



70TH ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

Board of Directors

Mr. T.R. Swaminathan, Chairman
Mr. R.S. Jhavar
Mr. Gobind Prasad Saraf
Mrs. Kusum Dadoo
Mr. F.J. Guzdar, Whole-Time-Director
Mr. B.N. Shah, Company Secretary
Mr. S.R. Landge, C.F.O.

Bankers

Bank of India
HDFC Bank

Auditors

Messrs B.K. Khare & Co.
Mumbai

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Notice of Annual General Meeting:

Notice is hereby given that Seventieth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held as scheduled below:

Day : Thursday
Date : 24th August, 2017
Time : 11.30 a.m.
Venue : Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana,
Khar West, Mumbai-400 052

The Agenda for the meeting will be as under:

ORDINARY BUSINESS:

- 1) To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March, 2017 and report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
- 2) To elect a Director in the place of Mr. F. J. Guzdar (DIN: 00205930) who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
- 3) To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration and in this regard pass with or without modification(s), the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of sections 139(1) and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013, read with rules made thereunder, the appointment of M/s. V Singhi & Associates, Chartered Accountants, (Firm Registration No 105102W) are hereby appointed as the Statutory Auditor of the Company from the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting till the conclusion of the 75th Annual General Meeting, subject to ratification at every Annual General Meeting with remuneration as may be decided by the Board of Directors."

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

- 4) To pass with or without modification the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Sections 196, 197, Schedule V and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 the Company

hereby approves the appointment of Mr. F. J. Guzdar (DIN: 00205930) as a Whole-Time Director of the Company for a period of 1 (One) year from 01.10.2017 to 30.09.2018 on the remuneration set out in the draft agreement to be executed between the Company and Mr. F. J. Guzdar placed before this meeting and initialled by the Chairman for the purpose of identification."

By order of the Board of Directors

Registered Office:

Rustom Court,
Opp. Podar Hospital,
Dr. Annie Besant Road,
Worli,
Mumbai – 400 030.

Place: Kolkata

Dated:- 26th May, 2017

F. J. GUZDAR
WHOLE-TIME DIRECTOR
DIN: 00205930

Notes:-

1. **A MEMBER ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE MEETING IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT ONE OR MORE PROXIES TO ATTEND AND VOTE INSTEAD OF HIMSELF AND SUCH PROXIES NEED NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE COMPANY. THE PROXIES IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE, MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COMPANY NOT LESS THAN 48 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING.**

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.

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 authorizing their representative to attend and vote on their behalf at the Meeting.

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.

2. The details of the Directors proposed to be appointed/re-appointed, as required under Regulation 36(3) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015 is attached to this Notice.
3. Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of the Special Business to be transacted at the meeting as set out above is annexed hereto and forms part of the Notice.
4. The register of members and share transfer books of the Company will remain closed from Thursday, 17th day of August, 2017 to Thursday, 24th day of August, 2017 (both days inclusive).
5. Members are requested to notify immediately any change in their address or bank account particulars:
 - To the Registrar and Transfer Agents of the Company for shares held in physical form; and
 - Directly to their respective Depository Participants with whom they are maintaining their Demat accounts and not to the Company/ Registrar and Transfer Agents, for shares held in electronic form.
6. Non-Resident Indian Members are requested to inform **M/S. SHAREX DYNAMIC (INDIA) PVT. LTD.** immediately of :
 - Change in their residential status on return to India for permanent settlement.
 - Particulars of their bank account maintained in India with complete name, branch, account type, account number and address of the bank with pin code number, if not furnished earlier.
7. In all correspondences with the Company, members holding shares in physical form are requested to quote their Folio numbers and those holding shares in electronic form are requested to quote their DP ID number and Client ID number.
8. 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 Participants with whom they are maintaining their Demat accounts. Members holding shares in physical form can submit their PAN details to the Company / Registrar and Transfer Agents, **M/S. SHAREX DYNAMIC (INDIA) PVT. LTD.**
9. Members desirous of obtaining any information concerning the accounts are requested to write to the Company at least 10 days before the date of the meeting so as to enable the Management to keep the information ready. Replies will be provided only at the meeting.
10. In terms of Section 101 and 136 of the Companies Act, 2013 read together with Rules made thereunder, the copy of the Annual Report including Financial Statements, Board's report etc. and this Notice are being sent by electronic mode to those members who have registered their email ids with the Company or with the share transfer agent of the Company or with their respective Depository Participant (s) for communication purposes unless any member has requested for a hard copy of the same. For members who have not registered their email address, physical copies of the Annual Report for 2016-17 is being sent in the permitted mode. To support the 'Green Initiative', the Members who have not registered their email addresses, are requested to register the same with their Depository Participants. Members holding shares in physical mode are requested to register their email addresses with the Registrar & Transfer Agent of the Company.
11. Members may also note that the copy of Annual Report will also be available on the Company's website www.standardbatteries.co.in.
12. All documents referred to in the accompanying Notice and the Explanatory Statement, and other statutory register shall be open for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company between (11.00 am to 1.00 pm) on all working days except Saturday & Sunday and public holiday upto and including the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Company.
13. The Register of Directors' and Key Managerial Personnel and their shareholding maintained under Section 170 of the Companies Act, 2013; and the Register of contracts or arrangements in which the Directors are interested under Section 189 of the

Companies Act, 2013 will be available for inspection at the AGM.

14. Pursuant to Section 72 of the Companies Act, 2013, members holding shares in physical form are advised to file nomination in the prescribed Form SH-13 with the Company's share transfer agent. In respect of shares held in Electronic/ Demat form, the members may please contact their respective Depository Participant.

15. Members who hold shares in physical form in multiple folios in identical names or joint holding in the same order of names are requested to send the share certificates to M/S. SHAREX DYNAMIC (INDIA) PVT. LTD. for consolidation into a single folio.

16. Members are requested to bring their copies of the Annual Report to the meeting.

17. Voting through electronic means

I. In compliance with provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended by the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2015 and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015, the Company is pleased to provide members facility to exercise their right to vote on resolutions proposed to be considered at the 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 National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL).

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

III. The members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

IV. The remote e-voting period commences on 21st August, 2017 (9:00 am) and ends on 23rd August, 2017 (5:00 pm). During this period members' of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date of 17th August, 2017, may cast their vote by remote e-voting. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.

V. The process and manner for remote e-voting are as under:

A. In case a Member receives an email from NSDL [for members whose email IDs are registered with the Company/Depository Participants(s)] :

(i) Open email and open PDF file viz; "remote e-voting.pdf" with your Client ID or Folio No. as password. The said PDF file contains your user ID and password/PIN for remote e-voting. Please note that the password is an initial password. You will not receive this PDF file if you are already registered with NSDL for e-voting then you can use your existing password for casting the vote. If you have forgotten your password, you can reset your password by using "Forget User Details / Password" option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com or contact NSDL at the following toll free no.: 1800-222-990.

(ii) Launch internet browser by typing the following URL: <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/>

(iii) Click on Shareholder - Login

(iv) Put user ID and password as initial password/PIN noted in step (i) above. Click Login.

(v) Password change menu appears. Change the password/PIN with new password of your choice with minimum 8 digits/characters or combination thereof. Note new password. It is

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- XV. The Scrutinizer shall after the conclusion of voting at the general meeting, 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.
- XVI. The Results declared along with the report of the Scrutinizer shall be placed on the website of the Company www.standardbatteries.co.in and on the website of NSDL 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 Stock Exchange where the shares of the Company are listed.

ANNEXURE TO THE NOTICE:

Explanatory statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 setting out material facts concerning the business under Item Nos. 4 and 5 of the Notice, is annexed hereto. The relevant details as required under Regulation 36(3) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), of the person seeking re-appointment as Director under Item No. 4 of the Notice and forming part of the Notice dated 26th May 2017.

Item No.4:

Mr. Farok J. Guzdar (DIN:00205930) was re-appointed as a Whole-Time Director of the Company at the Annual General Meeting held on 9th September, 2016 up to 30th September, 2017. The Board Meeting held on 26th May, 2017 has recommended his re-appointment as a Whole-Time Director of the Company for a further period up to 30.09.2018 from 01.10.2017 to comply with provision of Section 196, 197, 203, Schedule V of the Companies Act, 2013. The remuneration payable to Mr. Farok J. Guzdar (DIN: 00205930) and other terms of employment are set out in the draft agreement to be entered into between the Company and Mr. Farok J. Guzdar (DIN: 00205930), keeping in view the provisions of Sections 269, 309, 311 & Schedule XIII of the Companies

Act, 1956 and Sections 196, 197, 203 & Schedule V of the Act. His appointment and the remuneration payable to him are subject to the approval of shareholders of the Company at the general meeting.

The general terms of the draft agreement between the Company and Mr. F. J. Guzdar referred to in resolution in item no.4 of the notice are as under.

A. REMUNERATION:

Salary of ₹70,000/- per month.

B. COMMISSION:

1% commission on the net profit of the Company, subject to a ceiling of 50% of the salary or ₹120,000/- per annum whichever is less.

C. BENEFITS, PERQUISITES AND ALLOWANCES:

Category A

1. Housing :

Housing I) The expenditure by the Company on hiring furnished accommodation will be subject to the ceiling of sixty percent of the salary of Mr. Farok J. Guzdar.

Housing II) In case the accommodation is owned by the Company, ten percent of the salary of Mr. Farok J. Guzdar shall be deducted by the Company.

Housing III) In case no accommodation is provided by the Company, Mr. Farok J. Guzdar shall be entitled to House Rent Allowance subject to the ceiling laid down in Housing I.

2. The expenditure incurred by the Company on gas, electricity, water and furnishing shall be valued as per the Income Tax Rules, 1962, subject to a ceiling of 10% of the salary.
3. Medical Reimbursement: Expenses incurred for self and family subject to a ceiling of one month's salary in a year or three month's salary over a period of three years.
4. Leave Travel Concession: For self and family once in a year incurred in accordance with the rules specified by the Company.
5. Club Fees: Fees of Clubs subject to a maximum of two clubs. This will include admission and life membership fees.

6. Personal Accident Insurance: Premium not to exceed ₹70,000/- per annum.

Explanation: For the purpose of the Category A, "Family" means the spouse, the dependent children and dependent parents of Mr. Farok J. Guzdar.

7. Contribution to the Deferred Annuity @15% of the Salary.

Category B

1. Contribution to deferred annuity will not be included in the computation of ceiling on perquisites to the extent these either singly or put together are not taxable under the Income Tax Act.
2. The Company shall not be liable to pay contribution to Provident Fund and Gratuity.

Encashment of Leave at the end of the tenure will not be included in the computation of the ceiling of perquisites.

Category C

1. Provision of the Company maintained car with driver for use in Company's business and personal use and telephone at residence will not be considered as perquisites.
 2. The maximum ceiling on perquisites under category A will be restricted to an amount equivalent to the annual salary of ₹ 840,000/- per annum whichever is less.
- D.** Mr. Farok J. Guzdar is also entitled for privilege leave of one month for every eleven months of service.
- E.** Mr. Farok J. Guzdar shall also be entitled to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof from the date of appointment but no sitting fees shall be paid to him.
- F.** Mr. Farok J. Guzdar shall be paid the aforesaid remuneration by way of salary and perquisites (except commission as aforesaid, as minimum remuneration, notwithstanding that in any financial year of the Company during the aforesaid period, the Company has made no profit or the profits are inadequate.

- G.** Mr. Farok J. Guzdar shall be entitled to reimbursement of entertainment expenses actually and properly incurred for the business of the Company.

- H.** a) Mr. Farok J. Guzdar shall be entitled to first class air or train fare, whichever is convenient and expeditious to the Company and shall be entitled to all expenses incurred by him during such travel within India for the business of Company.

- b) In the event of his having travelled outside the Indian Union on behalf of The Company or on Company's business he shall be entitled to all expenses incurred by him during such travels and first class return air passage.

A copy of the draft agreement between the Company and Mr. Farok J. Guzdar referred to at Item No. 4 of the notice will be open for inspection by members between 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on any working day of the Company, at its Registered Office.

Mr. Farok J. Guzdar has over 57 years of experience in the field of finance. He has worked with the Company as Vice President (Finance) from 1989 and as Vice President (Corporate) since 1997. He has also already served the Company as a Whole-Time Director from 1.10.1998. Your Directors feel that the Company would immensely benefit from the aforesaid wide and varied experience possessed by Mr. Farok J. Guzdar. Your Board accordingly recommends his re-appointment.

None of the Directors except Mr. Farok J. Guzdar is interested in the resolution at Item No. 4 of the notice since they relate to his own appointment.

By order of the Board of Directors

Registered Office:

Rustom Court,
Opp. Podar Hospital,
Dr. Annie Besant Road,
Worli,
Mumbai – 400 030.

Place: Kolkata

Dated:- 26th May, 2017.

F. J. GUZDAR
WHOLE-TIME DIRECTOR
DIN: 00205930

Details of the Directors seeking re-appointment at the Annual General Meeting

Particulars	Mr. F. J. Guzdar
Date of Birth	5 th December, 1937
Date of Appointment	1 st October, 1998
Expertise in specific area	Mr. F J Guzdar has over 57 years of experience in the field of finance. He has worked with the Company as Vice President (Finance) from 1989 and as Vice President (Corporate) since 1997.
Directorship held in Other public Companies (excluding Foreign Companies And Section 25 Companies)	Nil
Memberships/ Chairmanships of Other Public Companies (includes only Audit and Shareholders'/ Investors' Grievance Committees)	Nil
Number of shares held	1,165

Board's Report

Dear Members,

Your Directors have pleasure in presenting this Seventieth Annual report on the affairs of the Company together with the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended on 31st March, 2017.

A. The Extract of the Annual Return in form MGT-9:

Pursuant to section 92(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 12(1) of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014.

I. Registration and other Details

- i. CIN: L65990MH1945PLC004452
- ii. Registration Date: 20th June, 1945
- iii. Name of the Company: THE STANDARD BATTERIES LIMITED
- iv. Category: Company Limited by shares
Sub-Category of the Company: Indian Non-Government Company
- v. Address of the Registered Office and contact details:

Rustom Court, Opp. Podar. Hospital, Dr.
Annie Besant Road, Worli,
Mumbai- 400030, Maharashtra, India
Tel: (022) 24919570/24919569,
Email: standardbatteries123@yahoo.co.in
Website: www.standardbatteries.co.in

- vi. Whether Listed Company: Yes, Listed on Bombay BSE,

The Company was also listed with Calcutta Stock Exchange and Chennai Stock Exchange, which have been de-recognised by SEBI.

- vii. Name, Address and Contact details of Registrar and Transfer Agent:

M/s. Sharex Dynamic (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Unit-1, Luthra Industrial Premises, 1st Floor,
Safed Pool, Andheri-Kurla Road, Andheri
(East), Mumbai – 400 072.

Tel.: 91-22-28 515 606/644, Fax: 91-22-28512885 Email: sharexindia@.com

II. PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

All the business activities contributing 10 % or more of the total turnover of the Company

Sl. No.	Name and Description of main products	NIC Code of the Product	% to total turnover of the Company
1.	Dealer of Steel & Metals	51420	100%

III. PARTICULARS OF HOLDING, SUBSIDIARY AND ASSOCIATE COMPANIES

The Company doesn't have any holding, subsidiary or associate companies.