

Varun Mercantile Limited

**Annual Report
2018-19**

VARUN MERCANTILE LIMITED

Corporate Identity Number: L51909MH1985PLC321068

Website: www.vml.org.in

Regd. Office: 147, 14th Floor, Atlanta, Nariman Point, Mumbai 400 021.

Tel.: 22800131, Fax 22800130.

Folio No. / DP ID / Client ID:

Name:

Address:

Joint-holder(s):

Number of equity share(s) held:

Dear Member,

Please find enclosed below mentioned documents for your reference.

1. Annual Report
2. Notice & E voting instructions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended and Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Varun Mercantile Limited ("the Company") is pleased to provide to its members facility to exercise their right to vote on resolutions proposed to be passed at the Thirty-Fourth Annual General Meeting ("Meeting") of the Company, scheduled to be held on Monday, September 30, 2019 at 10:30 a.m., by electronic means. The members may cast their votes using an electronic voting system from a place other than the venue of the Meeting ("remote e-voting").

The Company has engaged the services of Karvy Fintech Private Limited ("Karvy") as the Agency to provide e-voting facility. The remote e-voting particulars are set out below:

EVEN (E-Voting Event Number)	User ID	Password

The remote e-voting facility will be available during the following voting period:

Commencement of remote e-voting: From 09:00 a.m. (IST) on Thursday, September 26, 2019

End of remote e-voting : Upto 05:00 p.m. (IST) on Sunday, September 29, 2019

The remote e-voting will not be allowed beyond the aforesaid date and time and the remote e-voting module shall be disabled by Karvy upon expiry of aforesaid period.

The cut-off date for the purpose of remote e-voting and voting at the Meeting is September 25, 2019. Please read the e-voting instructions and information relating to e-voting printed overleaf carefully before exercising the vote.

This communication forms an integral part of the Notice dated September 4, 2019 convening the Meeting. The Annual Report 2018-19 of the Company inter alia comprising the said Notice and this communication are provided herewith and also made available on the website of the Company: www.vml.org.in.

Yours faithfully,

For Varun Mercantile Limited

F.S. Shah

Forum Sheth
Company Secretary

Mumbai
September 4, 2019

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Information and instructions relating to e-voting are as under:

- (i) The facility for voting through electronic voting system ('Insta Poll') will be made available at the Meeting and the members attending the Meeting who have not cast their vote(s) by remote e-voting will be able to vote at the Meeting through 'Insta Poll'.
- (ii) The members who have cast their vote(s) by remote e-voting may also attend the Meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their vote(s) again.
- (iii) A member can opt for only single mode of voting, i.e. through remote e-voting or voting at the Meeting. If a member casts vote(s) by both modes, then voting done through remote e-voting shall prevail and vote(s) cast at the Meeting shall be treated as "INVALID"
- (iv) The Company has engaged the services of Karvy as the Agency to provide e-voting facility.
- (v) The Board of Directors of the Company has appointed Shri Devesh C. Vasavada, a Practicing Chartered Accountant, Mumbai as Scrutinizer to scrutinize the remote e-voting and Insta Poll process in a fair and transparent manner and he has communicated his willingness to be appointed and will be available for the said purpose.
- (vi) Voting rights shall be reckoned on the paid-up value of shares registered in the name of the member / beneficial owner (in case of electronic shareholding) as on the cut-off date i.e. September 25, 2019.
- (vii) A person, whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting / Insta Poll. A person who is not a member as on the cut-off date, should treat this Notice for information purpose only.
- (viii) Any person who becomes a member of the Company after despatch of the Notice of the Meeting and holding shares as on the cut-off date may obtain the User ID and password from Karvy in the manner as mentioned below:
 - a) If the mobile number of the member is registered against Folio No. / DP ID Client ID, the member may send SMS : **MYEPWD** <space> E-Voting Event Number + Folio No. or DP ID Client ID to 9212993399

Example for NSDL:

MYEPWD <SPACE> IN12345612345678

Example for CDSL:

MYEPWD <SPACE> 1402345612345678

Example for Physical:

MYEPWD <SPACE> XXXX1234567890

- b) If e-mail address or mobile number of the member is registered against Folio No. / DP ID Client ID, then on the home page of [https:// evoting.karvy.com](https://evoting.karvy.com), the member may click "Forgot Password" and enter Folio No. or DP ID Client ID and PAN to generate a password.
- c) Member may call Karvy's toll free number 1-800-3454-001 (from 09:00 a.m. to 06:00 p.m.).
- d) Member may send an e-mail request to evoting.varun@karvy.com.

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- e) If the member is already registered with Karvy e-voting platform then he can use his existing User ID and password for casting the vote(s) through remote e-voting.
The Company has opted to provide the same electronic voting system at the Meeting, as used during remote e-voting and the said facility shall be operational till all the resolutions proposed in the Notice are considered and voted upon at the Meeting and may be used for voting only by the members holding shares as on the cut-off date who are attending the Meeting and who have not already cast their vote through remote e-voting.
- (ix) The Scrutinizer will, after the conclusion of e-voting at the Meeting, scrutinize the votes cast at the Meeting (Insta Poll) and votes cast through remote e-voting, make a consolidated Scrutinizer's Report and submit the same to the Chairman. The results declared along with the consolidated Scrutinizer's Report will be placed on the website of the Company: www.vml.org.in and on the website of Karvy at: <https://evoting.karvy.com>. The results will simultaneously be communicated to the Stock Exchange.
- (x) Subject to receipt of requisite number of votes, the Resolutions proposed in the Notice shall be deemed to be passed on the date of the Meeting, i.e., Monday, September 30, 2019.
- (xi) **Information and instructions relating to remote e-voting:**
 - 1.A. **In case a member receives an email from Karvy** [for members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company / Depository Participant(s)]:
 - (a) Launch internet browser by typing the URL: <https://evoting.karvy.com>.
 - (b) Enter the login credentials (i.e. User ID and password) which are printed and available in the communication with respect to voting by electronic means enclosed with this Notice.
The E-Voting Event Number+Folio No. or DP ID Client ID will be your User ID. However, if you are already registered with Karvy for e-voting, you can use your existing User ID and password for casting your vote. If required, please visit <https://evoting.karvy.com> or contact toll free number 1800-3454-001 for your existing password.
 - (c) After entering these details appropriately, click on "LOGIN".
 - (d) You will now reach password change Menu wherein you are required to mandatorily change your password. The new password shall comprise minimum 8 characters with at least one upper case (A-Z), one lower case (a-z), one numeric (09) and a special character (@, #, \$, etc.). The system will prompt you to change your password and update your contact details like mobile number, email address, etc. on first login. You may also enter a secret question and answer of your choice to retrieve your password in case you forget it. **It is strongly recommended that you do not share your password with any other person and that you take utmost care to keep your password confidential.**
 - (e) You need to login again with the new credentials.
 - (f) On successful login, the system will prompt you to select the E-Voting Event Number for Varun Mercantile Limited.

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- (g) On the voting page, enter the number of shares (which represents the number of votes) as on the cut-off date under "FOR or AGAINST" or alternatively, you may partially enter any number under "FOR" / "AGAINST" but the total number under "FOR / AGAINST" taken together should not exceed your total shareholding as on the cut-off date. You may also choose the option "ABSTAIN" and the shares held will not be counted under either head.
 - (h) Members holding shares under multiple folios / demat accounts shall choose the voting process separately for each of the folios / demat accounts.
 - (i) Voting has to be done for each item of the Notice separately. In case you do not desire to cast your vote on any specific item, it will be treated as abstained.
 - (j) You may then cast your vote by selecting an appropriate option and click on "SUBMIT".
 - (k) A confirmation box will be displayed. Click "OK" to confirm, else "CANCEL" to modify.
 - (l) Once you **confirm, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.**
 - (m) Corporate / Institutional Members (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI, etc.) are also required to send scanned certified true copy (PDF Format) of the Board Resolution / Power of Attorney / Authority Letter, etc., together with attested specimen signature(s) of the duly authorised representative(s), to the Scrutinizer at e-mail id: varun.scrutinizer@karvy.com with a copy marked to evoting@karvy.com. They may also upload the same in the e-voting module in their login. The scanned image of the above mentioned documents should be in the naming format "Corporate Name_EVENT NO."
- 1.B. In case a member receives physical copy of the Notice by Post** [for members whose e-mail addresses are not registered with the Company / Depository Participant(s)]:
- (i) User ID and password – Password is provided in the communication with respect to voting by electronic means enclosed with the Notice.
 - (ii) Please follow all steps from Sr. No. (a) to (m) as mentioned in (A) above, to cast your vote.
- (xii) Once the vote on a resolution is cast by a member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently or cast the vote again.
 - (xiii) In case of any query pertaining to e-voting, please visit Help & FAQ's section available at Karvy's website [https:// evoting.karvy.com](https://evoting.karvy.com).
 - (xiv) The members are requested to note the following contact details for addressing e-voting grievances:
 - Shri S. P. Venugopal, General Manager
 - Karvy Fintech Private Limited,
 - Karvy Selenium Tower B,
 - Plot 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District,
 - Nanakramguda, Hyderabad 500 032.
 - Phone No.: +91 40 6716 1700
 - Toll-free No.: 1-800-3454-001
 - E-mail: evoting.varun@karvy.com

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE THIRTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF VARUN MERCANTILE LIMITED WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019 AT 10:30 A.M. AT THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY AT 147, 14TH FLOOR, ATLANTA, NARIMAN POINT, MUMBAI-400021 TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

Ordinary Business:

1. To consider and adopt the audited financial statement of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2019 and the reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon and in this regard, pass the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"RESOLVED THAT the audited financial statement of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2019 and the reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon laid before this meeting, be and are hereby considered and adopted."

Special Business:

2. To appoint Shri Ambalal T. Jain as Director and in this regard, pass the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 149, 152 and all other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014 (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force), Shri Ambalal T. Jain (DIN: 01073113), who was appointed as an Additional Director pursuant to the provisions of Section 161(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 to hold office up to the date of this Annual General Meeting and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing under Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013 from a member proposing his candidature for the office of Director, be and is hereby appointed as a Director of the Company, liable to retire by rotation."

3. To appoint Shri Girish B. Shah as Director and in this regard, pass the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 149, 152 and all other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014 (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force), Shri Girish B. Shah (DIN: 00244626), who was appointed as an Additional Director pursuant to the provisions of Section 161(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 to hold office up to the date of this Annual General Meeting and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing under Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013 from a member proposing his candidature for the office of Director, be and is hereby appointed as a Director of the Company, liable to retire by rotation."

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4. To appoint Shri Mehul R. Shah as an Independent Director and in this regard, pass the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 149, 152 read with Schedule IV and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014 and the applicable provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force), Shri Mehul R. Shah (DIN: 00094503), who was appointed as an Additional Director pursuant to the provisions of Section 161(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing under Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013 from a member proposing his candidature for the office of Director, be and is hereby appointed as an Independent Director, not liable to retire by rotation and to hold office for a term upto December 2, 2023;

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors be and is hereby authorised to do all acts and take all such steps as may be necessary, proper or expedient to give effect to this resolution."

5. To re-appoint Ms. Lopamudra Dixit as an Independent Director and in this regard, pass the following resolution as a **Special Resolution**:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 149, 152 read with Schedule IV and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014 and the applicable provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force), Ms. Lopamudra Dixit (DIN: 02299572), who was appointed as an Independent Director and who holds office as an Independent Director up to March 30, 2020 and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing under Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013 from a member proposing her candidature for the office of Director, being eligible, be and is hereby re-appointed as an Independent Director, not liable to retire by rotation and to hold office for a second term of 5 (five) consecutive years, i.e., upto March 29, 2025;

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors be and is hereby authorised to do all acts and take all such steps as may be necessary, proper or expedient to give effect to this resolution."

By Order of the Board of Directors

F.S. Shah

Forum Sheth
Company Secretary

Place: Mumbai

Dated: September 4, 2019

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Notes:

1. A Statement pursuant to Section 102(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"), relating to the Special Business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting ("Meeting") is annexed hereto.
2. 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. The instrument appointing the proxy should, however, be deposited at the registered office of the Company not less than forty-eight hours before the commencement of the Meeting.

A person can act as 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. The proxy holder shall prove his identity at the time of attending the Meeting.

3. Attendance slip, proxy form and the route map of the venue of the Meeting are annexed hereto. The prominent landmark for the venue is Vidhan Bhavan.
4. Corporate members intending to send their authorised representative(s) to attend the Meeting are requested to send to the Company a certified true copy of the relevant Board Resolution together with the specimen signature(s) of the representative(s) authorised under the said Board Resolution to attend and vote on their behalf at the Meeting.
5. The Company is providing facility for voting by electronic means (e-voting) through an electronic voting system which will include remote e-voting and the business set out in the Notice will be transacted through such voting. Information and instructions including details of user id and password relating to e-voting are sent herewith in the e-voting communication. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by a member, whether partially or otherwise, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently or cast the vote again. Members who have cast their vote(s) by using remote e-voting may also attend the Meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their vote(s) again at the Meeting.
6. In terms of the provisions of Section 152 of the Act, the Company has no Director, who is liable to retire by rotation at the Meeting since the Company has two Independent Directors and two Additional Directors. As the Independent Directors are not liable to retire by rotation and the Additional Directors are being appointed as Directors in the Meeting, the Company has no Director who is liable to retire by rotation at the Meeting of this year.

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7. None of the Directors / Key Managerial Personnel of the Company / their relatives are, in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the Ordinary Business set out under Item No. 1 of the Notice.
8. Details of Director(s) seeking appointment / re-appointment at the ensuing Meeting are provided in the "Annexure" to the Notice.
9. Members / Proxies / Authorised Representatives are requested to bring to the Meeting necessary details of their shareholding, attendance slip(s) and copy(ies) of Annual Report.
10. 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 Meeting.
11. Relevant documents referred to in the Notice are open for inspection by the members at the Registered Office of the Company on all working days (except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays) during business hours up to the date of the Meeting. The aforesaid documents will also be available for inspection by members at the Meeting.
12. The Company's Registrars & Transfer Agents is Karvy Fintech Private Limited ("Karvy") having its office at Karvy Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad 500 032.
13. **Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") has mandated that securities of listed companies can be transferred only in dematerialised form w.e.f. April 1, 2019. Accordingly, the Company/Karvy has stopped accepting any fresh lodgment of transfer of shares in physical form. Members holding shares in physical form are advised to avail of the facility of dematerialisation.**
14. Members holding shares in physical mode are:
 - a) required to submit their Permanent Account Number (PAN) and bank account details to the Company / Karvy, if not registered with the Company, as mandated by SEBI.
 - b) **requested to register / update their e-mail address with the Company / Karvy for receiving all communications from the Company electronically.**
15. Members holding shares in electronic mode are:
 - a) requested to submit their PAN and bank account details to their respective Depository Participants ("DPs") with whom they are maintaining their demat accounts.
 - b) **requested to register / update their e-mail address with their respective DPs for receiving all communications from the Company electronically.**

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16. The Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from September 20, 2019 to September 24, 2019 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors

F.S.Shah

Forum Sheth
Company Secretary

Place: Mumbai

Dated: September 4, 2019