
Individual Shareholders holding so	ecurities Members facing any technical issue in login can	
in Demat mode with CDSL	contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request	
	at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.comor contact at	
	022- 23058738 and 22-23058542-43.	
Individual Shareholders holding securities Members facing any technical issue in login car		
in Demat mode with <b>NSDL</b>	contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at	
	evoting@nsdl.co.in or call at toll free no.: 1800	
	1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30	

- v. Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meetings for Members holding shares in physical mode and shareholders other than individual holding in Demat form is as below:
  - 1. The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website www.evotingindia.com.
  - 2. Click on "Shareholders" module.
  - 3. 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.
  - 4. Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.
  - 5. If you are holding shares in demat form and had logged on to <a href="www.evotingindia.com">www.evotingindia.com</a> and voted on an earlier e-voting of any company, then your existing password is to be used.
  - 6. If you are a first-time user follow the steps given below:

	For Physical shareholders and other than Individual shareholders holding shares in Demat.	
PAN	Enter your 10 digit alpha-numeric *PAN issued by Income Tax Department	
	(Applicable for both demat shareholders as well as physical shareholders)	
	<ul> <li>Shareholders who have not updated their PAN with the</li> </ul>	
	Company/Depository Participant are requested to use the sequence	
	number sent by Company/RTA or contact Company/RTA.	
Dividend Bank	Enter the Dividend Bank Details or Date of Birth (in dd/mm/yyyy format) as	
Details <b>OF</b>	recorded in your demat account or in the company records in order to login.	
Date of Birth	<ul> <li>If both the details are not recorded with the depository</li> </ul>	
(DOB)	or company, please enter the member id / folio number in the Dividend	
	Bank details field.	

vi. After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.

- vii. 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.
- viii. For shareholders holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for evoting on the resolutions contained in this Notice.
- ix. Click on the relevant EVSN of "Smiths and Founders India Limited" on which you choose to vote.
- x. 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.
- xi. Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- xii. 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.
- xiii. Once you "CONFIRM" your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.
- xiv. You can also take a print of the votes cast by clicking on "Click here to print" option on the Voting page.
- xv. 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.
- xvi. Additional Facility for Non Individual Shareholders and Custodians –For Remote Voting only.
  - Non-Individual shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) and Custodians are required to log on to <u>www.evotingindia.com</u> 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 <a href="mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com">helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com</a>.
  - 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.