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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Ajay R. Gehani : Chairman & Managing Director  
Mrs. Arundhati Mali : Director & CFO  
Mr. Mohanram Pai : Independent Director  
Mr. Rajesh Arora : Independent Director

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Mohanram Pai, *Chairman*  
Mr. Rajesh Arora  
Mr. Ajay Gehani

### NOMINATION & REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Mohanram Pai, *Chairman*  
Mr. Rajesh Arora  
Mr. Ajay Gehani

### STAKEHOLDERS RELATIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. Mohanram Pai, *Chairman*  
Mr. Rajesh Arora  
Mr. Ajay Gehani

### COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Akshay Jain

### BANKERS

HDFC Bank

### AUDITORS:

#### Statutory Auditors:

M/s. J. D. Zatakia & Co.  
Chartered Accountants

#### Secretarial Auditors:

M/s. P. P. Shah & Co.  
Practicing Company Secretaries

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### REGISTERED OFFICE

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CIN: L36912MH1974PLC017505  
Email: agehani66@gmail.com

### REGISTRAR & TRANSFER AGENTS

M/s. Universal Capital Securities  
Private Limited  
C 101, 247 Park, L B S Marg,  
Vikhroli West, Mumbai – 400 083.  
Tel. No. – 022 2820 7203 – 05  
Email: info@unisec.in

### 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at  
11.00 a.m. through video conferencing



## NOTICE

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Forty – Ninth Annual General Meeting of the members of **SOVEREIGN DIAMONDS LIMITED** will be held on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at 11.00 a.m. through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the following business:

### **ORDINARY BUSINESS:**

1. To consider and adopt the Audited Annual Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 and the Reports of the Board of Directors and the Auditors' thereon.
2. To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Ajay Gehani (DIN No.: 00062989), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.

### **NOTES:**

#### **General Instructions for Accessing and participating in the 49<sup>th</sup> AGM through VC / OAVM Facility and Voting through Electronic means including Remote E- Voting.**

1. The Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013, in respect of the businesses mentioned in the accompanying Notice is not required to be annexed.
2. Pursuant to the General Circulars 10/2022 dated 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2022, other circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Circular SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD-2/P/ CIR/2023/4 dated January 5, 2023 issued by 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. **ONLY A MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE AGM THROUGH VC / OAVM.** In terms of provisions of Section 105 of the Companies Act, 2013, 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 such proxy need not be a Member of the Company. Since, this AGM is being held pursuant to the MCA Circulars through VC / OAVM, physical attendance of Members has been dispensed with. Accordingly, the facility for appointment of proxies by the Members will not be available for the AGM and hence the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip are not annexed to this Notice. 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/EGM through VC/OAVM and cast their votes through e-voting.
4. The Company has appointed M/s. Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) to provide Video Conferencing facility for the Annual General Meeting and the attendant enablers for conducting of the AGM. The proceedings of the AGM will be web-casted live for all the shareholders who hold shares as on cut-off date i.e. Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. The shareholders can visit <https://www.evotingindia.com> and login through user id and password to watch the live proceedings of the AGM on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 from 11.00 a.m. onwards. Further, the Company has also appointed CDSL as an authorized e-voting agency for facilitating members to vote on all the resolutions proposed in the Notice of AGM through electronic means. Members will have the option to cast their votes either 3 days prior to the date of AGM (Remote E-Voting) or during the AGM (E-Voting). The instructions to vote by remote e-voting and e-voting has been provided below.



5. The members can join the AGM 15 minutes before and after the scheduled time of the commencement of the AGM by following the procedure mentioned in this Notice. The facility to join the AGM will be made available for 1,000 members on first come first serve basis. This will not include Large 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 serve basis.
6. In case of joint holders attending the Meeting, only such joint holder who is higher in the order of names will be entitled to vote at the AGM.
7. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Act, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed on all days from Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 to Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 (both days inclusive).
8. The attendance of the Members attending the AGM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
9. The scanned copies of Register of Directors' and Key Managerial Personnel and their Shareholding maintained under Section 170 and Register of Contracts or Arrangements in which Directors are interested under Section 189 of the Companies Act, 2013 will be available electronically for inspection by the members during the AGM.
10. Relevant documents referred to in the accompanying Notice are open for inspection by the Members through electronic mode, based on the request being sent at [agehani66@gmail.com](mailto:agehani66@gmail.com).
11. Members desiring any relevant information about the financial statements and/or operations of the Company are requested to write to the Company at least seven days in advance, so as to enable the Company to keep the information ready. Members can also email their queries at the email address of Mr. Ajay Gehani, Chairman and Managing Director at [agehani66@gmail.com](mailto:agehani66@gmail.com).
12. In compliance with the aforesaid MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular dated May 12, 2020, Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report 2022 – 23 is being sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company / RTA / Depositories. In line with the MCA Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, the Notice calling the AGM has been uploaded on the website of the Company at <https://www.sovereigndiamondsltd.com/investor-relations>. The Notice can also be accessed from the website of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited at <https://www.bseindia.com/stock-share-price/sovereign-diamonds-ltd/soverdia/523826/corp-announcements/> or will be made available if a request is sent to the Company at [agehani66@gmail.com](mailto:agehani66@gmail.com). The Notice of AGM 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](http://www.evotingindia.com).
13. 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 Participant, and members holding shares in physical mode are requested to update their email addresses with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent i.e. Universal Capital Securities Private Limited so that they can receive Annual Report 2022 – 23 and any other communication by the Company from time to time in electronic mode. Members may follow the process detailed below for registration of email ID to obtain the report, obtain other communication from time to time as well as updating bank account details.



❖ **Physical Shareholders:**

For availing the following investor services, send a written request in the prescribed forms to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent i.e. Universal Capital Securities Private Limited either by email at gamare@unisec.in or by post to C 101, 247 Park, L B S Marg, Vikhroli West, Mumbai – 400 083.

Form for availing investor services to register PAN, email address, bank details and other KYC details or changes / update thereof for securities held in physical mode	Form ISR – 1
Update of signature of securities holder	Form ISR – 2
For nomination as provided in the Rules 19 (1) of Companies (Share capital and debenture) Rules, 2014	Form SH – 13
Declaration to opt out	Form ISR – 3
Cancellation of nomination by the holder(s) (along with ISR-3) / Change of Nominee	Form SH – 14
Form for requesting issue of Duplicate Certificate and other service requests for shares / debentures / bonds, etc., held in physical form	Form ISR – 4

❖ **Demat Shareholders:**

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.

This will enable them to receive communication by the Company from time to time in electronic form. Members of the Company, who have registered their e-mail ID, are entitled to receive such communications in physical form upon request.

14. **SEBI has mandated the submission of PAN, KYC details and nomination by holders of physical securities by 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2023, and linking PAN with Aadhaar by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 vide its circular dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 and 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2023. Shareholders are requested to submit their PAN, KYC and nomination details to the Company's registrars and share transfer agent i.e. M/s. Universal Capital Securities Private Limited by email at gamare@unisec.in or by post to C 101, 247 Park, L B S Marg, Vikhroli West, Mumbai – 400 083.**

**Members holding shares in electronic form are, therefore, requested to submit their PAN to their depository participant(s).**

**In case a holder of physical securities fails to furnish these details or link their PAN with Aadhaar before the due date, our registrars and share transfer agents are obligated to freeze such folios. The securities in the frozen folios shall be eligible to receive payments (including dividend) and lodge grievances only after furnishing the complete documents. If the securities continue to remain frozen as on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2025, the registrar and share transfer agent / the Company shall refer such securities to the administering authority under the Benami Transactions (Prohibitions) Act, 1988, and / or the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.**

15. As per Regulation 40 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, as amended, securities of listed companies can only be transferred in demat form. 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 holding to demat form. Members can contact the Company or its Registrar and Share Transfer Agent.

16. Information about additional details of the Directors along with their brief profile who are seeking re-appointment as set out at Item No. 2 of the Notice dated 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 as required under Regulation 36 of the Listing Regulations, as amended and the Secretarial Standards on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India ('ICSI') is given below:

	<b>Seeking re-appointment at Item No. 2 of the Notice</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Mr. Ajay R. Gehani</b>
<b>Director Identification Number (DIN)</b>	00062989
<b>Date of Birth</b>	18/05/1966
<b>Nationality</b>	Indian
<b>Date of Appointment on Board</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> November, 1984
<b>Qualifications</b>	B. Com, G.G.(GIA)
<b>Shareholding in Sovereign Diamonds Limited</b>	34,76,275 equity shares
<b>In case of Non Executive Director the shareholding including shareholding as Beneficial Owner.</b>	N.A.
<b>Expertise in specific functional areas</b>	Jewellery designing and manufacturing of diamond jewellery, marketing of jewellery in domestic and international market, both.
<b>Terms and Conditions of reappointment</b>	Seeking re-appointment after retiring by rotation; On re-appointment, he will assume office on same terms as previously approved by members in 48 <sup>th</sup> AGM held on 8 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022.
<b>Relationships with other Director / Key Managerial Personnel</b>	Not related to any Director
<b>Number of meetings of the board attended during the financial year (2022-23)</b>	4
<b>Directorships in other Public Limited Companies along with listed entities from which the person has resigned in the past three years.</b>	Nil
<b>Memberships of Committees in other Public Limited Companies (includes only Audit &amp; Shareholders / Investors Grievances Committee)</b>	Nil
<b>In case of Independent Directors, the skills and capabilities required for the role and the manner in which the proposed person meets such requirements.</b>	N.A.

17. As the 49<sup>th</sup> AGM is being held through VC, Route Map is not annexed to the notice.



## INSTRUCTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR REMOTE E-VOTING AND E-VOTING DURING AGM/EGM AND JOINING MEETING THROUGH VC/OAVM ARE AS UNDER:

**Step 1 :** Access through Depositories CDSL/NSDL e-Voting system in case of individual shareholders holding shares in demat mode.

**Step 2 :** Access through CDSL e-Voting system in case of shareholders holding shares in physical mode and non-individual shareholders in demat mode.

- i) The voting period begins on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 and ends on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. 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 Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 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 9<sup>th</sup> December, 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.

**Step 1 :** Access through Depositories CDSL/NSDL e-Voting system in case of individual shareholders holding shares in demat mode.

- iv) In terms of **SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 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 abovesaid SEBI Circular, Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meetings **for Individual shareholders holding securities in Demat mode** is given below:

Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with <b>CDSL</b>	1) Users who have opted for CDSL Easi / Easiest facility, can login through their existing user id and password. Option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any further authentication. The URL for users to login to Easi / Easiest are <a href="https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/home/login">https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/home/login</a> or visit <a href="http://www.cdslindia.com">www.cdslindia.com</a> and click on Login icon and select New System Myeasi.



Type of shareholders	Login Method
	<p>2) After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e-Voting option for eligible companies where the evoting is in progress as per the information provided by company. On clicking the evoting option, the user will be able to see e-Voting page of the e-Voting service provider for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting &amp; voting during the meeting. Additionally, there is also links provided to access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers i.e. CDSL/NSDL/KARVY/LINKINTIME, so that the user can visit the e-Voting service providers' website directly.</p> <p>3) If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at <a href="https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/Registration/EasiRegistration">https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/Registration/EasiRegistration</a></p> <p>4) Alternatively, the user can directly access e-Voting page by providing Demat Account Number and PAN No. from a e-Voting link available on <a href="http://www.cdslindia.com">www.cdslindia.com</a> home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile &amp; Email as recorded in the Demat Account. After successful authentication, user will be able to see the e-Voting option where the evoting is in progress and also able to directly access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers.</p>
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with <b>NSDL</b>	<p>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 &amp; voting during the meeting.</p> <p>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></p>





Type of shareholders	Login Method
	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 <b>Depository Participants</b>	You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account through your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/ CDSL for 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 abovementioned 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 securities in Demat mode with <b>CDSL</b>	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at <a href="mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com">helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com</a> or contact at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33.
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with <b>NSDL</b>	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at <a href="mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in">evoting@nsdl.co.in</a> or call at toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30

**Step 2 :** Access through CDSL e-Voting system in case of shareholders holding shares in physical mode and non-individual shareholders in demat mode.

- v) Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meeting for **shareholders other than individual shareholders & shareholders holding shares in physical form.**
- 1) The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website [www.evotingindia.com](http://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 [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com) 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:

<b>PAN</b>	<p><b>For Shareholders holding shares in Demat Form other than individual shareholders and shareholders holding shares in physical form</b></p> <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"> <li>Members 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>
<b>Dividend Bank Details</b> <b>OR Date of Birth (DOB)</b>	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If both the details are not recorded with the depository or company please enter the member id / folio number in the Dividend Bank details field as mentioned in instruction (v).</li> </ul>

- a) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.
- b) 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.
- c) For shareholders holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-voting on the resolutions contained in this Notice.
- d) Click on the EVSN for the "**SOVEREIGN DIAMONDS LIMITED**" on which you choose to vote.
- e) 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.
- f) Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- g) 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.