

Vardhman Holdings Limited





CORPORATE INFORMATION

Vardhman Holdings Limited

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Shri Paul Oswal Chairman and Managing Director

Mrs. Shakun Oswal Director

Mr. Sachit Jain Director

Mrs. Suchita Jain Director

Mr. Vikas Kumar Director

Mr. Devendra Bhushan Jain Independent Director

Mr. Manjul Pahwa Independent Director

Dr. Pooja Mehta Independent Director Mr. Rajeev Kumar Mittal Independent Director

Mr. Sanjeev Jain Independent Director

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Ms. Poorva Bhatia

COMPANY SECRETARY

Ms. Swati Mangla

AUDITORS

M/s. K.C. Khanna & Co. Chartered Accountants Ludhiana

REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT

M/s. Alankit Assignments Limited New Delhi

REGISTERED & CORPORATE OFFICE

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Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that the **FIFTY NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of Vardhman Holdings Limited will be held on Saturday, the 30th day of September, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. through Video Conferencing ("VC")/ Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM"), to transact the following business:-

ORDINARY BUSINESS:

Item No. 1 - To adopt Financial Statements:

To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements (including the consolidated financial statements) of the Company for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2023 together with Report of Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.

Item No. 2 - To declare Dividend:

To declare a dividend of \mathbf{E} 5 per equity share for the year ended March 31, 2023.

Item No. 3 – To re-appoint Mr. Vikas Kumar as a director liable to retire by rotation:

To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Vikas Kumar (DIN: 07650988), who retires by rotation in terms of Section 152(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.

Item No. 4 - To resolve not to fill the vacancy caused due to retirement by rotation of Mrs. Shakun Oswal, Non-Executive Director of the Company:

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

"RESOLVED THAT Mrs. Shakun Oswal (DIN: 00121915), who was appointed as a Director of the Company liable to retire by rotation, does not seek re-appointment upon expiry of her term at this Annual General Meeting, as such the vacancy, so created on the Board of Directors of the Company, be not filled."

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Place: Ludhiana Date: 10.08.2023 -/Swati Mangla) Company Secretary

Notes

- 1. Considering the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), vide its circular dated December 28, 2022, read together with circulars dated April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020, May 5, 2020, January 13, 2021, December 8, 2021, December 14, 2021 and May 5, 2022 (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars"), permitted convening the Annual General Meeting ("AGM" / "Meeting") through Video Conferencing ("VC") or Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM"), without physical presence of the Members at a common venue. In accordance with the MCA Circulars, provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), the AGM of the Company is being held through VC / OAVM. The deemed venue for the AGM shall be the Registered Office of the Company.
- 2. 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 and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (as amended), and MCA Circulars, 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 engaged the services of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) as the agency to provide e-Voting facility.
- 3. The Members can join the AGM in the VC/OAVM mode 15 minutes before and after the scheduled time of the commencement of the Meeting by following the procedure mentioned in the Notice (Refer Point 11). The facility of participation at the AGM through VC/OAVM will be made available to atleast 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 Chairperson of the Audit Committee, Nomination & Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee, Auditors etc.
- 4. Generally, a Member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on a poll instead of himself and the proxy need not be a Member of the Company. Since this AGM is being held through VC / OAVM pursuant to the MCA Circulars, 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, Route Map and Attendance Slip are not annexed hereto.

- 5. The information pursuant to Regulation 36 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 regarding the Director seeking appointment/ re-appointment in the Annual General Meeting is also being annexed hereto separately and forms part of the Notice. The Directors have furnished the requisite declarations for their appointment/ reappointment.
- The Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from 16th September, 2023 to 30th September, 2023 (both days inclusive).
- 7. The relevant statutory registers/documents will be available electronically for inspection by the Members during the AGM. Further, the documents referred to in the Notice, if any, will also be available electronically for inspection without any fee by the Members from the date of circulation of this Notice up to the date of AGM. Members seeking to inspect such documents can send an email at secretarial.lud@vardhman.com.

DISPATCH OF ANNUAL REPORT THROUGH ELECTRONIC MODE:

- 8. In compliance with the MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular dated January 5, 2023 read with circular dated May 13, 2022, January 15, 2021 and 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/ Depositories. Members may note that the Notice and Annual Report 2022-23 will also be available on the Company's website i.e. www.vardhman.com, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively and on website of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (e-voting agency) at www.evotingindia.com.
- 9. For receiving all communications (including Annual Report) from the Company electronically:
 - a) Members holding shares in physical mode and who have not registered/ updated their email address with the Company are requested to register / update

the same by writing to the Company with details of folio number and attaching a self-attested copy of PAN card at <u>secretarial.lud@vardhman.com</u> or to RTA at <u>rta@alankit.com</u>

 Members holding shares in dematerialised mode are requested to register / update their email address with the relevant Depository Participant.

10. INTRUCTIONS FOR REMOTE E-VOTING AND JOINING VIRTUAL MEETING ARE AS UNDER:

i. The Remote e-Voting period commences on 27th September, 2023 (9:00 a.m.) and ends on 29th September, 2023 (5:00 p.m.). During this period, Members of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cutoff date of 23rd September, 2023, may cast their vote electronically. The Remote e-Voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting after end of voting period on 29th September, 2023. Further, the facility for voting through electronic voting system will also be made available at the Meeting and Members attending the Meeting will be able to vote at the Meeting.

- ii. Members who have already voted through Remote e-Voting would not be entitled to vote during the AGM.
- iii. As per SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/ CIR/P/2020/242 dated December 9, 2020, on e-Voting Facility provided by Listed Entities, "individual shareholders holding shares of the Company in demat mode" can cast their vote, by way of a single login credential, through their demat accounts / websites of Depositories / Depository Participants. Members are advised to update their Mobile no. & email id in their demat account in order to access e-Voting facility. The procedure to login and access remote e-Voting & joining virtual meeting, as devised by the Depositories / Depository Participant(s), is given below:

NSDL		CDSL	
1.	Members who have already registered for IDeAS facility to follow below steps:	1.	Members who have already registered for Easi / Easiest to follow below steps:
	(i) Go to URL: <u>https://eservices.nsdl.com</u>	AS'	(i) Go to URL: <u>www.cdslindia.com</u> and then go to Login and select New System Myeasi.
	(ii) Click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under 'IDeAS' section.		(ii) login with user id and password.
	(iii) A new page will open. Enter the existing User ID and Password. On successful authentication, click on "Access to e-Voting".	er ID (iii) Click on e-Votin click reach e-Voting	(iii) Click on e-Voting. The option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any further authentication.
	(iv) Click on the company name or e-Voting service provider and you will be re-directed to e-Voting service provider website for casting the vote during the remote e-Voting period.		(iv)Click on the Company name or e-Voting service provider name to cast your vote during the remote e-Voting period.
2.	User not registered for IDeAS e-Services:	2.	User not registered for Easi/Easiest:
	(i) To register click on link: <u>https://eservices.nsdl.</u> <u>com</u> . Select option "Register Online for IDeAS" or click at <u>https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/</u> <u>IdeasDirectReg.jsp</u> .		(i) Option to register is available at <u>www.cdslindia.com</u>
			(ii) Click on login & New System Myeasi Tab and then click on registration option.
	(ii) Proceed with completing the required fields.		

Option 1 – Login through Depositories

NSDL		CDSL	
3.	Users can directly access e-Voting module of NSDL and follow the below process:	3.	Users can directly access e-Voting module of CDSL and follow the below process:
	(i) Go to URL: <u>https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/</u>		(i) Go to URL: <u>www.cdslindia.com</u>
	(ii) Click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Sharahaldar/Mombar' spectron	available under (ii) Click on the icon "E-Voting" (iii) Provide demat Account Number ar	(ii) Click on the icon "E-Voting"
	Shareholder/member section.		(iii) Provide demat Account Number and PAN No.
	(iii) Enter User ID (i.e. 16-digit demat account number held with NSDL), Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen.		(iv)System will authenticate user by sending OTP on registered Mobile & Email as recorded in the demat Account.
	(iv)On successful authentication, you will be redirected to NSDL Depository site wherein you can see e-Voting page.		(v) After successful authentication, the user will be provided links for the respective ESP where the e-Voting is in progress.
	(v) Click on the 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.		(vi)Click on the Company name and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period.

Option 2 - Login through 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. Once login, you will be able to see e-Voting option. Click on e-Voting option and you will be redirected to NSDL/CDSL Depository site after successful authentication. Click on the 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.

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 CDSL Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with NSDL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at <u>helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.</u> <u>com</u> or contact at 1800 22 55 33.
	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL
	helpdesk by sending a request at <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u> or call at
	toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30

- (iv) Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meeting for shareholders other than individual shareholders holding in Demat form & physical shareholders.
 - (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. Shareholders holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company.
- (iv) 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 <u>www.evotingindia.com</u> and voted on an earlier e-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 and 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 the sequence number sent by Company/RTA or contact Company/RTA.
Dividend Bank Details	Enter the Dividend Bank Details or Date of Birth (in dd/mm/yyyy format) as recorded in your
OR Date of Birth (DOB)	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).

- (vii) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.
- (viii) Members holding shares in physical form will then directly reach the Company selection screen. However, members holding shares in demat form will now reach 'Password Creation' menu wherein they are required to mandatorily enter their login password in the new password field. Kindly note that this password is to be also used by the demat holders for voting for resolutions of any other company on which they are eligible to vote, provided that company opts for e-Voting through CDSL platform. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential.
- (ix) For members holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-Voting on the resolutions contained in this Notice.
- (x) Click on the EVSN: 230901063 for <Vardhman Holdings Limited> on which you choose to vote

- (xi) 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.
- (xii) Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- (xiii)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.
- (xiv)Once you "CONFIRM" your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.
- (xv) You can also take a print of the votes cast by clicking on "Click here to print" option on the Voting page.
- (xvi) 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.

(xvii) Additional facility for Non-Individual Shareholders and Custodians – Remote e-Voting only:

- Non-Individual shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) and Custodian 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 <u>helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com</u>.
- 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.
- The list of accounts linked in the login will be mapped automatically & can be delink in case of any wrong mapping.
- A scanned copy of the Board Resolution and Power of Attorney (POA) which they have issued in favour of the Custodian, if any, should be uploaded in PDF format in the system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.
- Alternatively, Non Individual shareholders are required to send the relevant Board Resolution/ Authority letter etc. together with attested specimen signature of the duly authorized signatory who are authorized to vote, to the Scrutinizer and to the Company at the email address viz; <u>secretarial.lud@</u> <u>vardhman.com</u>, if they have voted from individual tab & not uploaded same in the CDSL e-Voting system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.

11. INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS ATTENDING THE AGM THROUGH VC/OAVM ARE AS UNDER:

- a) The procedure for attending meeting & e-Voting on the day of the AGM is same as the instructions mentioned above for e-Voting at point no. 10.
- b) The link for VC/OAVM to attend meeting will be available where the EVSN of Company will be displayed after successful login as per the instructions mentioned above for e-Voting.
- c) Members are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops / iPads for better experience.

- d) Further, Members will be required to allow Camera and use Internet with a good speed to avoid any disturbance during the meeting.
- e) Please note that participants connecting from Mobile Devices or Tablets or through Laptop connecting via Mobile Hotspot may experience Audio/Video loss due to fluctuation in their respective network. It is, therefore, recommended to use Stable Wi-Fi or LAN Connection to mitigate any kind of aforesaid glitches.
- f) Members who would like to express their views/ ask questions during the meeting may register themselves as a speaker by sending their request in advance atleast 7 days prior to meeting mentioning their name, demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at <u>secretarial.lud@vardhman</u>. <u>com</u>. The Company reserves the right to restrict the number of questions and number of speakers, depending upon availability of time as appropriate for smooth conduct of AGM.
- g) Those members who have registered themselves as a speaker will only be allowed to express their views/ ask questions during the meeting.
- h) If any Votes are cast by the shareholders through the e-Voting available during the AGM and if the same shareholders have not participated in the meeting through VC/OAVM facility, then the votes cast by such shareholders shall be considered invalid as the facility of e-Voting during the meeting is available only to the shareholders attending the meeting.

12. PROCESS FOR THOSE SHAREHOLDERS WHOSE EMAIL ADDRESSES/ MOBILE NO. ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE COMPANY/ DEPOSITORIES:

- a) For Physical shareholders- please provide necessary details like Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), Aadhar (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to secretarial.lud@vardhman.com / rta@alankit.com.
- b) For Demat shareholders please update your email id & mobile no. with your respective Depository Participant (DP).
- c) For Individual Demat shareholders Please update your email id & mobile no. with your respective

Depository Participant (DP) which is mandatory while e-Voting & joining virtual meetings through Depository.

If you have any queries or issues regarding attending AGM & e-Voting from the CDSL e-Voting System, you may write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact 1800 22 55 33.

All grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Senior Manager, (CDSL) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013 or send an email to helpdesk. evoting@cdslindia.com or call on 1800 22 55 33.

- 13. M/s. Ashok K. Singla & Associates, Company Secretaries, have been appointed as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the voting process in a fair and transparent manner. The Scrutinizer shall upon the conclusion of e-Voting period, unblock the votes in presence of at least two witnesses not in employment of the Company and make a report of the votes cast in favor or against, if any, forthwith to the Chairman of the Company.
- 14. The Results of the resolutions passed at the AGM of the Company will be declared within 2 working days of the conclusion of AGM. The results declared along with the Scrutinizer's report shall be simultaneously placed on

the Company's website <u>www.vardhman.com</u> and on the website of CDSL and will be communicated to the Stock Exchanges.

15. Dividend income is taxable in the hands of the members and the Company is required to deduct tax at source ("TDS") from dividend paid to the Members at prescribed rates in the Income Tax Act, 1961. In general, no tax will be deducted on payment of dividend to category of members who are resident individuals (with valid PAN details updated in their folio/client ID records) and the total dividend amount payable to them does not exceed ₹ 5,000/-. Members not falling in the said category, can go through the detailed note with regard to applicability of tax rates for various other categories of members and the documents that need to be submitted for nil or lower tax rate, which has been provided on the Company's website at <u>www.vardhman.com</u>.

By Order of the Board

Place: Ludhiana Date: 10.08.2023 -/Swati Mangla) Company Secretary

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF ITEM NO. 4 OF THIS NOTICE

Item No. 4: To resolve not to fill the vacancy caused due to retirement by rotation of Mrs. Shakun Oswal, Non-Executive Director of the Company:

Mrs. Shakun Oswal has been serving as a Non-Executive (Non-Independent) Director on the Board of your Company since 23rd July, 2005. Pursuant of Section 152(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"), Mrs. Shakun Oswal is liable to retire by rotation at 59th AGM of the Company. Although being eligible for re-appointment, she has expressed her unwillingness to be re-appointed and has not offered herself for re-appointment at the 59th AGM. Accordingly, Mrs. Shakun Oswal would cease to hold office as a Director of the Company at the 59th AGM of the Company. The Board of Directors ("Board") places on record its earnest appreciation to the invaluable contribution extended by Mrs. Shakun Oswal to the Board and the Management of the Company during her association. As the composition of the Board would continue to remain statutorily compliant, the vacancy caused by retirement of Mrs. Oswal will not be filled.

Accordingly, the consent of Members is solicited for passing an Ordinary Resolution as set out at item no. 4 of the Notice. The Board recommends passing of the ordinary resolution as set out at Item No. 4 of the Notice for approval by the Members.

MEMORANDUM OF INTEREST:

Except Mrs. Shakun Oswal, herself and Mr. Shri Paul Oswal, Mr. Sachit Jain & Mrs. Suchita Jain, being her relatives, none of the Directors/ Key Managerial Personnel of the Company/ their relatives are concerned or interested financially or otherwise, in the resolution set out at Item No. 4.

Information pursuant to Regulation 36 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Secretarial Standard on General Meetings (SS–2), regarding the Directors retiring by rotation/seeking re-appointment in the Annual General Meeting.

Name of the Director	Mr. Vikas Kumar
Date of Birth	17.12.1978
Age (in years)	44
Date of First Appointment	11.11.2016
Number of Meetings of the Board attended during the financial year 2022-23	3
Expertise in specific functional area	Business Executive with experience of more than 22 years in General Management.
Qualification	M.B.A. Finance, Diploma in Organizational Leadership from Oxford. General Management Programme from IIM Ahmedabad.
Directorships in other Listed Companies as on $31^{\mbox{\scriptsize st}}$ March, 2023	Nil
Chairman/Member of Committees of Other Listed Companies as on 31 st March, 2023	Nil
Listed entity from which the Director resigned in last 3 years	Nil
Shareholding in the Company	Nil
Relationship with other Directors/ KMP	Not Related to any Director.