

## McLEOD RUSSEL INDIA LIMITED

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## **NOTICE**

**Notice** is hereby given that the Twenty-third Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held on Monday, 20th December, 2021 at 11.30 a.m. IST through Video Conferencing / Other Audio Visual Means ("VC/OAVM"), to transact the following business:-

### **ORDINARY BUSINESS:**

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt:
  - a. the audited Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31st March 2021, and the Reports of the Board of Directors and the Auditors thereon.
  - the audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31st March 2021 and the Report of the Auditors thereon
- To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Azam Monem (DIN: 00023799) who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.

#### **SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

3. Ratification of the remuneration payable to the Cost Auditors in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 2022.

### **NOTES**

In view of the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (the "MCA") vide its General Circulars No. 14/2020, No. 17/2020, No. 20/2020 and No. 02/2021 dated April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020, May 5, 2020 and January 13, 2021 respectively (hereinafter, collectively referred as the "MCA Circulars") read with SEBI Circulars No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 and No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated May 12, 2020 and January 15, 2021 respectively (hereinafter, collectively referred as the "SEBI Circulars") has allowed companies to conduct their annual general meetings through Video Conferencing / Other Audio Visual Means ("VC/OAVM"), thereby, dispensing with the requirement of

To consider and if thought fit to pass the following Resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"RESOLVED THAT in terms of Section 148 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, the remuneration payable to the Cost Auditors namely, Messrs. Mani & Co, Messrs. SPK Associates and Messrs. DGM & Associates appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company for conducting Audit of Cost Accounting records maintained by the Company as applicable, for the year ending 31st March, 2022 the details of which are given in the Explanatory Statement in respect of this item of business annexed to the Notice convening this Meeting, be and is hereby ratified."

By Order of the Board McLEOD RUSSEL INDIA LIMITED

ALOK KUMAR SAMANT Company Secretary M No.F9347

Place: Kolkata

Date: 12th November, 2021

physical attendance of the members at their AGM and accordingly, the Twenty-third Annual General Meeting (the "AGM" or the "Meeting") of McLeod Russel India Limited (the "Company") will be held through VC or OAVM in compliance with the said circulars and the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (as amended) (the "Act") and Rules made thereunder and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (as amended) (the "Listing Regulations"). Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Act. 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 23rd AGM. For this purpose, the Company has entered into an agreement with National Services Depository Limited (NSDL) for facilitating voting through electronic means, as the authorized e-Voting's agency. The facility of casting votes by a member using remote e-voting as well as the e-voting facility during the AGM will be provided by NSDL.
- 3. The members can join the 23rd AGM in the VC/OAVM mode 30 minutes before and after the scheduled time of the commencement of the Meeting by following the procedure mentioned in the Notice. The facility of participation at the 23rd AGM through VC/OAVM 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, Chairpersons of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders' Relationship Committee, Auditors, Scrutinizer and others who are allowed to attend the AGM without restriction on account of first come first serve basis.
- 4. In terms of the MCA Circulars and SEBI Circulars, the requirement of sending proxy forms to holders of securities as per provisions of Section 105 of the Act read with Regulation 44(4) of The Listing Regulations, has been dispensed with. therefore, the facility to appoint proxy by the members will not be available and consequently, the proxy form and attendance slip are not annexed to this notice convening the 23rd AGM of the company (The "Notice").

However, in pursuance of Section 113 of the Act and Rules framed thereunder, the corporate members are entitled to appoint authorized representatives for the purpose of voting through remote e-Voting or for the participation and e-Voting during the AGM, through VC or OAVM. Institutional Shareholders (i.e., other than individuals, HUF, NRI, etc.) are required to send scanned copy (PDF / JPG Format) of the relevant Board Resolution / Power of Attorney / appropriate Authorization Letter together with attested specimen signature(s) of the duly authorized signatory(ies) who are authorized to vote, to the Scrutinizer through e-mail at aklabhcs@gmail.com with a copy marked to evoting@nsdl.co.in

- 5. In case of Joint-holders, the Member whose name appears as the first holder in the order of names as per the Register of Members of the Company will be entitled to vote during the AGM.
- 6. An Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Act and Rules framed thereunder, in respect of the Special Business under Item Nos. 3 is annexed hereto. The recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") in terms of Regulation 17(11) of the Listing Regulations is also provided in the said Statement. Necessary information of the Director seeking re-appointment at the AGM as required under Regulation 36(3) of the Listing Regulations and the Revised Secretarial Standard on General Meetings (SS-2) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) is also appended to the Notice.

## 7. Dispatch of Annual Report through E-mail

In accordance with the MCA Circulars and the said SEBI Circulars, the Notice alongwith the Annual Report of the Company for the financial year ended 31st March, 2021, will be sent only through e-mail, to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company or the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (the "RTA"), i.e., M/s. Maheswari Datamatics Private Limited or the Depository Participant(s). The Notice and the Annual Report for the financial year ended 31st March, 2021 shall be available on the websites of the Company viz., www.mcleodrussel.com and of the Stock Exchanges where Equity Shares of the Company are listed. The Notice shall also be available on the e-Voting website of the agency engaged for providing e-Voting facility, i.e., (NSDL) viz., www.evoting.nsdl. com.

- 8. Members who have not registered their e-mail addresses so far are requested to register their e-mail addresses for receiving all communication including Annual Report, Notices, Circulars, etc. from the Company electronically. The facility for making/varying/cancelling nomination is available to individuals holding shares in the Company. Nominations can be made in Form SH-13 and any variation/cancellation thereof can be made by giving notice in Form SH-14, prescribed under the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 for the purpose. The Forms can be obtained from the Company/RTA or from the Website of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs at www. mca.gov.in.
- Members will be able to attend the AGM through VC or OAVM or view the live webcast of the AGM provided by NSDL at https://www.evoting.nsdl.com by using their remote e-Voting login credentials and selecting

the EVEN for the AGM. Further details in this regard are annexed separately and form part of this Notice.

#### 10. IEPF related Information:

#### I. Unclaimed Dividend:

The Company has transferred the unpaid or unclaimed dividends declared upto financial years 2013-14, from time to time, to the Investor Education and Protection Fund ("IEPF") established by the Central Government. Details of dividends so far transferred to the IEPF Authority are available on the website of IEPF Authority and the same can be accessed through the link www. iepf.gov.in. Dividends for the financial year ended 31 March 2015, which remain unpaid or unclaimed for a period of 7 (seven) years from the date of its transfer to the unpaid dividend account, also be transferred to IEPF within statutory timelines. Members who have not encashed the dividend warrant(s), so far for the financial year ended 31 March 2015, or any subsequent financial years are requested to make their claim to the Company at its Registered Office. The details of unpaid and unclaimed dividends lying with the Company as on 31st March 2021 and 31st March 2020 are uploaded on the website of the Company www. mcleodrussel.com.

### II. Transfer of Unclaimed Shares:

Adhering to the various requirements set out in the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 ("IEPF Rules"), as amended, the Company has during the year transferred to the IEPF Authority 46,000 (Forty six thousand) equity shares and 89,654 (Eighty Nine thousand Six hundred and Fifty Four) equity shares w.r.t. financial year 2012-13 & 2013-14 respectively in respect of which dividend has remained unpaid/ unclaimed for 7 (seven) consecutive years or more, within stipulated timelines. Details of shares so far transferred to IEPF Authority have been uploaded on the website of the Company www. mcleodrussel.com. The said details have also been uploaded on the website of IEPF Authority and the same can be accessed through the link www. iepf.gov. in.

It may please be noted that once the unclaimed dividend and shares are transferred to IEPF, as above, no claims shall lie against the Company. However, claim can be made from IEPF Authority by making an application in Form no. IEPF-5 available on www.iepf.gov.in in accordance with the IEPF Rules.

#### 11. Dematerialisation of Shareholding:

Pursuant to the proviso to Regulation 40(1) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, except in the case of transmission or transposition of securities, requests for effecting transfer of securities shall not be processed unless the securities are held in the dematerialized form with a depository w.e.f. April 01, 2019.

The amendment does not prohibit the shareholders from holding the shares in physical form. The Shareholders have an option of holding shares in physical form even after April 01, 2019. However, any shareholder who is desirous of transferring shares (which are held in physical form) after April 01, 2019 can do so only after the shares are dematerialized.

Further, SEBI vide Press Release No. 12/2019 dated March 27, 2019 clarified that the transfer deed(s) once lodged prior to deadline and returned due to deficiency in the document may be re-lodged for transfer even after the deadline of April 01, 2019. Accordingly, in view of the above and the inherent benefits of holding shares in electronic form, Members holding share in physical form are requested to dematerialise their shareholding at the earliest to avoid inconvenience.

- 12. Members holding shares in electronic form are requested to intimate change, if any, pertaining to their name, postal address, Email id, contact no., PAN, nomination, bank mandates etc. to their Depository Participants with whom they are maintaining their demat accounts.
- 13. Members holding shares in physical form are requested to intimate change, if any, pertaining to their name, postal address, Email id, contact no., PAN, nomination, bank mandate etc. and submit bank details along with a cancelled cheque immediately to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, M/s. Maheshwari Datamatics Private Limited of 23 R.N. Mukherjee Road 5th Floor, Kolkata 700001, contact person Mr. S K. Chaubey, [Phone: (033) 22482248 / 22435029, Email ID: mdpldc@yahoo.com],to enable them to update records. Cancelled cheque shall bear the name of the member, failing which the member shall submit copy of bank passbook/statement attested by the respective bank
- **14.** In keeping with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs' Green Initiative measures, the Company hereby requests

the members who have not registered their email addresses so far, to register their email addresses for receiving all communication including annual report, notices, circulars etc. from the Company electronically.

15. Members are requested to contact the Company's Registrar & Share Transfer Agents, Maheshwari Datamatics Private Limited, contact person Mr. S K. Chaubey, [Phone: (033) 22482248 / 22435029, Email ID: mdpldc@yahoo.com], for reply to their queries/redressal of complaints, if any, or contact Mr. Alok Kumar Samant, Company Secretary of the Company at the Registered Office of the Company [Phone:(033)22101221; Email: investors@ mcleodrussel.com]

### 16. Consolidation of Multiple Folios:

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 write to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agents enclosing their Share Certificates to enable the Company to consolidate their holdings into a single folio.

#### 17. New Certificates:

Members who have not yet surrendered their old Share Certificate(s) for exchange with new Certificate(s) bearing hologram, logo and barcoding are requested to surrender the same to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agents.

### 18. Mandatory PAN Submission:

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 details 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's Registrar and Share Transfer Agents, M/s. Maheswari Datamatics Private Limited.

### 19. Inspection by Members:

All relevant documents referred to in the Notice and the Statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 are available electronically for inspection without any fee by the Members from the date of circulation of this Notice upto the date of the 23rd

AGM. Members seeking to inspect such documents can send an email to investors@mcleodrussel.com.

The Register of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel (KMPs) and their shareholding maintained under Section 170 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Register of Contracts or arrangements in which Directors are interested maintained under Section 189 of the Companies Act, 2013 will be available electronically for inspection by the Members during the AGM.

Member desirous of getting any information on the accounts or operations of the Company is requested to forward his queries to the Company at least seven days prior to the Meeting so that the required information can be made available at the Meeting.

20. Only those members, whose names are recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the cutoff date i.e. Monday, 13th December, 2021 shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as e-voting at the Meeting.

#### 21. Scrutiniser:

The Company has appointed Mr. A K. Labh, Practising Company Secretary, Kolkata (FCS - 4848/ CP No. - 3238) to act as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner and he has communicated his willingness to be appointed and will be available for the said purpose.

### 22. Declaration of Results:

The Scrutinizer shall, after the conclusion of AGM, first count the votes cast at the AGM and then unblock the votes cast through remote e-voting. The scrutinizer shall submit the consolidated scrutinizer's report, not later than two working days from conclusion of the Meeting, to the Chairman or any other person authorized by the Board.

The results declared along with the consolidated Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the Company's website www.mcleodrussel.com and on the website of NSDL www.evoting.nsdl.com immediately after the results are declared and simultaneously communicated to the Stock Exchanges where the Company's shares are listed. Subject to receipt of requisite number of votes, the resolutions set out in the Notice shall be deemed to be passed on the date of the AGM i.e. 20th December, 2021.

#### 23. Route Map:

Since the AGM will be held through VC or OAVM, no Route Map is being provided with the Notice.

24. Procedure & Instructions for E-Voting and joining the AGM Through VC/OAVM are as follows:

#### A. VOTING THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS

- (i) The voting period begins on From 9.00 A.M. (IST) on Thursday, 16th December, 2021 and ends on Up to 5.00 P.M. (IST) on Sunday, 19th December, 2021. During this period shareholders' of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date (record date) of Monday, 13th December, 2021 may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter. A person who is not a member as on the cut-off date should treat this Notice for information purposes only
- (ii) Shareholders who have already voted prior to the meeting date would not be entitled to vote at the meeting.
- (iii) Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated 09.12.2020, under Regulation 44 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, listed entities are required to provide remote e-voting facility to its shareholders, in respect of all shareholders' resolutions. However, it has been observed that the participation by the public non-institutional shareholders/retail shareholders is at a negligible level.

Currently, there are multiple e-voting service providers (ESPs) providing e-voting facility to listed entities in India. This necessitates registration on various ESPs and maintenance of multiple user IDs and passwords by the shareholders.

In order to increase the efficiency of the voting process, pursuant to a public consultation, it has been decided to enable e-voting to all the demat account holders, by way of a single login credential, through their demat accounts/ websites of Depositories/ Depository Participants. Demat account holders would be able to cast their vote without having to register again with the ESPs, thereby, not only facilitating seamless authentication but also enhancing ease and convenience of participating in e-voting process.

THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS FOR REMOTE E-VOTING AND JOINING GENERAL MEETING ARE AS UNDER:-

### Step 1: Access to NSDL e-Voting system

A) Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meeting for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode

In terms of SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are advised to update their mobile number and email Id in their demat accounts in order to access e-Voting facility.

Login method for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode is given below:

Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	1) If you are already registered for NSDL IDeAS facility, please visit the e-Services website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://eservices.nsdl.com/ either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Services is launched, click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under "IDeAS" section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting services. Click on "Access to e-Voting" under e-Voting services and you will be able to see e-Voting page. Click on options available against company name or e-Voting service provider - NSDL and you will be re-directed to NSDL e-Voting website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting during the meeting.
	2) If the user is 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

3) Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following 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 hold with NSDL), Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen. After successful authentication, you will be redirected to NSDL Depository site wherein you can see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.

## Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with CDSL

- Existing users who have opted for Easi / Easiest, they can login through their 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 New System Myeasi.
- 2) After successful login of Easi/Easiest the user will be also able to see the E Voting Menu. The Menu will have links of e-Voting service provider i.e. NSDL. Click on NSDL to cast your vote.
- If the user is not registered for Easi/ Easiest, option to register is available at https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/ Registration/EasiRegistration
- 4) Alternatively, the user can directly access e-Voting page by providing demat Account Number and PAN No. from a link in 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 provided links for the respective ESP i.e. NSDL where the e-Voting is in progress.

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. Once 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 options available against company name or e-Voting service provider-NSDL and you will be redirected to e-Voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.

Important note: Members who are unable to retrieve User ID/ Password are advised to use Forget User ID and Forget Password option available at abovementioned website.

Helpdesk for Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode for any technical issues related to login through Depository i.e. NSDL and CDSL.

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

B) Login Method for shareholders other than Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode and shareholders holding securities in physical mode.

#### How to Log-in to NSDL e-Voting website?

- Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: 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.
- 3. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your

User ID, your Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen.

Alternatively, if you are registered for NSDL eservices i.e. IDEAS, you can log-in at https://eservices.nsdl. com/ with your existing IDEAS login. Once you log-in to NSDL eservices after using your log-in credentials, click on e-Voting and you can proceed to Step 2 i.e. Cast your vote electronically.

4. Your User ID details are given below:

Manner of holding shares i.e. Demat (NSDL or CDSL) or Physical	Your User ID is:
a) For Members who hold shares in demat account with NSDL.	8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digit Client ID
b) For Members who hold shares in demat account with CDSL.	16 Digit Beneficiary ID  For example if your Beneficiary ID is 12*********** then your user ID is 12***************
c) For Members holding shares in Physical Form.	EVEN Number followed by Folio Number registered with the company For example if folio number is 001*** and EVEN is 101456 then user ID is 101456001***

- Password details for shareholders other than Individual shareholders are given below:
  - a) If you are already registered for e-Voting, then you can use your existing password to login and cast your vote.
  - b) If you are using NSDL e-Voting system for the first time, you will need to retrieve the 'initial password' which was communicated to you. Once you retrieve your 'initial password', you need to enter the 'initial password' and the system will force you to change your password.
  - c) How to retrieve your 'initial password'?
    - (i) If your email ID is registered in your demat account or with the company, your 'initial password' is communicated to you on your email ID. Trace the email sent to you from NSDL from your mailbox. Open the email and open the attachment i.e. a .pdf file. Open the .pdf file. The password to open the .pdf file is your 8 digit client ID for NSDL account, last 8 digits of client ID for CDSL

- account or folio number for shares held in physical form. The .pdf file contains your 'User ID' and your 'initial password'.
- (ii) If your email ID is not registered, please follow steps mentioned below in process for those shareholders whose email ids are not registered
- 6. If you are unable to retrieve or have not received the "Initial password" or have forgotten your password:
  - a) Click on "Forgot User Details/Password?"(If you are holding shares in your demat account with NSDL or CDSL) option available on www. evoting.nsdl.com.
  - b) Physical User Reset Password?" (If you are holding shares in physical mode) option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com.
  - c) If you are still unable to get the password by aforesaid two options, you can send a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in mentioning your demat account number/folio number, your PAN, your name and your registered address etc.
  - d) Members can also use the OTP (One Time Password) based login for casting the votes on the e-Voting system of NSDL.
- After entering your password, tick on Agree to "Terms and Conditions" by selecting on the check box.
- 8. Now, you will have to click on "Login" button.
- After you click on the "Login" button, Home page of e-Voting will open.

# Step 2: Cast your vote electronically and join General Meeting on NSDL e-Voting system.

# How to cast your vote electronically and join General Meeting on NSDL e-Voting system?

- After successful login at Step 1, you will be able to see all the companies "EVEN" in which you are holding shares and whose voting cycle and General Meeting is in active status.
- Select "EVEN" of company for which you wish to cast your vote during the remote e-Voting period and casting your vote during the General Meeting. For joining virtual meeting, you need to click on "VC/ OAVM" link placed under "Join General Meeting".
- Now you are ready for e-Voting as the Voting page opens.
- Cast your vote by selecting appropriate options i.e. assent or dissent, verify/modify the number of shares for which you wish to cast your vote and click on "Submit" and also "Confirm" when prompted.

- Upon confirmation, the message "Vote cast successfully" will be displayed.
- You can also take the printout of the votes cast by you by clicking on the print option on the confirmation page.
- Once you confirm your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.

#### General Guidelines for shareholders

- Institutional shareholders (i.e. other than individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) are required to send scanned copy (PDF/ JPG Format) of the relevant Board Resolution/ Authority letter etc. with attested specimen signature of the duly authorized signatory(ies) who are authorized to vote, to the Scrutinizer by e-mail to aklabhcs@gmail. com with a copy marked to evoting@nsdl.co.in.
- 2. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential. Login to the e-voting website will be disabled upon five unsuccessful attempts to key in the correct password. In such an event, you will need to go through the "Forgot User Details/Password?" or "Physical User Reset Password?" option available on www.evoting. nsdl.com to reset the password.
- In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30 or send a request to Mr. Amit Vishal, Senior Manager/Ms. PallaviMhatre, Manager, NSDL, Trade World, 'A' Wing, 4th Floor, Kamala Mills Compound, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013 at telephone no. 022- 24994360/022 24994545 or at E-mail id at evoting@nsdl.co.in

Process for those shareholders whose email ids are not registered with the depositories for procuring user id and password and registration of e mail ids for e-voting for the resolutions set out in this notice:

- In case shares are held in physical mode please provide 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 investors@ mcleodrussel.com
- In case shares are held in demat mode, please provide DPID-CLID (16 digit DPID + CLID or 16 digit beneficiary ID), Name, client master or copy of Consolidated

- Account statement, PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) to investors@mcleodrussel.com. If you are an Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode, you are requested to refer to the login method explained at step 1 (A) i.e. Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meeting for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode.
- Alternatively shareholder/members may send a request to evoting@nsdl.co.in for procuring user id and password for e-voting by providing above mentioned documents.
- 4. In terms of SEBI circular dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are required to update their mobile number and email ID correctly in their demat account in order to access e-Voting facility.

# THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS FOR e-VOTING ON THE DAY OF THE AGM ARE AS UNDER:-

- The procedure for e-Voting on the day of the AGM is same as the instructions mentioned above for remote e-voting.
- Only those Members/ shareholders, who will be present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and have not casted their vote on the Resolutions through remote e-Voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-Voting system in the AGM.
- Members who have voted through Remote e-Voting will be eligible to attend the AGM. However, they will not be eligible to vote at the AGM.
- 4. The details of the person who may be contacted for any grievances connected with the facility for e-Voting on the day of the AGM shall be the same person mentioned for Remote e-voting.

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

1. Member will be provided with a facility to attend the AGM through VC/OAVM through the NSDL e-Voting system. Members may access by following the steps mentioned above for Access to NSDL e-Voting system. After successful login, you can see link of "VC/OAVM link" placed under "Join General meeting" menu against company name. You are requested to click on VC/OAVM link placed under Join General Meeting menu. The link for VC/OAVM will be available in Shareholder/Member login where the EVEN of Company will be displayed. Please note that the members who do not have the User ID and Password for e-Voting or have forgotten the User ID and Password may retrieve the same by following the remote e-Voting instructions mentioned in the notice to avoid last minute rush.

- 2. Members are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops for better experience.
- Further Members will be required to allow Camera and use Internet with a good speed to avoid any disturbance during the meeting.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Shareholders who would like to express their views/ have questions may send their questions in advance mentioning their name demat account number/ folio number, email id, mobile number at alok. samant@mcleodrussel.com not later than (5.00 p.m.) Wednesday, December 15, 2021. The same will be replied by the company suitably. Those shareholders who have registered themselves as a speaker will only be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the meeting. The Company reserves the right to restrict the number of questions and number of speakers, as appropriate, for smooth conduct of the AGM.
- 6. When a pre-registered speaker is invited to speak at the meeting but he / she does not respond, the next speaker will be invited to speak. Accordingly, all speakers are requested to get connected to a device with a video/ camera along with good internet speed.
- Members who need assistance before or during the AGM, can contact NSDL on evoting@nsdl.co.in / 1800-222-990 or contact Mr. Amit Vishal, Senior Manager-NSDL at amitv@nsdl.co.in / 022-24994360 or Ms. PallaviMhatre, Manager, NSDL at pallavid@nsdl.co.in/ 022-24994545.

# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 102(1) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013.

### Item No. 3

The Company being engaged in tea plantation and

manufacturing activities, is required to appoint Cost Auditor/s to audit its cost accounting records in respect of plantation products in accordance with Section 148 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') read with Companies (Cost Records and Audit) Rules, 2014 as amended ('the Rule'). In terms of Section 148 of the Act read with Rule 6 of the Rule, the Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 23rd June 2021 appointed Messrs Mani & Company, Messrs. SPK Associates and Messrs DGM & Associates, Cost Accountants, as Cost Auditors of the Company for the financial year ending on 31st March 2022 on the recommendation of the Audit Committee of the Board ('the Audit Committee'). The Board has also designated Messrs. Mani & Company as the Lead Cost Auditor. The Board, in terms of the Section 148 of the Act read with Rule 14 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, approved the remuneration of the Cost Auditors as recommended by the Audit Committee, which is subject to ratification by the Members of the Company.

The remuneration fixed by the Board is as under:

Cost Auditors	Remuneration
Messrs. Mani & Company	Rs. 90,000/- for auditing the records of 10 Tea Estates
	and Rs. 35,000/- being the lead audit fee.
Messrs. SPK Associates	Rs. 99,000/- for auditing the records of 11 Tea Estates
Messrs DGM & Associates	Rs. 1,08,000/- for auditing the records of 12 Tea Estates

In addition to above, the Cost Auditors will be reimbursed out of pocket expenses as may be incurred by them on actual basis. The Resolution set out in Item No. 3 of the convening Notice is to be considered accordingly and the Board recommends the same.

No Director or any Key Managerial Personnel of the Company or their relatives is concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the said Resolution.

# PARTICULARS RELATING TO DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE APPOINTED/RE-APPOINTED

{In pursuance of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements)

Regulations, 2015 and Secretarial Standards-2 on General Meetings}

Name of Director	Mr. Azam Monem
DIN	00023799
Date of Birth	22nd November 1959
Qualification	B. Com. (Hons.)
Date of first appointment on the Board	Mr. Monem was appointed as a Director on the Board with effect from 16.02.2005. In terms of Section 152(6) of the Companies Act, 2013, Mr. Monem retires by rotation as a Director and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment. He is accordingly proposed to be re-appointed as a Director of the Company.
Experience / Expertise	During the last 41 years Mr. Monem has gained rich experience and expertise in various aspects of administering the business including production and marketing operations. Mr. Monem has in-depth knowledge in Exports and Domestic sale of Tea and achieved valuable experience in marketing teas globally and pan-India. Mr. Monem was

	the Chairman of the Indian Tea Association from 2016 to 2018 and also the Chairman of Calcutta Tea Traders Association from 2008 to 2010. Mr. Monem was a member of a number of Indian tea delegations to various countries and also a member of the Inter-Governmental Group on Tea led by the Tea Board and Commerce Ministry on several occasions in the past decade.	
Directorships held in other Companies (excluding foreign Companies)		
Nil		
Committee Memberships, if any, with position		
N.A.		
Number of Board Meetings attended:	7 out of 7	
Relationship with other Directors /KMP of the Company	Mr. Azam Monem is not related to any Director or KMP in terms of the definition of 'relative' as stipulated vide 2(1)(zd) of Sebi Regulation, 2015	
Shareholding in the Company	500 Equity Shares of Rs.5/- each	