37th Annual Report

2022 - 2023



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Vittal Mangalore Shetty Mrs. Shruti Bhuwania Ms. Anita Jaiswal Ms. Hema Thakur Kiran

Mr. Mahesh Kumar K V

Ms. Sachi Shrikumar Lakhotia (w.e.f 19.06.2023)

Whole Time Director Non-Executive Director Independent Director Independent Director

Chief Financial Officer

Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Ms. Hema Thakur Kiran Chairperson Ms. Anita Jaiswal Member Member Mr. Vittal Mangalore Shetty

NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Hema Thakur Kiran Chairperson Ms. Anita Jaiswal Member Mrs. Shruti Bhuwania Member

STATUTORY AUDITORS

Messrs YCRJ & Associates **Chartered Accountants** Bengaluru

INTERNAL AUDITORS

Messrs Ishwar & Gonal **Chartered Accountants** Bengaluru

STAKEHOLDERS' RELATIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Ms. Hema Thakur Kiran Chairperson Ms. Anita Jaiswal Member Mr. Vittal Mangalore Shetty Member

BANKERS

Bank of Baroda HDFC Bank Ltd. State Bank of India

REGISTERED & CORPORATE OFFICE

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Mr. Viiavakrishna K T **Practising Company Secretary**

Bengaluru

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THIRTY SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on Thursday, 14th September, 2023

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty Seventh (37th) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of the Company will be held at 03.00 p.m, on Thursday the 14th September, 2023 through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") in conformity with the regulatory provisions and the Circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS:

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements as at 31st March, 2023, together with Independent Auditors' Report and the Board's Report including Secretarial Audit Report thereon.
- 2. To appoint a Director in place of Mr. M V Shetty (DIN: 00515711) Whole time Director, who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers herself for re-appointment.

By Order of the Board For VXL Instruments Limited

Date: 10.08.2023 Place: Bangalore Sachi Shrikumar Lakhotia Membership No.: A71563 Company Secretary & Compliance Officer Address: 405 Shriniwas Heights, Near SBI Treasury Branch, Basant Bihar Road, Shahupuri, Kolhapur - 416003

Notes:

- 1. In view of disruptions caused by COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has, vide General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, General Circular No. 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021 and General Circular No. 02/2022 dated May 5, 2022 (collectively "MCA Circulars"), permitted companies to conduct Annual General Meeting (AGM) through video conferencing or other audio visual means (VC) till December 31, 2022, subject to compliance with various conditions mentioned therein. Similarly, SEBI vide Circular No. 79 dated May 12, 2020, Circular No. 11 dated January 15, 2021 and Circular No. 62 dated May 13, 2022 granted certain relaxations pertaining to dispatch of hard copies of Annual Reports and Proxy Forms to listed entities who conduct their AGM through electronic mode till December 31, 2022. Further, MCA vide General Circular No. 10/2022 dated December 28, 2022, extended the option to conduct the AGM through VC till September 30, 2023. Similarly, SEBI vide Circular No. 4 dated January 5, 2023 extended the relaxations pertaining to dispatch of hard copies of Annual Reports and Proxy Forms to listed entities who conduct their AGM through electronic mode till September 30, 2023 subject to certain conditions. In compliance with the MCA Circulars, SEBI Circulars and applicable provisions of the Companies Act. 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the 37th AGM of your Company is being convened and conducted through VC.
- 2. The Company has facilitated the members to participate in the 37th AGM through VC facility provided by Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL). The instructions for participation by members are given in the subsequent paragraphs. Participation in AGM through VC shall be allowed on a first-come-first-served basis.
- 3. As per MCA Circulars, members attending the 37th AGM through VC will be reckoned for the purpose of quorum as per Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- 4. For exercising the votes by the members by electronic means, the Company has provided the facility of remote e-voting as well as e-voting during the AGM. The procedure for using the remote e-voting facility as well as e-voting during the AGM is given in the subsequent paragraphs.
- 5. Members joining the AGM through VC shall be permitted to exercise their right to vote using the e-voting facility at the AGM, provided they have not cast their votes using remote e-voting facility. The members who have already cast their votes prior to AGM using the remote e-voting facility may also join the AGM though VC; but shall not be entitled to cast their votes again at the AGM.
- 6. As per the Companies Act, 2013, a member entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf and such proxy need not be a member of the Company. Since 37th AGM is being held through VC as per MCA Circulars and SEBI Circulars, physical attendance of the members has been dispensed with. Accordingly, the facility for appointment of proxies by the members will not be available for the 37th AGM and hence the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip are not annexed to this notice. Similarly, as this AGM is being held through VC, the route map is not annexed to this notice.
- 7. Corporate members may authorize their representatives for casting the votes using remote e-voting facility or for participation and voting in the AGM using VC. Institutional Investors are encouraged to attend and vote at the AGM through VC.
- 8. In line with MCA Circulars and SEBI Circulars, the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2022-23 along with Notice of 37th AGM of the Company *inter-alia* indicating the process and manner of e-voting are being sent only by electronic mode to those members whose email IDs are registered with the Company/Depository Participant(s) for communication.
 - Members may note that the aforesaid documents may also be downloaded from the Company's website under the Investor-Annual Results section at https://www.vxl.net/investors/annual-result or from the website of BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com.

In line with MCA Circulars, the Company has enabled a process for the limited purpose of receiving the AGM Notice and Annual Report (including remote e-voting instructions) electronically. To support the 'Green Initiative', the Members who have not registered their e-mail address are requested to register the same with Registrar and Share Transfer Agent: Bigshare Services Private Limited.

- 9. The Register of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel and their shareholding, and the Register of Contracts or Arrangements in which the directors are interested, maintained as per the Companies Act, 2013 will be available for electronic inspection by the members during the AGM. All the documents referred to in the Notice will also be available for electronic inspection by the members without any fee from the date of circulation of this notice up to the date of AGM. Members seeking to inspect such documents may send an email to cs@vxl.net.
- 10. Members seeking clarifications on the Annual Report are requested to send an email to cs@vxl.net on or before 07.09.2023. This would enable the Company to compile the information and provide replies at the meeting.
- 11. The Register of Members and the Share Transfer books of the Company will remain closed from 08.09.2023 to 14.09.2023 (both days inclusive).
- 12. The Shares of the Company are compulsorily traded in dematerialized form as per the directions of the Stock Exchange. Accordingly, members who have not opted for dematerialization of shares are once again reminded to take steps to dematerialize their holdings. Further, the members may note that as per SEBI (LODR) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2018, with effect from April 1, 2019, except in case of transmission or transposition of securities, no transfer of securities shall be processed unless the securities are held in the dematerialized form. Accordingly, shareholders holding equity shares in physical form are urged to get their shares dematerialized so that they will be able to transfer them freely and participate in corporate actions.
- 13. Members holding the shares in physical form are requested to communicate the changes, if any, in their addresses, bank account details and other necessary details to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, Bigshare Services Private Limited, Office No. S6-2, 6th Floor, Pinnacle Business Park, Next to Ahura Centre, Mahakali Caves Road, Andheri (East) Mumbai 400093. Members holding the shares in dematerialized form are requested to communicate such changes to the concerned Depository Participant.
- 14. Members who are yet to register their e-mail address/Mobile No. are requested to register the same with the Depository through their Depository Participants in respect of shares held in dematerialized form. Members holding the shares in physical form may register their e-mail address/Mobile No. by writing to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent.
- 15. Non-resident Indian shareholders are requested to immediately inform the Company or its Registrar and Share Transfer Agent or the concerned Depository Participant, as the case may be, about the following matters: the change in residential status on return to India for permanent settlement, and the particulars of the NRE account with a bank in India, if not furnished earlier.
- 16. 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 may submit their PAN details to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agents or the Company.

17. Procedure for e-voting and joining AGM through VC:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 108 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2015 and Regulation 44 of the Listing Regulations, the Company is providing the facility of remote e-voting to its Members in respect of the business to be transacted at the 37th 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 agency. The facility to cast the votes by the members using remote e-voting as well as the e-voting system on the date of the AGM will be provided by CDSL.

The voting period begins on Monday 11.09.2023 (9.00 AM IST) and ends on Wednesday 13.09.2023 (5.00 PM IST). During this period, Members of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date (Record date) of 07.09.2023 may cast their votes electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.

To increase the efficiency of the e-voting process, SEBI, vide Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated December 9, 2020, intended 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 should be permitted to cast their votes without having to register again with the e-voting service providers, thereby, not only facilitating seamless authentication but also enhancing ease and convenience of participating in e-voting process.

As required by this Circular, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat accounts maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Hence, members are advised to update their mobile numbers and email Ids in their respective demat accounts to access e-voting facility.

The detailed e-voting procedure is as under:

(a) Pursuant to above said SEBI Circular, login procedure for e-voting and joining virtual meetings for Individual share holders holding securities in demat mode is given below:

Shareholder Type	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 available to reach e-voting page without any further authentication. The URL for users to login to Easi / Easiest are https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/home/login or www.cdslindia.com and click on Login icon and select New System Myeasi. After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e-voting option for eligible companies where the e-voting is in progress as per the information provided by Company. On clicking the e-voting option, the user will be able to see e-voting page of the e-voting service provider for casting the vote during the remote e-voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting. Additionally, there will be 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. If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/Registration/EasiRegistration .

	Alternatively, the user may directly access e-voting page by providing Demat Account Number and PAN No. from a e-voting link available on www.cdslindia.com home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered mobile & email as recorded in the demat account. After successful authentication, user will be able to see the e-voting option where the e-voting is in progress and also able to directly access the system of all e-voting service providers.
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with NSDL	Users who have already registered for NSDL IDeAS facility, may visit the e-Services website of NSDL i.e., https://eservices.nsdl.com either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. On clicking on the 'Beneficial Owner' icon under 'Login' under 'IDeAS' section, a new screen will open. After successful authentication using the User ID and Password, user will be able to see e-voting services. Click on 'Access to e-Voting' under e-voting services will lead to e-voting page. Click on Company name or e-voting service provider name will redirect to e-voting service provider website for casting the vote during the remote e-voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.
	If the user has not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is available at https://eservices.nsdl.com . Select 'Register Online for IDeAS'portal or click at https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp .
	Alternatively, the user may visit the e-voting website of NSDL i.e., https://www.evoting.nsdl.com either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Voting system is launched, click on the icon 'Login' which is available under 'Shareholder/Member' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID (i.e., your sixteen digit demat account number held 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 Participants	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 will redirect to e-voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.
login through their Depository Participants	successful authentication, wherein you can see e-voting feature. Click on Company name or e-Voting service provider name will redirect to e-voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-voting

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 websites.

For any technical issues related to login through Depository i.e., CDSL and NSDL, individual shareholders holding securities in Demat mode may access the helpdesk as under:

Login type	Helpdesk details
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with CDSL	Members facing any technical issues in login may contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or call at 022- 23058738 and 022-23058542-43.
in demat mode with NSDL	Members facing any technical issues in login may 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.

- (b) The instructions for remote e-voting for Members (other than individual shareholders holding shares in Demat form) & physical shareholders are as under:
 - (i) The Members should log on to the e-voting website www.evotingindia.com
 - (ii) Click on "Shareholders" module.
 - (iii) 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.
 - (vi) Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.
 - (v) 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.
 - (vi) If you are a first-time user, follow the steps given below:

	For shareholders holding shares in Demat Form (other than Individual shareholders) and in Physical Form	
PAN	Enter your 10-digit alpha-numeric PAN issued by Income Tax Department (Applicable for both demat shareholders as well as physical shareholders).	
	• Members who have not updated their PAN with the Company/Depository Participant are requested to use sequence number sent by Company/RTA or contact Company/RTA.	
Dividend Bank Details or Date of Birth (DOB)	 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. 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 (iii) above. 	

- (c) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.
- (d) 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 account 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.

- (e) For Members holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-voting on the Resolutions contained in this Notice.
- (f) Click on the EVSN relevant to 'VXL Instruments Limited' on which you choose to vote.
- (g) On the voting page, you will see "RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION" and against the same, the option "YES/NO" is available 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.
- (h) Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- (i) After selecting the resolution, if 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.
- (j) Once you "CONFIRM" your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.
- (k) You can also take a print of the votes cast by clicking on "Click here to print" option on the Voting page.

 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' and enter the details as prompted by the system.

Instructions for Members attending the AGM through VC are as under:

- (i) Members will be provided with a facility to attend the AGM through VC through the CDSL e-voting system. Members may access the same at www.evotingindia.com under shareholders/members login by using the remote e-voting credentials. The link for VC will be available in shareholder/members login where the EVSN of Company will be displayed.
- (ii) The Members can join the AGM through VC mode 15 minutes before and after the scheduled time of the commencement of the Meeting by following the procedure mentioned in this 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.
- (iii) System requirements for best VC experience:

Through any internet enabled device i.e., Laptop, Desktop, Smartphone or a Tablet may be used to join the meeting, members are encouraged to join the AGM through Laptop/Tablet for better experience. Laptop with at least Core2duo processor, 1GB RAM, good quality multimedia kit and latest version of Internet Browser are preferred. Members are requested to download the Cisco WebEx meeting tool in advance and enable the camera during the AGM.

Members connecting from Mobile Devices, Tablets or Laptop connected via Mobile Hotspot might experience Audio/Video loss due to fluctuations in their respective networks. To mitigate any such glitches, it is recommended to use stable Wi-Fi or LAN connection (without proxy & firewall) with a speed of 2 Mbps or more.

- (iv) Members who would like to ask questions or express their views at the AGM may register themselves as a speaker by sending a mail with their name, Demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number to cs@vxl.net on or before 07.09.2023. The Company reserves the right to limit the number of members asking the questions depending on the time availability at the AGM.
- (v) Only those shareholders who have registered themselves as a speaker will be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the meeting.