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26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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Scrip Code: 532654

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National Stock Exchange of  
India, Listing Dept.  
Exchange Plaza, 5<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
Plot No. C/1, G-Block  
Bandra-Kurla Complex  
Bandra(E)  
MUMBAI – 400 051  
Scrip Code: MCLEODRUSS

The Secretary  
The Calcutta Stock –  
Exchange Limited  
7, Lyons Range  
KOLKATA – 700 001  
Scrip Code: 10023930

Dear Sir,

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE &  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMPANY -2020-21**

We enclose herewith the following –

1. The Notice convening the 23rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of McLeod Russel India Limited (the Company), which will be held on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 11.30 a.m. Indian Standard Time (IST), through Video Conferencing (VC)/Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the business as contained in the Notice of the Meeting.

<b>Date of Commencement of E-voting</b>	<b>Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>
<b>Date of End of E - voting</b>	<b>Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>

2. The Annual Report containing the Financial Statements (Standalone and Consolidated) for the year ended March 31, 2021 along with the Directors' Report and Auditor's Report.

The Notice and the Annual Report 2020-21 are being sent electronically to the Members of the Company at their registered addresses.

Yours faithfully,  
**McLEOD RUSSEL INDIA LIMITED**

  
**(ALOK KUMAR SAMANT)**  
**COMPANY SECRETARY**

Encl: as above

Registered Office :

**McLEOD RUSSEL INDIA LIMITED**  
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) : L51109WB1998PLC087076  
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## **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.
- b. the audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31st March 2021 and the Report of the Auditors thereon.

- 2. 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**

1. 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](mailto:aklabhcs@gmail.com) with a copy marked to [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.mca.gov.in).
9. 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 cut-off 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	<p>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: <a href="https://eservices.nsdl.com/">https://eservices.nsdl.com/</a> 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 <b>e-Voting service provider - NSDL</b> and you will be re-directed to NSDL e-Voting website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting &amp; voting during the meeting.</p> <p>2) If the user is not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is available at <a href="https://eservices.nsdl.com">https://eservices.nsdl.com</a>. Select <b>"Register Online for IDeAS"</b> Portal or click at <a href="https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp">https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp</a></p>

	<p>3) Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: <a href="https://www.evoting.nsd.com/">https://www.evoting.nsd.com/</a> 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 &amp; voting during the meeting.</p>
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with CDSL	<p>1) 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 <a href="https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/home/login">https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/home/login</a> or <a href="http://www.cdslindia.com">www.cdslindia.com</a> and click on New System Myeasi.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3) If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at <a href="https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/Registration/EasiRegistration">https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/Registration/EasiRegistration</a></p> <p>4) Alternatively, the user can directly access e-Voting page by providing demat Account Number and PAN No. from a link in <a href="http://www.cdslindia.com">www.cdslindia.com</a> home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile &amp; 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.</p>

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.
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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 <a href="mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in">evoting@nsdl.co.in</a> 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 <a href="mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com">helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com</a> 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?**

1. Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: <https://www.evoting.nsd.com/> either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile.
2. 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***

5. Password details for shareholders other than Individual shareholders are given below:

- If you are already registered for e-Voting, then you can use your existing password to login and cast your vote.
- 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.
- How to retrieve your 'initial password'?
  - 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'.

- If your email ID is not registered, please follow steps mentioned below in process for those shareholders whose email ids are not registered
- If you are unable to retrieve or have not received the "Initial password" or have forgotten your password:
    - 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](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com).
    - Physical User Reset Password?" (If you are holding shares in physical mode) option available on [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com).
    - If you are still unable to get the password by aforesaid two options, you can send a request at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) mentioning your demat account number/folio number, your PAN, your name and your registered address etc.
    - 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.
  - 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.



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

#### **General Guidelines for shareholders**

1. 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](mailto:aklabhcs@gmail.com) with a copy marked to [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto: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](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com) to reset the password.
3. 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](http://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](mailto: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:**

1. 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](mailto:investors@mcleodrussel.com)
2. 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](mailto: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.

3. Alternatively shareholder/members may send a request to [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto: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:-**

1. The procedure for e-Voting on the day of the AGM is same as the instructions mentioned above for remote e-voting.
2. 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.
3. 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.
3. 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.
7. Members who need assistance before or during the AGM, can contact NSDL on [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) / 1800-222-990 or contact Mr. Amit Vishal, Senior Manager-NSDL at [amitv@nsdl.co.in](mailto:amitv@nsdl.co.in) / 022-24994360 or Ms. PallaviMhatre, Manager, NSDL at [pallavid@nsdl.co.in](mailto: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}

<b>Name of Director</b>	Mr. Azam Monem
<b>DIN</b>	00023799
<b>Date of Birth</b>	22nd November 1959
<b>Qualification</b>	B. Com. (Hons.)
<b>Date of first appointment on the Board</b>	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.
<b>Experience / Expertise</b>	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.
<b>Directorships held in other Companies (excluding foreign Companies)</b>	
Nil	
<b>Committee Memberships, if any, with position</b>	
N.A.	
<b>Number of Board Meetings attended:</b>	7 out of 7
<b>Relationship with other Directors /KMP of the Company</b>	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
<b>Shareholding in the Company</b>	500 Equity Shares of Rs.5/- each



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# Corporate Information

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Aditya Khaitan  
*Chairman & Managing Director*

Mr. Amritanshu Khaitan  
*Non – Executive Director*

## Independent Directors

Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar  
 Mr. Suman Bhowmik  
 Mr. Raj Vardhan

## Wholetime Director

Mr. Azam Monem

## Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Pradip Bhar

## Company Secretary

Mr. Alok Kumar Samant  
 (w.e.f. 19.06.2020)

## BOARD COMMITTEES

### Audit Committee

Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar  
 Mr. Suman Bhowmik  
 Mr. Raj Vardhan  
 Mr. Aditya Khaitan

### Nomination & Remuneration Committee

Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar  
 Mr. Suman Bhowmik  
 Mr. Amritanshu Khaitan

## Stakeholders' Relationship Committee

Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar  
 Mr. Suman Bhowmik  
 Mr. Azam Monem

## Corporate Social Responsibility Committee

Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar  
 Mr. Aditya Khaitan  
 Mr. Azam Monem

## Auditors

Lodha & Co.  
 14, Government Place East  
 Kolkata 700069

## Solicitors

Khaitan & Co. LLP

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## BANKERS

Indian Bank  
 (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank)  
 RBL Bank Limited  
 Axis Bank Limited  
 HDFC Bank Limited  
 ICICI Bank Limited  
 State Bank of India  
 UCO Bank  
 Punjab National Bank  
 (Erstwhile United Bank of India)  
 Yes Bank Limited  
 IndusInd Bank

## REGISTRAR

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## Report of The Directors

For the year ended 31st March 2021

Your Directors have pleasure in presenting the Twenty-third Annual Report with the Audited Financial Statements of your Company, for the financial year ended 31st March 2021.

### REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

The financial results of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2021 are summarized below:

Rs. in lakhs

	2020-21	2019-20
Revenue from Operations	111187	85670
Other Income	848	9317
Total Revenue	112035	94987
Profit before Finance Costs, Depreciation, Exceptional Items and Taxation	17375	13121
Less : Finance Costs	18720	21441
Less : Depreciation and Amortization Expenses	7075	6247
Profit/(Loss) before Exceptional Items and Tax	(8420)	(14567)
Add : Exceptional Items	-	11769
Profit before Tax	(8420)	(2798)
Tax Expense	(3137)	(4026)
Profit/(Loss) for the year	(5283)	1228

### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The past year was a challenging year for the Company with disruptions in production and sales owing to the pandemic until. The operational turnover of the Company was higher at Rs. 111187 lakhs against Rs. 85670 lakhs in the earlier year. The Company made a post-tax loss of Rs.5283 lakhs in the year under review as against a profit of Rs. 1228 lakhs in the earlier year due to steep rise in costs of various inputs with proportionate rise in sale price.

During the year the Company was not able to meet terms of facilities/loans availed from various Lenders. The Company is in discussion with the Lenders for restructuring/change in terms of the loans. Accordingly the Lenders had appointed independent professionals for carrying out Techno Economic Viability Study (TEV), valuation of business and forensic audit, which were concluded successfully. Further the investment banker appointed by the Lenders has been in extensive discussion for finalizing the Debt Resolution Plan, now pending before the Lenders for their consideration and decision.

### TRANSFER TO GENERAL RESERVE

The Board has decided not to transfer any amount to the General Reserve for the year ended 31st March 2021.

### DIVIDEND

In view of inadequate profit earned by the Company during the year under review, the Board decided to not recommend any dividend for the year ended 31st March 2021.

### REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

During the Financial year under review, the pandemic hit economy made it one of the most challenging times in the industry and all out efforts from the workers, staff and management kept operations efficiently on going. On declaration of a nationwide lockdown, operations on the plantations came to a halt from 24th March 2020 until tea estates reopened again in the middle of April 2020. The lockdown of estates and subsequent unseasonal skiffing of tea bushes led to a further loss in crop resulting in a year end shortfall of over 10%. Strict protocols and SOPs were followed by all estates which largely prevented the spread of Covid19 cases on the estates. The saleable production of your Company was 439.22 Lakh Kgs tea, as compared to 419 Lakh Kgs in the previous year.

Improvement in plucking standards remained a priority and quality of leaf harvested improved considerably, resulting in a better quality of teas produced. Improved sales realization mitigated the loss in revenue as a result of the shortfall in crop. The Uprooting and Replanting Policy of your Company

continued to remain in focus and has further improved the percentage of tea under fifty years which is now over 75% of the area. "Integrated Pest Management" practice continued as per past practice and was very effective resulting in improved pest control and reduced cost. Timely supply and application of fertilizer also controlled further crop loss. A high standard of Clonal Tea nurseries with requisite, approved Clonal Blend was established on all estates. The Shade Nurseries being of a good standard contributed as one of the key factors in developing a healthy plantation. The Afforestation program continues to be enhanced along with creation of new water-bodies, to improve the "micro-climate", in select areas which has become essential to counter the effects of climate change. Plantation of 'Agarwood' was undertaken as a pilot project, for revenue enhancement, on some estates.

It has always been Your Company's endeavor to produce Quality teas, which continued to command a premium, both in the domestic and international markets. Factory infrastructure and machinery was enhanced accordingly, to meet the requirements and Capital expenditure to further improve processes were accordingly sanctioned. To improve field operations and overcome the acute shortage of workers by way of absenteeism, additional investments in plucking Shears and Pruning machines were made available. Additions to the transport fleet included Tractors to aid field operations, and Ambulances to further improve the medical facilities. To augment irrigation facilities new submersible pumps were installed on two estates, while to record an improvement on attendance of workers face recognition system were installed on thirteen estates.

The Company has thirty-one ISO 22000:2005 certified Factories which are in the process of upgradation to ISO 22000:2018. Your Company also has three estates earmarked for "Fairtrade Certification" and twenty seven estates certified under "Rainforest Alliance." All our factories are certified under the "Trustea" certification and we are also in the process of assisting our suppliers of leaf from Small Tea Growers to become compliant under this certification.

Your Company also participates in the Ethical Tea Partnership forum for international buyers and producers to promote sustainable practices jointly. Due to such initiatives we have set up 'Community Development Forums' on some of our estates, to enable welfare schemes mandated by the Government to reach our communities as well as bring about better awareness and improve the livelihood of our workers and their families.

We have also over the last four years, engaged with various organisations including UN Women, IDH, Dharmalife,

BSR, Mercy Corps, ZvdZ Foundation, ETP and ITA to build awareness and provide responsible services among all levels of our employees, particularly women. Programmes such as 'Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls', 'Women's Safety Accelerator Fund', 'Work and Opportunities for Women', 'Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition', 'Project Sanitation' etc. now cover twenty-nine of our Estates in Assam and have proven to be most successful at building social awareness amongst women and children.

The Company has exported 72.00 lakh Kgs of Tea in 2020-21 with an export turnover of Rs. 21405.50 lakhs. Favorable feedback was received from all buyers both in terms of quality and deliveries. Your Company continues to be the leading producer-exporter of tea with shipments to over seventeen countries worldwide.

#### **CORPORATE INSOLVENCY RESOLUTION PROCESS (CIRP)**

The Company was under Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process ("CIRP") pursuant to order dated 6th August 2021 passed by Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi Bench, New Delhi ("NCLT") and the Hon'ble NCLT had appointed Mr. Kanchan Dutta having (Registration Number: IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00202/2017-18/10391), as Interim Resolution Professional to perform the functions as mentioned under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (the Code). The powers of the Board of Directors was been suspended and such powers had been vested with the Interim Resolution Professional (IRP) and had since taken control of the management of the Company.

Further, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi Bench, New Delhi ("NCLT") vide its Order dated 3rd September 2021 has withdrawn the matter. The suspension of the Board of Directors of the Company was restored and the Company get relieved from the clutches of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) and IRP is discharged from his functions.

#### **IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE COMPANY**

The pandemic is the most defining global crisis in living memory. The virus was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in March 2020. The Indian government implemented a nationwide lockdown in late March 2020, which covered the comprehensive closure of offices, factories and public places.

The Company has taken a series of measures in view of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure health and safety of all our employees, workers etc., and to ensure compliance with various directives being issued by the WHO, Central Government, State Government and Local Authorities from time to time.

The Company, being a part of the Tea Industry, suffered crop loss on its estates in Assam and West Bengal in the initial period of financial year 2020-21 on account of the nationwide lockdown. This had resulted in an adverse impact on revenue. With the easing of lockdown, operations on the Tea Estates commenced. We estimate that with the gradual recovery of the economy and consumer confidence returning, business of the Company will be well sustained.

For the employees at Kolkata and Guwahati, the Company adopted a work from home policy during the entire duration of the lockdown. Employees who required to attend office for certain critical tasks, were advised to follow all safety precautions like mandatory wearing of mask, use of hand sanitizer, social distancing, non-use of air conditioners etc. Primary Crisis Management Team and Line Level Crisis Management Team were formed in Assam and West Bengal tea estates to monitor the situation. Isolation wards were set up on each tea estate for migrant workers returning back and setting up of Covid Care Centers for treating affected patients. Awareness programmes were conducted on all the tea estates. A Primary Crisis Management Team was formed at Head Office at Kolkata and standard protocol guidelines for precautions to be followed at work for Covid-19 management was circulated to all employees. Safety precautions are being followed at all locations.

Further the Company has actively undertaken vaccination Program at Head Office, Guwahati Office and also at all the Tea Estates. Total No. of 116 employees at Head Office and Guwahati Office have been vaccinated while 89,033 employees at Tea Estates have ongoing vaccination programme.

#### **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS REPORT**

In terms of requirements of Regulation 34(2)(e) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('Listing Regulations'), a Management Discussion and Analysis Report is attached as Annexure - I forming part of this Report.

#### **REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

In terms of requirements of Regulation 34(3) of the Listing Regulations, a Report on Corporate Governance together with the Auditors' Certificate regarding Compliance of Conditions of Corporate Governance are attached as Annexure II and Annexure III respectively, forming part of this Report.

#### **SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Company has one wholly owned subsidiary namely, Borelli Tea Holdings Limited, U.K. (Borelli) and four step down Subsidiaries. Borelli is inter alia engaged in the

business of investing funds in various companies engaged in tea production, blending and marketing activities. As at the end of the year on 31st March 2021 Borelli had the following Subsidiaries in different countries:-

- (i) Phu Ben Tea Company Limited, Vietnam – controlling stake of Borelli being 100%
- (ii) McLeod Russel Uganda Limited – controlling stake of Borelli being 100%
- (iii) McLeod Russel Middle East DMCC, UAE – controlling stake of Borelli being 100%
- (iv) McLeod Russel Africa Limited, Kenya – controlling Stake of Borelli being 100%

The performances of the Subsidiaries are summarised below for your information. As required under Section 129(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 33 and 34(2)(b) of the Listing Regulations, Consolidated Profit & Loss Statement of the Company and its five subsidiaries and the Consolidated Balance Sheet of the Company and its five subsidiaries prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act 2013 read with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Rules 2015 as amended ("Ind AS") are appended in the Annual Report. Investments made in D1 Williamson Magor Bio Fuel Limited, an Associate Company, have been fully provided for in the Accounts of the earlier years and as such the Financial Statements of the said Company have not been considered for consolidation.

A statement containing the salient features of the financial statements of the Company's Five Subsidiaries and the Associate Company pursuant to the first proviso to sub-section (3) of Section 129 of the Companies Act, 2013 prepared in Form AOC-1 is attached to the financial statements of the Company for your information.

In terms of Regulation 34(2)(a) of the Listing Regulations, Statements on impact of Audit Qualifications as stipulated in Regulation 33(3)(d) of the Listing Regulations are appended in the Annual Report.

The Company has formulated a Policy for determining "Material Subsidiary" and the same is disclosed on the website of the Company and can be accessed at: <http://www.mcleodrussel.com/investors/policies.aspx>.

#### **BORELLI TEA HOLDINGS LIMITED**

Borelli Tea Holdings Limited ('Borelli') has investments in its subsidiaries in Vietnam, Uganda, Dubai and Kenya. During the year under review, Borelli earned a profit after tax GBP 384403 (2019-20 GBP 3570847 which included exceptional income of GBP 2463216).

### **PHU BEN TEA COMPANY LIMITED (PBT)**

PBT's business is cultivation and manufacture of tea. It prepares its accounts on calendar year wise. During the year 2020, the company incurred loss (both pre-tax and post-tax) of USD 2.06 million as against loss (both pre-tax and post-tax) of USD 0.96 million in year 2019. During the year 2020 PBT manufactured 6.47 million kg of tea (2019 – 7.20 million kg).

During the year 2020, PBT sold 7.24 million kg tea (2019 – 7.22 million kg). Average selling price per kg during 2020 was USD 1.41 (2019 – 1.50). Closing Stock of tea as at 31.12.2020 was 5.89 Million kg (31.12.2019 – 6.11 million kg).

In order to improve PBT's profitability in year 2021, measures undertaken in previous year continue unabated for improving quality and bringing in cost efficiencies.

All efforts are being made to ensure that PBT improves its bottom-line in the year 2021.

### **McLEOD RUSSEL UGANDA LIMITED (MRUL)**

MRUL's business is cultivation and manufacture of tea. It prepares accounts on calendar year wise. During the year 2020, MRUL's total comprehensive income is USD 0.49 million as against the total comprehensive loss of USD 1.79 million in year 2019.

During the year 2020, MRUL manufactured 21.94 million kgs (2019 – 19.95 million kgs), an increase of approximately 10%.

The sale price during the year 2020 has declined to USD 1.20 per kg as compared to USD 1.13 in previous year registering reduction of USD 0.07 per kg.

During the year 2020, MRUL completed and recommissioned Kisaru Tea estate factory with a Continuous Withering Machine (CWM). The CWM has the capacity of withering 45,000 kgs of green leaf per day and the factory capacity of producing about 1,500 tons per year. This is aimed to reduce the intra estate leaf movement and to produce a clonal mark. Kisaru mark was introduced in Mombasa auction during the year and it is doing well. The company has also installed second processing line at Muzizi tea estate with the capacity of producing about 900 tons annually. In 2020 MRUL produced 21,942 tons out of which 9,290 tons were outsourced from Outgrowers. However, the chronic drop in tea prices in the Auction market was still a problem affecting MRUL profitability in 2020.

### **MCLEOD RUSSEL MIDDLE EAST - DMCC (MRME)**

MRME's business is blending and selling of tea. It prepares accounts on calendar year wise. During the year 2020, MRME's total comprehensive income is USD 44,045 as compared to USD 124,785 in year 2019.

Given the current scenario with pandemic impact on demand in MRME's traditional markets in UAE, MRME has taken steps to increase the client portfolio to encompass Middle East and CIS/Russia. Three new contacts made and expect these to contribute to top and bottom-line in future.

### **MCLEOD RUSSEL AFRICA LIMITED (MRAL)**

MRAL's business is trading in tea. It prepares accounts on calendar year wise. During the year 2020, MRAL's total comprehensive loss is USD 94,988 as compared to USD 66,650 in year 2019.

In 2020, MRAL had reduced its trading with certain accounts due to the increased cost in the business and re-strategized on cost reduction and plan for re-entry into select markets. MRAL continued to serve its customers in the challenging times and even trying to expand its portfolio. The company embarked on recruitment of an expert trading Manager to enable further expand the business.

### **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)**

The philosophy of your Company towards fair governance going hand-in hand with social responsibilities is deeply embedded in its day to day working. The Company has, over the years, successfully formulated a methodology aimed towards improving the life of the people and the environment, which surround the units of the Company and thereby enriching the society.

In terms of Section 135(5) of the Companies Act, 2013, certain class of companies are required to spend at least 2% of Average Net Profits made during the three immediately preceding financial years, in pursuance of its Corporate Social Responsibility Policy. Although your Company did not have Average Net Profit during the above period computed in terms of Section 198 of the Act, still like earlier years, it continued with its welfare activities for development in the field of education, culture and other welfare measures to improve the general standard of living in and around the Tea Estates of the Company and other areas where it operates. A report on CSR activities voluntarily undertaken by the Company during the year is attached as Annexure IX.

The Company has a CSR Committee and adopted a CSR Policy which can be accessed at <http://www.mcleodrussel.com/investors/policies.aspx>. The Corporate Social Responsibility Committee of the Board as on 31st March, 2021 consisted of 2 Executive Directors, namely, Mr. Aditya Khaitan, Mr. Azam Monem and Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar, an Independent Director. Mr. Azam Monem is the Chairman of the CSR Committee.

### **DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION POLICY**

In accordance with the Regulation 43A of the Listing Regulations, the Company has formulated a Dividend



Distribution Policy and the same is annexed herewith as Annexure IV. The Policy is hosted on the website of the Company and can be viewed at <http://www.mcleodrussel.com/investor/policies.aspx>.

### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

The Board acknowledges the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the provisions of Section 134(3)(c) read with Section 134(5) of the Companies Act, 2013 for the year ended 31st March 2021 and state that:

- (a) In the preparation of the annual accounts, the applicable accounting standards had been followed with no material departure.
- (b) the Directors had selected such accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the financial year and of the profit and loss of the Company for that period;
- (c) the Directors had taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities;
- (d) the Directors had prepared the annual accounts on a going concern basis;
- (e) the Directors, had laid down internal financial controls to be followed by the Company and that such internal financial controls were operating effectively and subject to continuous improvement.
- (f) the Directors had devised proper systems to ensure compliance with the provisions of all applicable laws and that such systems were adequate and operating effectively.

### **DIRECTORS & KEY MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL**

The Board of Directors of the Company as on 31st March 2021 comprised of 6(six) Directors of whom 3(three) were Independent Directors including one woman Director.

In accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company read with Section 152 of the Companies Act, 2013, Mr. Azam Monem will retire by rotation at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. Mr. Monem however is offering himself for reappointment.

A certificate of Non-Disqualification of Directors furnished by M/s. A.K. Labh & Co., Company Secretaries as required under Regulation 34(3) read with Schedule V Para C sub-clause 10(i) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 is attached as

Annexure X.

During the year Mr. Alok Kumar Samant has been appointed as the Company Secretary of the Company, w.e.f. 19th June 2020.

During the year, the Company had 4 Key Managerial Personnel, being Mr. Aditya Khaitan, Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. Azam Monem, Whole time Director, Mr. Pradip Bhar, Chief Financial Officer and Mr. Alok Kumar Samant, Company Secretary.

The Independent Directors have submitted their disclosures to the Board, that they meet the criteria as stipulated in Section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013.

The Board met seven times during the year on 19th June 2020, 31st July 2020, 14th September 2020, 11th November 2020, 23rd December, 2020, 12th February 2021 and 23rd March 2021. The intervening gap between any two Board Meetings was within the period prescribed by the Companies Act, 2013.

The Company has adopted a Familiarizaion Programme for Independent Directors and the same is disclosed on the website of the Company and can be accessed at <http://www.mcleodrussel.com/investors/policies.aspx>.

### **SEPARATE MEETING OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**

In terms of requirement of Schedule IV to the Companies Act, 2013, the Independent Directors had a separate meeting on 31st March 2021 without the attendance of non-independent Directors and members of management. All Independent Directors were present at the said meeting. The activities prescribed in paragraph VII of Schedule IV to the Act were carried out at the said meeting.

### **BOARD EVALUATION**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide its circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2017/004 dated 5th January 2017 had issued a guidance note on Board Evaluation which inter alia contains indicative criterion for evaluation of the Board of Directors, its Committees and the individual members of the Board.

The Board of Directors at its Meeting held on 30th March, 2017 had considered and adopted the indicative criterion for evaluation of the Board of Directors, the Committees of the Board and the individual directors as enumerated in the said Circular and amended the Board evaluation framework accordingly.

Pursuant to the new Evaluation Framework adopted by the Board, the Board evaluated the performance of the Board, its Committees and the Individual Directors for the financial year 2020-21.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee of the Board as on 31st March 2021 consisted of Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar, Mr. Suman Bhowmik, Mr. Raj Vardhan, Independent Directors and Mr. Aditya Khaitan (Executive Director). Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar, a Non-Executive Independent Director is the Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

The Company has established a Vigil Mechanism/Whistle Blower Policy and oversees through the Audit Committee, the genuine concerns, if any, expressed by the employees and the Directors. The Company has also made provisions for adequate safeguards against victimization of employees, Directors or any other person who express their concerns. The Company has also provided direct access to the Chairperson of the Audit Committee on reporting issues concerning the interests of the employees and the Company. The Vigil Mechanism / Whistle Blower Policy of the Company has been uploaded on the website of the Company and can be accessed at <http://www.mcleodrusel.com/investors/policies.aspx>.

## **NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board as on 31st March 2021 comprised of Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar, Mr. Suman Bhowmik, Non-Executive Independent Directors and Mr. Amritanshu Khaitan, a Non-Executive Director as its Members. Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar was the Chairperson of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

The Company's Policy relating to appointment of Directors, payment of managerial remuneration, Directors' qualifications, positive attributes, independence of Directors and other related matters as provided under Section 178(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 19 of the Listing Regulations is attached to this report as Annexure V.

## **LOANS, GUARANTEES OR INVESTMENTS MADE UNDER SECTION 186 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013**

The particulars of loans, guarantee or investment made under Section 186 of the Companies Act, 2013 are furnished in the Note 50 to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021.

## **PARTICULARS OF CONTRACTS OR ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH RELATED PARTIES**

The Related Party Transactions entered into by the Company during the year under review were on arm's length basis in the ordinary course of business for mutual benefits. There was no contract, arrangement or transaction with Related Parties which could be considered as material and which may have a potential conflict with the interest of the Company. The Company has formulated a Related

Party Transaction Policy and the same is disclosed on the website of the Company and can be accessed at <http://www.mcleodrusel.com/investors/policies.aspx>.

## **DEPOSITS**

The Company has neither accepted nor renewed any deposits during the year under review.

## **SIGNIFICANT AND MATERIAL ORDERS PASSED BY THE REGULATORS OR COURTS**

During the year under review, there were no significant or material order passed by the regulators or courts or tribunals impacting the going concern status and the Company's operations in future.

However, in the matter of Arbitration between Aditya Birla Finance Limited (ABFL) vs McNally Bharat Engineering Company Limited (MBECL) and others, the Sole Arbitrator, passed an Interim Order on 30th June 2020 upon the Company to perform obligations under the Put Option Agreement dated 24th March 2018. The Company had filed an application challenging the award which is presently pending adjudication before the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court. The stay granted by Hon'ble Calcutta High Court was subject to deposit of Rs.40 crores approx. Against the order, the Company preferred an appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on the ground that it simply provided a Letter of Comfort. The Supreme Court on perusing the appeal had passed an order of status quo in the matter.

Members' attention is also invited to Notes on Contingent Liabilities, in the notes forming part of the Financial Statements.

## **MATERIAL CHANGES AFTER END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR**

Except as disclosed elsewhere in this Annual Report, no material changes and commitments which could affect the financial position of the Company have occurred between the end of the last financial year and the date of this Annual Report except the effect of the Covid -19 pandemic

## **DETAILS IN RESPECT OF ADEQUACY OF INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS WITH REFERENCE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Financial statements (i.e. Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement and Cash-Flow Statement, together with notes) are prepared through the process which has automated as well as manual controls to ensure accuracy of recording all transactions which have taken place during any accounting period, and the resultant financial position at period end. All data pertaining to payroll, purchases, agricultural activities,

plucking, manufacturing, dispatch, selling and other activities are recorded through ERP systems operating in tea estates as well as head office. All data/ transactions entered in systems are checked by various functional personnel on the basis of supporting documents & records, then the accounting entries are checked by accounts personnel and finally those are validated by managerial personnel.

At periodic intervals, the accounting data are compiled, and financial statements are prepared. While preparing the financial statements, it is ensured that all transactions pertaining to the accounting period are recorded. Fixed assets, stock of tea, all significant items of stores and monetary assets are physically verified. Balance confirmations are obtained for all significant items of trade receivable and advances.

After preparation of the financial statements, all items appearing in the statements are analysed in order to ensure overall reasonableness.

The Company has adopted policies and procedures for ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to the Company's policies, safeguarding of its assets, prevention and detection of fraud and errors, accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, and timely preparation of reliable financial disclosures.

#### **CEO AND CFO CERTIFICATION**

In terms of Part B of Schedule II of Listing Regulations, the CEO and the CFO of the Company certify to the Board regarding review of the financial statements, compliance with the accounting standards, maintenance of internal control systems for financial reporting and accounting policies, etc.

#### **HEALTH, SAFETY AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT**

The Company considers its people as one of the most valuable resources and recognises that safe and healthy working environment motivate employees to be more productive and innovative. The Company takes adequate measures to keep its field and factories safe in all respects. Regular training is imparted to the employees for promoting awareness on safety and skill enhancement. The Company runs a hospital in each of its Tea Estates where the employees of the concerned Estate get regular medical attention. In addition, the Company has set up a few central hospitals which are equipped with modern medical instruments. These hospitals are accessible to the employees of the surrounding areas. The Company also provides facilities for sporting and cultural activities for the employees in the Tea Estates.

#### **ANNUAL SECRETARIAL COMPLIANCE REPORT**

The Company has undertaken an Audit of all the applicable compliances as per the SEBI Regulations and Circulars/ Guidelines issued thereunder.

The Annual Secretarial Compliance Report issued by a Practising Company Secretary (PCS) has been submitted to the Stock Exchanges within the stipulated time as mentioned in SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/109 dated June 25, 2020.

#### **ANNUAL RETURN**

The Annual Return of the Company as on March 31, 2021 pursuant to the provisions of Section 92 of the Companies Act, 2013 is available on the Company's website and can be accessed at <http://www.mcleodrussel.com/investors/Annual-Return-2020-21.pdf>

#### **AUDITORS AND AUDIT REPORT**

In terms of Section 139 of the Companies Act, 2013, M/s. Lodha & Co., Chartered Accountants (Registration firm No. 301051E) was appointed as the Statutory Auditors of the Company to hold office for a term of 5 (five) consecutive years to hold office from the conclusion of 21st Annual General Meeting till the conclusion of the 26th Annual General Meeting. M/s. Lodha & Co. has conducted audit for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2021 and furnished their report.

In their Report dated 23rd June 2021, M/s. Lodha & Co. has given an adverse opinion in relation to the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2021. The Board's response in relation to the said opinion is as under:-

Sl. no.	Audit-Qualification	Board's Response
(1)	Inter Corporate Deposits (ICD's) aggregating to Rs. 2,84,338 lakhs as on March 31, 2021 (including Interest of Rs. 1,942 lakhs accrued till March 31, 2019) given to certain companies which are doubtful of recovery and considering recoverability etc. are prejudicial to the interest of the company. In absence of provision there against, the loss for the year is understated to that extent. Impact in this respect have not been ascertained by the management and recognised in the financial results	ICD's given have been considered doubtful of recovery by the Auditors'. However, the Company expects to work out a plan for restructuring including reducing/liquidating such outstanding amount synchronising with the proposed restructuring of borrowings in terms of the resolution plan under consideration by lenders.

(2)	The Company had given advance in earlier year to a body corporate aggregating to Rs. 1,400 lakhs which are outstanding as on March 31, 2021. In absence of appropriate audit evidence and status thereof, they are unable to comment on the validity and recoverability of such advances and impact if any in this respect has not been ascertained.	Efforts are being made to recover the advance.
(3)	Non-recognition of Interest amounting to Rs. 4,615 lakhs on Inter Corporate Deposits taken and thereby the loss for the year is understated to that extent.  Further, penal/compound interest and other adjustments in respect of borrowings from banks/financial institution have not been recognised and amount payable to banks and financial institutions as recognised in this respect are subject to confirmation from respective parties and consequential reconciliation. Pending final determination of amount in this respect, adjustments and impacts arising therefrom have not been ascertained and as such cannot be commented upon by us	Interest on inter-corporate borrowings have not yet been settled with the parties. Therefore interest-expenditure has not been accounted on inter-corporate borrowings pending resolution of the same
(4)	Non reconciliation of certain debit and credit balances with individual details and confirmation thereof. Adjustments/ Impact in this respect are currently not ascertainable and as such cannot be commented upon by the Auditors	Not quantified
(5)	The predecessor auditor in respect of loans included under Qualification-1 above have reported that it includes amounts given to group companies whereby applicability of Section 185 of the Companies Act, 2013 could not be ascertained and commented upon by them. They have not been able to ascertain if the aforesaid promoter companies could, in substance, be deemed to be related parties to the Company in accordance with paragraph 10 of Ind AS-24 "Related Party Disclosures". Further certain ICDs as reported were in nature of book entries and/or are prejudicial to the interest of the company. These amounts are outstanding as on this date and status thereof have remained unchanged and uncertainty and	Not quantified

related concerns including utilisation thereof and being prejudicial to the interest of the company are valid for current period also. The matter as reported is under examination and pending before regulatory authorities. Pending final outcome of the matter under examination we are unable to ascertain the impact of non-compliances and comment on the same.	
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### SECRETARIAL AUDIT

In terms of the requirements of Section 204 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Secretarial Audit of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021 was conducted by Messrs. A. K. Labh & Co., Company Secretaries. The Secretarial Auditors' Report is attached to this Report as Annexure VI and forms part of the Directors' Report.

### COST AUDIT

In accordance with the requirements of Section 148 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Cost Records and Audit) Rules, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Company has appointed the following firms of Cost Accountants to conduct audit of Cost Records maintained by the Company for the Tea Plantations of the Company for the year ending 31st March 2022;

- (i) M/s Mani & Company
- (ii) M/s SPK Associates
- (iii) M/s DGM & Associates.

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 14 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, the remuneration of the Cost Auditors is required to be ratified by the Members of the Company, a resolution for which will be placed before the Members at the ensuing Annual General Meeting.

The Cost Audit Report furnished by the Cost Auditors in respect of the year ended 31st March 2021 which did not contain any qualification, reservation or adverse remark was filed with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs within the time prescribed under the Companies Act, 2013.

### FRAUD REPORTING BY AUDITORS

During the year under review, no instances of fraud has been reported to the Audit Committee under Section 143(12) of the Companies Act, 2013 against the Company by its officers or employees, the details of which would need to be mentioned in the Board's Report neither by the Statutory Auditors nor the Secretarial Auditors.

### **CONSERVATION OF ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS & OUTGO**

A statement giving details of conservation of energy, technology absorption and foreign exchange earnings & outgo in accordance with Section 134(3)(m) of the Act read with Rule 8(3) of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014, is attached to this Report as Annexure VII.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Company has adopted and implemented a Risk Management Policy after identifying various risks which the Company encounters with during the course of its business none of which in the opinion of the Board may threaten the very existence of the Company itself. The Company has taken adequate measures to mitigate various risks encountered by the Company.

### **PREVENTION OF INSIDER TRADING**

Your Company has adopted a Code of Conduct for prevention of Insider Trading in compliance with the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015. All Directors, employees and other designated persons, who could have access to unpublished price sensitive information of the Company, are governed by this Code. The trading window for dealing with equity shares of the Company is duly closed during declaration of financial results and occurrence of any other material events as per the code. During the year under review there has been due compliance with the code.

### **PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES**

The ratio of the remuneration of each Director to the median employee's remuneration and other particulars or details of employees pursuant to Section 197(12) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 5 of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014 are attached to this Report as Annexure VIII.

### **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS**

The Company's large work force continues to remain the backbone of its operations and their welfare has remained a prime area of focus. Upgradation and introduction of new housing facilities, water supply and sanitation, medical infrastructure etc. have been given priority.

In terms of requirements of Section 4 of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, the Company has formed Internal Complaints Committees (ICC) for its workplaces. No complaint under the Act has been received by ICC during the year.

### **SECRETARIAL STANDARDS**

Your Company complies with all applicable Secretarial Standards as issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).

Your Board of Directors wish to place on record its sincere appreciation for the dedicated services rendered by the executives, staff and workers at all levels for smooth functioning of all the estates.

**For and on behalf of the Board**

<b>Aditya Khaitan</b>	<b>Azam Monem</b>
Managing Director	Wholtime Director
DIN: 00023788	DIN:00023799

Date: 12th November 2021

Place: Kolkata



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### INDUSTRY STRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

World tea production during 2020 is estimated at 6269 million kg, compared to 6161 million kg in 2019, an increase of 108 million kg (+1.75%). Global Black Tea production during year 2020 is estimated at 3436 million kg compared to 3405 million kg in 2019, an increase of 31 million kg (+ 1.0%). India continues to remain the largest producer of Black Tea globally, despite posting a lower crop of 1258 million kg in 2020, compared with 1390 million kg in 2019, due to the restrictions brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. India produces both CTC (1143 million kg) and Orthodox (97 million kg) varieties of Black Teas, which together represents about 36% of total global Black Tea production. The other major Black Tea producing countries are Kenya (570 million kg), Sri Lanka (276 million kg), Turkey (280 million kg), other African countries (226 million kg), Indonesia (97 million kg), Vietnam (96 million kg), Bangladesh (86 million kg), and Argentina (73 million kg). Of these countries, the most significant in terms of competition for Indian teas is Kenya which produces mainly CTC teas and Sri Lanka which produces mainly the Orthodox variety. China produces predominantly Green Tea with total production of 2986 million kg in 2020, most of which is consumed within the country itself. (Source: International Tea Committee Bulletin and Tea Board of India).

Global tea production continued to rise year on year in 2020 despite the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. This growth was driven almost entirely by Kenya in Africa and China in Asia. The rest of the tea producing countries in Asia, including India, and barring China, all recorded lower crops in 2020 compared to 2019. In Africa, the majority of the tea producing countries, barring Kenya, all recorded either lower crops in 2020 compared to 2019 or were at par. In India, the drop in production in 2020 was on account of the shutdown of tea estate operations for approximately a month and a half due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This led to a severe shortage in the supply pipeline in the domestic market in the first half of 2020 and resulted in record prices for Indian teas through most of the year. Increased demand from at home consumption arising from the restrictions on movement due to the pandemic was another significant factor in driving up prices in India to record levels in 2020. Tea prices in the Indian Auctions rose by an average 34% in 2020 over 2019. In Sri Lanka, the trend was similar, although at a lower level of increase, with prices at the Colombo auctions (mainly the Orthodox variety) recording a rise of 16% in 2020 compared to 2019. On the other hand, international CTC prices recorded historic lows in 2020, driven down by the over supply from Kenya. Prices at the Mombasa auctions in Kenya were lower by 6% year on year in 2020, having already dropped by 15.7% in the previous year. Costs, in India in 2020 were higher on account of lower

production, increase in wages, retrospective payments and other welfare expenses. (Source: J. Thomas Annual Tea Statistics).

### OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS

Indian tea production in 2021 has recovered from the losses recorded in 2020. Upto end June 2021, Indian tea production has risen by 94.37 million kg (+27%) compared to 2020. The increase in revenue from this gain has, however, been tempered by a significant fall in prices in 2021 compared to 2020, as the domestic market corrects with the return to normalcy in the supply pipeline. There has also been significant challenges to normal business operations in the large tea markets of Northern and Western India due to restrictions forced by the Covid-19 pandemic. This has led to reduced off take from these major markets and contributed to the fall in prices in this year. The depressed price scenario notwithstanding, good quality teas continue to command a significant premium over medium and lower quality teas and this presents an opportunity for producers of better quality, compliant teas to gain over the prevailing market.

International CTC tea prices in 2021 have remained at historic low levels. Despite lower cropping in Kenya in 2021 there appears to continue to be a significant oversupply of CTC Black Tea in the global market. Payment issues in Iran, which is one of our major markets for Orthodox teas and increased production this year in Sri Lanka have exerted downward pressure on Orthodox prices internationally as well in 2021. In addition, there has been a significant increase in freight rates in 2021 (approximately 3 to 4 times higher compared to 2020) due to a shortage of containers available for shipment from most Asian origins, including India. As a result, Indian exports in 2021 are likely to be substantially lower than the previous year. On the positive side, the announcement of an incentive on Orthodox production by the State Government of Assam will help to cushion the fall in prices of this category of teas to some extent and will assist in maintaining a balance between CTC and Orthodox production which is essential for a stable market for both CTC and Orthodox varieties in India. (Source: Tea Board of India).

The small tea growers in India exert significant influence on the tea market in India given that they have overtaken the mainstream estate sector in terms of production since 2020. Collectively, in 2020, the small tea growers in India produced 631 million kg compared to 625 million kg produced by the mainstream sector. Most of the tea from the small tea grower's sector is processed and manufactured at stand alone bought leaf factories. The teas that they produce sell well below the mainstream sector's teas, on account of lower quality and compliance levels and this

has a dampening effect on the entire tea market in India. There is, however, an opportunity for the mainstream tea sector to mitigate this downside by enhancing production capacity to take in green leaf from the small growers for production in their own factories and thereby offset some of their standing costs. (Source: Tea Board of India).

### SEGMENTWISE OR PRODUCTWISE PERFORMANCE

The Company is primarily engaged in the business of cultivation, manufacture and sale of tea and is managed organizationally as a single unit. Accordingly, the Company is a single business segment company.

### RISKS AND CONCERNS

The Tea Industry is largely dependent on the vagaries of nature. The Industry is highly labour intensive and is subject to stringent labour laws. Substantial increase in labour wages, high social cost over most other tea producing countries, high infrastructure costs and increasing energy and other input costs remain the major problems for the Indian Tea Industry. Shortage of labour during peak season in some pockets is also a cause for concern. The Company has made substantial investment in irrigation to minimize the impact on crop due to a change in climatic conditions. The draft Code on Wages (Central) Rules 2019, published by the Government of India will increase costs unless employee benefits provided under the Plantation Labour Act are also considered as part of wages in the final notification.

The COVID-19 pandemic also poses considerable risk to the Company's operations at its tea estates. Widespread safety measures have been strictly enforced at all its tea estates in consultation with the concerned Government agencies including social distancing at the workplace, restriction of entry of visitors, compulsory quarantine of returning migrants, regular testing of the workforce, vaccination camps for the workforce etc. to safeguard against this risk.

The Industry is also subject to taxation from the State Government as well as Central Government and while the level of direct taxes has come down over a period, some of the State levies like substantial increase in Land Revenue put the industry at a disadvantageous position. However, the State Government has been very considerate by withdrawal of ASSAM Green Leaf cess for three years from January 2019 to December 2021 and recently Agriculture Income Tax for 3 years for the sustainability of the Industry. The State Government has also announced subvention of interest on term loans and working capital loans.

To mitigate various types of risks that the company has to face, the Board of Directors of the Company has adopted a Risk Management Policy and implemented the same at the Tea Estates and at Head Office of the Company. In view of fluctuations in foreign exchange and interest rates, the Company has Risk Management Policy to address the risks concerning the foreign exchange and variable interest rate derivative transactions. The Company has invested in Rainforest Alliance and Trustee certification programs

to manage environmental risks and ensure long term sustainability of its tea estate operations. The Company has ISO 22000 certification and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) at all the Tea Factories to mitigate possible risks related to food safety and quality of product.

### OUTLOOK

Tea prices in India have seen a considerable downtrend in 2021 after the highs of 2020, following improved availability, reduced exports and lower internal sales due to the impact on general business in the country caused by the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, despite this correction, prices continue to remain substantially higher than 2019 for the same period. With such a significant price correction already having taken place in a relatively short period in 2021, it is now expected that markets and prices will stabilise close to the present levels. Good quality teas will continue to maintain a significant price gap over medium and low quality teas. At this point, given that no further significant changes are likely to affect normal production and demand levels for the remainder of the season, it is expected that the present price gap between 2021 and 2019 is likely to be maintained till the close of the year.

### INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEMS AND THEIR ADEQUACY

The Company has in place adequate systems of internal control commensurate with its size and the nature of its operations which it is planning for further strength. These have been designed to provide reasonable assurance with regard to recording and providing reliable financial and operational information, complying with applicable statutes, safeguarding assets from unauthorized use or losses, executing transactions with proper authorization and ensuring compliance of corporate policies. Independent firms of Chartered Accountants carry out the internal audit at the Tea Estates on a regular basis. Another firm of Chartered Accountants conducts internal audit at the Head Office.

The Company has an Audit Committee, the details of which have been provided in the Corporate Governance Report. The Audit Committee reviews Audit Reports submitted by the internal Auditors. Suggestions for improvement are considered and the Audit Committee follows up the implementation of corrective actions. The Committee also meets the Company's statutory auditors to ascertain, inter alia, their views on the adequacy of internal control systems in the Company and keeps the Board of Directors informed of its major observations from time to time. The Risk Management Policy adopted by the Company has further strengthened the internal control system.

### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

The details of Financial Performance and Operational Performance have been provided in the Report of the Directors.

**DETAILS OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS (I.E. CHANGE OF 25% OR MORE AS COMPARED TO THE IMMEDIATELY PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR IN KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS) ALONG WITH DETAILED EXPLANATIONS :-**

Ratio	2020-21	2019-20	Change (%)	Reason
Debtors Turnover Ratio (number of times)	66.33	54.16	22.46	Not Applicable
Inventory Turnover Ratio (number of times)	13.01	14.21	(8.41)	Not Applicable
Interest Coverage Ratio (number of times)	0.93	1.16	(20.05)	Not Applicable
Current Ratio (number of times)	0.11	0.10	4.30	Not Applicable
Debt Equity Ratio (number of times)	0.11	0.17	(36.68)	Improvement due to higher selling price. The improvement is net of the effect of loss of production due to pandemic .
Operating Margin	15.63%	15.32%	1.99	Improvement due to higher selling price. The improvement is net of the effect of loss of production due to pandemic.
Net Profit Margin	(7.57%)	(17.01%)	55.48	Improvement due to higher selling price. The improvement is net of the effect of loss of production due to pandemic.
Return on Net Worth	(4.84%)	(9.31%)	(48.04)	Improvement due to higher selling price. The improvement is net of the effect of loss of production due to pandemic.

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Tea Industry is highly labour intensive. The Company employs around 67,911 personnel (46, 606 are permanent personnel and 21,305 temporary personnel) at its Tea Estates and other establishments in India with more than 56% being women. Employee relations remained satisfactory during the period under review. The Company would like to record appreciation of the wholehearted support and dedication from employees at all levels in maintaining smooth production and manufacture of tea from all the Tea Estates during the year.

### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

Statements in the Management Discussion and Analysis Report in regard to projections, estimates and expectations have been made in good faith. Many unforeseen factors

may come into play and affect the actual results, which could be different from what the Directors envisage in terms of future performance and outlook. Market data and product information contained in this Report have been based on information gathered from various published and unpublished reports, and their accuracy, reliability and completeness cannot be assured.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

<b>Aditya Khaitan</b>	<b>Azam Monem</b>
Managing Director	Wholetime Director
DIN: 00023788	DIN:00023799

Date: 12th November 2021  
Place: Kolkata

**ANNEXURE II****CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT****(1) COMPANY'S PHILOSOPHY ON CODE OF GOVERNANCE**

The Company's philosophy on Corporate Governance is aimed at efficient conduct of its operations and in meeting its obligations towards various stakeholders such as Customers, Vendors, Employees, Shareholders and Financiers and to the Society at large. The Company is in the business of cultivation and production of Tea and is one of the major producers of Tea in the world. The Company endeavours to produce quality Tea that consistently commands respect, trust and loyalty throughout the world by way of sustained efforts, research and development in plantation and adoption of latest technology. The Company strives for successful management of contingencies like drought and flood. While it is the endeavour of your Company to continue to produce Tea of premium quality to the satisfaction of its Customers worldwide, it also gives due importance to its obligations to the large workforce that it employs on the Tea Estates. The Company runs a business that has a human face and values the environment, people, products, plantation practices, customers and shareholders. The Company believes in achieving its goals, which result in enhancement of Shareholders' value through transparency, professionalism and accountability and nurture these core values in all aspects of its operations.

**(2) BOARD OF DIRECTORS****(a) Composition and Category of Directors**

The Board of Directors of your Company as on 31st March 2021 consisted of six Directors as under:

- Chairman & Managing Director who is a Promoter;
- One Non-Executive Promoter Director;
- One Whole time Director;
- Three Non-Executive Independent Directors.

The Board has an optimum combination of Executive and Non-Executive Directors and more than half of the Board consisted of Independent Directors including one woman Director, which is in conformity with the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('Listing Regulations').

**(b)&(c) Attendance of each Director at the Board Meetings/last AGM, Directorship and Chairmanship/ Membership in other Board/ Board Committees.**

Name and category of the Directors on the Board, their attendance at Board Meetings held during the financial year ended 31st March 2021, number of Directorships and Committee Chairmanships/ Memberships held by them in other public limited companies are given below.

Other Directorships do not include alternate Directorships, Directorships in Private Limited Companies and Companies under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 and of the Companies incorporated outside India. Chairmanship/ Membership of Board Committees relates to only Audit and Stakeholders' Relationship Committees.

Name of Directors	Category	No. of Board Meetings		Whether attended last AGM held on 30th December 2020	No. of Directorships in other public limited companies	No. of Committee positions held in other public limited companies	
		Held during the year	Attended			As Chairman/ Chairperson	As Member (#)
Mr. Aditya Khaitan	Chairman & Managing Director	7	7	Yes	8	1	2
Mr. Amritanshu Khaitan	Non-Executive Director	7	6	Yes	2	-	1
Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar	Non-Executive & Independent	7	7	Yes	5	3	6
Mr. Suman Bhowmik	Non-Executive & Independent	7	7	Yes	-	-	-
Mr. Raj Vardhan	Non-Executive & Independent	7	7	Yes	-	-	-
Mr. Azam Monem	Whole time Director	7	7	Yes	-	-	-

Name of Directors	Names of the Listed Entities where the person is a director	Category of directorship
Mr. Aditya Khaitan	McLeod Russel India Limited Williamson Magor & Co. Limited Kilburn Engineering Limited McNally Sayaji Engineering Limited Eveready Industries India Limited McNally Bharat Engineering Company Limited Williamson Financial Services Limited	Chairman & Managing Director Non-Executive Chairman Non-Executive Chairman Non-Executive Chairman Non-Executive Chairman Non-Executive Chairman Non-Executive Chairman
Mr. Amritanshu Khaitan	Eveready Industries India Limited McLeod Russel India Limited Kilburn Engineering Limited	Managing Director Non-Executive Non-Executive
Mr. Azam Monem	McLeod Russel India Limited	Whole time Director
Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar	McLeod Russel India Limited Williamson Magor & Co. Limited Kilburn Engineering Limited Eveready Industries India Limited McNally Bharat Engineering Company Limited Williamson Financial Services Limited	Non-Executive & Independent Non-Executive & Independent Non-Executive & Independent Non-Executive & Independent Non-Executive & Independent Non-Executive & Independent
Mr. Suman Bhowmik	McLeod Russel India Limited	Non-Executive & Independent
Mr. Raj Vardhan	McLeod Russel India Limited	Non-Executive & Independent

None of the Directors on the Board is a Member of more than 10 Committees or Chairman/Chairperson of more than 5 Committees across all the Companies in which he/she is a Director. The Directors have made necessary disclosures regarding Committee positions held in other public limited companies in terms of Regulation 26(1)&(2) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

**(d) Number & Dates of Board Meetings**

Seven Board Meetings were held during the year and the gap between two meetings did not exceed 120 days. The dates on which the Board Meetings were held are as follows:

19th June 2020, 31st July 2020, 14th September 2020, 11th November 2020, 23rd December, 2020, 12th February 2021 and 23rd March 2021.

**(e) Disclosure of relationships between Directors**

No Director is related to any other Director on the Board in terms of the definition of 'relative' given under the Companies Act, 2013.

**(f) Number of shares and convertible instruments held by Non-Executive Directors**

Sl. No.	Name of Director	Category	No. of Shares held
1	Mr. Amritanshu Khaitan	Non-Executive Director	15,000
2	Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar	Non-Executive & Independent	-
3	Mr. Suman Bhowmik	Non-Executive & Independent	-
4	Mr. Raj Vardhan	Non-Executive & Independent	-

The Company has not issued any convertible instruments.

**(g) Web Link for Familiarization Programme**

Web link giving the details of Familiarization Programme imparted to Independent Directors at <http://www.mcleodrussel.com/investors/familiarisation-programme.aspx/>

**(h) Chart of Matrix setting out the skills / expertise / competence of the Board of Directors**

i)& ii)

List of core skills / expertise / competence identified by the Board of Directors as required in the context of the business to function effectively	List of core skills / expertise / competence identified by the Board of Directors as required in the context of the business to function effectively and those actually available with the Board	Name of Director	Skill and Expertise
Academic qualification, requisite knowledge, experience and business skills in :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tea Estate Management and operations</li> <li>• General Management,</li> <li>• Finance &amp; Accountancy</li> <li>• Corporate Law</li> <li>• Banking &amp; merchant banking</li> <li>• Marketing</li> </ul>	Academic qualification, requisite knowledge, experience and business skills in :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tea Estate Management and operations</li> <li>• General Management,</li> <li>• Finance &amp; Accountancy</li> <li>• Corporate Law</li> <li>• Banking &amp; merchant banking</li> <li>• Marketing</li> </ul>	Mr. Aditya Khaitan	General Management & Tea Estate Management and operations
		Mr. Amritanshu Khaitan	General Management & Finance
		Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar	General Management, Finance, Branding & HR
		Mr. Suman Bhowmik	General Management, Branding, PR & CSR
		Mr. Raj Vardhan	General Management, Operations, Risk Management, Finance & HR
		Mr. Azam Monem	Marketing, Operations, General Management, Industrial Relations, HR & CSR

i) **In the opinion of the Board, the independent directors fulfill the conditions specified in SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and as amended are independent of the management.**

j) **The detailed reason for resignation of the following Independent Director from the Board of Directors of the Company during the financial year ended 31st March, 2021 are as follows:-**

None of the Independent Director of the Company has resigned during the said Financial Year

**(3) AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee of the Board comprises of 4 Directors including 3 Independent Directors. The Members of the Audit Committee have wide exposure and knowledge in area of finance and accounting. The role and terms of reference of the Audit Committee covers the areas mentioned under Regulation 18 of Listing Regulations and Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013. The Audit Committee, inter alia, provides

reassurance to the Board on the existence of an effective internal control environment.

**(a) Brief descriptions of the terms of reference of the Audit Committee are as follows:**

- (i) oversight of the Company's financial reporting process and the disclosure of its financial information;
- (ii) recommendation for appointment, re-appointment, remuneration and terms of appointment, re-appointment of auditors including cost auditors and fixation of audit fees and removal of internal auditor/cost auditors;
- (iii) approval of payment to statutory auditors for any other services rendered by the statutory auditors;
- (iv) reviewing with the management, examination of the quarterly and annual financial statements and auditor's report thereon before submission to the board for approval;



- (v) reviewing and monitoring the auditor's independence and performance and effectiveness of audit process;
- (vi) approval or any subsequent modification of transactions of the Company with related parties, including omnibus approval of related party transactions under such conditions as may be statutorily applicable.
- (vii) scrutiny of inter-corporate loans and investments;
- (viii) valuation of undertakings or assets of the Company, wherever it is necessary;
- (ix) to evaluate internal financial controls and risk management systems;
- (x) reviewing with the management, performance of statutory and internal auditors and adequacy of the internal control systems;
- (xi) reviewing the adequacy of internal audit function, if any, including the structure of the internal audit department, staffing and seniority of the official heading the department, reporting structure coverage and frequency of internal audit;
- (xii) discussion with internal auditors of any significant findings and follow up there on;
- (xiii) reviewing the findings of any internal investigations by the internal auditors into matters where there is suspected fraud or irregularity or a failure of internal control systems of a material nature and reporting the matter to the Board;
- (xiv) discussion with statutory auditors before the audit commences, about the nature and scope of audit as well as post-audit discussion to ascertain any area of concern;
- (xv) to look into the reasons for substantial defaults in the payment to the depositors, debenture holders, shareholders (in case of non-payment of declared dividends) and creditors;
- (xvi) to review the functioning of the whistle blower mechanism;
- (xvii) approval of appointment of Chief Financial Officer (i.e. the Wholetime Finance Director or any other person heading the finance function or discharging that function) after assessing the qualifications, experience and background, etc. of the candidate.

#### **(b) Composition, Name of Members and Chairperson**

The Audit Committee of the Board as on 31st March 2021 comprised of Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar, Mr. Suman Bhowmik, Mr. Raj Vardhan and Mr. Aditya Khaitan as its member. Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar, a Non-Executive Independent Director, having adequate financial and accounting qualification and expertise, is the Chairperson of the Audit Committee. The other Members of the Committee are also financially literate. The Committee has three Non-Executive Independent Directors and one Executive Director. The Company Secretary acted as the Secretary to the Committee.

#### **(c) Meetings and attendance during the year**

The particulars of meetings attended by the Members of the Audit Committee during the financial year ended 31st March 2021 are given below:

Name of Directors	Category	No. of Meetings	
		Held during the year	Attended
Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar, Chairperson	Non-Executive & Independent	5	5
Mr. Suman Bhowmik	Non-Executive & Independent	5	5
Mr. Raj Vardhan	Non-Executive & Independent	5	5
Mr. Aditya Khaitan	Chairman & Managing Director	5	4

Five Meetings of the Audit Committee were held during the financial year ended 31st March 2021. The dates on which the Audit Committee Meetings were held are as follows:

31st July 2020, 14th September 2020, 11th November 2020, 23rd December 2020 and 12th February 2021.

#### **(4) NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

##### **(a) Brief description of terms of reference**

The role and principal terms of reference of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee in terms of Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 19 of Listing Regulations are as follows:

- (i) to identify persons who are qualified to become directors and who may be appointed

in senior management in accordance with the criteria laid down, recommend to the Board for their appointment/removal.

- (ii) formulate criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a Director and recommend to the Board a policy relating to the remuneration for the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and other Employees;
- (iii) formulation of criteria for evaluation of performance of Independent Directors and the Board of Directors;
- (iv) to carry out evaluation of every Director's performance;
- (v) to devise a policy on Board diversity;
- (vi) whether to extend or continue the term of appointment of Independent Director on the basis of performance evaluation of Independent Directors.

**(b) Composition, Name of Members and Chairman**

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board as on 31st March 2021 comprised of Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar, Mr. Suman Bhowmik, Non-Executive Independent Directors and Mr. Amritanshu Khaitan, a Non-Executive Director as its Members. Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar is the Chairperson of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

**(c) Meeting and attendance during the year**

During the financial year ended 31st March 2021 one Meeting of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee was held on 1st October 2020.

Name of Directors	Category	No. of Meetings	
		Held during the year	Attended
Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar	Non-Executive & Independent	1	1
Mr. Suman Bhowmik	Non-Executive & Independent	1	1
Mr. Amritanshu Khaitan	Non-Executive	1	1

**(d) Performance evaluation criteria for independent Directors**

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee at its Meeting held on 30 March, 2017 had considered and adopted the indicative criterion

for evaluation of performance of the Board of Directors and the Independent Directors issued by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2017/004 dated January 5, 2017 in terms of the requirements of the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015.

Pursuant to the adoption of the new criterion for evaluation of performance of the Board of Directors and the Independent Directors, the Committee carried out the process of evaluation of the performance of every Director in accordance with its terms of reference and the requirements of Companies Act, 2013.

The performance of the Independent Directors is evaluated on the basis of the following parameters:-

General -

(a) Qualifications, (b) Experience, (c) Knowledge and Competency, (d) Fulfillment of functions, (e) Ability to function as a team, (f) Initiative, (g) Availability and attendance, (h) Commitment, (i) Contribution and (j) Integrity.

**Additional criteria for Independent Director -**

- (a) Independence and
- (b) Independent views and judgement.

**(e) Meeting and attendance during the year**

During the financial year ended 31st March 2021 one Meeting of the Independent Directors was held on 31st March 2021 and the attendance are as follows:

Name of Directors	Category	No. of Meetings	
		Held during the year	Attended
Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar	Non-Executive & Independent	1	1
Mr. Suman Bhowmik	Non-Executive & Independent	1	1
Mr. Raj Vardhan	Non-Executive & Independent	1	1

**(5) REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS**

**(a)&(b) Pecuniary Relationship or transactions of the Non-Executive Directors/ criteria of making payments to Non-Executive Directors**

The Company has no pecuniary relationship or

transaction with its Non-Executive & Independent Directors other than payment of sitting fees to them for attending Board Meetings, Committee Meetings and separate Meeting of Independent Directors. They get Commission if approved by the Board for their valuable services to the Company subject to the limit fixed by the Members.

Criteria of making payment to Non-Executive Directors are disclosed in the Nomination and Remuneration Policy and the same is attached to the Report of the Directors as Annexure-IV.

The details of remuneration for the financial year ended 31st March 2021 to the Non-Executive Directors are as under:

Name of Directors	Sitting Fees (Rs.) for Board Meetings	Sitting Fees (Rs.) for Committee & Independent Directors' Meetings
Mr. Amritanshu Khaitan	2,40,000	20,000
Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar	2,80,000	1,80,000
Mr. Suman Bhowmik	2,80,000	1,80,000
Mr. Raj Vardhan	2,80,000	1,40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,80,000</b>	<b>5,20,000</b>

**(c) Disclosures with respect to remuneration**

**(i), (ii) & (iii) Remuneration package/Remuneration paid to Directors**

The Executive Directors are paid Salary, contribution to Provident Fund & other Funds, Bonus and allowances and perquisites as per their terms of appointment approved by the Members of the Company.

Non-Executive Directors and Independent Directors are paid sitting fees and commission as determined by the Board from time to time.

The details of the fixed components of the managerial remuneration paid to the Managing and the Wholetime Director are given below. Allowances to the Executive Directors may vary as approved by the Board based on their and Company's performance. During the Financial Year ended 31st March 2021, no Commission was paid to the Non-Executive Directors.

Details of Remuneration for the financial year ended 31st March 2021 to the Managing Director and Wholetime Director are given below:

	Mr. A. Khaitan* Rs.	Mr. A. Monem* Rs.
Salary	1,80,00,000	72,00,000
Contribution to Provident Fund and other Funds	2070000	828000
Bonus and Allowances	1,30,00,000	59,20,000
Monetary value of Perquisites	25,78,800	11,01,769
Period of appointment	3 years w.e.f. 01.04.2020	3 years w.e.f. 01.04.2020
Notice period	3 months	3 months
Severance fees	Not specified	Not specified

\*since required approval of Secured Lenders is awaiting, the said amount paid being held in trust has been recognised as advances under "Loans" pending recovery/adjustment in due course of time.

**(iv) Stock option**

The Company does not have any Scheme for grant of stock options to its employees.

**(6) STAKEHOLDERS' RELATIONSHIP COMMITTEE**

**(a) Name of Non-Executive Director heading the Committee/Composition of the Committee**

Stakeholder Relationship Committee of the Board as at 31st March 2021 consisted of Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar, a Non-Executive Independent Director, as the Chairperson; Mr. Suman Bhowmik, Non-Executive Independent Director and Mr. Azam Monem, an Executive Director were the Members of the Committee.

**(b) Name and designation of Compliance Officer**

Mr. Alok Kumar Samant, Company Secretary is the Compliance Officer for redressal of Shareholder's/ Investor's complaints.

**(c),(d)&(e)Details of Shareholders' / Investors' Complaints**

During the Financial Year ended 31st March 2021, 14 complaints were received from the Shareholders/Investors. The details are as under:

Opening as on 1st April 2020	0
Received during the year	14
Resolved during the year	14
Closing/Pending as on 31st March 2021	0

## MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE DURING THE YEAR

During the financial year one Meeting of the Stakeholders' Relationship Committee was held on 9th February 2021 and the attendances of Members are as follows:

Name of Directors	Category	No. of Meetings	
		Held during the year	Attended
Mrs. Arundhuti Dhar, Chairperson	Non-Executive & Independent	1	1
Mr. Suman Bhowmik	Non-Executive & Independent	1	1
Mr. Azam Monem	Executive Director	1	1

### (7) GENERAL BODY MEETINGS

#### (a) Location and time of last three Annual General Meetings:

Financial Year ended	Date	Time	Venue
31.03.2018	09.08.2018	10:30 a.m.	Kala Mandir, 48 Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata 700 017
31.03.2019	09.09.2019	10:30 a.m.	Uttam Mancha, 10/1/1, Manohar Pukur Road, Hazra, Kolkata-700 026
31.03.2020	30.12.2020	11.00 a.m.	The 22nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held through Video Conferencing/ Other Audio Visual Means ("VC"/"OAVM") in accordance with the guidelines stipulated by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), in view of the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic.

#### (b) Special Resolutions passed in the previous three AGMs.

AGM held on	Special Resolution passed:
09.08.2018	(1) Special Resolution for approval to Mr. Brij Mohan Khaitan (holding DIN: 00023771) to continue as a Non-Executive Director and Chairman of the Company after 31st March 2019.  (2) Special Resolution for approval to Dr. R. Srinivasan (holding DIN:00003968) to continue as a Non-Executive Independent Director of the Company after 31st March 2019.

	(3) Special Resolution in terms of Section 180(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 for approval of sale, lease or otherwise disposal of certain Tea Estates of the Company or the assets thereof having value in excess of 20% but not exceeding 35% of the value of the undertaking of the Company.
09.09.2019	No Special Resolution approved.
30.12.2020	(1) Special Resolution for approval of remuneration payable to Mr. Aditya Khaitan (DIN:00023788) as the Managing Director of the Company for a period of three years commencing from 1st April 2020.  (2) Special Resolution for approval of re-appointment of Mr. Azam Monem (DIN:00023799) as a Wholtime Director of the Company for a period of three years commencing from 1st April 2020 and the remuneration payable to him.

#### (c)&(d) Resolution passed through Postal Ballot during the year ended 31st March 2021.

##### (i) Details of resolutions passed by postal ballot and voting results

Date of declaration of the result of Postal Ballot	Type of Resolution passed	Particulars of Resolution	% of votes cast in favour of resolution
25.09.2020	Special Resolution	To make loan(s) and to give guarantee(s), provide security(ies) or make investment(s) in excess of the prescribed limit under Section 186 of the Companies Act, 2013 up to a sum of Rs. 3, 000 Crores (Rupees Three Thousand Crores only)	88.51
25.09.2020	Special Resolution	Borrowing powers of the Board under Section 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013 up to of Rs. 2,500 Crores (both funded and non-funded) at any one point of time	90.01
25.09.2020	Special Resolution	Creation of charge on the assets of the Company under Section 180(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 up to Rs. 2,500 Crores	89.87

##### (ii) Person who conducted the aforesaid postal ballot exercise

Mr. A K. Labh, Practising Company Secretary,

Kolkata (FCS - 4848/ CP No. - 3238) was the Scrutinizer for conducting the postal ballot voting process in a fair and transparent manner.

**(iii) Procedure for Postal Ballot**

In compliance with Sections 108 and 110 and other applicable provisions of the Act read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, Secretarial Standard on General Meetings (SS 2) and General Circulars No. 14/2020 dated 8 April 2020, No. 17/2020 dated 13 April 2020 and No. 22/2020 dated 15th June 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India (MCA Circulars) and in terms of Regulation 44 of the Listing Regulations and other applicable law, the Company provided e-voting facility to all its Members. The Company engaged the services of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) for this purpose.

In compliance with the MCA Circulars, the Company sent the Postal Ballot Notice by electronic mail only to all its shareholders who have registered their email addresses with the Company or depository / depository participants and whose names appear in the Register of Members/ List of Beneficial Owners as received from National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) and Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) as on 21st August 2020. Physical copy of the Postal Ballot Notice along with Postal Ballot Forms and pre-paid business envelope were not sent to the shareholders for this Postal Ballot. The communication of the assent or dissent of the members took place through the remote e-voting system only. The last date for receipt of e-voting was 24th September 2020.

The Company also published an advertisement in the newspapers viz. The Financial Express (English language) and Aajkaal (Vernacular language) dated 26th August 2020, informing about the dispatch of the Notice and other information as mandated under the Act and applicable Rules. Voting rights were reckoned on the paid-up value of the shares registered in the names of the Members as on the cut-off date, i.e. 21st August 2020.

The scrutinizer, after the completion of scrutiny, submitted his report to the Authorised Person, who accepted and countersigned the Scrutinizer's Report. The consolidated results of the voting by postal ballot and e-voting were then announced by the Chairman of the Company.

The Voting Results along with the Scrutinizer's Report was also displayed on the website of the Company at [www.mcleodrussel.com](http://www.mcleodrussel.com) besides being communicated to BSE Limited, National Stock Exchange of India Limited, The Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited and CDSL.

**(e) No Special Resolution is proposed to be conducted through Postal Ballot.**

**(f) Remote e-voting and Ballot voting at the Annual General Meeting**

As mentioned in the notice convening the Annual General Meeting for the financial year 2020-21

**(8) MEANS OF COMMUNICATION**

The Company regularly interacts with the Shareholders through multiple ways of communication such as Results announcement, Annual Report, and through Company's website and specific communications.

**(a)&(b) Quarterly Results/Newspaper wherein Results normally published**

Quarterly, half-yearly and annual Results are published in prominent dailies which inter alia, included Business Standard (English)/The Financial Express (English) and Aajkaal (Bengali) in the form prescribed by the Stock Exchanges in the Listing Regulations.

The Quarterly Results, Shareholding Pattern and all other corporate communication to the Stock Exchanges are filed through NSE Electronic Application Processing System (NEAPS), BSE Listing Centre through online filing and CSE through e-mail for dissemination on their respective websites.

**(c)&(d) Website**

The Financial Results are also made available on the website of the Company [www.mcleodrussel.com](http://www.mcleodrussel.com). Information relating to the Company and its performance, Unpaid Dividend, Press Releases and Information Updates as and when made are displayed on the Company's website and also sent to the Stock Exchanges to enable them to put the same on their own websites.

**(e) Presentation**

No presentation was made to Institutional Investors or to the analysts during the year under review.

**(9) GENERAL SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION****(a) Annual General Meeting**

As mentioned in the notice convening the Annual General Meeting for the financial year 2020-21.

**(b) Financial Year: 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021**

Dates of Book Closure : Not Applicable

**(c) Dividend Payment Date**

Not Applicable.

**(d) Name and address of Stock Exchanges/Payment of annual Listing Fee**

The Company's Shares are listed at the following Stock Exchanges and the Annual Listing Fees for the year 2021-2022 have been paid to all these Stock Exchanges.

Name and address of Stock Exchanges		
1	BSE Limited [BSE]	P.J. Towers, 25th Floor, Dalal Street, Mumbai – 400 001
2	National Stock Exchange of India Limited [NSE]	Exchange Plaza, 5th Floor, Plot No.C/1, G-Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051
3	The Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited [CSE]	7 Lyons Range, Kolkata – 700001

**(e) Stock Code/Listing of Shares**

Name of the Stock Exchanges [where the Company's Shares are listed]	Date of Listing of 5,59,05,402 Equity Shares of Rs.5/- each of the Company	Date of Listing of 4,25,25,000 Equity Shares of Rs.5/- each of the Company	Date of Listing of 99,07,305 Equity Shares of Rs.5/- each of the Company	Date of Listing of 11,18,028 Equity Shares of Rs.5/- each of the Company	Stock Code
BSE	28.07.2005	21.08.2006	09.11.2006	01.08.2008	532654
NSE	29.07.2005	28.08.2006	09.11.2006	18.08.2008	MCLEODRUSS
CSE	23.08.2005	31.08.2006	16.11.2006	24.09.2008	10023930

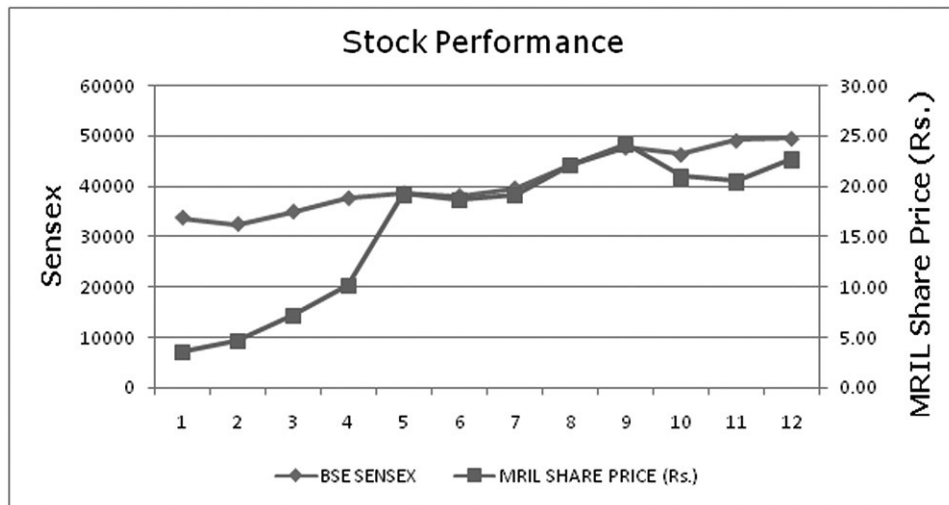
Demat ISIN for NSDL & CDSL: INE 942G01012

**(f) Market Price Data:**

Month	Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)				National Stock Exchange (NSE)	
	High Price Rs.	Low Price Rs.	Close Price Rs.	BSE Sensex (Closing)	High Price Rs.	Low Price Rs.
April 2020	4.88	2.15	4.88	33717.62	4.25	2.10
May 2020	5.30	3.80	4.16	32424.1	5.30	3.80
June 2020	9.89	4.36	7.69	34915.8	9.50	4.35
July 2020	13.39	6.95	12.73	37606.89	13.50	7.10
August 2020	27.51	10.93	23.65	38628.29	26.95	10.90
September 2020	22.50	14.90	18.80	38067.93	22.10	14.75
October 2020	20.85	17.30	18.30	39614.07	20.80	17.05
November 2020	27.05	17.10	23.75	44149.72	27.15	17.60
December 2020	28.45	19.85	21.90	47751.33	28.45	19.90
January 2021	24.20	17.70	18.05	46285.77	24.40	17.30
February 2021	23.60	17.30	20.85	49099.99	23.45	17.70
March 2021	26.45	18.90	19.10	49509.15	26.45	18.90



- (g) **Performance in comparison to BSE Sensex**  
 Share Price Performance (April 2020 to March 2021)



- (h) **In case the Securities suspended from trading – Not Applicable**  
 (i) **Registrar and Share Transfer Agents**

In accordance with the SEBI directive vide Circular Nos. D&CC/FITTC/CIR-15/2002 dated 27 December 2002 the Company appointed the following SEBI registered Agency as the Common Registrar and Share Transfer Agents of the Company for both the Physical and Dematerialized segments with effect from 14 March 2005:-

**MaheshwariDatamatics Pvt. Ltd.**

23 R. N. Mukherjee Road, 5th Floor  
 Kolkata – 700001.

TEL : (033) 2248-2248; 2243-5029; 2231-6839

FAX : (033) 2248-4787

E-MAIL :info@mdpl.in; mdpldc@yahoo.com

- (j) **Share Transfer System**

The requests for transfer of shares held in physical mode should be lodged at the Corporate Office of the Company's Registrar & Share Transfer Agents, Maheshwari Datamatics Private Limited (Registered with SEBI), 23 R. N. Mukherjee Road, 5th Floor, Kolkata - 700001 or at the Registered Office of the Company. The Board of Directors has unanimously delegated the powers of share transfer, transmission, sub-division, consolidation and issue of duplicate Share Certificate/s to a Share Transfer Committee in order to expedite transfer, transmission etc. in the physical form. During the year the Committee met frequently for approving Share Transfers and for other related activities. Share Transfers are registered and returned in the normal course within an average period of 14 days, if the transfer documents are found technically in order and complete in all respects.

The Company conducts a weekly review of the functions of the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent for upgrading the level of service to the Shareholders. Weekly review is also conducted on the response to the Shareholders pertaining to their communication and grievances, if any.

**Transfer of Unclaimed Shares to Unclaimed Suspense Account**

In terms of a Scheme of Arrangement with a Company and Schemes of Amalgamation for amalgamation of two Companies with the Company, the Company had allotted and dispatched share certificates to the eligible Shareholders of the said Companies. Some of the said share certificates were returned undelivered to the Company and were lying with Maheshwari Datamatics Private Limited, the Registrar and Share Transfer Agents of the Company as unclaimed. In terms of Regulation 39(4) and Schedule VI of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 three reminders were sent by the Company to the Shareholders whose shares

were returned undelivered. In terms of the aforesaid Regulation, the 3,94,893 shares which remained unclaimed till 31st March 2017, had been transferred and credited in the demat account of McLeod Russel India Limited – Unclaimed Suspense Account opened with a depository participant namely, Integrated Enterprise (India) Limited on 1st June 2017. The details of such shares had been uploaded on the website of the Company at <https://www.mcleodrussel.com/investors/iepf-suspense-account.aspx>

The Summary of shares which remained unclaimed lying in the demat account of McLeod Russel India Limited – Unclaimed Suspense Account as on 31st March 2021 is given below:

Particulars	Number of Shareholders	No. of Equity Shares
Aggregate number of Shareholders and the outstanding Shares in Unclaimed Suspense Account lying as on 01.04.2020	321	57,197
No. of Shareholders who approached the Company for transfer of Shares from Unclaimed Suspense Account during the year	-	-
No. of Shareholders to whom Shares were transferred from the Unclaimed Suspense Account during the year	-	-
No. of Shareholders and number of Shares held by them which were transferred to IEPF Authority during the year as per Section 124 of the Companies Act, 2013	81	9,070
Aggregate number of Shareholders and the outstanding Shares in Unclaimed Suspense Account lying as on 31.03.2021	240	48,127

The voting rights on the Shares outstanding in the Unclaimed Suspense Account as on 31st March 2021 shall remain frozen till the rightful owner of such Shares claims the Shares.

#### **Transfer of unpaid and unclaimed dividend to Investor Education and Protection Fund**

The Company has transferred the unpaid and unclaimed dividends declared up to financial years 2012-13, from time to time, to the Investor Education and Protection Fund ("IEPF") established by the Central Government. Pursuant to the provisions of IEPF (Uploading of information regarding unpaid and unclaimed amounts lying with companies) Rules, 2012, the Company has uploaded the details of unpaid and unclaimed amounts lying with the Company as on 30th December 2020 (date of last Annual General Meeting) on the website of the Company at the web link at <http://www.mcleodrussel.com/investors/unclaimed-dividend-transferred-iepf.aspx>

#### **Unclaimed shares transferred to IEPF Authority**

In line with the IEPF Rules, the Company sends reminder letter to all such shareholders, whose dividend has remained unpaid / unclaimed for a consecutive period of 7 years with a request to claim the dividends, failing which the shares would be transferred to the IEPF Authority on the due date which is available at the Company's website at <http://www.mcleodrussel.com/pdf/investor/eq-iepf.pdf>

Accordingly, all such shares in respect of which dividend had remained unclaimed for a consecutive period of 7 years from the financial years 2012-13 to 2019-2020 were transferred to the demat account of the IEPF authority. The details of such shares uploaded on the website of the Company [www.mcleodrussel.com](http://www.mcleodrussel.com)

The summary of shares lying in the demat account of IEPF Authority is given below:

Financial Year	No. of Shares transferred to IEPF authority
2009-10	6,41,766
2010-11	72,753
2011-12	95,577
2012-13	46,000
Total	8,56,096

The procedure for claiming the unpaid dividend amount and shares transferred to the IEPF Authority is provided on the link: <http://www.iepf.gov.in/IEPF/refund.html>

**(k) (i) Distribution of shareholding as on 31st March 2021**

Size of holding	No. of holders (holding PAN)	Percentage (%)	No. of Shares	Percentage (%)
1 to 500	49867	81.9480	6316120	6.0467
501 to 1000	4920	8.0852	3958520	3.7897
1001 to 2000	2657	4.3663	4078702	3.9047
2001 to 3000	1019	1.6746	2625169	2.5132
3001 to 4000	501	0.8233	1822730	1.7450
4001 to 5000	445	0.7313	2117315	2.0270
5001 to 10000	753	1.2374	5707752	5.4643
10001 and above	690	1.1339	77829427	74.5095
<b>Total</b>	<b>60852</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>104455735</b>	<b>100.0000</b>

**(ii) Shareholding Pattern as on 31st March 2021**

Sr. No.	Category	Number of Shareholders	No. of Shares held	% of holding
1	Promoters	16	182,60,821	17.4819
2	Mutual Funds/UTI	2	811	0.0008
3	Foreign Portfolio Investors	4	716269	0.6857
4	Financial Institutions/Banks	53	44042	0.0422
5	Insurance Companies	2	1502753	1.4387
6	Central Government/State Government(s)	1	112	0.0001
7	Resident Individuals	59281	69978605	66.9935
8	NBFCs Registered with RBI	2	270014	0.2585
9	Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority	1	854862	0.8184
10	Bodies Corporate	510	10805227	10.3443
11	Clearing Member	79	604355	0.5786
12	Non Resident Individuals	859	1127221	1.0791
13	Domestic Corporate Unclaimed Shares Account	1	48127	0.0461
14	Trusts	10	16116	0.0154
15	Foreign Company	2	136350	0.1305
16	Foreign National	29	90050	0.0862
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>60852</b>	<b>10,44,55,735</b>	<b>100.0000</b>

**(l) Dematerialization of shares and liquidity**

The Company's Shares form part of the SEBI's Compulsory Demat segment for all Shareholders/investors. The Company has established connectivity with both the Depositories viz. National Securities Depository Limited [NSDL] and Central Depository Services (India) Limited [CDSL] through the Registrar, Maheshwari Datamatics Private Limited, 23 R. N. Mukherjee Road, 5th Floor, Kolkata 700001. Requests for dematerializations of shares are processed and confirmations are given to the respective Depositories within the prescribed time. 98.82% Shares of the Company are in dematerialized form.

**(m) Outstanding GDRs or ADRs or Warrants or any Convertible Instruments, conversion date and likely impact on equity:**

The Company has not issued any GDRs or ADRs or Warrants or any convertible instruments.

**(n) Commodity price risk or foreign exchange risk and hedging activities**

The Company being a major exporter of Tea, is involved in forward sale of a part of the foreign exchange earned

by it based on past performance as also in interest swap activities following the Risk Management Policy on Foreign Exchange and Derivative Transactions framed by it. The Board monitors the foreign exchange exposures on a quarterly basis and necessary steps are taken to limit the risks of adverse exchange rate movement.

(o) **Plant Locations:**

Tea manufacturing plants are located at the following Tea Estates –

LOCATIONS	TEA ESTATES
<b>ASSAM:-</b>	
BISHNAUTH	DEKORAI, MIJICAJAN, MONABARIE, PERTABGHUR, NILPUR
DHUNSERI	BEHORA, BUKHIAL
EAST BOROI	BEHALI, BOROI, DUFFLAGHUR, HALEM, NYA GOGRA
JORHAT	HUNWAL
MANGALDAI	ATTAREEKHAT, BHOOTEACHANG, BORENGAJULI, CORRAMORE, DIMAKUSI, PANEERY
MARGHERITA	BOGAPANI, DEHING, DIROK, MARGHERITA, NAMDANG
MORAN	RAJMAI
THAKURBARI	PHULBARI, RUPAJULI, TARAJULIE, TEZPORE & GOGRA
TINGRI	DIRIAL, ITAKHOOLI, KEYHUNG
<b>WEST BENGAL:-</b>	
DOOARS	CENTRAL DOOARS, MATHURA
<b>BLENDING UNIT</b>	
GUWAHATI, ASSAM	BLENDING UNIT - EPIP, AMINGAON, GUWHATI, ASSAM

(p) **Address for correspondence**

Any assistance regarding Share transfers and transmission, change of address, non-receipt of share certificate/ duplicate share certificate, demat and other matters for redressal of all share-related complaints and grievances, the Members are requested to write to or contact the Registrar & Share Transfer Agents or the Share Department of the Company for all their queries or any other matter relating to their shareholding in the Company at the addresses given below:

i) **The Company's Registered Office at :**

**McLeod Russel India Limited**

Corporate Identity Number (CIN):L51109WB1998PLC087076

Four Mangoe Lane, Surendra Mohan Ghosh Sarani, Kolkata – 700001.

TEL : 033-2210-1221, 033-2243-5391, 033-2248-9434, 033-2248-9435

FAX : 91-33-2248-3683, 91-33-2248-8114, 91-33-2248-6265

E-Mail: administrator@mcleodrussel.com

ii) **Registrar and Share Transfer Agents' Offices at:**

Registered Office:	Corporate Office:
Maheshwari Datamatics Pvt Ltd. 6 Mangoe Lane, Surendra Mohan Ghosh Sarani, 2nd Floor, Kolkata – 700001 Tel. : (033) 2248-5809 E-mail: info@mdpl.in; mdpldc@yahoo.com	Maheshwari Datamatics Pvt Ltd. 23 R. N. Mukherjee Road, 5th Floor Kolkata – 700001. Tel. : (033) 2248-2248; 2243-5029; 2231-6839, Fax : (033) 2248-4787 E-mail: info@mdpl.in; mdpldc@yahoo.com

In case of any difficulty, the Compliance Officer at the Registered Office of the Company may be contacted.

Special E-mail Id.: investors@mcleodrussel.com.

- q) **The list of credit ratings obtained by the Company along with revisions thereto during the financial year 2020-21 are as follows:-**

No Credit rating done during the Financial Year 2020-21

#### **(10) OTHER DISCLOSURES**

- (a) **Disclosures on materially significant related party transactions having potential conflict:** Nil.
- (b) **Compliance of Laws & Regulations relating to Capital Markets**

The Company has complied with all the mandatory requirements of the Stock Exchanges, SEBI and other statutory authorities on all matters related to capital markets during the financial year. No penalties or strictures were imposed on the Company by the Stock Exchanges, SEBI or any other statutory authority, on any matter relating to the capital markets during the financial years ended 31st March 2019, 31st March 2020 and 31st March 2021. However, during financial year ending 31st March, 2020 pursuant to non-compliance the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and BSE Limited imposed fine upon the Company under Regulations 33(d) and 33(e) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 amounting Rs. 1,50,000/- plus GST each and under Regulation 13(3) of SEBI (LODR) Regulation, 2015 amounting to Rs. 4000/- plus GST each.

- (c) **Whistle Blower Policy/Vigil Mechanism**

The Company has a Whistle Blower Policy, which is available at the Company's website at the web link at <http://www.mcleodrussel.com/pdf/investor/policies/whistle.pdf> and no personnel has been denied access to the Audit Committee.

- (d) **Compliance with Mandatory requirements and adoption of Non-mandatory requirements**

All the mandatory requirements of Listing Regulations have been appropriately complied with and the compliances of the non-mandatory are given below. The Company has executed the fresh Agreements with BSE, NSE and CSE as required under the newly enacted Listing Regulations.

#### **Compliance of Non-Mandatory Requirements**

##### **Shareholder Rights – Half yearly results**

Half-yearly Results are published in prominent

dailies which inter alia, included Business Standard (English)/ Financial Express(English) and Aajkal (Bengali) in the form prescribed by the Stock Exchanges from time to time and the same are not sent to the Shareholders of the Company but hosted on the Company's website at the web link at <http://www.mcleodrussel.com/investors/financial-results.aspx>

#### **Modified Opinion in Audit Report**

The Auditors of the Company have furnished their Audit Report in respect of the Financial Results for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2021 with modified opinion.

#### **Reporting of Internal Auditors:**

The Internal Auditors of the Company are Independent and their Reports are placed before the Audit Committee.

#### **(e) & (f) Web Links**

The Company has formulated a Policy for determining Material Subsidiaries to ensure governance of material subsidiary companies, which is available on Company's website at the web link at <http://www.mcleodrussel.com/pdf/investor/policies/material.pdf>

In terms of the requirements of the Companies Act, 2013 and Listing Regulations, your Company has formulated a Policy on Related Party Transactions which is available on Company's website at the web link at <http://www.mcleodrussel.com/pdf/investor/policies/related-party-transaction-policy.pdf>

In terms of the requirement of Listing Regulations, your company has formulated a Policy on Preservation of documents which is available on Company's website at the web link at <http://www.mcleodrussel.com/pdf/investor/policies/preservation-policy.pdf>

- (g) **Commodity price risk and commodity hedging activities**

The Company is engaged in growing, manufacturing and selling of Tea. Green leaf is the principal raw material of the Company, a major part of which is grown in the Tea Estates owned by the Company. The Company also procures green leaves from the out growers at the prevailing market price. The management monitors the price and supply of green leaf and

takes necessary steps to minimize the price risk. The Company sells the tea produced by it through Auction, by way of export and private sale.

- (h) The Company has not raised any funds through preferential allotment or qualified institutions placement as specified under regulation 32(7A) during the year under review.
- (j) The Company has received a Certificate from Mr. A. K. Labh of Messrs. A. K. Labh & Co., a Company Secretary in practice confirming that none of the Directors of the Company have been debarred or disqualified from being appointed or continuing as Directors of Companies by the SEBI/ Ministry of Corporate affairs or any such statutory authority is enclosed as a part of Annual Report.
- (k) The total fees for all services paid by the listed entity and its subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, to the statutory auditor and all entities in the network firm / network entity of which the statutory auditor is a part is provided in note no.38.2 of the financial statements of the Company.

#### (11) Compliance of Corporate Governance Requirements

The Company has duly complied with the Corporate Governance requirements and there is no Non-Compliance of any requirement of Corporate Governance Report covered under sub-paras (2) to (10) of the Part C of Schedule V of the Listing Regulations.

#### (12) Discretionary requirements: Details given in Clause 10(d)above.

#### (13) Disclosures of the compliance with Corporate Governance Requirements

The Company has duly complied with the Corporate Governance requirements as specified in Regulation 17 to 27 and Clauses (b) to (i) of sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 46 of the Listing Regulations.

#### (14) Declaration as required under Regulation 34(3) and Schedule V of the Listing Regulations

All Directors and senior management personnel of the Company have affirmed compliance with Company's Code of Conduct for the financial year ended 31st March, 2021.

**For and on behalf of the Board**

<b>Aditya Khaitan</b>	<b>Azam Monem</b>
Managing Director	Wholetime Director
DIN: 00023788	DIN:00023799

Date: 12th November 2021

Place: Kolkata



## **DECLARATION REGARDING COMPLIANCE BY THE BOARD MEMBERS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL WITH THE COMPANY'S CODES OF CONDUCT**

This is to confirm that the Company has adopted two separate Codes of Conduct to be followed by the Members of the Board and Senior Management Personnel of the Company respectively. Both these Codes are available on the Company's website.

I confirm that the Company has in respect of the financial year ended 31st March 2021 received from the Members of the Board and Senior Management Personnel, a Declaration of Compliance with the Code of Conduct as applicable to them.

Place: Kolkata

Date: 23rd June 2021

McLeod Russel India Limited

**Aditya Khaitan**

Chairman & Managing Director

DIN: 00023788

### Annexure - III

## **Independent Auditor's Report on compliance with the conditions of Corporate Governance as per provisions of Chapter IV of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended**

#### The Members of

#### McLeod Russel India Limited

#### Introduction

1. The Corporate Governance Report prepared by McLeod Russel India Limited (hereinafter the "Company"), contains details as specified in regulations 17 to 27, clauses (b) to (i) and (t) of sub - regulation (2) of regulation 46 and para C, D, and E of Schedule V of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended ("the Listing Regulations") ('Applicable criteria') for the year ended March 31, 2021, and the said Report will be submitted by the Company to the Stock Exchanges as part of the Annual Report.

#### Managements' Responsibility

2. The preparation of the Corporate Governance Report is the responsibility of the Management of the Company including the preparation and maintenance of all relevant supporting records and documents. This responsibility also includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Corporate Governance Report.
3. The Management along with the Board of Directors are also responsible for ensuring that the Company complies with the conditions of Corporate Governance as stipulated in the Listing Regulations, issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

4. Pursuant to the requirements of the Listing Regulations, our responsibility is to provide a reasonable assurance in the form of an opinion whether, the Company has complied with the conditions of Corporate Governance as specified in the Listing Regulations.
5. We conducted our examination of the Corporate Governance Report in accordance with the Guidance Note on Reports or Certificates for Special Purposes and the Guidance Note on Certification of Corporate Governance, both issued by the Institute of Chartered

Accountants of India ("ICAI"). The Guidance Note on Reports or Certificates for Special Purposes requires that we comply with the ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics issued by the ICAI.

6. We have complied with the relevant applicable requirements of the Standard on Quality Control (SQC) 1, Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements.
7. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks associated in compliance of the Corporate Governance Report with the applicable criteria. Summary of procedures performed include:
  - a) Read and understood the information prepared by the Company and included in its Corporate Governance Report;
  - b) Obtained and verified that the composition of the Board of Directors with respect to executive and non-executive directors has been met throughout the reporting period;
  - c) Obtained and read the Register of Directors as on March 31, 2021 and verified that at least one independent woman director was on the Board of Directors throughout the year;
  - d) Obtained and read the minutes of the following committee meetings / other meetings held from April 01, 2020 to March 31, 2021:
    - i. Board of Directors;
    - ii. Audit Committee;
    - iii. Annual General Meeting (AGM);
    - iv. Nomination and Remuneration Committee;
    - v. Stakeholders Relationship Committee;
  - e) Obtained necessary declarations from the directors of the Company
  - f) Obtained and read the policy adopted by the company for related party transactions.

- g) Obtained the schedule of related party transactions during the year and balances at the yearend. Obtained and read the minutes of the audit committee meeting wherein such related party transactions have been pre-approved by the audit committee.
- h) Performed necessary inquiries with the management and also obtained necessary specific representations from management.
8. The above-mentioned procedures include examining evidence supporting the particulars in the Corporate Governance Report on a test basis. Further, our scope of work under this report did not involve us performing audit tests for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the fairness or accuracy of any of the financial information or the financial statements of the Company taken as a whole.
11. This report is addressed to and provided to the members of the Company solely for the purpose of enabling it to comply with its obligations under the Listing Regulations with reference to compliance with the relevant regulations of Corporate Governance and should not be used by any other person or for any other purpose. Accordingly, we do not accept or assume any liability or any duty of care or for any other purpose or to any other party to whom it is shown or into whose hands it may come without our prior consent in writing. We have no responsibility to update this report for events and circumstances occurring after the date of this report.

#### Opinion

9. Based on the procedures performed by us, as referred in paragraph 7 above, and according to the information and explanations given to us, we are of the opinion that the Company has complied with the conditions of Corporate Governance as specified in the Listing Regulations, as applicable for the year ended March 31, 2021, referred to in paragraph 4 above.

#### Other Matters and Restriction on use

10. This report is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company nor the efficiency or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

**For Lodha & Co,  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm ICAI Registration No.:301051E**

**R. P. Singh  
Partner  
Membership No: 052438  
UDIN: 21052438AAAAEV1975**

Place: Kolkata  
Date: November 12, 2021

## Annexure IV

### Dividend Distribution Policy

#### PREAMBLE

In terms of Regulation 43A of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulation 2015, McLeod Russel India Limited (the Company), is required to formulate a dividend distribution policy which would establish parameters of declaring dividend by the Company.

#### OBJECTIVE

This Dividend Policy is formulated to establish the circumstances under which the shareholders of the Company may or may not expect dividend, the financial parameters that shall be considered while declaring dividend, internal and external factors that shall be considered for declaration of dividend, policy as to how the retained earnings shall be utilized and parameters that shall be adopted with regard to the classes of shares, if any.

#### Parameters of Dividend Distribution Policy

##### a) The circumstances under which the shareholders of the Company may or may not expect dividend

The Board of the Company would consider the performance and results of the Company as at the end of the financial year and at its discretion may recommend dividend to the shareholders of the Company. Depending on the financial performance, future requirements, the Board at its discretion may also declare interim dividend pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

While distributing the profits of the Company to the shareholders the Board would ensure fairness, consistency and sustainability.

##### b) The financial parameters that shall be considered while recommending dividend

The following financial parameters would be considered while recommending dividend of the Company:-

- Profits of the Company for the relevant financial year
- Future outlook aligning with the internal and external circumstances persisting
- Cash Flow position of the Company considering the solvency ratios
- Opportunity to plough back profits, capital expenditure, investment needs and other opportunities to use the cash of the Company in the future
- Consideration towards contingencies and uncertain future events

##### c) Internal and external factors that shall be considered for recommendation of dividend

The following internal and external factors would be considered for recommendation of dividend:-

#### Internal Factors:

- The growth in the profits would be considered in comparison to the earlier years and also the budgets of the Company.

- Present and future cash flow requirements considering various expansion plans of the Company.
- Reserves of the Company
- Revenues of the Company and growth in future
- Position of financial liabilities including contingent liabilities
- Short and Long term investments of the Company
- Capital expenditure
- Liquidity and solvency ratios
- Any other important parameter which the Board may deem fit.

#### External Factors:

- Operational cycles and business environment of the Company
- Economic Scenario in the national and international context
- Cost of Debt and other fund raising options prevailing in the market
- Rates of taxation and inflation rates
- Outlook of the industry prevailing presently as well as in the future
- Market expectation
- Government policy reforms whether industry specific or otherwise

##### d) Policy as to how the retained earnings shall be utilized;

The retained earnings of the Company would be utilised for any one or more of the following purpose:-

- Capital Expenditure of the Company
- Working capital of the Company
- Growth and Expansion whether, organic or inorganic or otherwise
- Acquisitions and investments
- Further Investment in existing business
- Dividend Payment
- Buy Back
- Capital Reduction or any other Capital restructuring
- Other Capitalisation Purposes
- General Corporate Purpose
- Any other purpose as the Board may deem fit.

#### Amendments & Disclosure

In the event the Board proposes not to recommend dividends, the reason thereof would be disclosed in the Annual Report of the Company.

The Policy would be disclosed in the Annual Report of the Company as well as on the website of the Company.

The Board reserves the right to review this policy at its discretion and the amendments or revisions in the policy would be disclosed in the Annual Report as well as on the website of the Company.

## REMUNERATION POLICY

### 1. PREAMBLE

Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 requires every Listed Company and certain other class of Companies to adopt a policy relating to the remuneration of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and other employees. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee set up, pursuant to above Section is to formulate the criteria for determining qualifications and positive attributes and independence of a Director and recommend to the Board the above Policy for adoption. SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015 ('Listing Regulation') also contains a similar provision. Additionally it requires, a Policy on Board diversity. The Company is also required to disclose the Remuneration Policy in its Annual Report.

### 2. POLICY

In compliance of the above requirements the Board of Directors of McLeod Russel India Limited ('MRIL'), being a Listed Company, has adopted this Remuneration Policy which would be reviewed at regular intervals by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board.

### 3. POLICY OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Policy may be summarised as under:-

- 3.1 The Remuneration Policy aims to enable the company to attract, retain and motivate appropriately qualified Persons/Members for the Board and Executive level.
- 3.2 The Remuneration Policy seeks to enable the Company to provide a well-balanced and performance related compensation package, taking into account Shareholder interests, industry standards and relevant Indian corporate regulations.
- 3.3 The Remuneration Policy seeks to ensure that the interests of the Board Members and Executives are aligned with the business strategy and risk tolerance, objectives, values and long-term interests of the Company and will be consistent with the "pay-for-performance" principle.
- 3.4 The Remuneration Policy will ensure that the remuneration to Directors and Executives involves a balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long-term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the Company and its goals.

### 4. PRINCIPLES OF REMUNERATION

- I. **TRANSPARENCY:** The process of remuneration management shall be transparent, unbiased and impartial and conducted in good faith and in accordance with appropriate levels of confidentiality.

- II. **PERFORMANCE DRIVEN REMUNERATION:** The Company should follow the culture of performance driven remuneration by way of implementation of performance incentive system and annual assessment.

- III. **AFFORDABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY:** The Company shall ensure that the remuneration at various levels is affordable and is capable of being sustained.

- IV. **FLEXIBILITY:** While the remuneration packages at various levels should be standardized, there should be enough scope to make it flexible with a view to reward candidates with exceptional qualities and competence.

- V. **INTERNAL EQUITY:** The Company shall strive to remunerate the Board Members and other Executives in terms of their roles and responsibilities undertaken within the Organisation. Their contribution and value addition for the growth of the Company shall be counted while fixing their remuneration and subsequent promotion. The same principle shall also be observed for other Executives.

- VI. **EXTERNAL EQUITY:** With a view to retain the best talents, the Company shall on a continuous basis procure information relating to market trend of remuneration packages being offered by various Companies in the same sector and try to match the remuneration accordingly.

- VII. **NON-MONETARY BENEFITS:** The Company may consider extending certain Non-monetary Benefits with a view to offer social security to the families of the present and the past employees of the Company.

### 5. REMUNERATION FOR DIRECTORS IN WHOLETEIME EMPLOYMENT

The Board of Directors subject to the approval of the Shareholders at a General Meeting approves the remuneration payable to the Wholetime Directors and Managing Director ('Executive Directors') based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee. Executive Directors' remuneration is reviewed annually against performance, keeping in view the size and complexity of business and challenges encountered during the period under review. In determining packages of remuneration, the Committee may consult the Chairman and/or external agencies. The remuneration package of the Executive Directors shall comprise of the following components.

- a) **Basic Salary:** The basic salary shall be fixed within

a salary grade which allows the Board to grant increments within a time frame of three years.

- b) **Bonus:** The Executive Directors may be granted bonus not exceeding 6 months' salary in a year, as may be approved by the Board.
- c) **Allowance:** In addition to basic salary, the Board may subject to/pursuant to the approval of the shareholders at a general meeting, grant fixed and/or variable Allowance/Allowances to the Executive Directors as the Board may deem fit.
- d) **Perquisites:** The perquisites to be offered to the Executive Directors shall include housing, car, medical, leave travel concession, leave encashment, club fees and other perquisites in terms of the Rules framed by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee for the Directors and/or the Rules applicable to the Senior Executives of the Company.
- e) **Retiral benefits:** The Executive Directors will be entitled to retiral benefits in terms of the Company's Policy for the Senior Management which will be in accordance with the applicable laws.
- f) **Sitting Fees:** The Executive Directors will not be entitled to any fee for attending the Meetings of the Board of Directors and Committees thereof.

## 6 REMUNERATION OF NON- EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

- I. **Sitting Fees:** The Non-Executive Directors shall be paid Sitting Fees for attending the Board and Committee Meetings as may be approved by the Board based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee subject to the ceiling fixed in the Articles of Association of the Company and the Companies Act, 2013. They will also be reimbursed travelling and out of pocket expenses on actual basis for attending the meetings.
- II. **Commission:** Subject to the approval of the Members at a General Meeting, the Board may decide to pay commission on net profits to the Non- Executive Directors subject to the ceiling stipulated in the Companies Act, 2013.

## 7 REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL AND OTHER EXECUTIVES

The Human Resource Department of the Company shall follow the principles of remuneration stated herein above while deciding on the remuneration structure of the Key Managerial Personnel who are not Directors and for other Executives of the Company.

## 8 ROLE OF NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The role and responsibilities of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall be as prescribed in Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Listing Regulation.

## 9 SELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

- 9.1 Nomination of a suitable person for appointment as a Director is a major responsibility of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee. The objective is to ensure that the Company's Board is competent at all points of time to be able to take decisions commensurate with the size and scale of operations and complexities of business. The Committee is to promptly identify candidates in the event of a vacancy being created on the Board on account of retirement, resignation or demise of an existing Board member. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, the Board, after due consideration decides on the selection of the right candidate for appointment.
- 9.2 While considering nomination of candidates for appointment on the Board, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee will consider candidates not only from the field in which the Company operates but also from other professional areas like management, finance, accountancy, law, banking, merchant banking, etc., with the objective of maintenance of Board diversity. The Committee shall also consider the following qualifications like possessing basic academic qualification, requisite knowledge, experience and business skills that will benefit the Company and its business operations.
- 9.3 At the time of considering the candidates for appointment as Director the criteria for determining positive attributes shall inter alia include the following:- Achiever, constructive, creative, decisive, deliberative, devoted, diligent, disciplined, dynamic, enterprising, focused, result oriented, self confident, sees the whole picture.
- 9.4 While considering candidates for appointment as an Independent Director, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall consider the criteria for determining independence of a candidate as provided in Section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder as also in the Listing Regulation.

## 10. APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION

This Remuneration Policy has been adopted by the Board of Directors based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee. The particulars of the Policy shall be published in the Report of the Board of Directors in terms of the Companies Act, 2013.

## 11. OTHER PROVISIONS

Any matter not provided for in this Policy shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions in the Articles of Association of the Company, relevant state laws and other applicable laws and regulations. The right to interpret this Policy shall vest in the Board of Directors of the Company.



**SECRETARIAL AUDIT REPORT**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31.03.2021**

[Pursuant to Section 204(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule No. 9 of the Companies  
(Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014]

To  
The Members,  
McLeod Russel India Limited  
Four Mangoe Lane  
Surendra Mohan Ghosh Sarani  
Kolkata – 700 001  
West Bengal

We have conducted the secretarial audit of the compliance of applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by **McLeod Russel India Limited** having its Registered Office at Four Mangoe Lane, Surendra Mohan Ghosh Sarani, Kolkata – 700 001, West Bengal (hereinafter called the Company). Secretarial Audit was conducted in a manner that provided us a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts/statutory compliances and expressing our opinion thereon.

Based on our verification of the books, papers, minute books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the Company and also the information provided by the Company, its officers, agents and authorized representatives during the conduct of secretarial audit, we hereby report that in our opinion, the Company has, during the audit period covering the financial year ended 31.03.2021 complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder and also that the Company has proper Board-processes and compliance-mechanism in place to the extent, in the manner and subject to the reporting made hereinafter.

#### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Maintenance of Secretarial Records is the responsibility of the management of the Company. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on existence of adequate Board process and compliance management system, commensurate to the size of the Company, based on these secretarial records as shown to us during the said audit and also based on the information furnished to us by the officers' and the agents of the Company during the said audit.

We have followed the audit practices and processes as were appropriate to the best of our understanding to obtain reasonable assurance about the correctness of the contents of the secretarial records. The verification was done on test basis to ensure that correct facts are reflected in secretarial records. We believe that the processes and practices, we followed, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have not verified the correctness, appropriateness and bases of financial records, books of accounts and decisions taken by the Board and by various committees of the Company during the period under scrutiny. We have checked the Board process and compliance management system to understand and to form an opinion as to whether there is an adequate system of seeking approval of respective committees of the Board, of the Board, of the members of the Company and of other authorities as per the provisions of various statutes as mentioned hereinafter.

Wherever required we have obtained the management representation about the compliance of the laws, rules and regulations and happening of events, etc.

We have relied upon the accuracy of the documents and information as shared by the Company with us through appropriate Information Technology tools to assist us in completing the secretarial audit work during lock down period due to unprecedented situation prevailing in the Country due to CoVID-19 virus pandemic and the same is subject to physical verification by us post normalization of the situation.

The Compliance of the provisions of Corporate and other applicable laws, rules, regulations and standards is the responsibility of the management. Our examination was limited to the verification of compliance procedures on test basis.

Our report is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company nor of the efficacy or effectiveness or accuracy with which the management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

**We report that**, we have examined the books, papers, minute books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the Company for the financial year ended 31.03.2021 according to the provisions of (as amended) :

- (i) The Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) and the rules made there under;
- (ii) Secretarial Standards as issued by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India;
- (iii) The Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 and the rules made there under;
- (iv) The Depositories Act, 1996 and the Regulations and Bye-laws framed there under;

- (v) Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the rules and regulation made there under to the extent of Foreign Direct Investment, Overseas Direct Investment and External Commercial Borrowings;
- (vi) The following Regulations and Guidelines prescribed under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992:
  - (a) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulation, 2011;
  - (b) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
  - (c) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993 regarding the Companies Act and dealing with client;
  - (d) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015;

**We further report that**, having regard to the compliance system prevailing in the Company and on examination of the relevant documents and records in pursuance thereof, on test-check basis, the Company has specifically complied with the provisions of the following Acts:

1. Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006
2. Tea Act, 1953
3. Tea Waste Control Order, 1959
4. Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003
5. Tea (Distribution & Export) Control Order, 2005
6. Plant Protection Code (Formulated by Tea Board of India)
7. Plantations Labour Act, 1951

to the extent of its applicability to the Company during the financial year ended 31.03.2021 and our examination and reporting is based on the documents, records and files as produced and shown to and the information and explanations as provided to us by the Company and its management and to the best of our judgment and understanding of the applicability of the different enactments upon the Company. Further, to the best of our knowledge and understanding there are adequate systems and processes in the Company commensurate with its size and operation to monitor and ensure compliances with applicable laws.

During the period under review the Company has complied

with the provisions of the Act, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Standards, etc. as mentioned above.

During the period under review, provisions of the following regulations/guidelines/standards were not applicable to the Company:

- (i) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits) Regulations, 2014 ;
- (ii) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Debt Securities) Regulations, 2008;
- (iii) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2018;
- (iv) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2009.

We further report that :

- (a) The Board of Directors of the Company is duly constituted with proper balance of Executive Directors, Non-Executive Directors and Independent Directors. The changes in the composition of the Board of Directors that took place, if any, during the period under review were carried out in compliance with the provisions of the Act.
- (b) Adequate notice is given to all directors to schedule the Board Meetings, agenda and detailed notes on agenda were sent at least seven days in advance, and a system exists for seeking and obtaining further information and clarifications on the agenda items before the meeting and for meaningful participation at the meeting.
- (c) Majority decision is carried through while the dissenting members' views, if any, are captured and recorded as part of the minutes.
- (d) There are adequate systems and processes in the Company commensurate with the size and operations of the company to monitor and ensure compliance with applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidelines.

**We further report that :**

- (a) The Company was under Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process ("CIRP") pursuant to order dated 6th August, 2021 passed by Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi Bench, New Delhi ("NCLT"). The power of the Board of Directors of the Company had been suspended and such powers were vested with the Interim Resolution Professional (IRP) who had since taken control of the management of the Company. However, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi Bench, New Delhi ("NCLT") vide its Order dated 3rd September, 2021 has withdrawn the

aforesaid matter. Subsequently, the suspension of the Board of Directors of the Company has been re-stored and IRP has been discharged from his functions.

- (b) All the banking lenders have signed/executed an Inter Creditor Agreement ('ICA') to provide for ground rules for finalization and implementation of Resolution Plan in respect of borrower/Company pursuant to the provisions of The Reserve Bank of India ("RBI") circular no. RBI/2018-19/203 DBR.No.BP.BC.45/21.04.048/2018-19 dated 07th June 2019.
- (c) During the financial year under report, the Company has paid remuneration to the Managing Director and Whole-time Director as approved by the shareholders through special resolution at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company held on 30th December, 2020. The Company prior to the AGM has made applications to the Banks and Financial Institutions for their approval with regard to payment of the aforesaid remuneration in accordance with the provisions of Schedule V to the Act; however the same is awaited as on date. Accordingly, these amounts are being held in trust pending recovery / adjustment in due course of time.
- (d) Certain transactions involving amounts given to group companies during the previous financial year for which applicability of Section 185 could not be ascertained still stands outstanding as on 31st March, 2021. As reported by the management, the matter is under examination and pending before regulatory authorities.
- (e) The Company has taken approval from the shareholders through Postal Ballot for increasing the limit under

Section 186 of the Act and also authorization under Section 180(1)(c) and 180(1)(a) of the Act relating to borrowing powers and creation of charge on the assets of the Company respectively during the financial year under report.

- (f) The Company is yet to file certain e-forms with Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) as applicable to it during the financial year 2020-2021.
- (g) The Company is in process of implementation of Structured Digital Database pursuant to SEBI Notification dated 17th July, 2020.
- (h) In the light of heightened concern on spread of Covid-19 across the nation during the year under report and as per the notifications issued by the Central / State Government(s), the Company had temporarily suspended its operation of certain facilities at its Plants / Gardens and Offices till such time as has been specified in such notifications.

**For A. K. LABH & Co.  
Company Secretaries**

**(CS A. K. LABH)  
Practising Company Secretary  
FCS : 4848 / CP No. : 3238  
UIN : S1999WB026800  
PRCN : 1038/2020  
UDIN : F004848C001427104**

Date: 12.11.2021  
Place: Kolkata

## Annexure VII

### Conservation of energy, technology absorption, foreign exchange earnings and outgo

pursuant to Section 134(3)(m) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 8(3) of Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014.

#### (A) Conservation of energy-

During the year, the Company has taken various initiatives towards upgradation and modernisation of equipments and machineries at different tea estates of the Company which have directly or indirectly resulted in conservation of energy. The Company has installed Colour sorters at different estates of the Company to encourage efficiency and conservation of energy.

During the year under review the Company has incurred capital expenditure of Rs.0.31lakhs on various plant and machinery in its tea estates inter alia for conservation of energy. The Company makes persistent effort to explore ways to conserve energy and use alternative sources of energy. The Company is making steady development in this direction and the Company expects that further improvement towards conservation of energy could be seen in the future.

#### (B) Technology absorption-

##### (i) the efforts made towards technology absorption;

Modernisation and upgradation of equipments and machines is a continuous process for the Company to enhance efficiency of operations, productivity and conservation of energy. Advanced technologies and improved machineries and equipments are installed at various tea estates for improving efficiency and productivity. The Company is also investing in plucking machines and plucking sheers to mitigate the problem of shortage of pruning and pluckers at various tea estates. During the year, advanced machines such as Colour Sorters had been installed at various tea estates as a part of the continuous endeavour of the Company to upgrade technology. Face recognition system for recording attendance was undertaken on thirteen estates to improve attendance at work.

The Company conducts various workshops and interactive group discussions regularly duly complimented by efficient training of staff with specific approach towards improvement of efficiency. The Company in its own interest encourages and values innovative achievements of the operating people in the agriculture and manufacture of tea. The Company also uses Vermiwash, Vermicompost, Bio Humic Spray (BHS) and Indigenous Technical Knowledge (ITK) for improving the organic status of the soil and plant nutrition.

##### (ii) the benefits derived like product improvement, cost reduction, product development or import substitution;

The adoption of improved technology, regular upgradation, modernisation of equipments, conducting various workshops and implementation of organic technologies help in improving the yield and quality of tea. The Company is a major exporter of tea from India.

##### (iii) in case of imported technology (imported during the last three years reckoned from the beginning of the financial year)

The Company did not import any technology during the last three financial years.

##### (iv) the expenditure incurred on Research and Development.

(Rs. lakhs)

Expenditure on Research & Development	2020-21	2019-20
Capital Expenditure	Nil	Nil
Revenue Expenditure	177.93*	171.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>177.93</b>	<b>171.97</b>

\* Revenue expenditure on Research & Development represents subscription to Tea Research Association.

#### (C) Foreign exchange earnings and Outgo

The total foreign exchange earnings during the year in terms of actual inflows was about Rs. 21750 Lakhs and the foreign exchange outgo during the year in terms of imports was about Rs. 336.93 Lakhs.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

<b>Aditya Khaitan</b>	<b>Azam Monem</b>
Managing Director	Wholetime Director
DIN: 00023788	DIN:00023799

Date: 12th November 2021

Place: Kolkata

**Annexure VIII**
**Remuneration and other specified Particulars of Employees**

Information pursuant to Section 197(12) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 5 of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014

(i)	The ratio of the remuneration of each Director to the median remuneration of the employees of the Company for the financial year;	Name		Ratio of Remuneration of each Director to Median Remuneration of the following categories for the financial year 2020-21		
				All Employees	Executive Grade Employees	
		Non-Executive Directors				
		Mr. AmritanshuKhaitan		4.22	0.24	
		Mrs. ArundhutiDhar		7.46	0.43	
		Mr. Raj Vardhan		6.81	0.39	
		Mr. Suman Bhowmik		7.46	0.43	
		Executive Directors				
		Mr. Aditya Khaitan - Managing Director		502.94	29.15	
Mr. AzamMonem - Whole Time Director		212.90	12.34			
(ii)	The percentage increase in remuneration of each Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary in the financial year	<p>There has been no increase in the remuneration of Managing Director, Wholetime Directors and Company Secretary of the Company.</p> <p>The percentage increase in remuneration of Chief Financial Officer in the financial year is 44.21%.</p> <p>The Non-executive Directors have only received sitting fees for attending Meetings during 2020-21.</p>				
(iii)	The percentage increase/decrease in the median remuneration of the employees in the financial year	Particulars	2020-21	2019-20	increase/ (decrease)	
		Employees	61,637.40	63,417.65	(2.89)%	
(iv)	The number of permanent employees on the rolls of Company as on 31st March 2021:	46,606				
(v)	Average percentage increase already made in the salaries of employees other than the managerial personnel in the last financial year and its comparison with the percentage increase in the managerial remuneration and justification thereof and point out if there are any exceptional circumstances for increase in the managerial remuneration:	There has been no average percentage increase in the salaries of employees in the last financial year. Also, there has been no average increase in the managerial remuneration in the last financial year.				
(vi)	Affirmation that the remuneration is as per the Remuneration Policy of the Company.	The remuneration paid during the financial year ended 31st March 2021 is in terms of the Remuneration Policy of the Company.				

**Information pursuant to Rule 5(2) of Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014**

(I) The following are the names of top ten employees in terms of remuneration drawn:-

Name	Designation	Remuneration received (in Rs. lakhs)#	Nature of employment, whether contractual or otherwise	Qualifications and experience of the employee	Date of commencement of employment	Age (years)	The last employment held before joining the Company	The percentage of equity shares held	Whether any such employee is a relative of any Director or Manager of the Company and if so, name of such Director or Manager
*Aditya Khaitan	Managing Director	310.00	In Whole time employment as per contract	B.Com (Hons); 28 years	01.04.2005	53	N.A.	0.0165	Late Mr. B.M. Khaitan – Father
*Azam Monem	Whole Time Director	131.23	-do-	B.Com (Hons); 40 years	01.04.2005	61	Eveready Industries India Limited, Senior Vice- president	0.0005	No
Pradip Bhar	Senior Vice President & CFO	81.27	Permanent Employment	B.Com (Hons), FCA, AICWA; 41 years	01.01.2012	64	D1 Williamson Magor Bio Fuel Limited, Managing Director	0.0000	No
Subhra Giri Patnaik	Senior General Manager	42.09	Permanent Employment	FCS, 23 years	01.11.2019	46	Electro steel Castings Ltd.	0.0000	No
Supratim Chakraborty	Senior General Manager	30.77	Permanent Employment	B.Sc; 35 years	01.05.1989	56	-	0.0000	No
Vijay SimhaJagannath	Senior General Manager	25.81	Permanent Employment	B. Com (Hons):27 years	17.01.2006	50	J.Thomas& Co Pvt. Ltd	0.0000	No
Sanjay Bajpai	Deputy General Manager	23.86	Permanent Employment	B. Com (Hons) & Diploma : 31 years	10.02.1992	54	-	0.0359	No
Allen Basaiawmoit	Senior Medical Officer	22.04	Permanent Employment	MBBS : 26 years	01.08.1999	52	-	0.0000	No
Mompi Nath Sharma	Senior Medical Officer	21.96	Permanent Employment	MBBS, Paediatric : 23 years	23.03.1998	52	-	0.0000	No

# Remuneration received includes salary, allowances and monetary value of other perquisites computed as per Income Tax Act, 1961 and Rules thereunder and also Company's contribution to retirement funds, etc.

\*since required approval of Secured Lenders is awaiting, the said amount paid being held in trust has been recognised as advances under "Loans" pending recovery/adjustment in due course of time.



### Information pursuant to Rule 5(2) of Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014

- (I) The following persons were employed during throughout the financial year and was in receipt of remuneration for that year which, in aggregate was not less than rupees One Crore two lakhs per annum :-

Name	Designation	Remuneration received (in Rs. lakhs)#	Nature of employment, whether contractual or otherwise	Qualifications and experience of the employee	Date of commencement of employment	Age (years)	The last employment held	The percentage of equity shares held	Whether any such employee is a relative of any Director or Manager of the Company and if so, name of such Director or Manager
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*Azam Monem	Whole Time Director	131.23	-do-	B.Com (Hons); 40 years	01.04.2005	61	Eveready Industries India Limited, Senior Vice- president	0.0005	No

\*since required approval of Secured Lenders is awaiting, the said amount paid being held in trust has been recognised as advances under “Loans” pending recovery/adjustment in due course of time

- (III) There was no employee in the Company, whether employed throughout or part of the financial year 2020-21, who has drawn remuneration in excess of that drawn by the Managing Director or Whole Time Directors and holds along with spouse and dependent children not less than two per cent of the equity share capital of the Company.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

**Aditya Khaitan**  
 Managing Director  
 DIN: 00023788

**Azam Monem**  
 Whole time Director  
 DIN:00023799

Date: 12th November, 2021

Place: Kolkata

**ANNEXURE IX****ANNUAL REPORT ON CSR ACTIVITIES**

1. Your Company is conscious of its social responsibilities and the environment in which it operates. The Company continues its welfare activities in the field of education, health, creation of livelihood and other welfare activities to improve the general standard of living in and around the area where the Company operates. The Company did not have any official CSR project during the financial year ended 31st March, 2021. The Board has a CSR Committee and has adopted a CSR Policy pursuant to which the CSR activities are undertaken in one or more of the fields covered under Schedule VII to the Companies Act, 2013. The detailed CSR Policy of the Company can be accessed at <http://www.mcleodrussel.com/investors/policies.aspx>
2. The Composition of the CSR Committee is furnished under the head Corporate Social Responsibility in the Directors Report.
3. Average net profit of the company during the three immediately preceding financial years: Rs. (3775.51) lakhs
4. Prescribed CSR Expenditure (two per cent of the amount as in item 3 above): Nil
5. Details of CSR spent during the financial year.
  - (a) Total amount to be spent for the financial year: Nil.
  - (b) Amount unspent, if any: NA
  - (c) Manner in which the amount spent during the financial year: NA
6. In terms of the requirements of Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder, the Company was not required to spend on CSR activities during the financial year ended 31st March, 2021 since the Company had no average net profits during the three immediately preceding financial years.
7. We hereby declare that the implementation and monitoring of CSR Policy is in compliance with the CSR objectives and Policy of the Company.

For and on behalf of the Board

**Aditya Khaitan**  
Managing Director  
DIN: 00023788

**Azam Monem**  
Chairman CSR Committee  
DIN:00023799

Date: 12th November 2021

Place: Kolkata

**ANNEXURE X**
**CERTIFICATE OF NON-DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS**

(pursuant to Regulation 34(3) and Schedule V Para C clause (10)(i) of the SEBI  
 (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015)

To,  
 The Members of  
 McLeod Russel India Limited  
 Four Mangoe Lane  
 Surendra Mohan Ghosh Sarani  
 Kolkata – 700 001  
 West Bengal

We have examined the relevant registers, records, forms, returns and disclosures received from the Directors of McLeod Russel India Limited having CIN : L51109WB1998PLC087076 and having registered office at Four Mangoe Lane, Surendra Mohan Ghosh Sarani, Kolkata – 700 001, West Bengal (hereinafter referred to as 'the Company'), produced before us by the Company for the purpose of issuing this Certificate, in accordance with Regulation 34(3) read with Schedule V Para-C Sub clause 10(i) of the Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the verifications (including Directors Identification Number (DIN) status at the portal [www.mca.gov.in](http://www.mca.gov.in)) as considered necessary and explanations furnished to us by the Company & its officers, we hereby certify that none of the Directors on the Board of the Company as stated below for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 2021 have been debarred or disqualified from being appointed or continuing as Directors of the Company by the Securities and Exchange Board of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs or any such other Statutory Authority:

Sr. No.	Name of Director	DIN	Date of appointment in Company
1.	Aditya Khaitan	00023788	16.02.2005
2.	Azam Monem	00023799	16.02.2005
3.	Amritanshu Khaitan	00213413	31.03.2015
4.	Arundhuti Dhar	03197285	30.05.2019
5.	Raj Vardhan	08513917	19.07.2019
6.	Suman Bhowmik	08514585	19.07.2019

Ensuring the eligibility of for the appointment / continuity of every Director on the Board is the responsibility of the management of the Company. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these based on our verification. This Certificate has been issued relying on the documents and information as mentioned herein above and as were made available to us or as came to our knowledge for verification without taking any cognizance of any legal dispute(s) or sub-judice matters which may have effect otherwise, if ordered so, by any concerned authority(ies). This certificate is also neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company nor of the efficiency or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

Place : Kolkata  
 Date : 12/11/2021

Signature :

Name : CS Atul Kumar Labh  
 Membership No. : FCS 4848  
 CP No. : 3238  
 PRCN : 1038/2020  
 UIN : S1999WB026800  
 UDIN : F004848C001480729

## Independent Auditors' Report

### To the Members of McLeod Russel India Limited Report on the Audit of the Standalone Financial Statements Adverse Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Standalone financial statements of McLeod Russel India Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"), which comprise the balance sheet as at March 31, 2021, the statement of profit and Loss, statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies (hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, due to the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section below, the aforesaid financial statements do not give the information required by the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") in the manner so required and also does not give a true and fair view in conformity with the Indian Accounting Standards prescribed under section 133 of the Act ('Ind AS') and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Company as at March 31, 2021, and its loss, other comprehensive Income, cash flow and the changes in equity for the year ended on that date.

#### Basis for Adverse Opinion

Attention is invited to the following notes of the financial statements

- a) Note no. 57(a) dealing with Inter Corporate Deposits (ICDs) aggregating Rs. 2,84,341.40 lakhs and outstanding as on March 31, 2021 (including Interest of Rs. 1,958.32 lakhs accrued till March 31, 2019) given to certain companies which are doubtful of recovery and considering recoverability etc. are prejudicial to the interest of the company. In absence of provision there against, the loss for the year is understated to that extent. Impact in this respect have not been ascertained by the management and recognised in the financial statements.
- b) The Company had given advance in earlier year to a body corporate aggregating to Rs. 1,400.00 lakhs (included under "Advances to Suppliers, Service Providers etc. under Note no. 18") which are outstanding as on March 31, 2021. In absence of appropriate audit evidence and status thereof, we are unable to comment on the validity and recoverability of such advances.
- c) Note No. 36.2 regarding non-recognition of Interest of

Rs. 4,615.46 lakhs (Including Rs. 2,337.26 lakhs for the year) on Inter Corporate Deposits taken by the company and thereby the loss for the year is understated to that extent. Further, as stated in Note no. 58(b), penal/compound interest and other adjustments in respect of borrowings from banks/financial institution have not been recognised and amount payable to banks and financial institutions as recognised in the financial statement are subject to confirmation from respective parties and consequential reconciliation. Pending final determination of amount in this respect, adjustments and impacts arising there from have not been ascertained and as such cannot be commented upon by us;

- d) Note no 59 regarding non reconciliation/ disclosure of certain debit and credit balances with individual details and confirmations etc. Adjustments/ Impacts with respect to these are currently not ascertainable and as such cannot be commented upon by us; and
- e) As stated in Note no. 57(b) of the financial statements, the predecessor auditor in respect of loans included under paragraph (a) above have reported that it includes amount given to group companies whereby applicability of Section 185 could not be ascertained and commented upon by them. They have not been able to ascertain if the aforesaid promoter companies could, in substance, be deemed to be related parties to the Company in accordance with paragraph 10 of Ind AS-24 "Related Party Disclosures". Further certain ICDs as reported were in nature of book entries and/or are prejudicial to the interest of the company. These amounts are outstanding as on this date and status thereof have remained unchanged and uncertainty and related concerns including being prejudicial to the interest of the company are valid for current year also. As represented by the management, the parties involved are not related parties requiring disclosure in terms of said accounting standard and provisions of Companies act 2013 and concerns expressed as above are not relevant and as such inconsequential to the company. The matter as reported is under examination and pending before regulatory authorities. Pending final outcome of the matter are under examination, we are unable to ascertain the impact of non-compliances and comment on the consequential impact thereof.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Standards on Auditing (SAs) specified under section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company,

in accordance with the Code of Ethics and provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in India under the Companies Act, 2013, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics and the requirements under the Companies Act, 2013. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse opinion.

#### Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

Attention is drawn to Note no. 58(a) of the financial statements dealing with going concern assumption for preparation of the accounts of the Company. The Company's current liabilities exceeded its current assets. The matters forming part of and dealt with under Basis for Adverse Opinion Section of our report may have significant impact on the net worth of the company. Loans given to promoter group and certain other companies have remained unpaid. Amount borrowed could not be repaid

as stipulated and other obligations could not be met as well due to insufficiency of resources. These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. However, the financial statement of the Company due to the reasons stated in the said Note has been prepared by management on going concern basis, based on the management's assessment of the expected successful outcome of the steps and measures including those concerning rationalization of costs, restructuring/reduction of borrowings and interest thereon in terms of resolution plan under considerations of lenders and restructuring of outstanding loans receivables in sync with said plan and other proposals under evaluation as on this date. In the event of the management's expectation and estimation etc., not turning out to be true, possible impact thereof including on carrying value of tangible and intangible assets even though expected to be material, as such presently cannot be commented upon by us. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. In addition to the matter described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section of our report, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

Key Audit Matters	Addressing the key audit matters
<b>Valuation of Biological Assets and Agricultural produce</b>	
<p>Biological assets of the Company comprising of unharvested green tea leaves on tea bushes and the agricultural produce comprising of harvested green leaves are valued at fair value less cost to sell at the point of harvest. Unharvested tea leaves on tea bushes at the year end are determined on the basis of normal cycle for plucking.</p> <p>In respect of harvested or unharvested green leaves, since there is no active market for own leaves, estimates are used by management in determining the valuation.</p> <p>Finished goods produced from agricultural produce i.e. Black Tea are valued at lower of cost arrived at by adding the cost of conversion to the fair value of agricultural produce and the net realisable value.</p> <p>The principal assumptions and estimates in the determination of the fair value include assumptions with respect to production cycle, yields, prices of green leaf purchased from third parties and the stage of transformation. These assumptions and estimates require careful evaluation by management.</p>	<p>Our Audit procedures based on which we arrived at the conclusion regarding reasonableness of valuation includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtaining an understanding of the production cycle, fair value measurement methodologies used and assessing the reasonableness and consistency of the significant assumptions used for determination and valuation thereof;</li> <li>• Evaluating the design and implementation of Company's controls concerning the valuation of biological assets and agricultural produce;</li> <li>• Assessing the basis, reasonableness and accuracy of adjustments made to prices of green leaves purchased from outside suppliers considering the quality differential of the Company's production.</li> <li>• Assessing the yields and cycle of production to analyse the stage of transformation considered for the determination and fair valuation of biological assets;</li> <li>• Due to lock-down amidst COVID-19, it was not possible to participate in the physical verification of inventory and therefore, the following alternate procedures confirming the year end determination of Inventory were applied: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– In respect of the stock of Black Tea held at certain tea estates and warehouses services of Independent firm of Chartered Accountants were engaged for carrying out physical verification;</li> <li>– In all other locations verifications were undertaken by the management;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>Given the nature of Industry these assets and valuation thereof are significant to the operation of the company.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– We reviewed the reports submitted for the verification along with workings and supporting details and obtained reasons/explanation for variations observed with respect to book stock;</li> <li>– The stock at the year end were derived by rolling back the quantities of subsequent dispatches and production; and</li> <li>– Reliance has been placed on management’s representation and evidences provided for subsequent production, dispatches and collections there against.</li> <li>• We examined the valuation process/methodology and checks being performed at multiple levels to ensure that the valuation is consistent with and as per the policy followed in this respect;</li> <li>• Due recognition of principle of materiality considering the current volume of inventory.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Impairment of Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE), Capital Work in Progress (CWIP) and Intangible Assets (Note no. 4(a) of the Standalone financial statements)</b></p>	
<p>Evaluation of the impairment involves assessment of value in use of the Cash Generating Units (CGUs) and requires significant judgements and assumptions about the forecast for cash flows, production, volume of operations, prices and discount rate.</p> <p>The exercise requires assessment of fair valuation of tea estates and other items of property, plant and equipments.</p> <p>This exercise has gained significance considering the available indicators under the current situation and circumstances amidst management’s expected outcome of the resolution plan under consideration of the lenders and other conditions under which the company is operating.</p>	<p>Our Audit procedures based on which we arrived at the conclusion regarding reasonableness of Impairment includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical evaluation of internal and external factors impacting the entity and indicators of impairment (or reversal thereof) in line with Ind AS 38;</li> <li>• Reviewing the valuation report by independent technical consultants for arriving at value in use and fair value of various tea estates and other assets less cost to sale and necessary updation thereof by the management based on current indicators and prevailing situation and this being a technical matter, reliance has been placed on management’s contention and representation in this respect;</li> <li>• Review of impairment valuation models used in relation to CGU to determine the recoverable amount and the key assumptions used by management in this respect including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Management’s contention for restructuring the debt to make it sustainable and recoverability/restructuring of amount of loan given to various companies;</li> <li>– Consistency with respect to forecast for arriving at the valuation and assessing the potential impact of any variances;</li> <li>– Price assumptions used in the models; and</li> <li>– The assumptions/estimations for the weighted average cost of capital and rate of discount for arriving at the value in use.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reliance has been placed on management’s assumptions for possible outcome vis-à-vis resolution plan under consideration of lenders.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets (Note no. 23.1 of the Standalone financial statements)</b></p>	
<p>Deferred tax Asset include MAT Credit Entitlement of Rs. 3,105.64 lakhs being carried forward in the Standalone financial statements as at March 31, 2021.</p> <p>Further, Deferred Tax Assets relating to Interest disallowance and unabsorbed losses pending determination of amount considering the principle of prudence has not been recognised in the Standalone financial statements.</p>	<p>Our Audit procedures based on which we arrived at the conclusion regarding reasonableness of the accounting effect and disclosures of the Deferred Tax Assets include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilisation of Deferred tax assets have been tested on the basis of internal forecasts prepared by the Company and probability of future taxable income;</li> <li>• Critical review of the underlying assumptions for consistency for arriving at reasonable degree of probability on the matters;</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due consideration of principle of prudence especially amidst the Debt restructuring process and other group level restructuring and related uncertainties; and</li> <li>• Requirement of Ind AS 12 "Income Taxes" and application thereof and disclosures made in the financial statements for ensuring the compliances on the matter.</li> <li>• Reliance has been placed on management's assumptions for possible outcome vis-à-vis resolution plan under consideration of lenders.</li> </ul>
<b>Going Concern Assumption (Note no. 58 of the Standalone financial statements)</b>	
<p>The Company's current liabilities have exceeded current assets by Rs. 2,38,752.71 lakhs as on March 31, 2021. Funds obtained by borrowing and utilized for providing funds to other companies have become unserviceable primarily due to non-repayment of outstanding amounts by those companies. Further, adjustments arising in respect of the matters dealt with under Basis for Adverse Opinion Section may have significant impact on the net worth of the company. The Company was unable to discharge its obligations for repayment of loans and settlement of financial and other liabilities.</p> <p>The availability of sufficient fund and the company's ability to continue meeting its financial, statutory and other obligations as and when falling due for payment are important for the going concern assumption and, as such, are significant aspects of our audit.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures included testing management's assumptions on the appropriateness of the going concern assumptions and reasonableness of the assumptions used, focusing in particular the business projections of Company, restructuring of borrowings and ICD's given by the company and other sources of funding and among others, following procedures were applied in this respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the Debt Restructuring process and steps so far taken by lenders in this respect which inter-alia includes approving Inter-Creditor Agreement, re-vetting of Techno Economic Viability (TEV) study, valuation of the company for working out and recommending the possible credit rating on the resolution plan. This includes review of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Core operations of the company and management expectation of sustainability thereof;</li> <li>– Minutes of the meetings of the Company with the consortium of lenders;</li> <li>– Compliances vis-a-vis debt covenants associated with loans obtained;</li> <li>– Consistency with respect to assumptions etc. for possible valuation of the business and tea estates, system and operating results and efficiencies and management's forecast and outlook; and</li> <li>– Management's report to gain an understanding of the various costs and realisations supporting the cash flow projections of the company and sustainability thereof.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Placing reliance on management's assumptions and expectation of possible outcome of resolution plan under consideration of lenders; and</li> <li>• Review of disclosures made by the management in the financial statement to ensure compliances in this respect.</li> </ul>

**Information Other than the Standalone Financial Statements and Auditors' Report Thereon**

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Report of the Directors and the annexures thereto (namely Management Discussion and Analysis, Corporate Governance Report, Annual Report on CSR Activities, Form MGT – 9, Conservation of energy, technology absorption, foreign exchange earnings and outgo and remuneration and other specified particulars of employees) but does not include the standalone financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The other information as stated above is expected to be made available to us after the date of this Auditors' Report.

Our opinion on the standalone financial statements does

not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the standalone financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the standalone financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Standalone Financial Statements**

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the matters stated in section 134(5) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") with respect to the preparation of these standalone financial statements that give a true and

fair view of the state of affairs (financial position), Total Comprehensive Income (financial performance comprising of Profit/Loss and other comprehensive income), changes in equity and cash flows of the Company in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the accounting Standards specified under section 133 of the Act.

This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the standalone financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the standalone financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Company's Board of Directors are also responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

#### **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Standalone Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the standalone financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these standalone financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the standalone financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures

responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under section 143(3) (i) of the Companies Act, 2013, we are also responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the company has adequate internal financial controls system with reference to financial statements in place and the operating effectiveness of such controls;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the standalone financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern; and
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Materiality is the magnitude of misstatements in the financial statements that, individually or in aggregate, makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable user of the financial statements may be influenced. We consider quantitative materiality and qualitative factors in (i) planning the scope of our audit work and in evaluating the results of our work; and (ii) to evaluate the effect of any identified misstatements in the financial statements.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including

any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the standalone financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

#### **Other Matters**

We did not audit the financial statement/ information of one overseas office included in the financial results of the Company whose financial statement/financial information comprising of expenses to the extent of Rs. 1.00 lakhs has been incorporated therein based on Statement of Accounts audited by an Independent firm of Chartered Accountants. The impact in this respect is not material since this reflects total assets of Rs. 8.63 lakhs as at March 31, 2021 and the total revenue of Rs. Nil for the year ended on that date. Our opinion in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclosures included in respect of said office is based solely on the report of Chartered Accountant.

#### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

1. As regards to the matters to be inquired by the auditors in terms of Section 143(1) of the Act, we report that Inter corporate Deposits as stated in Para (a) of Basis for Our Adverse Opinion Section of this report due to reasons stated therein are prejudicial to the interest of the company. This includes:
  - a) ICDs aggregating to Rs. 77,575.00 Lakhs (included under Para (e) of Basis for Adverse Opinion) as reported by predecessor auditor which were initially given as capital advances in the earlier year and were subsequently converted to ICDs and had been considered by them to be in the nature of book entries and prejudicial to the interest of the company. These amounts are outstanding as on March 31, 2021. The matter as stated in Para (e) of Basis for Adverse Opinion Section of this report is

under examination by relevant authorities and final outcome thereof is awaited as on this date.

2. As required by Section 143(3) of the Act, based on our audit we report, to the extent applicable that:
  - a) We have sought and except for the effects/ possible effects of the matters described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section above obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit of the aforesaid financial statements;
  - b) Except for the effects/ possible effects of the matters described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section above, in our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Company so far as it appears from our examination of those books, returns and the reports of the other auditors;
  - c) The Balance Sheet, the Statement of Profit and Loss including Other Comprehensive Income, the Cash Flow Statement and the Statement of Changes in Equity dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the relevant books of account maintained for the purpose of preparation of the financial statements;
  - d) Due to the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section above, in our opinion, the aforesaid financial statements do not comply with the requirement and provisions of Ind AS specified under Section 133 of the Act;
  - e) The matters described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section above especially that relating to non-provision of intercorporate deposits as stated in Para (a) and (e) of that section, provision for interest on borrowings as the basis stated in Para (c) of Basis for Adverse Opinion section of this report pending confirmation of lenders and Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern assumption pending approval of resolution plan, in our opinion, may have an adverse effect on the functioning of the Company;
  - f) On the basis of the written representations received from the directors as on March 31, 2021 taken on record by the Board of Directors of the Company, none of the directors of the Company are disqualified as on March 31, 2021 from being appointed as a director in terms of Section 164 (2) of the Act;

- g) The adverse remarks relating to the maintenance of accounts and other matters connected therewith are as stated in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section above; and
- h) With respect to the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements and the operating effectiveness of such controls, refer to our separate Report in "Annexure A". Our report expresses qualified opinion on the adequacy and operating effectiveness of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements of the Company's internal financial controls with reference to financial statements.
3. As required by the Companies (Auditors' Report) Order, 2016 ("the Order"), issued by the Central Government of India in terms of sub-section (11) of section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013, we give in the "Annexure B", a statement on the matters specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Order, to the extent applicable which is subject to the possible effect of the matters described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion paragraph of our Audit Report and the material weakness described in Basis for Qualified Opinion in our separate Report on the Internal Financial Controls with reference to financial statements.
4. With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditors' Report in accordance with Rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:
- i. The financial statements has disclosed the impact of pending litigations on its financial position of the Company – Refer Note no. 43 to the financial statements;
- ii. The Company has made provision, as required under the applicable law or accounting standards, for material foreseeable losses, if any, on long-term contracts including derivative contracts; and
- iii. There were no amounts which were required to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Company.
5. With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditors' Report in accordance with the requirements of section 197(16) of the Act, as amended, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the remuneration paid by the Company to its Managing and Whole-time Directors are not in accordance with provisions of Section 197 of the Act and accordingly such remunerations paid as given in Note no. 9.1 has been held by them under Trust and disclosed under Loans and Advances in the financial statement.

For **Lodha & Co,**  
 Chartered Accountants  
 Firm's ICAI Registration No.:301051E

R. P. Singh  
 Partner  
 Membership No: 52438  
 UDIN:21052438AAAACF8792

Place: Kolkata  
 Date: June 23, 2021

## **ANNEXURE "A" TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

(Referred to in paragraph 2(h) under 'Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements' of our report of even date)

**Report on the Internal Financial Controls with reference to Standalone financial statements under Clause (i) of Sub-section 3 of Section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act")**

In conjunction with our audit of the Standalone financial statements of the Company as of and for the year ended March 31, 2021, we have audited the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements of McLeod Russel India Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Company"), as of that date.

### **Management's Responsibility for Internal Financial Controls**

The Board of Directors of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal financial controls based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting (the "Guidance Note") issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ("the ICAI"). These responsibilities include the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to the Company's policies, the safeguarding of its assets, the prevention and detection of frauds and errors, the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, and the timely preparation of reliable financial information, as required under the Companies Act, 2013.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal financial controls with reference to financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Guidance Note and the Standards on Auditing, prescribed under Section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013, to the extent applicable to an audit of internal financial controls. Those Standards and the Guidance Note require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether adequate internal financial controls with reference to financial statements was

established and maintained and if such controls operated effectively in all material respects.

Our audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the adequacy of the internal financial controls system with reference to financial statements and their operating effectiveness. Our audit of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements included obtaining an understanding of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the Company's internal financial controls system with reference to financial statements.

### **Meaning of Internal Financial Controls with reference to financial statements**

A company's internal financial controls with reference to financial statements is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal financial controls with reference to financial statements includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorisations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorised acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

### **Inherent Limitations of Internal Financial Controls with reference to financial statements**

Because of the inherent limitations of internal financial

controls with reference to financial statements, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

#### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

According to the information and explanations given to us and based on our audit, the following material weaknesses have been identified in the Company's internal financial controls over financial reporting with reference to financial statements as at March 31, 2021:

- The Company did not have an appropriate internal control system in relation to the granting of loans and advances/ other advances to promoter group companies and/or other companies, including ascertaining economic substance and business rationale of the transactions, establishing segregation of duties and determining credentials of the counter parties;
- With respect to Inter Corporate Deposits (ICDs), the Company did not have appropriate system to evaluate the credit worthiness of the parties and recoverability of monies given including interest thereon and also ensuring the compliances with respect to provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 so that these are not considered to be prejudicial to the interest of the Company;
- Certain individual details of debit and credit balances and reconciliation thereof with control balances of receivable/payable/stock including supporting evidences for movement thereof as given in Note no. 59 of the Standalone Financial Statements were not available. IT Control systems and procedures needs strengthening in terms of framework for Internal Control over financial reporting with reference to financial statements taking into account related controls and procedures as stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India so that to facilitate required reconciliations and provide details for documentation with respect to internal financial controls in the respective areas.

A 'material weakness' is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal financial controls over financial reporting with reference to financial statements, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

#### **Qualified Opinion**

In our opinion, to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, except for the effects/possible effects of the material weaknesses described in Basis for Qualified Opinion Section above on the achievement of the objectives of the control criteria, the Company has maintained, in all material respects, adequate and effective internal financial controls with reference to the financial statements as of March 31, 2021, based on the internal controls over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

We have considered the material weaknesses identified and reported above in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit tests applied in our audit of the financial statements of the Company for the year ended March 31, 2021, and these material weaknesses have affected our opinion on the said financial statements of the Company and we have issued an adverse opinion on the financial statements of the Company.

For **Lodha & Co,**  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm's ICAI Registration No.:301051E

R. P. Singh  
Partner  
Membership No: 52438  
UDIN:21052438AAAACF8792

Place: Kolkata  
Date: June 23, 2021



**ANNEXURE "B" TO THE AUDITORS' REPORT OF EVEN DATE:**

(Referred to in paragraph 3 under 'Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements' section of our report of even date and except for the effects / possible effects of the matters described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion Section of our Audit Report and the material weaknesses described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion in our separate Report on the Internal Financial Controls with reference to financial statement)

- i) a. The Company has maintained proper records showing full particulars, including quantitative details and situations of fixed assets.
- b. The Company has a program of verification of property, plant and equipment to cover all the items in a phased manner over a period of three years which, in our opinion, is reasonable having regard to the size of the Company and the nature of its assets. The said verification even though carried out along with internal auditor as per programme devised for the year could not be completed amidst lock down due to COVID-19 pandemic. We have been informed that the said programme will be revised to cover for all the assets including those which could not be verified as above. According to the information and explanations given to us, no material discrepancies were noticed on such verification.
- c. According to the information and explanations given to us and the records examined by us and based on the examination of the registered sale deed / transfer deed / conveyance deed / court orders approving schemes of arrangements / amalgamations and other documents provided to us, we report that, the title deeds, comprising all the immovable properties of land and buildings which are freehold, are held in the name of the Company as at the balance sheet date.

In respect of immovable properties of land that have been taken on lease including in respect of tea estates of the company, according to the information and explanations given to us and the records examined by us and based on the examination of the court orders approving schemes of arrangements/ amalgamations and other documents provided to us, we report that, the lease agreements and/or other documents confirming such arrangement are in the name of

the respective tea estates of the company and/or in the name of the Company, where the Company is the lessee.

In respect of Immovable properties of land and buildings (including leasehold properties) whose title deeds have been pledged as security for loans, guarantees, etc., the above verification has been based on the confirmations received by us from lenders.

- ii) As informed, the physical verification of inventories of stores, finished goods were carried out at reasonable intervals at tea estates of the company during the year. The year-end verification even though could not be carried out due to lock-down amidst COVID-19 pandemic. The Inventories as on that date have been arrived at by rolling back the receipts and issues with respect to verification carried out on a subsequent date by the management in presence and supervision of Independent firms of Chartered Accountant, entrusted with such responsibility. The discrepancies noticed on physical verification between the physical stock of stores and finished goods and book stock of these inventories to the extent verified during the year, were not material and the same have been properly dealt with in the books of account.
- iii) Keeping in view the effects / possible effects of the matters described in paragraph (e) of the Basis for Adverse Opinion section of our report, we are unable to comment whether in respect of unsecured loans to parties granted in earlier years were required to be covered in the register maintained under section 189 of the Companies Act, 2013. Accordingly, terms and conditions, status with respect to repayment of principal and payment of interest of these as such cannot be commented upon by us. The company has however not granted any such loan during the year.
- iv) In our opinion and according to the information and explanations given to us the Company has complied with the provisions of section 186 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of loans, investments and guarantees and securities, as applicable given in earlier years. However, in view of the matter described in paragraph (e) of Basis for Adverse Opinion section of our Audit Report,

it is not possible to ascertain and comment on the compliance of Section 185 of the Companies Act, 2013. The company has however not given any such loans, guarantees or provided securities during the year.

- v) The Company has not accepted any deposits during the year and does not have any unclaimed deposits as at March 31, 2021 from public covered under Sections 73 to 76 or any other relevant provisions of the Act and rules framed thereunder and therefore, the provisions of clause 3(v) of the Order is not applicable to the company.
- vi) We have broadly reviewed the books of account maintained by the company pursuant to the Rules made by the Central Government for the maintenance of cost records under Section 148 (1) of the Act in respect of the Company's products to which the said rules are made applicable and are of the opinion that prima facie, the prescribed records have been maintained. We have however, not made a detailed examination of the said records with a view to determine whether they are accurate or complete.

- vii) a. According to the information and explanations given to us, during the year, there were certain delays in depositing with appropriate authorities undisputed statutory dues including Provident Fund, Income Tax, Goods and Service Tax as applicable to it. There were no such delays in respect of amount payable towards Investor Education Protection fund, Employees' State Insurance, Sales Tax, Wealth Tax, Service tax, Custom Duty, Excise Duty, Value Added Tax, Cess and other material statutory dues as applicable to it.
- b. There were no undisputed amounts payable in respect of Provident Fund, Investor Education and Protection fund, Employees' State Insurance, Income Tax, Sales Tax, Goods and Service Tax, Wealth Tax, Service tax, Custom Duty, Excise Duty, Value Added Tax, Cess and other material statutory dues in arrear as at March 31, 2021 for a period of more than six months from the date they become payable except as detailed below:

Name of the Statute	Nature of Dues	Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)	Period to which they relates
Income Tax Act' 1961	Corporate Dividend Tax (Refer Note no. 29.1 of the Standalone Financial Statements)	344.77*	2005-2006 to 2007-2008

\* Excludes Rs. 343.37 lakhs being adjusted by Income Tax Authorities against refund of Assessment Year 2007-2008

- c. According to the information and explanations given to us, the details of disputed dues of sales tax, income tax, customs duty, wealth tax, excise duty, service tax, and Cess, as applicable, as at March 31, 2021, are as follows:

Name of the Statute	Nature of Dues	Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)	Period to which the amount relates	Forum where dispute is pending
Income Tax Act' 1961	Non-deduction of Tax at Source	4,578.00	2008-2009	Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals)
Income Tax Act' 1961	Income Tax	1,855.17	2016-2017	Dispute Resolution Panel (DRP)
Finance Act' 1944	Service Tax	131.61	2004-2005 to 2007-2008	Commissioner (Appeals)/ CESTAT
Finance Act' 1944	Service Tax	373.72	2008-2009 to 2012-2013	Principal Commissioner of Service Tax
Central Excise Act' 1944	Excise Duty	42.30	1999 to 2003	Commissioner (Appeals)

viii) In our opinion and on the basis of information and explanations given to us by the management, the Company has defaulted in repayment of dues to the following banks and financial institutions:

Name of the Bank/ Financial Institution	Principal	Interest	Period of Default
<b>Term Loans from Banks</b>			
ICICI Bank Limited	3,649.54	828.90	June 2019 to March 31, 2021
HDFC Bank Limited	6,800.00	1,253.49	June 2019 to March 31, 2021
RBL Bank Limited	4,752.33	1,035.94	July 2019 to March 31, 2021
Yes Bank Limited	4,375.00	816.76	March 2019 to March 31, 2021
<b>Term Loan from Others</b>			
Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited	894.82	246.95	January 2020 to March 31, 2021
<b>Short Term Loan from Banks</b>			
Axis Bank Limited	25,000.00	5,121.07	July 2019 to March 31, 2021
RBL Bank Limited	23,500.00	5,391.58	July 2019 to March 31, 2021
HDFC Bank Limited	17,901.97	3,257.28	May 2019 to March 31, 2021
IndusInd Bank Limited	13,050.00	2,167.51	December 2019 to March 31, 2021
Yes Bank Limited	33,026.61	6,577.00	May 2019 to March 31, 2021
<b>Short Term Loan from Others</b>			
Ragini Finance Limited	1,000.00	–	October 2019 to March 31, 2021
Digvijay Finlease Limited	2,000.00	–	October 2019 to March 31, 2021
P D K Impex Private Limited	1,000.00	–	March 31, 2020 to March 31, 2021
<b>Cash Credit</b>			
Axis Bank Limited	847.31	76.39	October 2019 to March 31, 2021
HDFC Bank Limited	7,431.09	624.40	May 2019 to March 31, 2021
State Bank of India Limited	11,488.73	1,139.46	June 2019 to March 31, 2021
Punjab National Bank Limited (Erstwhile United Bank of India)	8,696.60	667.46	February 2020 to March 31, 2021
ICICI Bank Limited	9,916.42	1,420.27	June 2019 to March 31, 2020
Indian Bank Limited (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank Limited)	4,863.09	355.46	February 29, 2020 to March 31, 2021
Yes Bank Limited	1,111.55	–	May 2019 to March 31, 2021
RBL Bank Limited	1,839.00	202.08	July 2019 to March 31, 2021
UCO Bank Limited	3,155.87	276.45	May 31, 2020 to March 31, 2021

The above amount has been disclosed on the basis as described in Note no. 58(b) of the financial statements. The above defaults and amount due are however subject to confirmation and reconciliation with respective parties and confirmation of the resolution plan under consideration by lenders (Refer Note no. 58(a))

- ix) The Company has not raised monies by way of term loan, initial public offer or further public offer (including debt instruments) during the year.

As described in paragraphs (e) of the Basis for Adverse Opinion section of our report, we are unable to comment on whether the money raised in earlier years by way of term loans were applied by the Company for the purposes for which they were raised.

- x) During the course of our examination of books of account carried out in accordance with generally accepted auditing practices in India, we have neither come across incidence of any material fraud by the company or on the company by its officers or employees nor have we been informed of any such case by the management.

In respect of matters involving fraud suspected by predecessor auditor in the earlier years and reported upon by them, final outcome of inspection or other course of action by regulatory authorities as stated in Para (e) of Basis for Adverse Opinion Section is awaited and as such cannot be commented upon by us.

- xi) According to the information and explanations given to us and based on our examination of the records of the Company, the Company has paid remuneration to the Managing and Whole Time Directors (as given in Note no. 9.1) which is not in accordance with the provisions of section 197 read with Schedule V to the Act. Such amount to the extent of Rs. 780.40 lakhs (including Rs. 441.20 lakhs paid during the year) being in excess has been held in as trust by them. Directors sitting fees paid to other non-executive directors are in accordance with the provisions of section 197 read with Schedule V to the Act.

- xii) The Company is not a Nidhi company and hence reporting under paragraph 3(xii) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.

- xiii) Due to the effects/ possible effects of the matters described in paragraph (e) of the Basis for Adverse Opinion Section of our report, we are unable to state whether the Company is in compliance with Sections 177 and 188 of the Companies Act, 2013, where applicable, for all transactions with the related parties and the completeness / correctness of the disclosures / details of related party transactions in the standalone financial statements as required by the applicable Indian Accounting Standards.

- xiv) According to the information and explanations given to us and based on our examination of the records of the Company, the Company has not made any preferential allotment or private placement of shares or fully or partly convertible debentures during the year. Accordingly, clause 3 (xiv) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.

- xv) According to the information and explanations given to us and as represented to us by the management and based on our examination of the records of the Company, the Company has not entered into non-cash transactions with directors or persons connected with him. Accordingly, paragraph 3(xv) of the Order is not applicable.

- xvi) The Company is not required to be registered under section 45-IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act 1934.

For **Lodha & Co,**  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm's ICAI Registration No.:301051E

R. P. Singh  
Partner  
Membership No: 52438  
UDIN:21052438AAAACF8792

Place: Kolkata  
Date: June 23, 2021

## Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2021

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Note	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
a) Property, Plant and Equipment	5	95,294.08	1,00,345.88
b) Capital Work-in-Progress		5,813.73	5,276.76
c) Other Intangible Assets	6	943.60	1,199.65
d) Financial Assets			
(i) Investments	8		
- Investment in Subsidiary and Associate	8A	15,967.18	15,967.18
- Other Investments	8B	5,302.71	1,081.27
(ii) Loans	9	2,83,732.62	2,85,974.81
(iii) Other Financial Assets	10	5,016.16	4,766.68
e) Other Non-Current Assets	11	2,315.93	2,175.51
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>4,14,386.01</b>	<b>4,16,787.74</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
a) Inventories	12	8,272.55	5,859.95
b) Biological Assets other than bearer plants	13	408.52	-
c) Financial Assets			
(i) Trade Receivables	14	1,622.99	1,537.27
(ii) Cash and Cash Equivalents	15	8,941.00	1,572.31
(iii) Bank Balances other than (ii) above	16	170.44	279.85
(iv) Loans	9	1,097.46	751.08
(v) Other Financial Assets	10	1,563.10	1,768.63
d) Current Tax Assets (Net)	17	1,041.20	7,007.46
e) Other Current Assets	18	5,393.87	5,047.66
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>28,511.13</b>	<b>23,824.21</b>
Non Current Assets held for Sale	7	-	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>4,42,897.14</b>	<b>4,40,611.95</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
a) Equity Share Capital	19	5,222.79	5,222.79
b) Other Equity	20	1,56,680.14	1,58,942.55
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>1,61,902.93</b>	<b>1,64,165.34</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
a) Financial Liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	21	1,000.00	5,268.91
(ii) Other Financial Liabilities	27	202.61	554.70
b) Provisions			
Employee Benefit Obligations	22	5,112.43	3,631.05
c) Deferred Tax Liabilities (Net)	23	6,954.38	12,433.84
d) Other Non-Current Liabilities	24	460.95	474.29
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>13,730.37</b>	<b>22,362.79</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
a) Financial Liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	25	1,82,542.88	1,87,160.91
(ii) Trade Payables	26		
(a) Total outstanding dues of Micro and Small Enterprises		-	-
(b) Total outstanding dues of creditors other than Micro and Small Enterprises		7,640.67	7,248.95
(iii) Other Financial Liabilities	27	60,846.38	43,136.98
b) Other Current Liabilities	28	8,042.33	8,714.32
c) Provisions			
(i) Employee Benefit Obligations	22	3,653.40	3,747.43
(ii) Other Provisions	29	1,184.76	1,007.12
d) Current Tax Liabilities (Net)	30	3,353.42	3,068.11
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>2,67,263.84</b>	<b>2,54,083.82</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>2,80,994.21</b>	<b>2,76,446.61</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>4,42,897.14</b>	<b>4,40,611.95</b>

Significant accounting policies and other accompanying notes (1 to 60) form an integral part of the financial statements  
As per our report of even date

For **Lodha & Co,**  
Chartered Accountants  
**R.P. Singh**  
Partner

**Aditya Khaitan**  
Chairman and Managing Director  
(DIN No: 00023788)

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

**Azam Monem**  
Director  
(DIN No: 00023799)

**Pradip Bhar**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Alok Kumar Samant**  
Company Secretary

Place: Kolkata  
Dated: 23rd June, 2021

## Statement of Profit and Loss

For The Year Ended 31st March, 2021

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Note	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Revenue from Operations	31	1,11,186.52	85,669.75
Other Income	32	848.14	9,317.19
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1,12,034.66</b>	<b>94,986.94</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Cost of Materials Consumed	33	10,335.18	1,443.36
Changes in Inventories of Finished Goods	34	(818.49)	2,546.94
Employee Benefits Expense	35	53,113.50	51,484.76
Finance Costs	36	18,719.76	21,441.13
Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	37	7,074.73	6,247.30
<b>Other Expenses</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>32,029.60</b>	<b>26,391.52</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>1,20,454.28</b>	<b>1,09,555.01</b>
<b>Profit/(Loss) before Exceptional Items and Tax</b>		<b>(8,419.62)</b>	<b>(14,568.07)</b>
Exceptional Items	39	-	11,769.28
<b>Profit/(Loss) before Tax</b>		<b>(8,419.62)</b>	<b>(2,798.79)</b>
Tax expense:	51		
Current Tax		-	-
Provision for tax relating to earlier years		1,778.48	-
Deferred Tax		(4,914.46)	(4,026.35)
<b>Total Tax expense</b>		<b>(3,135.98)</b>	<b>(4,026.35)</b>
<b>Profit/(Loss) for the year</b>		<b>(5,283.64)</b>	<b>1,227.56</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>			
a) Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss			
Remeasurements of post employment defined benefit plans		(1,765.22)	(2,278.74)
Change in fair value of Equity instruments through other comprehensive income		4,221.45	(2,909.61)
b) Income Tax relating to items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	51	565.00	728.74
<b>Other Comprehensive Income (Net of taxes)</b>		<b>3,021.23</b>	<b>(4,459.61)</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the year comprising of Profit/(Loss) and Other Comprehensive Income for the year</b>		<b>(2,262.41)</b>	<b>(3,232.05)</b>
Earnings per Equity Share: [Face Value per share : Rs. 5/-]	45		
- Basic		(5.06)	1.18
- Diluted		(5.06)	1.18

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As per our report of even date

For **Lodha & Co,**

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Chief Financial Officer

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Company Secretary

Place: Kolkata

Dated: 23rd June, 2021



## Statement of Changes In Equity

For the year ended 31st March, 2021

### A. EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note No.	Amount
As at 1st April 2019	19	5,222.79
Changes in Equity Share Capital during the year		–
As at 31st March 2020	19	5,222.79
Changes in Equity Share Capital during the year		–
As at 31st March 2021	19	5,222.79

### B OTHER EQUITY

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Reserves and Surplus						Other Comprehensive Income		Total
	Capital Reserve	Securities Premium	General Reserve	Retained Earnings	Other Reserve	Revaluation Surplus	Equity Investments at FVTOCI	Re-measurement of defined benefit plan	
Balance as at 1st April 2019	201.68	4,402.30	1,00,075.95	2,190.16	19,209.20	32,437.89	3,657.42	–	1,62,174.60
Profit/(Loss) for the year	–	–	–	1,227.56	–	–	–	–	1,227.56
Other Comprehensive Income	–	–	–	–	–	–	(2,909.61)	(1,550.00)	(4,459.61)
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the year</b>	–	–	–	<b>1,227.56</b>	–	–	<b>(2,909.61)</b>	<b>(1,550.00)</b>	<b>(3,232.05)</b>
Transfer on account of depreciation on amount added on Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment	–	–	1,433.71	–	–	(1,433.71)	–	–	–
Transfer to Retained Earnings	–	–	–	(1,338.28)	–	–	(211.72)	1,550.00	–
<b>Balance as at 31st March 2020</b>	<b>201.68</b>	<b>4,402.30</b>	<b>1,01,509.66</b>	<b>2,079.44</b>	<b>19,209.20</b>	<b>31,004.18</b>	<b>536.09</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,58,942.55</b>
Profit/(Loss) for the year	–	–	–	(5,283.64)	–	–	–	–	(5,283.64)
Other Comprehensive Income	–	–	–	–	–	–	4,221.45	(1,200.22)	3,021.23
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the year</b>	–	–	–	<b>(5,283.64)</b>	–	–	<b>4,221.45</b>	<b>(1,200.22)</b>	<b>(2,262.41)</b>
Transfer on account of depreciation on amount added on Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment	–	–	2,459.54	–	–	(2,459.54)	–	–	–
Transfer to Retained Earnings	–	–	–	(1,200.22)	–	–	–	1,200.22	–
<b>Balance as at 31st March 2021</b>	<b>201.68</b>	<b>4,402.30</b>	<b>1,03,969.20</b>	<b>(4,404.42)</b>	<b>19,209.20</b>	<b>28,544.64</b>	<b>4,757.54</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,56,680.14</b>

Refer Note no. 20 for nature of Reserves

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As per our report of even date

For **Lodha & Co.**,

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Place: Kolkata

Dated: 23rd June, 2021

## Statement of Cash Flows

For The Year Ended 31st March, 2021

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars		Year ended 31st March 2021		Year ended 31st March 2020	
<b>A.</b>	<b>Cash Flow from Operating Activities</b>				
	Net Profit/(Loss) Before Tax		(8,419.62)		(2,798.79)
	Adjustments to reconcile profit/(loss) for the year to net cash generated from operating activities:-				
	Finance Cost	18,719.76		21,441.13	
	Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	7,074.73		6,247.30	
	Exceptional Items	-		(11,769.28)	
	Loss/(Profit) on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	(115.51)		179.43	
	Deferred Income	(29.11)		(28.92)	
	Interest Income on fixed deposits with banks, security deposits, refund of Income tax etc.	(273.24)		(295.50)	
	Provision/ Liabilities no longer required written back	(668.88)		(1,997.62)	
	Profit on Compulsory acquisition of Land by Government	(1,223.69)		(195.27)	
	Changes in fair value of Biological Assets	(408.52)		453.72	
	Dividend on Long Term Trade Investments	-		(6,669.89)	
	Sundry Debtors and other balances written off	222.05		-	
	Provision for Doubtful Debts /Advances/Interest receivable	26.00		-	
	Provision against TDS deducted but not deposited by parties	-		514.37	
	Net Unrealised (Gain)/Loss on Foreign Currency Translation and Derivative at Fair Value through Profit and Loss	(74.39)	23,249.20	(712.40)	7,167.07
	<b>Operating Profit Before Working Capital Changes</b>		<b>14,829.58</b>		<b>4,368.28</b>
	Adjustment for:				
	(Increase) / Decrease in Loans, Other Financial Assets	(360.30)		(293.84)	
	(Increase) / Decrease in Trade Receivables	120.75		189.71	
	(Increase) / Decrease in Inventories	(2,412.60)		3,491.69	
	Increase / (Decrease) in Other Non-Financial Liabilities and provisions	(809.94)		284.93	
	(Increase) / Decrease in Other Current and Non-Financial Assets	37.97		799.97	
	Increase / (Decrease) in Trade Payables and Other Financial Liabilities	(582.39)	(4,006.51)	(9,978.35)	(5,505.89)
	<b>Cash Generated/(Used) from Operations</b>		<b>10,823.07</b>		<b>(1,137.61)</b>
	Income taxes (paid)/ Refund (Net)		4,473.16		857.38
	<b>Net cash Generated/(Used) from Operating Activities (A)</b>		<b>15,296.23</b>		<b>(280.23)</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>Cash Flow from Investing Activities</b>				
	Payment for Property, Plant and Equipment	(2,492.94)		4,527.14	
	Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	1,269.22		19,432.83	
	Receipt/(Payments) against Sale of Specified Assets of Tea Estates	(1,653.33)		(646.35)	
	Interest Received	651.71		7,480.35	
	(Increase) / Decrease in Bank Balances other than Cash and Cash Equivalents	39.53		784.99	
	Dividend on Long Term Trade Investments	-		6,669.89	
	Sale of Non-Current Investments (Net)	-		6,829.73	
	(Increase) / Decrease in Inter-Corporate Deposits	2,213.58		(1,10,141.66)	
	<b>Net cash generated/(used) in Investing Activities (B)</b>		<b>27.77</b>		<b>(65,063.08)</b>
<b>C.</b>	<b>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</b>				
	Repayment of Long Term Borrowings	(1,307.06)		(6,041.88)	
	Short Term Borrowings-Receipts/(Repayments)[Net]	(4,618.03)		52,948.15	
	Interest Paid	(1,576.31)		(10,100.32)	
	Payment of Lease Liability	(370.57)		(476.71)	
	Dividends (including corporate dividend tax)	(83.34)		(71.43)	
	<b>Net Cash from/(used) in Financing Activities (C)</b>		<b>(7,955.31)</b>		<b>36,257.81</b>
	Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents (A+B+C)		7,368.69		(29,085.50)
	Opening Cash and Cash Equivalents		1,572.31		30,657.81
	<b>Closing Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		<b>8,941.00</b>		<b>1,572.31</b>

### Notes:

1. The above Cash Flow Statement has been prepared under the "indirect method" as set out in the Ind AS 7 on Statement of Cash Flows.

**2. Components of Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Particulars		As at 31st March, 2021		As at 31st March, 2020
Cash On Hand		452.33		234.95
Balances with Banks				
In Current Account		8,488.67		1,333.76
Remittance in Transit		-		3.60
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note-15)</b>		<b>8,941.00</b>		<b>1,572.31</b>

**3. Change in Company's liabilities arising from financing activities:**

Particulars	As at 31st March, 2020	Cash flows*	Non-Cash Flows	As at 31st March, 2021
Non-current borrowings [Refer Note no. 21]	5,268.91	-	(4,268.91)	1,000.00
Current maturities of long term debt [Refer Note no. 27]	17,509.84	(1,307.06)	4,268.91	20,471.69
Short Term borrowings [Refer Note no. 25]	1,87,160.91	(4,618.03)	-	1,82,542.88
Lease Liability [Refer Note no. 27]	975.32	(370.57)	(11.69)	593.06
Interest accrued on borrowings [Refer Note no. 27]	12,165.45	(1,576.31)	18,690.28	29,279.42

\* Includes cash flow on account of both principal and interest

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As per our report of even date

For **Lodha & Co,**

Chartered Accountants

**R.P. Singh**

Partner

Place: Kolkata

Dated: 23rd June, 2021

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## Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

### 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

McLeod Russel India Limited ('MRIL' or 'the Company') is a public Company limited by shares incorporated in India with its registered office at 4, Mangoe Lane in the State of West Bengal and engaged in cultivation and manufacturing of tea. The Company is one of the largest plantation presently consisting of 33 tea estates located in Assam and West Bengal. The tea produced is sold in domestic as well as international market including United Kingdom and Europe. Its facility also includes two bulk blending unit that can blend both 'Orthodox' and Crushed, torn and curled (CTC) tea varieties. The shares of the Company are listed in National Stock Exchange (NSE), BSE Limited (BSE) and Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### i. Statement of Compliance

The financial statement have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (referred to as "Ind AS") notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (as amended) read with Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") and the Company has complied with Ind AS issued, notified and made effective till the date of authorisation of the financial statements.

#### Application of new and revised standards:

Accounting Policies have been consistently applied except where a newly issued Indian Accounting Standard is initially adopted or a revision to an existing Indian Accounting Standard requires a change in the accounting policy hitherto in use.

Effective 01st April, 2020, there were certain amendments in Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) vide Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2020 notifying amendment to existing Ind AS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements', Ind AS 8 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Estimates and Errors', Ind AS 10 'Events after the Reporting Period', Ind AS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting', Ind AS 37 'Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets', Ind AS 103 'Business Combinations', Ind AS 107 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures', Ind AS 109 'Financial Instruments', Ind AS 116 'Leases'.

Ind AS 1 has been modified to redefine the term 'Material' and consequential amendments have been made in Ind AS 8, Ind AS 10, Ind AS 34 and Ind AS 37.

Ind AS 103 dealing with 'Business Combination' has

defined the term 'Business' to determine whether a transaction or event is a business combination. Amendment to Ind AS 107 and 109 relate to hedging relationship directly affected by Interest Rate Benchmark reforms. The amendment among other things requires an entity to assume that Interest Rate Benchmark on which hedged cash flows are based is not altered as a result of Interest Rate Benchmark reforms.

Revision in these standards did not have any material impact on the profit/loss and earning per share for the period.

#### ii. Recent accounting pronouncements

On 18th June, 2021, Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") has issued Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2021 notifying amendments to certain existing Ind AS. These amendments have been made effective from the date of publication in the Official Gazette i.e. on 18th June, 2021. Certain such Ind AS which are relevant to companies operations includes Ind AS 16 "Leases", Ind AS 103 "Business Combinations", Ind AS 105 "Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations", Ind AS 115 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers", Ind AS 8 "Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors", Ind AS 16 "Property, Plant and Equipment", Ind AS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting", Ind AS 37 "Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets", Ind AS 38 "Intangible Assets".

Even though the company will evaluate the impact of the above, none of these amendments as such are vital in nature and as are not likely to have any material impact on the financial statements of the company. There are other amendments in various others Ind AS which have not been listed hereinabove since these are not relevant to the company.

### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Basis of Preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention on accrual basis except for:

- i) Certain financial instruments that are measured in terms of relevant Ind AS at fair value/ amortised cost at the end of each reporting period;
- ii) Certain Class of Property, Plant and Equipment

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carried at deemed cost based on based on Previous GAAP carrying value (including revaluation surplus) as on 1st April 2015;

- iii) Defined benefit plans - plan assets measured at fair value;
- iv) Biological assets (including un-plucked green leaves) - measured at fair value less cost to sell.

Historical cost convention is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

All the assets and liabilities have been classified as current or non-current as per the Company's normal operating cycle and other criteria set out in Ind AS-1 'Presentation of Financial Statements' and Schedule III to the Companies Act, 2013. Having regard to the nature of business being carried out by the Company, the Company has determined its operating cycle as twelve months for the purpose of current and non-current classification.

The functional currency of the Company is determined as the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates. The Financial Statements are presented in Indian Rupees and all values are rounded off to the nearest two decimal lakhs except otherwise stated.

### Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions.

The Company categorizes assets and liabilities measured at fair value into one of three levels depending on the ability to observe inputs employed for such measurements:

- a) Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- b) Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, either directly or indirectly for the asset or liability.
- c) Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability which are not based on observable market data.

The Company has an established control framework with respect to the measurement of fair value. This includes a finance team headed by Chief Financial Officer who has overall responsibility for overseeing all significant fair value measurements who regularly reviews significant unobservable inputs, valuation adjustments and fair value hierarchy under which the valuation should be classified.

### B. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost of acquisition, construction and subsequent improvements thereto less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any. For this purpose cost includes deemed cost which represents the carrying value of PPE (including Revaluation thereon) recognised as at 1st April 2015 measured as per previous generally accepted accounting principles (Previous GAAP) and comprises purchase price of assets or its construction cost including inward freight, duties and taxes (net of Cenvat availed) and other expenses related to acquisition or installation and any cost directly attributable to bringing the assets into the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended for its use.

Parts of an item of PPE having different useful lives and material value and subsequent expenditure on PPE arising on account of capital improvement or other factors are accounted for as separate components.

The cost of replacing part of an item of PPE is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Company and its cost can be measured reliably. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of PPE are recognised in the statement of profit and loss when incurred. Assets to be disposed off are reported at the lower of the carrying value or the fair value less cost to sell.

Bearer plants comprising of mature tea bushes are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

Immature bearer plants, including the cost incurred for procurement of new seeds and maintenance of nurseries, are carried at cost less any recognized impairment losses under capital work-in-progress. Cost includes the cost of land preparation, new planting and maintenance of newly planted bushes until maturity. On maturity, these costs are classified under bearer plants. Bearer Plants are depreciated from the date when they are ready for commercial harvest.

The Company's leased assets comprises of land, building and plant and machinery and these have been separately shown/disclosed under PPE as Right of Use (ROU) Assets.

Costs incurred for infilling are generally recognized in the Statement of Profit and Loss.

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Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in profit or loss within other income/expenses.

Capital work in progress also includes Nurseries, young tea under plantation, Equipments to be installed, construction and erection costs and other costs incurred in relation thereto or attributable to the same. Such cost are added to the related items of PPE and are classified to the appropriate categories when completed and ready for its intended use.

### C. LEASES

The Company's lease asset classes primarily consist of leases for land, warehouse, office space, factory etc. The Company assesses whether a contract contains a lease, at inception of a contract. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Company assesses whether:

- (i) the contract involves the use of an identified asset
- (ii) the Company has substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset through the period of the lease and
- (iii) the Company has the right to direct the use of the asset.

At the date of commencement of the lease, the Company recognizes a right-of-use asset ("ROU") and a corresponding lease liability where applicable for all lease arrangements, except for short-term leases and low value leases. For these short-term and low value leases, the Company recognizes the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Certain lease arrangements includes the options to extend or terminate the lease before the end of the lease term. ROU assets and lease liabilities include these options considered for arriving at ROU and lease liability when it is reasonably certain that they will be exercised.

The lease liability is initially measured at amortized cost at the present value of the future lease payments where applicable. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if not readily determinable, using the incremental borrowing rates of these leases. Lease

liabilities are remeasured with a corresponding adjustment to the related right of use asset if the Company changes its assessment, whether it will exercise an extension or a termination option. ROU asset are separately presented/disclosed under PPE. Lease liability obligations is presented separately under "Financial Liabilities" and lease payments are classified as financing cash flows.

The right-of-use assets are initially recognized at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or prior to the commencement date of the lease plus any initial direct costs less any lease incentives. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

### D. DEPRECIATION

Depreciation on PPE except otherwise stated, is provided as per Schedule II of the Companies Act, 2013 on straight line method over the estimated useful lives. Depreciation on upgradation of Property, Plant and Equipment is provided over the remaining useful life of the related component/ PPE. Depreciation on PPE commences when the assets are ready for their intended use. Based on above, the estimated useful lives of assets for the current period are as follows:

Category	Useful life
Buildings	Upto 70 years
Roads	Upto 10 years
Plant and machinery	Upto 30 years
Bearer Plant	77 years
Computer equipment	3 to 6 years
Furniture and fixtures, Electrical Installation and Laboratory Equipments	10 Years
Office equipment	5 Years
Vehicles	
- Motor cycles, scooters and other mopeds	10 Years
- Others	8 Years

The useful life has been determined based on internal assessment and supported by an independent evaluation carried out by technical experts. The company believes that the useful life as given above represents the period over which the company expects to use the assets.



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Right-of-use assets are depreciated from the commencement date on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and useful life of the underlying asset.

Machinery Spares which can be used in connection with an item of PPE and whose use are expected to be irregular, are amortised over the useful life of the respective PPE.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, at each reporting date.

### E. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

#### E.1 Trademark

Separately acquired Trademark is shown at cost. It is amortised over expected useful life and is subsequently carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses, if any. For this purpose, cost includes deemed cost which represents the carrying value of intangible assets recognised as at 1st April, 2015 measured as per the previous generally accepted accounting principles.

#### E.2 Computer software

Costs associated with maintaining software programmes are recognised as an expense as incurred. Costs of purchased software are recorded as intangible assets and amortised from the point at which the asset is available for use.

Accordingly, the Company amortises intangible assets with a finite useful life using the straight-line method over a period of 20 years in case of Trademark and 5 years in case of Computer Software.

Amortisation methods and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted as appropriate at each reporting date.

### F. DERECOGNITION OF TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

An item of PPE/ROU/Intangible assets is de-recognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from its use or disposal. Gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of PPE/Intangible Assets is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss.

### G. IMPAIRMENT OF TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Tangible, Intangible and ROU assets are reviewed

at each balance sheet date for impairment. In case events and circumstances indicate any impairment, recoverable amount of assets is determined. An impairment loss is recognized in the statement of profit and loss, whenever the carrying amount of assets either belonging to Cash Generating Unit (CGU) or otherwise exceeds recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of assets' fair value less cost to disposal and its value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows from the use of the assets are discounted to their present value at appropriate rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risk specific to the asset.

Impairment losses recognized earlier may no longer exist or may have come down. Based on such assessment at each reporting period the impairment loss is reversed and recognized in the Statement of Profit and Loss. In such cases the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the lower of its recoverable amount and the carrying amount that have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset in prior years.

### H. NON-CURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

Non-current assets held for sale are presented separately in the balance sheet when the following criteria are met:

- the Company is committed to selling the asset;
- the assets are available for sale immediately;
- an active plan of sale has commenced; and
- Sale is expected to be completed within 12 months.

Assets held for sale and disposal groups are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less cost to sell. Assets held for sale are no longer amortised or depreciated.

Non-current asset classified as held for sale are presented separately from the other assets in the balance sheet. The liabilities of a Non-current asset classified as held for sale are presented separately from other liabilities in the balance sheet.

### I. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial assets and financial liabilities (financial instruments) are recognised when Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other

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than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in the Statement of Profit and Loss.

The financial assets and financial liabilities are classified as current if they are expected to be realised or settled within operating cycle of the company or otherwise these are classified as non-current.

The classification of financial instruments whether to be measured at Amortized Cost, at Fair Value Through Profit and Loss (FVTPL) or at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (FVTOCI) depends on the objective and contractual terms to which they relate. Classification of financial instruments are determined on initial recognition.

### i. Cash and cash equivalents

All highly liquid financial instruments, which are readily convertible into determinable amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value and are having original maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase, are considered as cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents includes balances with banks which are unrestricted for withdrawal and usage.

### ii. Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities measured at amortised cost

Financial Assets held within a business whose objective is to hold these assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding are measured at amortized cost.

The above Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities comprising of Borrowings, Trade and Other payables subsequent to initial recognition are measured at amortized cost using Effective Interest Rate (EIR) method.

The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including all fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the Financial Asset or Financial

Liability to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset or to the amortised cost of financial liability.

### iii. Financial Asset at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (FVTOCI)

Financial assets are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income if these financial assets are held within a business whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Subsequent to initial recognition, they are measured at fair value and changes therein are recognised directly in other comprehensive income.

iv. For the purpose of para (ii) and (iii) above, principal is the fair value of the financial asset at initial recognition and interest consists of consideration for the time value of money and associated credit risk.

### v. Financial Assets or Liabilities at Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

Financial Instruments which does not meet the criteria of amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income are classified as Fair Value through Profit or loss. These are recognised at fair value and changes therein are recognized in the statement of profit and loss.

### vi. Equity Instruments

The Company measures all equity investments (except subsidiary and associate) at fair value through profit or loss. However, where the Company's management makes an irrevocable choice on initial recognition to present fair value gains and losses on an investment in equity investments in other comprehensive income, the fair value changes thereof are taken to FVTOCI and there is no subsequent reclassification of such valuation gains and losses to profit or loss. These on derecognition are credited to retained earnings.

Investment in subsidiary and associate are carried at cost less accumulated impairment, if any.

### vii. Derivative and Hedge Accounting

The company enters into derivative financial

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instruments such as foreign exchange forward contracts, Interest Rate Swap etc. to mitigate the risk of changes in foreign exchange rates in respect of financial instruments and forecasted cash flows denominated in certain foreign currencies. The Company uses hedging instruments which provide principles on the use of such financial derivatives consistent with the risk management strategy of the Company. The hedge instruments are designated and documented as hedges and effectiveness of hedge instruments is assessed and measured at inception and on an ongoing basis to reduce the risk associated with the exposure being hedged.

Any derivative that is either not designated as a hedge, or is so designated but is ineffective as per Ind AS 109 "Financial Instruments", is categorized as a financial asset/liability, at fair value through profit or loss. Transaction costs attributable to the same are also recognized in statement of profit and loss. Changes in the fair value of the derivative hedging instrument designated as a fair value hedge are recognized in the statement of profit and loss. Such derivative financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are also subsequently measured at fair value.

Changes in the fair value of the derivative hedging instrument designated as a cash flow hedge are recognized in other comprehensive income and presented within equity as cash flow hedging reserve to the extent that the hedge is effective. Any ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is recognised immediately in the Statement of Profit and Loss. If the hedging relationship no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, then hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively. If the hedging instrument expires or is sold or terminated or exercised, the cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument recognised in cash flow hedging reserve till the period the hedge was effective remains in cash flow hedging reserve until the underlying transaction occurs. The cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in the cash flow hedging reserve is transferred to the Statement of Profit and Loss upon the occurrence of the underlying transaction. If the forecasted transaction is no longer expected to occur, then the amount accumulated in cash flow hedging reserve is reclassified in the Statement of Profit and Loss.

### viii. Impairment of financial assets

A financial asset is assessed for impairment at each balance sheet date. A financial asset is considered to be impaired if objective evidence indicates that one or more events have had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset.

The company measures the loss allowance for financial assets at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk on that financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition. If the credit risk on a financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the company measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses.

In case of trade receivables or contract assets that result in relation to revenue from contracts with customers, the company measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses.

### ix. Derecognition of Financial Instruments

The Company derecognizes a financial asset or a group of financial assets when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another party.

On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable are recognized in statement of profit and loss.

On derecognition of assets measured at FVTOCI, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to retained earnings as a reclassification adjustment.

Financial liabilities are derecognized if the Company's obligations specified in the contract expire or are discharged or cancelled. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognized and the consideration paid and payable is recognized in Statement of Profit and Loss.

### x. Offsetting Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the balance sheet where there is a legally enforceable

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right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the Company or the counterparty.

### xi. Financial guarantee contracts

Financial guarantee contracts issued by the Company are those contracts that require a payment to be made to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because the specified debtor fails to make a payment when due. Financial guarantee contracts are recognised initially as a liability at fair value, adjusted for transaction costs. Subsequently, the liability is measured at the higher of the amount of loss allowance determined as per impairment requirements of Ind AS 109 and the amount recognised less cumulative amortisation.

### J. INVENTORIES

Inventories are valued at lower of cost or net realisable value. Inventories comprises of Raw materials i.e. purchased and harvested tea leaves, stores and spare parts and finished goods.

Cost in case of harvested tea leaves represents fair value less cost to sell. Cost of Finished Goods comprise of direct material, direct labour and appropriate portion of variable and fixed overhead expenditure. Cost of inventories also includes all costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of weighted average method. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

By-Products are valued at net realisable value.

### K. BIOLOGICAL ASSETS

Tea leaves growing on tea bushes are measured at fair value less cost to sell with changes in fair value recognised in Statement of Profit and Loss.

### L. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rates prevailing on the date of the transactions. Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities at the year-

end are translated at the year-end exchange rates. Non-monetary items which are carried in terms of historical cost denominated in a foreign currency, are reported using the exchange rate at the date of transaction. The loss or gain thereon and also on the exchange differences on settlement of the foreign currency transactions during the year are recognized as income or expense in the statement of Profit and Loss account.

### M. EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL

An equity instrument is a contract that evidences residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities. Par value of the equity shares is recorded as share capital and the amount received in excess of par value is classified as Securities Premium.

Costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares are recognised as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects.

### N. PROVISIONS, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

Provisions involving substantial degree of estimation in measurement are recognized when there is a legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events and it is probable that there will be an outflow of resources and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of obligation. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses. The amount recognized as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

Contingent liabilities are not recognised and disclosed by way of notes to the financial statements when there is a possible obligation arising from past events, the existence of which will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Company or when there is a present obligation that arises from past events where it is either not probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the same or a reliable estimate of the amount in this respect cannot be made.

When there is a possible obligation or a present obligation and the likelihood of outflow of resources is remote, no provision or disclosure for contingent liability is made.

Contingent Assets are not recognized but disclosed in the financial statement by way of notes when inflow of economic benefit is probable.

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### O. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Employee benefits are accrued in the year in which services are rendered by the employee.

#### Short-term Employee Benefits

Short term Employee benefits are recognised as an expense in the statement of profit and loss in the year in which services are rendered.

#### Bonus

The Company recognizes a liability and an expense for bonuses. The Company recognizes a provision where contractually obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

#### Other Long-term Employee Benefits (Unfunded)

The cost of providing long-term employee benefits consisting of Leave Encashment is determined using Projected Unit Credit Method with actuarial valuation being carried out at each Balance Sheet date. Actuarial gains and losses and past service cost are recognised immediately in the Statement of Profit and Loss for the period in which they occur. Long term employee benefit obligation recognised in the Balance Sheet represents the present value of related obligation.

#### Post-employment Benefit Plans

Contributions to Gratuity, Super annuation fund etc., under Defined Contribution Plans payable in keeping with the related schemes are recognised as expenditure for the year.

In case of Defined Benefit Plans, the cost of providing the benefit is determined using the Projected Unit Credit Method with actuarial valuation being carried out at each Balance Sheet date. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in Other Comprehensive Income for the period in which they occur. Past service cost is recognised immediately to the extent that the benefits are already vested, and otherwise is amortised on a straight-line basis over the average period until the benefits become vested. The retirement benefit obligation recognised in the Balance Sheet represents the present value of the defined benefit obligation as adjusted for unrecognised past service cost, if any, and as reduced by the fair value of plan assets, where funded. Any asset resulting on account of this is limited to the present value of any economic benefit available in the form of refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan.

### P. REVENUE RECOGNITION

#### i. REVENUE FROM SALE OF PRODUCT

Revenue from Sales is recognised when control of the products has been transferred and/or the products are delivered to the customers. Delivery occurs when the product has been shipped or delivered to the specific location as the case may be, and control has been transferred and either the customer has accepted the product in accordance with the contract or the company has objective evidence that all criteria for acceptance has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable net of returns, claims and discounts to customers. Goods and Service Tax (GST) and such other taxes collected on behalf of third party not being economic benefits flowing to the Company are excluded from revenue.

#### ii. INTEREST, DIVIDEND AND CLAIMS

Dividend income is recognized when the right to receive payment is established. Interest has been accounted using effective interest rate method. Insurance claims/ other claims are accounted as and when admitted / settled.

#### iii. EXPORT BENEFITS

Export incentives are accounted for in the year of export if the entitlements and realisability thereof can be estimated with reasonable accuracy and conditions precedent to claim is fulfilled.

### Q. BORROWING COST

Borrowing cost comprises of interest and other costs incurred in connection with the borrowing of the funds. All borrowing costs are recognized in the Statement of Profit and Loss using the effective interest method except to the extent attributable to qualifying Property Plant Equipment (PPE) which are capitalized to the cost of the related assets. A qualifying PPE is an asset, that necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale. Borrowing cost also includes exchange differences to the extent considered as an adjustment to the borrowing costs.

### R. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Research and development cost (other than cost of PPE acquired) are charged as an expense in the year in which they are incurred.



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### S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Government grants are recognized on systematic basis when there is reasonable certainty of realization of the same. Revenue grants including subsidy/rebates are credited to Statement of Profit and Loss Account under "Other Operating Income" or deducted from the related expenses for the period to which these are related. Grants which are meant for purchase, construction or otherwise to acquire non current assets are recognized as Deferred Income and disclosed under Non Current Liabilities and transferred to Statement of Profit and Loss on a systematic basis over the useful life of the respective asset. Grants relating to non-depreciable assets is transferred to Statement of Profit and Loss over the periods that bear the cost of meeting the obligations related to such grants.

### T. TAXES ON INCOME

Income tax expense representing the sum of current tax expenses and the net charge of the deferred taxes is recognized in the income statement except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current income tax is provided on the taxable income and recognized at the amount expected to be paid to or recovered from the tax authorities, using the tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted pertaining to the reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognized on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the Financial Statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognized for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences with respect to carry forward of unused tax credits and any unused tax losses/depreciation to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which these can be utilized.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities. Current tax assets and tax liabilities are offset where the Company has a legally enforceable right to offset and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset is realized, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that

have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax assets include Minimum Alternative Tax (MAT) measured in accordance with the tax laws in India, which is likely to give future economic benefits in the form of availability of set off against future income tax liability and such benefits can be measured reliably and it is probable that such benefit will be realized.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilized.

### U. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share are computed by dividing the net profit attributable to the equity holders of the company by the weighted average number of equity shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing the net profit attributable to the equity shareholders of the company by the weighted average number of equity shares considered for deriving basic earnings per share and also the weighted average number of equity shares that could have been issued upon conversion of all dilutive potential equity shares.

### V. SEGMENT REPORTING

Operating segments are identified and reported taking into account the different risk and return, organisation structure and the internal reporting provided to the chief-operating decision maker. The chief operating decision maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Segment manager who allocates resources and assess the operating activities, financial results, forecasts, or plans for the segment.

### 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS, ASSUMPTIONS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION AND UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with the measurement principle of Ind AS requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions. These estimates, judgments and assumptions affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Accounting estimates could change from



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period to period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Appropriate changes in estimates are made as management becomes aware of changes in circumstances surrounding the estimates. Differences between the actual results and estimates are recognized in the year in which the results are known / materialized and, if material, their effects are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Application of accounting policies that require significant areas of estimation, uncertainty and critical judgments and the use of assumptions in the financial statements have been disclosed below. The notes provide an overview of the areas that involved a high degree of judgement or complexity and of items which are likely to be materially adjusted due to estimates and assumptions turning out to be different than those originally assessed. Detailed information about each of these estimates and judgements is included in relevant note together with information about basis of calculation of each affected line item in the financial statements. The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation/assumptions at the balance sheet date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities and related revenue impact within the next financial year are discussed below:

**a) Depreciation / amortisation of and impairment loss on Property, Plant and Equipment / ROU/ Intangible assets.**

Property, plant and equipment, ROU and intangible assets are depreciated/amortized on straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives in accordance with Internal assessment and Independent evaluation carried out by technical expert/ Schedule II of the Companies Act, 2013, taking into account the estimated residual value, wherever applicable.

The company reviews its carrying value of its Tangible and Intangible Assets whenever there is objective evidence that the assets are impaired. The required level of impairment losses to be made is estimated by reference to the estimated value in use or recoverable amount. In such situation Assets' recoverable amount is estimated which is higher of asset's or cash generating units (CGU) fair value less cost of disposal and its value in use. In assessing value in use the estimated future cash flows are discounted using pre-tax discount rate which reflect the current assessment of time value of money. In determining fair value less cost of disposal, recent market realisations are considered or otherwise in absence of such transactions appropriate valuations are adopted.

The assumptions for cash flows and fair valuation as required in this respect are based on the successful outcome of resolution plan which as dealt in Note no. 4(c) below are under evaluation and consideration of lenders and otherwise may have significant impact.

**b) Arrangement containing leases and classification of leases**

Ind AS 116 requires lessees to determine the lease term as the non-cancellable period of a lease adjusted with any option to extend or terminate the lease, if the use of such option is reasonably certain. The Company makes an assessment on the expected lease term on a lease-by-lease basis and thereby assesses whether it is reasonably certain that any option to extend or terminate the contract will be exercised. In evaluating the lease term, the Company considers factors such as any significant leasehold improvements undertaken over the lease term, costs relating to the termination of the lease and the importance of the underlying asset to the company's operations taking into account among other things, the location of the underlying asset and the availability of suitable alternatives. The lease terms and impact thereof are reassessed in each year to ensure that the lease term reflects the current economic circumstances.

**c) Going Concern assumption**

As stated in Note no. 58, the financial statements of the company have been prepared on going concern assumption based on managements assessment of the expected successful outcome of steps and measures taken by the company and approval of the resolution plan and other proposals currently under evaluation and consideration of the lenders followed by restructuring in sync with said plan. In the event of these measures and plan not being approved impact thereof, even though presently not determinable are expected to be material.

**d) Fair valuation and Impairment of Loans**

All financial instruments are required to be fair valued as at the balance sheet date, as provided in Ind AS 109- Financial Instruments and Ind AS 113- Fair Value Measurement. In this respect, judgement is exercised to determine the value at which such assets are to be recognised. This requires critical evaluation of the realisable value of assets based on estimation and judgements which may not turn out to be true and may lead to significant adjustments in value.

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The above includes various loans and advances to companies which have been considered good and recoverable. This however is dependent upon the restructuring and other proposals under consideration of lenders and therefore recoverability of these and interest thereagainst and/or adjustments required as stated in Note no. 57 will be determinable on finalisation of resolution plan.

### e) Fair Value of Biological Assets

The fair value of Biological Assets is determined based on recent transactions entered into with third parties or available market price.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated. They are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the Company.

### f) Impairment loss on trade receivables

The Company evaluates whether there is any objective evidence that trade receivables are impaired and determines the amount of impairment loss as a result of the inability of the debtors to make required payments. The Company bases the estimates on the ageing of the customers balance, their credit-worthiness and historical write-off experience.

### g) Taxes on Income

Significant judgment is required in determination of taxability of certain income and deductibility of certain expenses for estimation of the provision for taxes on income including agricultural income. These are based on assumption and inferences and are subject to final assessment by the taxation authorities. Further judgement is involved in determining the deferred tax position on the balance sheet date.

The Company has significant amount of unused tax losses and tax credits. Significant management judgement is required to determine the amount of

deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon the likely timing and the level of future taxable profit together with future tax planning strategies. The management has reviewed the rationale for recognition of Deferred Tax Assets and based on the likely timing and level of profitability in future and expected utilisation of deferred tax thereagainst such recognition of deferred tax assets has been carried out. The profitability in future is dependent upon the outcome of resolution plan as referred to in Note no. 58(a).

### h) Provisions and Contingencies

Provisions and liabilities are recognized in the period when it becomes probable that there will be a future outflow of funds resulting from past operations or events and the amount of cash outflow can be reliably estimated. The recognition and quantification of the liability requires the application of judgement to existing facts and circumstances, which are subject to change in future.

Management also uses in-house and external legal professional to make judgments for estimating the possible outflow of resources, if any, in respect of contingencies/claim/litigations/ against the Company.

### i) Defined benefit obligation (DBO)

The present value of the defined benefit obligations and long term employee benefits depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a number of assumptions. An actuarial valuation involves making various assumptions that may differ based on actual developments in future. These include the determination of the discount rate, inflation, future salary increases and mortality rates. Due to the complexities involved in the valuation and being long-term in nature, a defined benefit obligation is highly sensitive to changes in these assumptions. All assumptions are reviewed at every financial year end.

## 5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

As at 31st March 2020

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	GROSS AMOUNT							ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION							NET CARRYING AMOUNT
	As at 1st April 2019	Assets Held for Sale As at 1st April 2019	Additions during the year	Disposals during the year	Adjustments/ Re-Classification During the year	Assets Held for Sale as at 31st March 2020 [Note 53]	As at 31st March 2020	As at 1st April 2019	Assets Held for Sale As at 1st April 2019	Depreciation for the year	Disposals during the year	Adjustments/ Re-Classification During the year	Assets Held for Sale as at 31st March 2020 [Note 53]	Total As at 31st March 2020	As at 31st March 2020
Freehold Land	4,312.32	-	-	4,026.68	-	-	285.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	285.64
ROU Leasehold Land	-	-	41.18	-	-	-	41.18	-	-	2.41	-	-	-	2.41	38.77
Buildings	34,628.19	3,714.44	211.68	3,735.23	-	-	34,819.08	6,817.81	942.53	2,346.42	818.46	-	-	9,288.30	25,530.78
ROU Building	-	-	1,124.27	-	417.73	-	1,542.00	-	-	322.78	-	-	-	322.78	1,219.22
Plant and Equipment	23,460.66	2,736.76	123.41	2,131.34	-	-	24,189.49	5,635.56	698.46	1,581.13	548.97	-	-	7,366.18	16,823.31
Furniture and Fixtures	708.54	53.78	-	128.65	-	-	633.67	341.60	26.32	73.83	93.79	-	-	347.96	285.71
Vehicles	2,350.15	224.98	-	255.60	-	-	2,319.53	1,205.09	132.40	312.57	156.67	-	-	1,493.39	826.14
Office Equipment	70.84	6.61	-	5.41	-	-	72.04	55.50	6.34	5.25	5.19	-	-	61.90	10.14
Computer	272.10	19.30	-	23.83	-	-	267.57	169.79	13.62	36.99	19.50	-	-	200.90	66.67
Bearer Plants	61,033.10	7,925.78	295.84	7,512.96	-	-	61,741.76	5,181.03	607.84	1,298.53	605.14	-	-	6,482.26	55,259.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,26,835.90</b>	<b>14,681.65</b>	<b>1,796.38</b>	<b>17,819.70</b>	<b>417.73</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,25,911.96</b>	<b>19,406.38</b>	<b>2,427.51</b>	<b>5,979.91</b>	<b>2,247.72</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,566.08</b>	<b>1,00,345.88</b>

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Particulars	GROSS AMOUNT							ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION							NET CARRYING AMOUNT
	As at 1st April 2020	Assets Held for Sale As at 1st April 2020	Adjustments/ Re-Classification During the year	Additions during the year	Disposals during the year	Assets Held for Sale as at 31st March 2021 [Note 53]	As at 31st March 2021	As at 1st April 2020	Assets Held for Sale As at 1st April 2020	Adjustments During the year	Depreciation for the year	Disposals during the year	Assets Held for Sale as at 31st March 2021 [Note 53]	Total As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2021
Freehold Land	285.64	-	-	-	-	-	285.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	285.64
ROU Leasehold Land	41.18	-	-	-	-	-	41.18	2.41	-	-	2.41	-	-	4.82	36.36
Buildings	34,819.08	-	428.35	713.39	1.01	-	35,959.81	9,288.30	-	428.35	3,167.42	0.29	-	12,883.78	23,076.03
ROU Building	1,542.00	-	-	-	10.10	-	1,531.90	322.78	-	-	401.70	-	-	724.48	807.42
Plant and Equipment	24,189.49	-	391.53	326.24	10.89	-	24,896.37	7,366.18	-	394.79	1,593.63	7.88	-	9,346.72	15,549.65
Furniture and Fixtures	633.67	-	30.32	12.10	-	-	676.09	347.96	-	30.32	64.16	-	-	442.44	233.65
Vehicles	2,319.53	-	266.99	60.80	17.76	-	2,629.56	1,493.39	-	263.73	258.18	11.54	-	2,003.76	625.80
Office Equipment	72.04	-	9.45	-	-	-	81.49	61.90	-	9.45	3.67	-	-	75.02	6.47
Computer	267.57	-	6.76	24.21	1.36	-	297.18	200.90	-	6.76	31.86	1.21	-	238.31	58.87
Bearer Plants	61,741.76	-	41.18	816.36	277.13	-	62,322.17	6,482.26	-	2.39	1,292.76	69.43	-	7,707.98	54,614.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,25,911.96</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,174.58</b>	<b>1,953.10</b>	<b>318.25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,28,721.39</b>	<b>25,566.08</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,135.79</b>	<b>6,815.79</b>	<b>90.35</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,427.31</b>	<b>95,294.08</b>

- 5.1 Freehold Land included cost of proportionate share of undivided land pertaining to certain portion of a office building. During the year ended 31st March, 2020, such land including Office building has been taken over by the Lenders as detailed in Note no. 54 and given to the company on Lease basis which has been accounted for in accordance with Ind AS 116.
- 5.2 "ROU Buildings" relates to building premises taken on lease and recognised as "Right of Use" in terms of Ind AS 116 on implementation with effect from 1st April 2019 (Refer Note no. 52).
- 5.3 "ROU Building" includes Tea Factory taken on lease. In absence of break-up value of lease rental against different items of Property, Plant and Equipment, so acquired on lease, the rental capitalised in terms of Ind AS 116 had been categorised and depreciated over the tenure of lease. The cost of upgradation of the said Tea Factory including installation of new Plant and Equipment had been classified under respective items of PPE and will be transferred to lessor at the residual value as agreed in terms of the agreement on expiry of lease term.
- 5.4 The Company has 31 tea estate land in State of Assam for which lease(patta) has been granted for carrying out the plantation activity against payment of Land Revenue. The company has 2 tea estates land taken on lease for 30 years on renewal basis from Government of West Bengal which have been recognised and disclosed as Right of Use Assets. The Company's Lease right for plantation is not for a specified lease term against lease payments (other than land revenue) and not expected to be withdrawn or discontinued in foreseeable future and as such perpetual in nature. Capitalisation of costs thereof as required in terms of Ind AS 116 and amortisation over the lease terms had therefore not been considered in this respect.
- 5.5 Adjustments/ Re-classification during the year pertain to realignment of various items of PPE with corresponding items as per fixed asset register. This however, does not have any impact on carrying value of these assets.
- 5.6 Refer note. No. 21 and 25 in respect of charge created against borrowings.

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### 6. OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

As at March 31, 2020

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	GROSS AMOUNT				ACCUMULATED AMORTISATION				NET CARRYING AMOUNT
	As at 1st April 2019	Additions during the year	Disposals during the year	As at 31st March 2020	As at 1st April 2019	Amortisation for the year	Disposals during the year	As at 31st March 2020	As at 31st March 2020
Trade Mark [Brand]	2,437.50	–	–	2,437.50	1,000.00	250.00	–	1,250.00	1,187.50
Computer Software	529.61	–	–	529.61	500.07	17.39	–	517.46	12.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,967.11</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,967.11</b>	<b>1,500.07</b>	<b>267.39</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,767.46</b>	<b>1,199.65</b>

As at March 31, 2021

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	GROSS AMOUNT				ACCUMULATED AMORTISATION				NET CARRYING AMOUNT
	As at 1st April 2020	Additions during the year	Disposals during the year	As at 31st March 2021	As at 1st April 2020	Amortisation for the year	Disposals during the year	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2021
Trade Mark [Brand]	2,437.50	–	–	2,437.50	1,250.00	250.00	–	1,500.00	937.50
Computer Software	529.61	2.89	–	532.50	517.46	8.94	–	526.40	6.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,967.11</b>	<b>2.89</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,970.00</b>	<b>1,767.46</b>	<b>258.94</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,026.40</b>	<b>943.60</b>

- 6.1 Trade mark (Brand - WM logo), acquired in January 2005, is being amortised under straight line method over 20 years based on valuation by Independent Valuer.
- 6.2 Computer Software is being amortised under straight line method over 5 years.

### 7. NON CURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Capital Work In Progress	Property, Plant & Equipment	Total
<b>As at 31st March, 2019</b>	<b>465.25</b>	<b>12,254.14</b>	<b>12,719.39</b>
Additions	–	–	–
Disposals	396.63	10,606.59	11,003.22
Transferred to Property, Plant and Equipment	68.62	1,647.55	1,716.17
<b>As at 31st March, 2020</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
Additions	–	–	–
Disposals	–	–	–
Transferred to Property, Plant and Equipment	–	–	–
<b>As at 31st March, 2021</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

- 7.1 Represents the net carrying amount of Property, Plant and Equipment including Capital Work in Progress held for Sale in terms of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the buyer [Refer Note 5].
- 7.2 As per the MOU with the buyer, certain Specified Assets of Tea Estates were classified as Assets held for Sale. Certain tea estates were sold on 8th April 2020 as disclosed in Note no. 53(a). However, the sale of balance specified assets of Tea Estates could not be completed consequent to the temporary injunction imposed vide the order of Hon'ble NCLT, Kolkata. Accordingly, these assets had been transferred and reclassified as Property, Plant and Equipment and depreciation on the said assets have been provided based on the useful life of respective assets. The possibilities of sale etc, in this respect will be reviewed and considered based on necessary approval of resolution plan and consequential withdrawal of injunction by NCLT.
- 7.3 Also Refer Note no. 28.1 and 53(c).

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### 8. NON-CURRENT INVESTMENTS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	<b>Investment in Equity Instruments</b>			
	(Face Value of Rs 10 each fully paid, except otherwise stated)			
<b>8A</b>	<b>Investment in Subsidiary and Associate</b>			
	<b>In Subsidiary (at cost unless stated otherwise)</b>			
	<b>Unquoted</b>			
	Borelli Tea Holdings Limited -BTHL, (U.K.)			
	2,52,000 (31st March 2020: 252000) Shares of GBP 1/- each		15,967.18	15,967.18
	<b>In Associate (at cost unless stated otherwise)</b>			
	<b>Unquoted</b>			
	D1 Williamson Magor Bio Fuel Limited			
	72,81,201 (31st March 2020: 72,81,201) Shares , fully impaired		-	-
			<b>15,967.18</b>	<b>15,967.18</b>
8A.1	Aggregate amount of unquoted investments		15,967.18	15,967.18
8A.2	Aggregate amount of impairment in the value of investments		2,184.35	2,184.35
8A.3	Details of Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures in accordance with Ind AS 112 "Disclosure of interests in other entities":			
	<b>Name of the Company</b>	<b>Country of Incorporation</b>	<b>Proportion of ownership interest/ voting rights held by the Company</b>	
			<b>As at 31st March 2021</b>	<b>As at 31st March 2020</b>
	<b>Subsidiary</b>			
	Borelli Tea Holdings Limited -BTHL	United Kingdom	100.00%	100.00%
	<b>Associate</b>			
	D1 Williamson Magor Bio Fuel Limited	India	34.30%	34.30%

	Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>8B</b>	<b>Other Investments (at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income)</b>			
	<b>Quoted</b>			
	McNally Bharat Engineering Company Limited - MBECL	8B.5		
	30,52,295 (31st March 2020: 30,52,295) Shares		239.61	68.68
	Williamson Financial Services Limited			
	16,66,953 (31st March 2020: 16,66,953) Shares		67.51	98.18
	Eveready Industries India Limited	8B.7		
	16,63,289 (31st March 2020: 16,63,289) Shares of Rs. 5/- each		4,490.88	839.10



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	Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	The Standard Batteries Limited			
	10,03,820 (31st March 2020: 10,03,820) Shares of Re. 1/- each	8B.8	473.30	41.76
	Kilburn Chemicals Limited			
	3,50,200 (31st March 2020: 3,50,200) Shares	8B.9	30.36	32.50
	Kilburn Office Automation Limited			
	31,340 (31st March 2020: 31,340) Shares	8B.9	0.34	0.34
	<b>Unquoted</b>			
	ABC Tea Workers Welfare Services Limited			
	11,067 (31st March 2020: 11,067) Shares		0.71	0.71
	Murablack India Limited			
	5,00,000 (31st March 2020: 5,00,000) Shares , fully impaired		–	–
	Suryachakra Seafood Limited			
	4,00,000 (31st March 2020: 4,00,000) Shares, fully impaired		–	–
			<b>5,302.71</b>	<b>1,081.27</b>
8B.1	Aggregate amount of Unquoted Investments		0.71	0.71
8B.2	Aggregate amount of Quoted Investments		5,302.00	1,080.56
8B.3	Aggregate market value of Quoted Investments		5,302.00	1,080.56
8B.4	Aggregate amount of Impairment in the value of Investments	8B.6	–	–
8B.5	In connection with a Term Loan from ICICI Bank Limited of Rs. 5,000.00 lakhs (31st March, 2020 – Rs. 5,000.00 lakhs) outstanding amount as on 31st March 2021 Rs. 487.39 lakhs (31st March, 2020- Rs. 499.66 lakhs) taken by McNally Bharat Engineering Company Limited (MBECL), the Company has furnished a Non-Disposal Undertaking of its present and future holding of shares in MBECL, which will remain valid as long as the said amount remains due and unpaid by MBECL.			
8B.6	Amount is below the rounding off norm adopted by the Company.			
8B.7	Shares of Eveready Industries India Limited were pledged to Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited against short-term loan of Rs. 7,500.00 lakhs (Balance Outstanding as on 31st March 2021: Rs. Nil) (Refer Note no: 25) pending release of security by the lenders.			
8B.8	Shares of The Standard Batteries Limited are pledged to Aditya Birla Finance Limited against short-term loan of Rs. 1,000.00 lakhs (Balance Outstanding as on 31st March 2021: Rs. 250.00 lakhs).			
8B.9	The trading of shares of Kilburn Chemicals Limited and Kilburn Office Automation Limited have been suspended on the stock exchange. Accordingly, for the purpose of fair valuation of these shares have been derived based on the last traded price.			

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### 9. LOANS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
		Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
(Unsecured - considered good unless otherwise stated)					
Security Deposits		–	1,336.54	–	1,365.15
Loans to Bodies Corporate	57 and 59				
Considered Good		–	2,82,383.08	–	2,84,596.66
Credit Impaired		–	1,098.00	–	1,098.00
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Loans	9.2	–	(1,098.00)	–	(1,098.00)
Loans to Others	59	–	13.00	–	13.00
Loans and Advances to Employees					
Considered Good	9.1	1,097.46	–	751.08	–
Credit Impaired		–	9.56	–	9.56
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Loans	9.2	–	(9.56)	–	(9.56)
		<b>1,097.46</b>	<b>2,83,732.62</b>	<b>751.08</b>	<b>2,85,974.81</b>
9.1	Remuneration to the extent of Rs. 339.20 Lakhs (net of recovery of Rs. 358.13 lakhs thereagainst) paid to Managing Director for the period from 1st April, 2016 to 31st March, 2017 and 1st April, 2018 to 31st March, 2020 which had become in excess of the limit laid down under the Companies Act, 2013, since required shareholders' approval could not be obtained. Further, during the year the company has paid Remuneration of Rs. 441.20 lakhs to Managing Director and Wholetime Director as decided by the Shareholder vide their special resolution in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) dated 2nd December, 2020. The company prior to the AGM as required has made Application to the banks and public financial institution for their approval and the same is awaited as on this date. However the amount paid as above are 'held in trust' (as per Section 197(9) of the Companies Act, 2013) and has been included under "Loans and Advances to Employees" pending adjustment or regularisation thereof in due course of time.				
9.2	Movement of Impairment Allowances for doubtful balances:				
	Particulars	Loans to Bodies Corporate		Loans and Advances to Employees	
		Year ended March 31, 2021	Year ended March 31, 2020	Year ended March 31, 2021	Year ended March 31, 2020
	Balance at the beginning of the year	1,098.00	1,098.00	9.56	9.56
	Recognised during the year	–	–	–	–
	Reversal during the year	–	–	–	–
	<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,098.00</b>	<b>1,098.00</b>	<b>9.56</b>	<b>9.56</b>
9.3	Refer Note no. 25 to the financial statements in respect of charge created against borrowings.				

### 10. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
		Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
Margin Money Deposit with banks	10.1 and 59	–	24.29	–	21.94
Fixed Deposit with Banks	10.1	–	67.54	–	–
Receivable against Sale of specified assets of Tea Estates	10.2 and 59	–	2,386.66	–	1,828.61
Interest Accrued on Loans and Deposits	57				
Considered good		–	1,958.32	–	2,336.78
Credit Impaired	10.4	–	7,999.34	–	7,999.34
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Interest Receivable	10.5	–	(7,999.34)	–	(7,999.34)
Interest Subsidies receivable from Government	10.3	–	579.35	–	579.35

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	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
			Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
	Receivable on account of Claims and Other receivable	59				
	Considered good		419.10	–	367.71	–
	Credit Impaired		26.00	–	–	–
	Less: Allowance for Doubtful Claims	10.5	(26.00)	–	–	–
	Accrued duty draw back benefits pertaining to exports		573.68	–	720.83	–
	Subsidies receivable from Government		474.86	–	635.98	–
	Compensation receivable from Government	59	95.46	–	44.11	–
			<b>1,563.10</b>	<b>5,016.16</b>	<b>1,768.63</b>	<b>4,766.68</b>
10.1	Margin money and Fixed deposits with banks represents the amount lying against bank guarantee issued by them under Non-Fund based facilities granted.					
10.2	Receivable against Sale of specified assets of Tea Estates represents the amount receivable from buyers subject to fulfilment of conditions in terms of Sales Agreement.					
10.3	Interest subsidy receivable represent the amount receivable under Interest Subsidy 1997 Scheme for the period from 2007-08 to 2008-10 against which the claims has been recommended by DIC district to DIC Guwahati but the subsidy has not released due to letter dated 18th June 2014 from DIPP, New Delhi stating that the said Scheme is available for incremental borrowing. The company had preferred an appeal before Hon'ble High Court at Delhi and the judgement has been delivered in favour of the company and therefore the amount has been considered good and recoverable. Pending finalisation of the matter and determination of the amount thereof, claim for interest thereagainst for the subsequent period has not been recognised.					
10.4	This includes Rs.1,051.99 lakhs, being the amount of tax deducted by the Bodies Corporate to whom Loans were granted and were not deposited by them. Such amount remain provided for in the financial statement.					
10.5	Movement of Impairment Allowances for the doubtful balances:					
	Particulars	Receivable on account of Claims and Other receivable		Interest Accrued on Loans and Deposits		
		Year ended March 31, 2021	Year ended March 31, 2020	Year ended March 31, 2021	Year ended March 31, 2020	
	Balance at the beginning of the year	–	–	7,999.34	9,047.02	
	Recognised during the year	26.00	–	–	514.37	
	Reversal during the year	–	–	–	(1,562.05)	
	<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>26.00</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>7,999.34</b>	<b>7,999.34</b>	
10.6	Refer Note no. 25 to the financial statements in respect of charge created against borrowings.					

## Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

### 11. OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	Advances Other than Capital Advances:			
	Advances to Suppliers, Service Providers etc.		1,209.91	1,209.91
	Less : Allowance for Doubtful Advances	11.2	(1,209.91)	(1,209.91)
	Advance for Employee Benefit	41		
	- Superannuation Fund		1,228.78	1,088.36
	Tax Payment under Protest	11.1	700.00	700.00
	Deposits with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development		387.15	387.15
			<b>2,315.93</b>	<b>2,175.51</b>
11.1	In connection with an overseas acquisition of a subsidiary in 2005, the Income Tax authority had raised a demand of Rs. 5,278.00 lakhs during the year 2009-10 on the Company on account of alleged non-deduction of tax at source and interest thereon pertaining to the transaction. The Company challenged the said demand before the appropriate authorities and the matter is pending as on this date. Further, the Company has obtained a stay against the said demand from the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta. The Company deposited Rs. 700.00 lakhs during the year 2011-12 with Income Tax Authority under protest. This however should not have any impact on financial statements, since as per the related Share Purchase Agreement, Capital Gain or other taxes, if any, relating to sale of shares etc. is to be borne by the seller and not the Company.			
11.2	Movement of Impairment Allowances for doubtful balances:			
	Particulars		Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
	Balance at the beginning of the year		1,209.91	1,217.20
	Recognised during the year		-	-
	Reversal during the year		-	7.29
	Balance at the end of the year		1,209.91	1,209.91

### 12. INVENTORIES

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	At lower of cost and net realisable value			
	Raw Materials (Green Leaf)	12.2	199.84	-
	Finished Goods (Stock of Tea)		4,006.01	3,187.52
	[Including in transit Rs. Nil (31st March 2020 - Rs. 317.80 Lakhs)]			
	Stores and Spares	12.1	4,066.70	2,672.43
			<b>8,272.55</b>	<b>5,859.95</b>
12.1	Stores and Spares is net of allowance for slow moving/obsolete inventory amounting to Rs. 99.43 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs. 81.93 lakhs).			
12.2	Due to disruption of operations of tea estate on account of COVID- 19 pandemic, there was no inventory of usable green leaves as at 31st March 2020.			
12.3	Disclosure as per Ind AS 2 "Inventories"			
	Particulars		Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
	a) Cost of Inventories recognised as Expense during the year		1,02,599.17	71,835.56
	b) (Increase)/Decrease in value of inventory due to variation in realisable value		68.76	(195.00)
12.4	Refer Note no. 25 to the financial statements in respect of charge created against borrowings.			

## Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

### 13. BIOLOGICAL ASSETS OTHER THAN BEARER PLANTS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	Fair Value of Biological Assets other than Bearer Plants (Unharvested Tea Leaves)		408.52	–
			408.52	–
13.1	<b>Changes in Fair Value of Biological Assets Other Than Bearer Plants</b>			
	Particulars	Refer Note No.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
	Opening		–	453.72
	Increase due to harvest/physical changes		408.52	–
	Decrease due to harvest/physical changes		–	(453.72)
	Closing		408.52	–
13.2	Unharvested tea leaves on bushes as on 31st March 2021 was 11.38 Lakh Kgs (31st March 2020: Nil). Due to disruption of operations at tea estates on account of COVID-19 pandemic during March 31, 2020 unharvested tea leaves to be categorised as Biological Assets were not available for harvesting.			
13.3	Refer Note no. 25 to the financial statements in respect of charge of tea estate against borrowings.			

### 14. TRADE RECEIVABLES

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	Secured	59		
	- Considered Good	14.2	350.00	350.00
	- Credit Impaired		195.26	195.26
	Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	14.1	(195.26)	(195.26)
	Unsecured	59		
	- Considered Good		1,272.99	1,187.27
	- Credit Impaired		176.23	176.23
	Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	14.1	(176.23)	(176.23)
			1,622.99	1,537.27
14.1	<b>Movement of Impairment Allowances for doubtful debts</b>			
	Particulars		Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
	Opening		371.49	371.49
	Recognised during the year		–	–
	Reversal during the year		–	–
	Closing		371.49	371.49
14.2	Trade Receivable secured represents amount secured against value of building available as security from a customer. Such building had been disposed off by the Liquidator of the said customer in earlier years. The sale proceeds thereof had been withheld by the liquidator and is expected to be realised on resolution of various cases concerning legal ownership of said building.			
14.3	Refer Note no. 25 to the financial statements in respect of charge created against borrowings.			

## Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

### 15. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	Balance with banks in Current Accounts	15.1	8,488.67	1,333.76
	Remittance in Transit		-	3.60
	Cash on hand		452.33	234.95
			<b>8,941.00</b>	<b>1,572.31</b>
15.1	Refer Note no. 25 to the financial statements in respect of charge created against borrowings.			

### 16. BANK BALANCES OTHER THAN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	<b>Earmarked Balance with banks:</b>			
	- In Dividend Accounts	16.1	162.17	245.50
	- In Escrow Accounts	16.2	4.41	34.19
	- In Fixed Deposits		3.70	-
	- In Escrow Accounts/Fractional Share Sale Proceeds Account	16.1	0.16	0.16
			<b>170.44</b>	<b>279.85</b>
16.1	Amount is not due for transfer to Investor Education and Protection Fund.			
16.2	The Company has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with certain Tea Auction Brokers whereby the company receives advance against future sales which is repaid from the said bank account on realisation of sale proceed of Tea directly credited to the said account.			
16.3	Refer Note no. 25 to the financial statements in respect of charge created against borrowings.			

### 17. CURRENT TAX ASSETS (NET)

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	Advance Tax - Agricultural Income Tax	30.1	823.44	6,699.70
	[Net of Provision Rs. 17,096.89 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs 15,319.34 lakhs)]		-	-
	Advance Tax - Fringe Benefit Tax		217.76	307.76
	[Net of Provision Rs. 274.07 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs 273.20 lakhs)]		-	-
			<b>1,041.20</b>	<b>7,007.46</b>



## Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

### 18. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars		Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Balance with Government Authorities- GST, etc.			1,584.64	1,765.19
Advances to Suppliers, Service Providers etc.		59		
Considered Good			3,073.17	2,548.58
Considered Doubtful			150.54	150.54
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Advances		18.1	(150.54)	(150.54)
Advance for Employee Benefits		41		
- Superannuation Fund			186.39	115.23
Advance to Employees			238.49	288.09
Prepaid Expenses			311.18	330.57
			<b>5,393.87</b>	<b>5,047.66</b>
18.1	Movement of Impairment Allowances for doubtful advances			
Particulars		Refer Note No.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Opening			150.54	150.54
Recognised during the year			-	-
Reversal during the year			-	-
Closing			<b>150.54</b>	<b>150.54</b>

### 19. EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars		Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>Authorised</b>				
12,00,00,000 (31st March 2020: 12,00,00,000) Equity Shares of Rs. 5/- each			6,000.00	6,000.00
<b>Issued, subscribed and paid-up</b>				
10,44,55,735 (31st March 2020: 10,44,55,735) Equity Shares of Rs. 5/- each fully paid up			5,222.79	5,222.79
			<b>5,222.79</b>	<b>5,222.79</b>
19.1	<b>Reconciliation of number of Equity Shares outstanding</b>			
Particulars			As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
As at beginning of the year			10,44,55,735	10,44,55,735
Changes in Equity Share Capital during the year			-	-
<b>At the end of the year</b>			<b>10,44,55,735</b>	<b>10,44,55,735</b>

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19.2	<b>Rights, preferences and restrictions attached to Shares</b> The Company has one class of shares referred to as Equity Shares having a par value of Rs. 5.00 each. Each Holder of Equity Shares is entitled to one vote per share. In the event of liquidation of the Company, the equity shareholders will be entitled to receive assets of the Company remaining after distribution of all preferential amounts, in proportion of their shareholding.																								
19.3	<b>Buy Back of Shares</b> During the year ended 31st March, 2019, pursuant to the approval of the Board of Directors the Company had bought back 5,000,000 equity shares at an aggregate consideration of Rs. 6,901.28 Lakhs.																								
19.4	<b>Shareholders holding more than 5% of the Equity Shares in the Company</b>																								
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Particulars	As at 31st March, 2021		As at 31st March, 2020																						
	(No. of Shares)	%	(No. of Shares)	%																					
Ichamati Investments Limited	1,71,24,210	16.39	1,71,24,210	16.39																					
Williamson Magor & Company Limited	-	-	89,67,253	8.58																					
Niraj Rajnikant Shah	72,84,347	6.97	-	-																					

## 20. OTHER EQUITY

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Reserves and Surplus						Other Comprehensive Income		Total
	Capital Reserve	Securities Premium	General Reserve	Retained Earnings	Other Reserve	Revaluation Surplus	Equity Investments through FVTOCI	Re-measurement of Defined Benefit Plan	
As at 1st April 2019	201.68	4,402.30	1,00,075.95	2,190.16	19,209.20	32,437.89	3,657.42	-	1,62,174.60
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	-	1,227.56	-	-	-	-	1,227.56
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,909.61)	(1,550.00)	(4,459.61)
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the year</b>	-	-	-	1,227.56	-	-	(2,909.61)	(1,550.00)	(3,232.05)
Transfer on account of depreciation on amount added on Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	-	1,433.71	-	-	(1,433.71)	-	-	-
Transfer to Retained Earnings	-	-	-	(1,338.28)	-	-	(211.72)	1,550.00	-
As at 31 March 2020	201.68	4,402.30	1,01,509.66	2,079.44	19,209.20	31,004.18	536.09	-	1,58,942.55
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	-	(5,283.64)	-	-	-	-	(5,283.64)
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,221.45	(1,200.22)	3,021.23
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the year</b>	-	-	-	(5,283.64)	-	-	4,221.45	(1,200.22)	(2,262.41)
Transfer on account of depreciation on amount added on Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	-	2,459.54	-	-	(2,459.54)	-	-	-
Transfer to Retained Earnings	-	-	-	(1,200.22)	-	-	-	1,200.22	-
As at 31 March 2021	201.68	4,402.30	1,03,969.20	(4,404.42)	19,209.20	28,544.64	4,757.54	-	1,56,680.14

## **Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021**

### **Nature and Purpose of Reserve**

#### **20.1 Capital Reserve**

Represents the amount transferred from the transferor company pursuant to Scheme of Arrangement effected in earlier years.

#### **20.2 Securities Premium**

Securities Premium represents the amount received in excess of par value of securities and is available for utilisation as specified under Section 52 of Companies Act, 2013.

#### **20.3 General Reserve**

General reserve is a free reserve which is created by transfer of profits from retained earnings. As the general reserve is created by a transfer from one component to another and is not an item of Other Comprehensive Income, items included in the general reserve is generally not reclassified subsequently to Statement of Profit and Loss.

#### **20.4 Other Reserves**

Represents the balance amount of reserve which had arisen on transfer of Bulk Tea Division of Eveready Industries India Limited pursuant to Scheme of Arrangement.

#### **20.5 Retained Earnings**

Retained earnings generally represents amount of accumulated surplus/deficit of the company. This includes Other Comprehensive Income of (Rs. 4,768.86 lakhs) (31st March 2020: (Rs. 3,568.64 lakhs)) relating to remeasurement of defined benefit plans (net of tax) which cannot be reclassified to Statement of Profit and Loss.

#### **20.6 Revaluation Surplus**

Represents differential arising on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment by the erstwhile Bulk Tea Division of Eveready Industries Limited demerged to the company with effect from 1st April 2004 pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement. The said reserve has been carried over being part of PPE, recognised at carrying value as per previous GAAP as deemed cost on the date of transition to Ind AS. The amount of depreciation attributable to the said revaluation is transferred from the said reserve to general reserve as per the practice followed in this respect.

#### **20.7 Other Comprehensive Income**

The company has elected to recognise changes in the fair value of non-current investments in Equity Instruments (other than Subsidiary and Associates) through OCI. This reserve represents the cumulative gains and losses arising on equity instruments measured at fair value. The company transfers amounts from this reserve to retained earnings when the relevant equity securities are disposed. This also includes gain/losses on defined benefit obligations which is transferred to retained earnings as stated in Note 20.5 above.

## Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

### 21. NON CURRENT BORROWINGS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
		Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
<b>SECURED</b>					
<b>Term Loans from Banks</b>					
<b>ICICI Bank Limited</b>		656.54	–	737.00	–
a) Nature of Security					
Secured by first pari passu charge of certain tea estates by way of mortgage over immovable fixed assets and hypothecation of movable fixed assets.					
b) Rate of Interest					
Interest is payable on monthly basis at base rate plus 0.40% p.a.					
<b>ICICI Bank Limited</b>		2,993.00	1,000.00	993.00	3,000.00
a) Nature of Security					
Secured by first pari passu charge of certain tea estates by way of mortgage over immovable fixed assets and hypothecation of movable fixed assets.					
b) Rate of Interest					
Interest is payable on monthly basis at 1 year MCLR plus 1.70% p.a					
c) Terms of Repayment					
Repayable Rs. 130.00 lakhs in September, 2019 and 12 equal installments of Rs. 500.00 lakhs each from December, 2019.					
<b>HDFC Bank Limited</b>		2,300.00	–	2,300.00	–
a) Nature of Security					
Secured by extension of exclusive charge over certain tea estates.					
b) Rate of Interest					
Interest is payable on monthly basis at HDFC bank at 1 year MCLR plus 1.40% p.a.					
<b>HDFC Bank Limited</b>	21.3	4,500.00	–	3,000.00	1,500.00
a) Nature of Security					
(i) Subservient charge on the entire present and future moveable fixed assets of the company.					
b) Rate of Interest					
Interest is payable on monthly basis at 3-month MCLR plus 3.00% p.a.					

## Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
		Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
<b>RBL Bank Limited</b>		4,752.33	–	4,752.33	–
a) Nature of Security					
b) Rate of Interest					
<b>Yes Bank Limited</b>	21.3	4,375.00	–	4,375.00	–
a) Nature of Security					
b) Rate of Interest					
<b>Term Loan From Other</b>					
<b>Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited</b>		894.82	–	1,352.51	768.91
a) Rate of Interest					
		20,471.69	1,000.00	17,509.84	5,268.91

21.1 The company in terms of the sanction letter has been in default for the repayment of principal and interest thereof to the lenders (banks & others). The period and amount of such defaults as on balance sheet date are as follows:

Particulars	Period of Default	Principal		Interest	
		As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>Term Loans from Banks</b>					
ICICI Bank Limited	June 2019 to 31st March, 2021	3,649.54	–	828.90	949.96
HDFC Bank Limited	June 2019 to 31st March, 2021	6,800.00	3,800.00	1,253.49	575.00
RBL Bank Limited	July 2019 to 31st March, 2021	4,752.33	3,000.00	1,035.94	558.49
Yes Bank Limited	March 2019 to 31st March, 2021	4,375.00	4,375.00	816.76	424.57
<b>Term Loan from Others</b>					
Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited	1st January, 2020 to 31st March, 2021	894.82	321.09	246.95	250.02
<b>Short Term Loan from Banks</b>					
Axis Bank Limited	July 2019 to 31st March, 2021	25,000.00	25,000.00	5,121.07	2,666.76
RBL Bank Limited	July 2019 to 31st March, 2021	23,500.00	23,500.00	5,391.58	2,707.13

## Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Period of Default	Principal		Interest	
		As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
HDFC Bank Limited	May 2019 to 31st March, 2021	17,901.97	17,901.97	3,257.28	1,570.74
IndusInd Bank Limited	December 2019 to 31st March, 2021	13,050.00	13,050.00	2,167.51	1,232.22
Yes Bank Limited	May 2019 to 31st March, 2021	33,026.61	33,026.61	6,577.00	3,368.67
<b>Short Term Loan from Others</b>					
Techno Electric and Engineering Company Limited	March 2019 to 31st March, 2021	10,000.00	10,000.00	–	–
Ragini Finance Limited	October 2019 to 31st March, 2021	1,000.00	1,000.00	–	–
Digvijay Finlease Limited	October 2019 to 31st March, 2021	2,000.00	2,000.00	–	–
P D K Impex Private Limited	31st March, 2020 to 31st March, 2021	1,000.00	1,000.00	–	–
<b>Cash Credit</b>					
Axis Bank Limited	October 2019 to 31st March, 2021	847.31	2,464.27	76.39	–
HDFC Bank Limited	May 2019 to 31st March, 2021	7,431.09	7,760.41	624.40	–
State Bank of India Limited	June 2019 to 31st March, 2021	11,488.73	11,944.63	1,139.46	–
Punjab National Bank Limited (Erstwhile United Bank of India)	February 2020 to 31st March, 2021	8,696.60	9,498.62	667.46	–
Indian Bank Limited (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank Limited)	29th February 2020 to 31st March 2021	4,863.09	4,863.09	355.46	–
Yes Bank Limited	May 2019 to 31st March, 2021	1,111.55	–	–	–
RBL Bank Limited	July 2019 to 31st March, 2021	1,839.00	–	202.08	–
UCO Bank Limited	31st May 2020 to 31st March 2021	3,155.87	–	276.45	–
ICICI Bank Limited	June 2019 to 31st March, 2021	9,916.42	4,544.66	1,420.27	–
		<b>1,96,299.93</b>	<b>1,79,050.35</b>	<b>31,458.45</b>	<b>14,303.56</b>

21.2 During the year ended 31st March, 2020, Yes Bank Limited had recalled its entire loan outstanding including interest thereon. Accordingly, such loans had been considered as due for payment.

21.3 In terms of agreement with lenders the above mentioned loans in certain cases were also required to be secured as stated in Note 25.2.

21.4 The Security as disclosed above has been based on the charge documents filed with ROC. Further certain security has been disposed off by the lenders against repayments of their dues and accordingly such securities have not been disclosed herein above. As stated in Note no. 58, Resolution Plan for restructuring the borrowing are under consideration of lender and thereby terms and conditions including the period and amount of repayment etc. thereof including the security as given herein above will accordingly be modified on sanction of the said plan.

21.5 Also Refer Note no. 58 and 36.1.



## Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

### 22. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
		Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
Provision for Employee Benefits	41				
- Staff Pension		1,681.24	3,905.17	1,596.56	3,532.98
- Gratuity Fund		1,624.02	1,097.22	1,715.59	86.26
- Medical Benefit		205.31	102.25	291.38	1.61
- Expatriate Pension		3.45	7.79	4.52	10.20
- Leave		139.38	-	139.38	-
		<b>3,653.40</b>	<b>5,112.43</b>	<b>3,747.43</b>	<b>3,631.05</b>

### 23. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES (NET)

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Deferred Tax Liabilities		21,872.31	22,833.34
Deferred Tax Assets		14,917.93	10,399.50
		<b>6,954.38</b>	<b>12,433.84</b>

Components of Deferred tax (Assets)/ Liabilities as at 31st March 2021 are given below:

Particulars	As at 1st April, 2020	Charge/ (Credit) recognised in Statement of profit and loss	Charge/ (Credit) recognised in OCI	As at 31st March 2021
<b>Deferred Tax Assets:</b>				
Expenses allowable on payment basis	3,413.18	(6,304.77)	(565.00)	10,282.95
Allowances for Doubtful Debts, Advances etc.	1,309.76	182.45	-	1,127.31
MAT Credit Entitlement	5,154.45	2,048.81	-	3,105.64
Others	522.11	120.08	-	402.03
<b>Total Deferred Tax Assets</b>	<b>10,399.50</b>	<b>(3,953.43)</b>	<b>(565.00)</b>	<b>14,917.93</b>
<b>Deferred Tax Liabilities:</b>				
Timing difference with respect to Property, Plant and Equipment and other intangible assets	22,833.34	(961.03)	-	21,872.31
Others	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Deferred Tax Liabilities</b>	<b>22,833.34</b>	<b>(961.03)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,872.31</b>
<b>NET DEFERRED TAX (ASSETS)/ LIABILITIES</b>	<b>12,433.84</b>	<b>(4,914.46)</b>	<b>(565.00)</b>	<b>6,954.38</b>

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Components of Deferred tax (Assets)/ Liabilities as at 31st March 2020 are given below:

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Particulars	As at 1st April, 2019	Charge/ (Credit) recognised in Statement of profit and loss	Charge/ (Credit) recognised in OCI	As at 31st March 2020
<b>Deferred Tax Assets:</b>				
Expenses allowable on payment basis	2,141.62	(542.82)	(728.74)	3,413.18
Allowances for Doubtful Debts, Advances etc.	1,529.16	219.40	–	1,309.76
MAT Credit Entitlement	3,063.37	(2,091.08)	–	5,154.45
Others	385.07	(137.04)	–	522.11
<b>Total Deferred Tax Assets</b>	<b>7,119.22</b>	<b>(2,551.54)</b>	<b>(728.74)</b>	<b>10,399.50</b>
<b>Deferred Tax Liabilities:</b>				
Timing difference with respect to Property, Plant and Equipment and other intangible assets	24,308.15	(1,474.81)	–	22,833.34
Others	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Deferred Tax Liabilities</b>	<b>24,308.15</b>	<b>(1,474.81)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>22,833.34</b>
<b>NET DEFERRED TAX (ASSETS)/ LIABILITIES</b>	<b>17,188.93</b>	<b>(4,026.35)</b>	<b>(728.74)</b>	<b>12,433.84</b>

23.1 The ultimate realisation of deferred tax assets, unused tax credit is dependent upon the future taxable income of the company. Deferred Tax Assets including MAT Credit entitlement has been recognised on management's assessment of reasonable certainty for reversal/utilisation thereof against future taxable income. Deferred tax assets in respect of provision of interest lying unpaid pending approval of resolution plan and unabsorbed losses and depreciation pending determination of the amount thereof considering the principle of prudence has not been recognised.

### 24. OTHER NON - CURRENT LIABILITIES

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Deferred Revenue arising from Government Grants	24.1	460.95	474.29
		<b>460.95</b>	<b>474.29</b>

24.1 Deferred Income Comprises of Government Grants/Assistance in form of:

Particulars	Opening (Including Non- Current Portion)	Recognised during the year	Transferred to Statement of Profit and Loss	Closing (Including Non- Current Portion)
Financial Assistance under Tea Board Quality Upgradation and Product Diversification Scheme towards Capital expenditure incurred for Tea Plantation. The assistance received/receivable and credited to deferred income has been transferred to Statement of Profit and Loss proportionately based on useful lives of respective property, plant and equipment.	503.21	15.78	29.12	489.87

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### 25. CURRENT BORROWINGS

Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>Secured Loans from Banks</b>			
Cash Credit, Packing Credit and Demand Loans		49,334.30	53,497.03
(a) Nature of Security			
Secured by equitable first mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds of immovable properties of certain tea estates ranking pari passu and hypothecation of tea crop, movable properties and book-debts, present and future of the Company.			
Secured by second charge on certain tea-estates by way of mortgage over immovable fixed assets and hypothecation of movable fixed assets.			
<b>Secured Loans - Short Term</b>			
<b>Axis Bank Limited</b>		7,500.00	7,500.00
(a) Nature of security:			
Secured by first charge on certain tea-estates by way of mortgage over immovable fixed assets and hypothecation of movable fixed assets.			
Personal guarantee of Mr. Aditya Khaitan, Director.			
<b>Axis Bank Limited</b>		7,500.00	7,500.00
(a) Nature of security:			
Secured by second charge on certain tea-estates by way of mortgage over immovable fixed assets and hypothecation of movable fixed assets.			
<b>RBL Bank Limited</b>		23,500.00	23,500.00
(a) Nature of security:			
Subservient charge by way of hypothecation/mortgage over moveable fixed assets of the Company - both present and future.			
Subservient charge over the current assets of the company both present and future.			
<b>Standard Chartered Bank</b>		-	4,010.30
(a) Nature of security:			
Exclusive charge by way of pledge of Company's shareholding in Borelli Tea Holdings Limited (BTHL).			
Personal guarantee of Mr. Aditya Khaitan, Director.			
<b>IndusInd Bank Limited</b>		13,050.00	13,050.00
(a) Nature of security:			
Subservient charge on all the Moveable Fixed assets, book debts and stock of certain tea estates- both present and future.			

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Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>Yes Bank Limited</b>		9,636.61	9,636.61
(a) Nature of security:			
Subservient charge on all the Moveable Fixed assets of certain tea estates- both present and future.			
<b>HDFC Bank Limited</b>	25.2	17,901.97	17,901.97
(a) Nature of security:			
Secured by equitable first mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds of immovable properties of certain tea estates ranking pari passu and hypothecation of tea crop, movable properties and book-debts, present and future of the Company.			
<b>Secured Loans from Others</b>			
<b>Techno Electric and Engineering Company Limited</b>	25.2	10,000.00	10,000.00
(a) Nature of security:			
Mortgage of a property of Seajuli Developers & Finance Limited located at 4, Sunny Park, Kolkata -700019.			
<b>Aditya Birla Finance Limited</b>		250.00	550.00
(a) Nature of Security			
To be secured by Equitable Mortgage by way of exclusive charge over land with a single storied house constructed thereon at Guwahati, Ulbari, Dist-Guwahati.			
<b>Unsecured Loans - Short Term</b>			
<b>Unsecured Loans from Banks</b>	25.2		
Axis Bank Limited		10,000.00	10,000.00
Yes Bank Limited		23,390.00	23,390.00
<b>Unsecured Loans from Others</b>			
Intercompany Loans:			
- From Body Corporates		6,275.00	6,625.00
- From Related Party		4,205.00	-
		<b>1,82,542.88</b>	<b>1,87,160.91</b>

25.1 Refer Note no. 21.1 in respect of default in borrowings.

25.2 In terms of agreement with lenders the above mentioned loans in certain cases were also required to be secured against equitable mortgage of specific tea estates of the company along with other lenders, pledge of entire equity shares of Mcleod Russel Uganda Limited (MRUL), Mortgage of a property of Seajuli Developers & Finance Limited located at 4, Sunny Park, Kolkata -700 019 and Pledge of entire equity shares of Phuben Tea Company Limited (PBTC) Vietnam (Shares handed over to Yes Bank in the year 2019-20 and pledge created by BTHL during the year). However, in view of pending resolution plan, such loan could not be fully securitised as required in term of agreement with lenders.

25.3 The Security as disclosed above has been based on the charge documents filed with ROC. Further certain security has been disposed off by the lenders against repayments of their dues and accordingly such securities have not been disclosed herein above. Further, in certain cases Personal guarantee of Mr. Aditya Khaitan, Managing Director was pending execution. As stated in Note no. 58, Resolution Plan for restructuring the borrowing are under consideration of lender and thereby terms and conditions thereof including the security as given herein above will accordingly be modified on sanction of the said plan.

25.4 Also refer Note no. 58 and 36.1

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### 26. TRADE PAYABLES

Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Payable for Goods and Services	59		
a) Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	26.1	–	–
b) Total outstanding dues other than micro enterprises and small enterprises		7,640.67	7,248.95
		<b>7,640.67</b>	<b>7,248.95</b>

26.1 Disclosure of Trade payables as required under section 22 of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006, based on the confirmation and information available with the company regarding the status of suppliers (Also Refer Note no. 59).

### 27. OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
		Non-Current	Current	Non-Current	Current
Current maturities of long-term debts- Secured	21 and 27.2	–	20,471.69	–	17,509.84
Interest accrued and due on borrowings	21.1, 27.2 and 27.4	–	29,279.42	–	12,165.45
Unpaid Dividends	27.1	–	162.17	–	245.50
Unclaimed Fractional Share Sale Proceeds	27.1	–	0.16	–	0.16
Deposits Received from Agents/ Customers	59	–	108.43	–	118.29
Employee Benefits Payable		–	9,892.77	–	10,971.52
Derivative instrument fair valued through profit and loss		–	20.50	–	94.89
Payable against Fair Trade Premium		–	99.06	–	93.70
Lease Liability	52	202.61	390.45	554.70	420.62
Payable pertaining to Sale of Specified Assets of Sold Tea Estates (Net)	27.3 and 59	–	421.73	–	1,517.01
		<b>202.61</b>	<b>60,846.38</b>	<b>554.70</b>	<b>43,136.98</b>

27.1 There are no amounts due for payment to the Investor Education and Protection Fund as at the year end.

27.2 The liability in relation to borrowings have been stated based on the provisions and appropriations stated in Note no. 36.1, pending finalisation of resolution plan and confirmation/reconciliation of balances etc. by the lender (Refer Note no. 58(b)).

27.3 Represents amount payable to the buyers of Specified assets of certain tea estates sold in terms of agreement in this respect.

27.4 Interest accrued and due is net of Rs. 2,536.90 lakhs (March 31, 2020: Rs. 2,411.04 lakhs) pertaining to certain debit balances lying with banks which had been appropriated against their outstanding dues pending confirmation and reconciliation as detailed in Note no. 58(b).

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### 28. OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Advances- from Customers, Selling Agents and others	59 and 28.2	5,581.23	5,374.76
Statutory Payables (including Provident Fund and Tax deducted at Source)		965.61	1,546.21
Advances against Sale of Fixed Assets	28.1 and 59	1,466.57	1,764.43
Deferred Revenue arising from Government Grants	24.1	28.92	28.92
		<b>8,042.33</b>	<b>8,714.32</b>

28.1 The company had received advance of Rs. 1,413.87 lakhs related to Sale of Specified Assets of Boroi Tea Estates and Assam Valley School (Net book Value: Rs. 3,268.33 lakhs). However pursuant to the injunction as stated in Note no. 7.2 such transaction could not materialise and as such have been disclosed under Advance against Sale of Fixed Assets. Pending this, the related assets remain included and have been disclosed under respective heads of Property, Plant and Equipment.

28.2 This includes advance of Rs. 2,500.00 lakhs (31st March 2020- Rs. 2,500.00 lakhs) received in earlier year against sale of tea, pending finalisation of terms and conditions thereof.

### 29. PROVISIONS

Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Provision for Tax on Proposed Dividend (Net of Payment of Rs. 343.37 lakhs (31st March 2020: Nil))	29.1	1.40	344.77
Provision for Other Retirement Benefits	29.2	662.35	662.35
Provision for Other	29.3	521.01	-
		<b>1,184.76</b>	<b>1,007.12</b>

29.1 The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its judgement dated 20th September 2017 held that the provisions of Rule 8 of Income Tax Act, 1961 is not applicable while making payment of dividend distribution tax as per section 115-O of the Income Tax Act, 1961. No fresh proceedings/ demands has been initiated/raised by the tax authorities in response to the aforesaid judgement passed by the Hon'ble Court. However, the Company has made full provision in the financial statements in earlier years. During the year, the tax authorities have appropriated such demand against the refund order for Assessment year 2007-2008 against which the company has preferred a further appeal. In the event of the said demand being quashed by taxation authorities following the order of Supreme court, the said amount so adjusted will be refunded to the company.

29.2 Shortfall in value of investments held by Employee Provident Fund Trust covered under defined benefit plan, as estimated by the management has been provided for in the financial statements.

29.3 Other provisions includes Rs. 105.00 lakhs (31st March 2020: Nil) which relates to various demands raised by the buyer's of Specified Assets of Tea Estates in respect of expenditure incurred by them in relation to period prior to hand over of such tea estates, pending reconciliation and finalisation of the same with the books of accounts. Further, provision of Rs. 416.01 lakhs (31st March 2020: Nil) made in respect of various unreconciled differences relating to earlier years.



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29.4 Movement in the Provisions are as follows:

Particulars	Provision for Tax on Proposed Dividend	Provision for Other Retiral Benefits	Provision for Other
Opening	344.77	662.35	–
Provided during the Year	–	–	521.01
Adjusted by Income Tax Authorities during the year	343.37	–	–
<b>Closing</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>662.35</b>	<b>521.01</b>

### 30. CURRENT TAX LIABILITIES (NET)

Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Provision for Income Tax		3,353.42	3,068.11
[Net of Advance Tax Rs. 18,661.60 lakhs (31st March 2020 - Rs 19,597.09 lakhs)]			
		<b>3,353.42</b>	<b>3,068.11</b>

30.1 Provision for taxation and advance payment thereagainst are reviewed and adjusted on assessment by the tax authorities. Unresolved matters contested unprovided for are disclosed as contingent liabilities depending upon the past trend, judicial pronouncements and amount involved therein.

### 31. REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Sale of Products - Tea	31.2	1,07,655.00	83,265.12
<b>Other Operating Revenues</b>			
Consultancy Fees		73.11	75.67
Government Grants	31.1		
- Subsidy on Orthodox Tea		54.14	34.50
- Replantation Subsidy		691.60	118.12
- Transport Subsidy		125.00	159.99
- Subsidy- Capital Items	24.1	29.11	28.92
- Accrued duty exemption entitlement and other benefits relating to exports		547.66	1,256.14
Liabilities no Longer Required Written Back		668.88	428.00
Profit on Compulsory acquisition of Leasehold Land by Government	31.3	1,223.69	195.27
Scrap sales and other income from operations		118.33	108.02
		<b>1,11,186.52</b>	<b>85,669.75</b>

31.1 Government grant relates to incentives and assistances provided against replantation, production of orthodox tea, duty exemption, transportation and other export benefits made available to Tea Industry under various Tea Development and promotion Schemes by Government of India. There are no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attached to these grants. The Company did not benefit directly from any other forms of government assistance.

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### 31.2 Disaggregate Revenue

The Revenue has been recognised based on point of sale. The break up with respect to from geographical location revenue stream of the Company are as follows:

Particulars		Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>Sale of Tea</b>			
Within India		85,722.68	59,524.26
Outside India		21,575.76	23,591.16
Tea Waste Sales		356.56	149.70
		<b>1,07,655.00</b>	<b>83,265.12</b>

31.3 Profit on compulsory acquisition of leasehold land by government relates to certain portion of undivided land of certain tea estates acquired by the government for highway projects and is being accounted for on determination of amount thereof.

### 32. OTHER INCOME

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Interest on Financial assets carried at amortised cost			
Deposits with banks		2.63	129.51
Loans	32.2	–	–
Others		76.20	23.19
Interest on Tax Refunds		194.41	142.80
Dividend from subsidiary company		–	6,669.89
Insurance Claims		109.21	102.02
Profit on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment (Net)		115.51	–
Provision no longer required written back	10.5	–	1,569.62
Derivative Instruments at Fair Value through Profit and Loss		74.39	582.41
Sundry Income	32.1	275.79	97.75
		<b>848.14</b>	<b>9,317.19</b>

32.1 Sundry Income includes Rs. 156.41 lakhs (31st March 2020: Nil) being the net gain against Investment of funds lying in the Escrow account with Solicitors pertaining to the tea estates sold in earlier years.

32.2 The company received request in the previous year as well as in this year from various bodies corporate to whom Loans were given and outstanding as on 31st March 2021 for waiver of Interest. Interest on unsecured loan given to various companies as given in Note no. 57(a), considering the uncertainty with respect to recoverability thereof and also that companies have requested to waive the interest pending finalisation of terms thereof has not been accrued during the year. Such interest at the rate applicable for the previous period works out to be Rs. 68,388.52 lakhs (including Rs. 34,112.29 lakhs for the year). As stated in Note no. 57(a), terms and conditions for repayment of loans including interest thereon will be decided in line with the resolution plan under consideration with lenders and interest as decided will be accrued and recovered on determination of amount. Further, in respect of interest accrued in earlier years and outstanding as on 31st March 2021, provision of Rs.7,999.34 lakhs had been made and adjustments if any needed in this respect will be given effect to on finalisation of the resolution plan.

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### 33. COST OF MATERIALS CONSUMED

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Green Leaf (Consumed)	33.1	10,335.18	1,443.36
		<b>10,335.18</b>	<b>1,443.36</b>

33.1 Cost of materials consumed includes green leaf purchased from external parties.

### 34. CHANGES IN INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Stock of Tea at the beginning of the year		3,187.52	5,734.46
Less: Stock of Tea at the end of the year		(4,006.01)	(3,187.52)
<b>(Increase)/Decrease</b>		<b>(818.49)</b>	<b>2,546.94</b>

### 35. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Salaries, Wages and Bonus etc.		43,450.93	41,365.14
Contribution to Provident and Other Funds	41	4,771.93	5,077.13
Staff and Workers Welfare Expenses		4,890.64	5,042.49
		<b>53,113.50</b>	<b>51,484.76</b>

### 36. FINANCE COSTS

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Interest Expense			
On financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	36.1 and 36.2	18,679.62	20,946.42
Other borrowing cost		40.14	494.71
		<b>18,719.76</b>	<b>21,441.13</b>

36.1 Pending completion of debt restructuring process, Interest on borrowings have been provided as stated in Note no. 58(b).

36.2 Interest on Inter Corporate Deposits taken has not been recognised to the extent of Rs. 4,615.46 lakhs (including Rs. 2,337.26 lakhs for the year) pending finalisation of resolution plan as stated in Note no. 58.

### 37. DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION EXPENSE

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Depreciation on Property, Plant and Equipment	5	6,815.79	5,979.91
Amortisation of Other Intangible Assets	6	258.94	267.39
		<b>7,074.73</b>	<b>6,247.30</b>

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### 38. OTHER EXPENSES

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Consumption of Stores and Spare Parts		1,074.52	392.76
Consumption of Manure, Fertiliser, Chemicals etc.		5,220.10	2,343.94
Consumption of Packing Materials		966.40	820.54
Power and Fuel		11,617.34	10,964.40
Electricity Charges		142.76	257.20
Rent	52	3.42	14.50
Lease Rent	52	3.96	-
Repairs to			
- Buildings		668.04	463.05
- Machinery		1,570.83	1,335.44
- Others		2,697.44	820.88
Insurance		397.43	488.39
Rates and Taxes		335.15	272.09
Cess on Tea		-	0.47
Green Leaf Cess		-	2.41
Travelling		386.67	536.10
Legal and Professional Fees		1,520.97	1,038.34
Freight, Shipping and Selling Expenses		3,370.84	3,379.56
Brokerage on Sales		647.17	476.02
Loss on Disposal of PPE (net)		-	179.43
Provision for Doubtful Receivable/Advance/ Claims etc.		26.00	-
Provision against TDS deducted but not deposited by parties	10.5	-	514.37
Bad Debts/ Sundry balances written off		222.05	-
Net Loss on Foreign Currency Transaction and Translation		232.06	45.05
Changes in Fair Value of Biological Assets	13.1	(408.52)	453.72
Director's Fees		16.00	12.40
Miscellaneous Expenses	38.1 and 38.2	1,318.97	1,580.46
		<b>32,029.60</b>	<b>26,391.52</b>

38.1 Expenditure on Research and Development Rs. 177.93 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs. 171.97 lakhs) represent subscription to Tea Research Association.

38.2 Miscellaneous Expenditure includes Payment to Auditor:

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
As Auditors - Audit Fees	43.00	40.00
For Other Services:		
Tax Audit Fees	13.00	11.00
Certification etc.	35.00	26.00

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### 39. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Profit on Sale of Specified Assets of the Tea Estates	53(a)	–	4,003.96
Loss on Sale of Other Fixed Assets	54	–	(237.21)
Profit on buyback of shares by subsidiary	55	–	8,002.53
		–	11,769.28

#### NOTE 40: SCHEMES OF AMALGAMATION/SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT GIVEN EFFECT TO IN EARLIER YEARS

Pending completion of the relevant formalities of transfer of certain assets and liabilities acquired pursuant to the Schemes, such assets and liabilities remain included in the books of the Company under the name of the transferor companies (including other companies which were amalgamated with the transferor companies from time to time).

#### NOTE 41: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

##### I. Defined Contribution Plan

###### Provident Fund:

The Company makes contributions to Provident Fund and Pension Scheme for eligible employees. Under the schemes, the Company is required to contribute a specified percentage / fixed amount of the payroll costs to fund the benefits. The contributions as specified under the law are paid to the respective fund set up by the government authority. Contributions towards provident funds are recognised as an expense for the year. Further, the Company has also set up Provident Fund Trusts in respect of certain categories of employees which is administered by Trustees. Both the employees and the Company make monthly contributions to the Funds at specified percentage of the employee's salary and aggregate contributions along with interest thereon are paid to the employees/nominees at retirement, death or cessation of employment. The Trusts invest funds following a pattern of investments prescribed by the Government. The interest rate payable to the members of the Trusts is not lower than the rate of interest declared annually by the Government under The Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and shortfall, if any, on account of interest is to be made good by the Company.

The Actuary has carried out actuarial valuation of plan's liabilities and interest rate guarantee obligations as at the balance sheet date as per the principle laid down in Ind AS 19 issued by Ministry of corporate affairs and guidelines GN26 issued by the Institute of Actuaries of India. Based on such valuation, there is no future anticipated shortfall with regard to interest rate obligation of the Company as at the balance sheet date. The Company's contribution of Rs. 160.43 lakhs (31st March 2020 – Rs. 189.56 lakhs) to the Provident Fund Trust in this respect has been expensed under the 'Contribution to Provident and Other Funds'.

Expense recognised for Defined Contribution Plans for the year is as under:

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Employer's Contribution to Provident and Pension Fund	3,645.07	4,203.66

##### II. Post Employment Defined Benefit Plans:

The Post Employment defined benefit scheme are managed by Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited/Trust is a defined benefit plan. The present value of obligation is determined based on independent actuarial valuation using the Projected Unit Credit Method, which recognizes each period of service as giving rise to additional unit of employee benefit entitlement and measures each unit separately to build up the final obligation. Details of such fund are as follows:

###### a) Gratuity (Funded)

The Company's gratuity scheme, a defined benefit plan is as per the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, covers the eligible employees and is administered through certain gratuity fund trusts. Such gratuity funds, whose investments are managed by insurance companies/trustees themselves, make payments to vested employees or their nominees upon retirement, death, incapacitation or cessation of employment, of an amount based on the respective employee's salary and tenure of employment subject to a maximum limit of Rs. 20.00 lakhs. Vesting occurs upon completion of five years of service. The amount of gratuity payable is the employees last drawn basic salary per month computed proportionately for 15 days salary multiplied for the number of years of service.

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### b) Superannuation (Funded)

The Company's Superannuation scheme, a Defined Benefit plan, is administered through trust funds and covers certain categories of employees. Investments of the funds are managed by insurance companies /trustees themselves. Benefits under these plans had been frozen in earlier years with regard to salary levels then prevailing. Upon retirement, death or cessation of employment, Superannuation Funds purchase annuity policies in favour of vested employees or their spouses to secure periodic pension. Such superannuation benefits are based on respective employee's tenure of employment and salary.

### c) Staff Pension – (Unfunded)

The Company's Staff Pension Scheme, a Defined Benefit plan, covers certain categories of employees. Pursuant to the scheme, monthly pension is paid to the vested employee or his/her nominee upon retirement, death or cessation of service based on the respective employee's salary and tenure of employment subject to a limit on the period of payment in case of nominee. Vesting occurs upon completion of twenty years of service.

### d) Medical Insurance Premium Re-imbursment (Unfunded)

The Company has a scheme of re-imbursment of medical insurance premium to certain categories of employees and their surviving spouses, upon retirement, subject to a monetary limit. The scheme is in the nature of Defined Benefit plan.

### e) Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)

The Company has an informal practice of paying pension to certain categories of retired expatriate employees and in certain cases to their surviving spouses. The scheme is in the nature of Defined Benefit plan.

The following tables set forth the particulars in respect of aforesaid Defined Benefit plans of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2021 and corresponding figures for the previous year:

Particulars	For the year ended 31st March, 2021				
	Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)
<b>I Components of Defined Benefit Cost</b>					
<b>- Recognised in Profit or Loss</b>					
1 Current Service Cost	915.07	-	237.13	-	-
2 Past Service Cost	-	-	-	-	-
3 Interest Cost	906.87	25.11	348.19	19.32	1.00
4 Expected return on plan assets	(846.84)	(108.09)	-	-	-
<b>5 Total expense recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss</b>	<b>975.10</b>	<b>(82.98)</b>	<b>585.32</b>	<b>19.32</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>- Re-measurements recognised in Other Comprehensive Income</b>					
6 Return on plan assets (excluding amounts included in Net interest cost)	(588.91)	(125.65)	-	-	-
7 Effect of changes in demographic assumptions	-	-	-	-	-
8 Effect of changes in financial assumptions	(685.96)	(3.96)	(26.29)	(0.26)	1.14
9 Changes in asset ceiling (excluding interest income)	-	-	-	-	-
10 Effect of experience adjustments	3,021.78	1.02	151.36	26.59	(5.64)
<b>11 Total re-measurements included in Other Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>1,746.91</b>	<b>(128.59)</b>	<b>125.07</b>	<b>26.33</b>	<b>(4.50)</b>
<b>12 Total defined benefit cost recognised in Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income (5+11)</b>	<b>2,722.01</b>	<b>(211.57)</b>	<b>710.39</b>	<b>45.65</b>	<b>(3.50)</b>



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Particulars		For the year ended 31st March, 2020				
		Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)
<b>I</b>	<b>Components of Defined Benefit Cost</b>					
	- Recognised in Profit or Loss					
1	Current Service Cost	887.01	-	821.20	-	-
2	Past Service Cost	-	-	-	-	-
3	Interest Cost	761.59	37.70	288.17	20.20	0.77
4	Expected return on plan assets	(899.62)	(186.01)	-	-	-
5	<b>Total expense recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss</b>	<b>748.98</b>	<b>(148.31)</b>	<b>1,109.37</b>	<b>20.20</b>	<b>0.77</b>
	- Re-measurements recognised in Other Comprehensive Income					
6	Return on plan assets (excluding amounts included in Net interest cost)	(584.85)	82.98	-	-	-
7	Effect of changes in demographic assumptions	-	-	-	-	-
8	Effect of changes in financial assumptions	1,335.45	219.17	280.26	0.28	1.49
9	Changes in asset ceiling (excluding interest income)	-	-	-	-	-
10	Effect of experience adjustments	1,327.38	148.10	(519.39)	(17.45)	5.31
11	<b>Total re-measurements included in Other Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>2,077.98</b>	<b>450.25</b>	<b>(239.13)</b>	<b>(17.17)</b>	<b>6.80</b>
12	<b>Total defined benefit cost recognised in Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income (5+11)</b>	<b>2,826.96</b>	<b>301.94</b>	<b>870.24</b>	<b>3.03</b>	<b>7.57</b>

Particulars		As on 31st March, 2021				
		Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)
<b>II</b>	<b>Net Asset/(Liability) recognised in Balance Sheet</b>					
1	Present Value of Defined Benefit Obligation	16,248.51	378.75	5,586.41	307.56	11.24
2	Fair Value of Plan Assets	13,527.27	1,793.92	-	-	-
3	Status [Surplus/(Deficit)]	(2,721.24)	1,415.17	(5,586.41)	(307.56)	(11.24)
4	Restrictions on Asset Recognised	-	-	-	-	-

Particulars		As on 31st March, 2020				
		Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)
<b>II</b>	<b>Net Asset/(Liability) recognised in Balance Sheet</b>					
1	Present Value of Defined Benefit Obligation	13,969.11	364.79	5,129.55	292.98	14.74
2	Fair Value of Plan Assets	12,167.24	1,568.40	-	-	-
3	Status [Surplus/(Deficit)]	(1,801.87)	1,203.61	(5,129.55)	(292.98)	(14.74)
4	Restrictions on Asset Recognised	-	-	-	-	-

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Particulars		For the year ended 31st March, 2021				
		Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)
<b>III</b>	<b>Change in Defined Benefit Obligation (DBO)</b>					
1	Present Value of DBO at the beginning of the year	13,969.11	364.79	5,129.55	292.98	14.74
2	Current Service Cost	915.07	-	237.13	-	-
3	Past Service Cost	-	-	-	-	-
4	Interest Cost	906.87	25.11	348.19	19.32	1.00
5	<b>Remeasurement gains / (losses):</b>					
	a. Effect of changes in demographic assumptions	-	-	-	-	-
	b. Effect of changes in financial assumptions	(685.96)	(3.96)	(26.29)	(0.26)	1.14
	c. Changes in asset ceiling (excluding interest income)	-	-	-	-	-
	d. Effect of experience adjustments	3,021.78	1.02	151.36	26.59	(5.64)
6	Curtailment Cost / (Credits)	-	-	-	-	-
7	Settlement Cost / (Credits)	-	-	-	-	-
8	Liabilities assumed in business combination	-	-	-	-	-
9	Exchange difference on foreign plans	-	-	-	-	-
10	Benefits Paid	(1,878.36)	(8.21)	(253.53)	(31.07)	-
11	Transfer to buyers of specified assets of certain Tea Estates	-	-	-	-	-
12	<b>Present Value of DBO at the end of the year</b>	<b>16,248.51</b>	<b>378.75</b>	<b>5,586.41</b>	<b>307.56</b>	<b>11.24</b>

Particulars		For the year ended 31st March, 2020				
		Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)
<b>III</b>	<b>Change in Defined Benefit Obligation (DBO)</b>					
1	Present Value of DBO at the beginning of the year	13,420.76	1,182.44	4,473.00	322.07	16.18
2	Current Service Cost	887.01	-	821.20	-	-
3	Past Service Cost	-	-	-	-	-
4	Interest Cost	761.59	37.70	288.17	20.20	0.77
5	<b>Remeasurement gains / (losses):</b>					
	a. Effect of changes in demographic assumptions	-	-	-	-	-
	b. Effect of changes in financial assumptions	1,335.45	219.17	280.26	0.28	1.49
	c. Changes in asset ceiling (excluding interest income)	-	-	-	-	-
	d. Effect of experience adjustments	1,327.38	148.10	(519.39)	(17.45)	5.31
6	Curtailment Cost / (Credits)	-	-	-	-	-
7	Settlement Cost / (Credits)	-	-	-	-	-
8	Liabilities assumed in business combination	-	-	-	-	-
9	Exchange difference on foreign plans	-	-	-	-	-
10	Benefits Paid	(3,763.08)	(1,222.62)	(213.69)	(32.12)	(9.01)
11	Transfer to buyers of specified assets of certain Tea Estates	-	-	-	-	-
12	<b>Present Value of DBO at the end of the year</b>	<b>13,969.11</b>	<b>364.79</b>	<b>5,129.55</b>	<b>292.98</b>	<b>14.74</b>

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### IV Best Estimate of Employers' Expected Contribution for the next year

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
– Gratuity	3,195.04	1,502.46
– Superannuation	–	–

Particulars	For the year ended 31st March, 2021				
	Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)
<b>V Change in Fair Value of Assets</b>					
1 Plan Assets at the beginning of the year	12,167.24	1,568.40	–	–	–
2 Asset acquired in Business Combination	–	–	–	–	–
3 Interest Income	846.84	108.09	–	–	–
4 Remeasurement Gains / (Losses) on plan assets	588.91	125.65	–	–	–
5 Actual Company Contributions	1,802.64	–	–	–	–
6 Benefits Paid	(1,878.36)	(8.22)	–	–	–
7 Settlement Cost	–	–	–	–	–
8 Transfer to buyers of specified assets of certain Tea Estates	–	–	–	–	–
9 Plan Assets at the end of the year	13,527.27	1,793.92	–	–	–

Particulars	For the year ended 31st March, 2020				
	Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)
<b>V Change in Fair Value of Assets</b>					
1 Plan Assets at the beginning of the year	13,630.63	2,687.99	–	–	–
2 Asset acquired in Business Combination	–	–	–	–	–
3 Interest Income	899.62	186.01	–	–	–
4 Remeasurement Gains / (Losses) on plan assets	584.85	(82.98)	–	–	–
5 Actual Company Contributions	815.22	–	–	–	–
6 Benefits Paid	(3,763.08)	(1,222.62)	–	–	–
7 Settlement Cost	–	–	–	–	–
8 Transfer to buyers of specified assets of certain Tea Estates	–	–	–	–	–
9 Plan Assets at the end of the year	12,167.24	1,568.40	–	–	–

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### VI Actuarial Assumptions

Particulars		As at 31st March, 2021		As at 31st March, 2020	
		Discount Rate (%)	Return on Plan Assets (%)	Discount Rate (%)	Return on Plan Assets (%)
1	Gratuity	6.96	6.96	6.60	6.60
2	Superannuation	6.96	6.96	6.60	6.60
3	Staff Pension	6.96	–	6.60	–
4	Medical Benefit Liability	6.96	–	6.60	–
5	Expatriate Pension	6.96	–	6.60	–

The estimates of future salary increases, considered in actuarial valuations take account of inflation, seniority, promotion and other relevant factors such as supply and demand factors in the employment market.

### VII Major Category of Plan Assets as a % of the Total Plan Assets

Particulars		As at 31st March, 2021		As at 31st March, 2020	
		Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)	%	Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)	%
1	Government Bonds	23.66	0.15	26.65	0.19
2	Investment with Life Insurance Corporation of India	228.89	1.49	213.93	1.56
3	Investment with Other Insurance Companies	15,031.27	98.11	13,450.74	97.93
4	Cash and Cash Equivalents	37.37	0.24	44.31	0.32
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,321.19</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>13,735.62</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Plan assets represent investment in various categories. The return on amounts invested with LIC is declared annually by them. Return on amounts invested with Insurance companies, other than LIC, is mostly by way of Net Asset Value declared on units purchased, with some schemes declaring returns annually. Investment in Bonds and Special Deposit carry a fixed rate of interest. The expected return on plan assets is determined after taking into consideration composition of the plan assets held, assessed risk of asset management and other relevant factors.

### VIII. Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity analysis below is based on a change in an assumption while holding all other assumptions constant. In practice, this is unlikely to occur, and changes in some of the assumptions may be correlated. When calculating the sensitivity of the defined benefit obligation to significant actuarial assumptions, the same method (present value of the defined benefit obligation calculated with the projected unit credit method at the end of the reporting period) has been applied as when calculating the defined benefit liability recognised in the balance sheet.

The methods and types of assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis did not change compared to the prior period.

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Particulars		Impact on Defined Benefit Obligations				
		For the year ended 31st March, 2021				
		Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)
		%	%	%	%	%
<b>Increase in Assumption of:</b>						
1	Discount Rate by 0.50%	(4.19)	(2.62)	(1.90)	(0.04)	(1.58)
2	Salary Growth Rate by 10%	4.59	–	0.01	–	–
3	Attrition Rate by 0.50%	0.06	–	2.01	0.05	–
<b>Decrease in Assumption of:</b>						
1	Discount Rate by 0.50%	4.52	2.74	2.00	0.04	1.55
2	Salary Growth Rate by 10%	(4.28)	–	(0.01)	–	–
3	Attrition Rate by 0.50%	(0.06)	–	(1.94)	(0.05)	–

Particulars		Impact on Defined Benefit Obligations				
		For the year ended 31st March, 2020				
		Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)
		%	%	%	%	%
<b>Increase in Assumption of:</b>						
1	Discount Rate by 0.50%	(3.99)	(2.22)	(1.91)	(0.05)	(1.47)
2	Salary Growth Rate by 10%	4.38	–	0.30	–	–
3	Attrition Rate by 0.50%	0.06	–	2.09	0.06	–
<b>Decrease in Assumption of:</b>						
1	Discount Rate by 0.50%	4.31	2.38	2.17	0.07	1.43
2	Salary Growth Rate by 10%	(4.08)	–	(0.30)	–	–
3	Attrition Rate by 0.50%	(0.06)	–	(2.01)	(0.06)	–

IX	Risk Exposure	
	Through its defined benefit plans, the Company is exposed to a number of risks, the most significant of which are detailed below:	
	Asset volatility:	The plan liabilities are calculated using a discount rate set with reference to bond yields: if plan assets underperform this yield, this will create a deficit. The plan asset investments is in bonds, special deposit, LIC and other insurance companies. The Company has a risk management strategy where the aggregate amount of risk exposure on a portfolio is maintained at a fixed range. Any deviation from the range are corrected by rebalancing the portfolio. The Company intends to maintain the above investment mix in the continuing years.

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Changes in yields:	A decrease in yields will increase plan liabilities.
Life Expectancy:	The pension and medical plan obligations are to provide benefits for the life of the member, so increases in life expectancy will result in the increase in the plans liabilities. This is particularly significant where inflationary increases result in higher sensitivity to changes in life expectancy.
The Company actively monitors how the duration and the expected yield of the investments are matching the expected cash outflows arising from the employee benefit obligations. The Company has not changed the processes used to manage its risks from previous periods. Investments are well diversified, such that the failure of any single investment would not have a material impact on the overall level of assets.	

### X The average duration of liabilities for all the funds is as follows :

Particulars	No. of Years	
	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>Defined benefit obligation</b>		
Gratuity Fund (Funded)		
McLeod Russel India Limited Employees Gratuity Fund	16	15
George Williamson (Assam) Limited Employees Group Gratuity Fund	17	17
The Bisnauth Tea Company Limited Employees Group Gratuity fund	17	17
Superannuation Fund (Funded)		
George Williamson (Assam) Limited Superannuation Fund	7	8
Williamson Magor & Company Limited Superannuation Fund	5	6
McLeod Russel India Limited Superannuation Fund	6	8
Staff Pension Fund (Unfunded)		
McNeil & Magor and McLeod Russel Group	4	6
Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)		
McLeod Russel India Limited	4	4
Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)		
McLeod Russel India Limited	6	5

### XI The expected maturity analysis of undiscounted pension, gratuity and post-employment medical benefits is as follows:

Particulars	Less than a year	Between 1-2 years	Between 2-5 years	Over 5 years	Total
<b>As at 31st March 2021</b>					
<b>Defined benefit obligation</b>					
Gratuity Fund (Funded)	2,283.80	1,236.11	3,892.79	27,733.54	35,146.24
Superannuation Fund (Funded)	186.39	38.94	165.85	138.20	529.38
Staff Pension Fund (Unfunded)	699.98	183.45	524.69	1,160.32	2,568.44
Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	239.66	217.66	449.04	591.35	1,497.71
Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)	7.90	5.36	7.02	11.99	32.27
	<b>3,417.73</b>	<b>1,681.52</b>	<b>5,039.39</b>	<b>29,635.40</b>	<b>39,774.04</b>



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Particulars	Less than a year	Between 1-2 years	Between 2-5 years	Over 5 years	Total
<b>As at 31st March 2020</b>					
<b>Defined benefit obligation</b>					
Gratuity Fund (Funded)	3,089.68	1,053.89	3,612.48	25,077.46	32,833.51
Superannuation Fund (Funded)	118.98	68.97	134.89	208.12	530.96
Staff Pension Fund (Unfunded)	1,648.41	625.37	1,516.59	3,254.14	7,044.51
Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	194.92	183.34	389.91	529.55	1,297.72
Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)	4.67	3.52	7.78	4.13	20.10
	<b>5,056.66</b>	<b>1,935.09</b>	<b>5,661.65</b>	<b>29,073.40</b>	<b>41,726.80</b>

### NOTE 42: COMMITMENTS

#### (a) Capital Commitments

Estimated amount of contracts remaining to be executed on Capital Account and not provided for (net of advances) is as follows:

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
(I) Property, Plant and Equipment		
Commitment (Gross)	166.27	162.58
Advances against above commitments	-	-
Commitment (Net)	166.27	162.58

#### (b) Other Commitments

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
I) Derivative Contracts		
Interest Rate Swap		
USD/INR	USD 9,71,278	USD 27,58,267
INR/USD	INR 21,78,00,000	INR 36,30,00,000

### NOTE 43: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (to the extent not provided for) in respect of:

- a) Various show cause notices/ demands issued/ raised, which in the opinion of the management are not tenable and are pending with various forums / authorities:

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Electricity Dues- Inappropriate Electricity Withdrawal by the Tea Estates from Assam Power Distribution Company Limited	53.38	53.38
Excise Duty- Availment of refund was erroneous and to be recovered under Sec. 11A of the Central Excise Act, 1944	42.99	42.99
Income Tax- Taxability of various exempted income	1,988.08	72.44
Service Tax- Demand of Service tax under reverse charge mechanism for royalty, license fee and consultancy fees	583.72	583.72
Land Revenue- Fine for Encroachment of Land declared and finalised as Ceiling Surplus in 2010	9.65	9.65

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- b) Guarantees given on behalf of a subsidiary in order to secure the loan availed by them outstanding amount as on 31st March 2021 Nil (31st March 2020 – Rs. 126.12 lakhs).
- c) The Company has issued various “Letter of Comfort” to lenders against loans taken by promoter Group Companies. The aggregate amount of Comfort Letter issued and outstanding as on 31st March 2021 is Rs. 1,46,099.78 Lakhs (31st March, 2020 - Rs. 1,46,099.78 Lakhs). The aggregate amount of borrowings of group-companies as on 31st March 2021 is Rs. 70,259.47 Lakhs (31st March, 2020 - Rs. 86,294.03 Lakhs).
- d) The Company's pending litigations comprises of claim against the company and proceedings pending with Taxation/ Statutory/ Government Authorities. The Company has reviewed all its pending litigations and proceedings and has made adequate provisions, and disclosed contingent liabilities, where applicable, in its financial statements. The company does not expect the outcome of these proceedings to have a material impact on its financial position. Future cash outflows, if any is dependent upon the outcome of judgments / decisions which is not practicable to be determined pending resolution of the same.

### NOTE 44: RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Related party disclosure as identified by the management in accordance with the Ind AS 24 on 'Related Party Disclosures' are as follows:	
<b>(a) Subsidiaries</b>	Borelli Tea Holdings Limited (BTHL)
<b>(b) Step Down Subsidiaries</b>	Phu Ben Tea Company Limited (PBTCCL)
	McLeod Russel Uganda Limited (MRUL)
	McLeod Russel Middle East DMCC (MRME)
	McLeod Russel Africa Limited (MRAL)
	Pfunda Tea Company Limited (PTCL) (90% holding till 26th March 2019 and balance 45% holding till 4th May 2019)
<b>(c) Associate</b>	D1 Williamson Magor Bio Fuel Limited
<b>(d) Key Management Personnel</b>	
	Mr. Brij Mohan Khaitan (BMK) Non-Executive Director [Deceased on 1st June 2019]
	Mr. Aditya Khaitan (AK) Managing Director and Chairman
	Mr. Rajeev Takru (RT) Wholetime Director upto 9th September 2019
	Mr. Azam Monem (AM) Wholetime Director
	Mr. Kamal Kishore Baheti (KKB) Wholetime Director upto 19th July 2019
	Mr. Amritanshu Khaitan (AAK) Non-Executive Director
	Dr. Raghavachari Srinivasan (RAS) Non-Executive Director upto 19th July 2019
	Mr. Ranabir Sen (RS) Non-Executive Director upto 19th July 2019
	Mr. Utsav Parekh (UP) Non-Executive Director upto 30th May 2019
	Mrs. Ramni Nirula (RN) Non-Executive Director upto 30th May 2019
	Mr. Ashok Bhandari (AB) Non-Executive Director [Resigned on 29th April 2019]
	Mr. Jyoti Ghosh (JG) Non-Executive Director [Resigned on 13th May 2019]
	Ms. Arundhuti Dhar (AD) Non-Executive Director w.e.f. 30th May 2019
	Mr. Suman Bhowmik (SB) Non-Executive Director w.e.f. 19th July 2019
	Mr. Raj Vardhan (RV) Non-Executive Director w.e.f. 19th July 2019
	Mr. Pradip Bhar (PB) Chief Financial Officer
<b>(e) Entities where KMP or their close member have significant influence or control or Group Enterprises or Companies under common control and with whom transaction have taken place during the year</b>	
	Soom Stud Farm Private Limited (SSFPL)

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<b>(f) Employee's Trust</b>						
The Bishnauth Tea Company Limited Employees Group Gratuity Fund (BTCGF)						
George Williamson (Assam) Limited Employees Gratuity Fund (GWLGF)						
McLeod Russel India Limited Employees Gratuity Fund (MRILGF)						
McLeod Russel (India) Limited Staff Provident Fund (MRILPF)						
George Williamson (Assam) Limited Superannuation Fund (GWLSF)						
Williamson Magor & Company Limited Superannuation Fund (WMCLSF)						
McLeod Russel (India) Limited Staff Superannuation Fund (MRILSF)						
<b>(g) Transactions with Key Management Personnel:</b>						
<b>(i) Key Management Personnel Compensation:</b>						
Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Excess Recoverable (Refer Note no. 9.1)	Net	Year ended 31st March 2020	Excess Recoverable (Refer Note no. 9.1)	Net
Short- term employment benefits						
AK	310.00	310.00	–	300.00	597.33	(297.33)
RT	–	–	–	96.18	–	96.18
AM	131.20	131.20	–	167.20	–	167.20
KKB	–	–	–	74.30	–	74.30
	<b>441.20</b>	<b>441.20</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>637.68</b>	<b>597.33</b>	<b>40.35</b>
Post-employment benefits						
AK	47.70	–	47.70	48.60	–	48.60
RT	–	–	–	8.59	–	8.59
AM	19.08	–	19.08	19.44	–	19.44
KKB	–	–	–	5.85	–	5.85
	<b>66.78</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>66.78</b>	<b>82.48</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>82.48</b>
Long- term employment benefits						
AK	–	–	–	–	–	–
RT	–	–	–	80.00	–	80.00
AM	–	–	–	–	–	–
KKB	–	–	–	80.00	–	80.00
	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>160.00</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>160.00</b>
<b>Total compensation</b>	<b>507.98</b>	<b>441.20</b>	<b>66.78</b>	<b>880.16</b>	<b>597.33</b>	<b>282.83</b>

### Balance at the Year-end- Receivable

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
AK	649.20	697.33
AM	131.20	–

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(h) Transactions / Balances with subsidiaries:

(i) Sales and purchases of goods and services:

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>MRME</b>		
Sale of tea	108.88	–
<b>MRUL</b>		
Bad Debts	153.21	–
<b>PBTCL</b>		
Consultancy Income	73.11	75.67

(ii) Other transactions:

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>BTHL</b>		
Dividend received	–	6,669.89
Sale Proceeds from Buy-back	–	6,581.41

(iii) Expenses Incurred on behalf of the subsidiaries:

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
At the beginning of the year		
MRUL	17.16	–
PBTCL	3.32	3.32
MRME	4.15	4.15
BTHL	0.69	0.69
MRAL	4.53	4.53
	<b>29.85</b>	<b>12.69</b>
Incurred during the year		
MRUL	–	17.16
MRME	–	32.53
	–	<b>56.62</b>
Reimbursements Received		
MRME	–	32.53
	–	<b>39.46</b>
Bad Debts		
BTHL	0.69	–
MRUL	17.16	–
MRAL	4.53	–
MRME	4.15	–
	<b>26.53</b>	–

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At the end of the year		
BTHL	–	0.69
PBTCL	3.32	3.32
MRAL	–	4.53
MRME	–	4.15
MRUL	–	17.16
	<b>3.32</b>	<b>29.85</b>

**(iv) Outstanding balances:**

The following balances are outstanding at the end of the reporting period in relation to transactions with subsidiaries/step down subsidiaries:

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>MRUL</b>		
Receivables ( Consultancy fees)	–	153.21
<b>PBTCL</b>		
Receivables ( Consultancy fees)	181.97	108.86
<b>MRME</b>		
Receivables ( Sale of Tea)	37.50	–
<b>BTHL</b>		
Royalty Payable	649.39	649.39

**(v) Balance of investment at year end**

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
BTHL	15,967.18	15,967.18

**(i) Transactions / Balances with associate:**

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
D1 Williamson Magor Bio Fuel Limited	–	–
Short Term Loan taken	4,205.00	–
<b>Closing balance at the Year-end</b>		
Short Term Loan	4,205.00	–
Balance of Investment*	–	–

\* (Cost - Rs.2,184.35 lakhs, fully impaired)

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### (j) Transactions with Non-Executive Directors:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>Sitting Fees</b>		
AAK	2.60	0.80
RAS	–	1.40
RS	–	1.80
UP	–	0.20
AD	4.20	4.00
SB	4.20	2.80
RV	3.80	1.40
	<b>14.80</b>	<b>12.40</b>
<b>Sitting Fees payable</b>		
AD	0.40	–
SB	0.40	–
RV	0.40	–
	<b>1.20</b>	<b>–</b>

### (k) Transactions with Enterprise where KMP have significant influence or control:

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>Loan Taken</b>		
SSFPL	–	100.00
	–	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Closing Payable</b>		
SSFPL	100.00	100.00
	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### (l) Transactions with Trusts:

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>Contribution to Funds</b>		
BTCGF	457.85	328.42
GWLGF	486.15	375.90
MRILGF	858.63	110.90
MRILPF	471.51	564.60
	<b>2,274.14</b>	<b>1,379.82</b>
<b>Contribution Payable</b>		
BTCGF	459.83	752.65
GWLGF	1,795.62	548.63
MRILGF	465.79	500.57
	<b>2,721.25</b>	<b>1,801.85</b>
<b>Contribution Receivable</b>		
GWLSF	367.49	314.14
WMCLS F	473.01	413.46
MRILSF	574.67	475.99
	<b>1,415.17</b>	<b>1,203.59</b>

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### Note :

- The above related party information is as identified by the management and relied upon by the auditor.
- All transactions from related parties are made in ordinary course of business. For the year ended 31st March 2021, the Company has not recorded any impairment of receivables relating to amounts owed by related parties. This assessment is undertaken each financial year by reviewing the financial position of the related party and the market in which the related party operates.
- In respect of above parties, there is no provision for doubtful debts as on 31st March 2021 and no amount has been written back or written off during the year other than those disclosed above in respect of debts due from/ to them.
- Post-Employee benefits and other long-term employee benefits have been disclosed/paid on retirement/resignation of services but does not include provision made on actuarial basis as the same is available for all the employees together.

### NOTE 45: EARNINGS PER SHARE

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Earnings per share (EPS) has been computed as under:		
(a) Net profit after taxes as per Statement of Profit and Loss (Rs. in lakhs)	(5,283.64)	1,227.56
(b) Computation of Weighted Average Number of Shares	–	100.00
Number of equity shares outstanding as on Opening	10,44,55,735	10,44,55,735
Changes in Equity Share Capital during the year	–	–
Number of equity shares outstanding as on Closing	10,44,55,735	10,44,55,735
(c) Weighted average number of Equity shares outstanding for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	10,44,55,735	10,44,55,735
(d) Earnings per share on profit for the year [Face Value Rs. 5.00 per share]		
Basic and Diluted EPS [(a)/(b)](Rs.)	(5.06)	1.18

### NOTE 46: SEGMENT INFORMATION

- The Company is primarily engaged in the business of cultivation, manufacture and sale of tea across various geographical location. In term of Ind AS 108 "Operating Segment", the Company has one business segment i.e. Manufacturing and Selling of Tea. Further, in terms of Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS) 108 on 'Operating Segment' notified in the Act, segment information has been presented in the Consolidated Financial Statements, prepared pursuant to Ind AS 110 on 'Consolidated Financial Statements' and Ind AS 28 on 'Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures' notified in the Act, included in the Annual Report for the year.

#### (b) Geographical Information

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>1. Revenue from external Customers</b>		
- Within India	89,537.65	62,002.92
- Outside India	21,648.87	23,666.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,11,186.52</b>	<b>85,669.75</b>

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>2. Non Current Assets*</b>		
- Within India	1,03,138.52	1,07,909.44
- Outside India	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,03,138.52</b>	<b>1,07,909.44</b>

\*excludes financial assets, deferred tax assets, post-employment benefit assets.

- The Company is not reliant on revenues from transactions with any single external customer and does not receive 10% or more of its revenues from transactions with any single external customer.



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### NOTE 47: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The accounting classification of each category of financial instruments, their carrying amount and fair values as follows:

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021					As at 31st March 2020				
	FVTPL	FVTOCI	Amortised Cost	Total Carrying Value	Total Fair Value	FVTPL	FVTOCI	Amortised Cost	Total Carrying Value	Total Fair Value
<b>Financial assets (Current and Non-Current)</b>										
Investments										
Equity Instruments	-	5,302.71	-	5,302.71	5,302.71	-	1,081.27	-	1,081.27	1,081.27
Trade Receivables	-	-	1,622.99	1,622.99	1,622.99	-	-	1,537.27	1,537.27	1,537.27
Loans	-	-	2,434.00	2,434.00	2,434.00	-	-	2,116.23	2,116.23	2,116.23
Inter-Corporate Deposits	-	-	2,82,396.08	2,82,396.08	2,82,396.08	-	-	2,84,609.66	2,84,609.66	2,84,609.66
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	-	8,941.00	8,941.00	8,941.00	-	-	1,572.31	1,572.31	1,572.31
Other Bank Balances	-	-	170.44	170.44	170.44	-	-	279.85	279.85	279.85
Interest Receivable	-	-	1,958.32	1,958.32	1,958.32	-	-	2,336.78	2,336.78	2,336.78
Other Financial Assets	-	-	4,620.94	4,620.94	4,620.94	-	-	4,198.53	4,198.53	4,198.53
<b>Total Financial assets</b>	-	5,302.71	3,02,143.77	3,07,446.48	3,07,446.48	-	1,081.27	2,96,650.63	2,97,731.90	2,97,731.90
<b>Financial liabilities (Current and Non-Current)</b>										
Long Term Borrowings	-	-	21,471.69	21,471.69	21,471.69	-	-	22,778.75	22,778.75	22,778.75
Short Term Borrowings	-	-	1,82,542.88	1,82,542.88	1,82,542.88	-	-	1,87,160.91	1,87,160.91	1,87,160.91
Interest Accrued on Borrowings	-	-	29,279.42	29,279.42	29,279.42	-	-	12,165.45	12,165.45	12,165.45
Trade payables	-	-	7,640.67	7,640.67	7,640.67	-	-	7,248.95	7,248.95	7,248.95
Lease Liabilities	-	-	593.06	593.06	593.06	-	-	975.32	975.32	975.32
Other Financial Liabilities	-	-	10,684.32	10,684.32	10,684.32	-	-	12,946.18	12,946.18	12,946.18
Derivative- not designated as hedging instruments- Interest Rate Swap	20.50	-	-	20.50	20.50	94.89	-	-	94.89	94.89
<b>Total Financial liabilities</b>	20.50	-	2,52,212.04	2,52,232.54	2,52,232.54	94.89	-	2,43,275.56	2,43,370.45	2,43,370.45

#### (i) FAIR VALUATION TECHNIQUES:

The fair values of the financial assets and liabilities are included at the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair values:

- The fair value of cash and cash equivalents, current trade receivables and payables, current financial liabilities and assets and short term borrowings approximate their carrying amount largely due to the short-term nature of these instruments. The management considers that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at cost in the financial statements approximate their fair values.
- The Company's long-term debt has been contracted at floating rates of interest. Fair value of variable interest rate borrowings approximates their carrying value subject to adjustments made for transaction cost. In respect of fixed interest rate borrowings, fair value is determined by using discount rates that reflects the present borrowing rate of the company.
- The fair value of derivative financial instruments is determined based on observable market inputs including currency spot and forward rates, yield curves, currency volatility etc. The said valuation has been carried out by the counter party with whom the contract has been entered with. Management has evaluated the credit and non-performance risks associated with the counterparties and found them to be insignificant and not requiring any credit adjustments.

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- d) The fair value of Inter-Corporate deposits based on management evaluation related to the credit and non-performance risks associated with the counterparties have been estimated to be insignificant and not requiring any credit adjustments. Such evaluation has been supported with the group level restructuring in progress which as per the management's estimate will lead to realisation value at least equal to the carrying value. The fair value determination is dependent upon approval of the resolution plan as given in Note no. 58(a) and there is uncertainty to that extent as stated in said note.

### (ii) FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY

#### (a) Financial Instruments

This section explains the judgements and estimates made in determining the fair values of the financial instruments that are (a) recognised and measured at fair value (b) measured at amortised cost and for which fair value are disclosed in the financial statements. To provide an indication about the reliability of the inputs used in determining fair value. The Company has classified its financial instruments into the three levels prescribed under the Indian Accounting Standard.

**Level 1:** Level 1 hierarchy includes financial instruments measured using quoted prices. This includes listed equity instruments that have quoted price. The fair value of all equity instruments which are traded in the stock exchanges is valued using the closing price as at the reporting date.

**Level 2:** The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques which maximise the use of observable market data and rely as little as possible on entity-specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2.

**Level 3:** If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instruments is included in level 3.

There are no transfers between level 1, level 2 and level 3 during the year.

**Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss/ Other Comprehensive Income recurring fair value measurements as at 31st March 2021.**

Particulars	Notes	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Financial investment at FVTOCI					
Quoted Equity Investments	8B	5,302.00	–	–	5,302.00
Un-Quoted Equity Investments	8B		–	0.71	0.71
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>		<b>5,302.00</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>5,302.71</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Derivatives not designated as hedge Instrument	27	20.50	–	–	20.50
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>		<b>20.50</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>20.50</b>

**Financial assets which are measured at amortised cost for which fair values are disclosed as at 31st March 2021**

Particulars	Notes	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Inter-Corporate Deposits	9 and 57	–	–	2,82,396.08	2,82,396.08
<b>Total Financial assets</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,82,396.08</b>	<b>2,82,396.08</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Borrowings (including interest accrued)	21, 25, 27 and 58	–	2,33,293.99	–	2,33,293.99
Lease Liabilities	27	–	593.06	–	593.06
<b>Total Financial liabilities</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>2,33,887.05</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,33,887.05</b>

Note: The fair value considered for Inter Corporate Deposits and Borrowings are subject to final determination of amount thereof on approval of resolution plan as stated in Note no. 58.

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Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss/Other Comprehensive Income recurring fair value measurements as at 31st March 2020

Particulars	Notes	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Financial investment at FVTOCI					
Quoted Equity Investments	8B	1,080.56	–	–	<b>1,080.56</b>
UnQuoted Equity Investments	8B			0.71	<b>0.71</b>
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>		<b>1,080.56</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>1,081.27</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Derivatives not designated as hedge Instrument	27	–	94.89	–	<b>94.89</b>
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>94.89</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>94.89</b>

Financial assets which are measured at amortised cost for which fair values are disclosed as at 31st March 2020

Particulars	Notes	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Inter-Corporate Deposits	9 and 57	–	–	2,84,609.66	<b>2,84,609.66</b>
<b>Total Financial assets</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,84,609.66</b>	<b>2,84,609.66</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Borrowings (including interest accrued)	21, 25, 27 and 58	–	2,22,105.11	–	<b>2,22,105.11</b>
Lease Liabilities	27	–	975.32	–	<b>975.32</b>
<b>Total Financial liabilities</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>2,23,080.43</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,23,080.43</b>

### (b) Biological assets other than bearer plants

This section explains the judgements and estimates made in determining the fair values of the biological assets other than bearer plants that are recognised and measured at fair value in the financial statements. To provide an indication about the reliability of the inputs used in determining fair value, the Company has classified its biological assets other than bearer plants into level 2 in the fair value hierarchy, since no significant adjustments need to be made to the prices obtained from the local markets.

Biological assets other than bearer plants for which fair value (less cost to sell) are disclosed at 31st March, 2021

Particulars	Notes	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Unharvested tea leaves	13	–	408.52	–	<b>408.52</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>408.52</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>408.52</b>

Biological assets other than bearer plants for which fair value (less cost to sell) are disclosed at 31st March, 2020

Particulars	Notes	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Unharvested tea leaves	13	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

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### NOTE 48: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The company's activities exposed it to a variety of financial risks. The key financial risks include Market risk, Credit risk and liquidity risk. The company's focus is to foresee the unpredictability of financial markets and seek to minimize potential adverse effects on its financial performance. The Board of Directors reviews and approves policy for managing these risks. The risks are governed by appropriate policies and procedures and accordingly financial risks are identified, measured and managed in accordance with the Company's policies and risk objectives. As stated in Note no. 58(a), the company has defaulted in repayment of borrowings including interest accrued thereon due to mismatch with respect to amount recoverable in respect of ICD's given by the company and resolution plan is under progress being under consideration of lenders. The company expects to restructure its borrowings and mitigate the related financial risk. Financial risk management as stated below has been considered based on the assumption of successful outcome of the resolution plan which is under consideration of the lenders as stated in Note no. 58(a). The risk envisaged can materially be different on approval of the said plan and terms and conditions specified in this respect.

#### (A) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk of financial loss arising from default / failure by the counterparty to meet financial obligations as per the terms of contract. The Company is exposed to credit risk for receivables, cash and cash equivalents, financial guarantees and derivative financial instruments. Loans to group companies given has lead to material concentration of credit risks due to non-recoverability of amount thereagainst including accrued interest.

Credit risk on trade receivables is minimum since sales through different mode (eg. auction, consignment, private - both domestic and export) are made after judging credit worthiness of the customers, advance payment or against letter of credit by banks. The history of defaults has been minimal and outstanding receivables are regularly monitored. For credit risk on the loans to parties since recoverability thereagainst has been a matter of concern due to non-performance of group and other companies to whom amounts have been lent and for which restructuring as given in Note no. 57(a) is under consideration. The Company is expecting to control the risk involved therein in due course of time on approval of resolution plan.

For derivative and financial instruments, the Company manage its credit risks by dealing with reputable banks and financial institutions.

Credit risk from balances with banks and financial institutions is managed by the Company's treasury department in accordance with the Company's policy. Investments of surplus funds are made only with approved counterparties and within credit limits assigned to each counterparty. The limits are set to minimise the concentration of risks and therefore mitigate financial loss through counterparty's potential failure to make payments.

The Company establishes an allowance for impairment that represents its estimate of losses in respect of trade and other receivables. Receivables are reviewed/evaluated periodically by the management and appropriate provisions are made to the extent recovery there against has been considered to be remote.

The carrying value of the financial assets (net of impairment losses) represent the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying value of each class of financial assets disclosed in Note no. 47.

#### Financial assets that are neither past due nor impaired

Cash and cash equivalents, investment and deposits with banks are neither past due nor impaired. Cash and cash equivalents with banks are held with reputed and credit worthy banking institutions.

#### Financial assets that are past due but not impaired

Trade receivables and Inter-Corporate Loans which are past due at the end of the reporting period, no credit losses there against are expected to arise.

#### (B) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk refers to the risk that the Company fails to honour its financial obligations in accordance with terms of contract. Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities and the availability of

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funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities to meet obligations when due and to close out market positions.

Management monitors rolling forecasts of the company's liquidity position and cash and cash equivalents on the basis of expected cash flows. In addition, the Company's liquidity management policy involves projecting cash flows and considering the level of liquid assets necessary to meet these, monitoring balance sheet liquidity ratios against internal and external regulatory requirements and maintaining debt financing plans. The Company had in earlier years granted loans to Group Companies which created a mismatch in servicing its debt obligations. In this regards necessary debt restructuring process is in progress as detailed in Note no. 58(a) to make these debt sustainable so that the liquidity required in the system does not get affected materially.

### Maturities of financial liabilities

The tables below analyse the Company's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on their contractual maturities for:

- all non-derivative financial liabilities, and
- derivative financial instruments for which the contractual maturities are essential for an understanding of the timing of the cash flows.

The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances as the impact of discounting is not significant. The amount has been computed on the basis stated in Note no. 58(b).

#### Contractual maturities of financial liabilities as at 31st March 2021

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Less than 1 year	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
<b>Non-derivatives</b>					
Borrowings (including interest accrued)	2,32,293.99	1,000.00	–	–	2,33,293.99
Lease Liabilities	390.46	182.71	14.01	5.88	593.06
Trade Payables	7,640.67	–	–	–	7,640.67
Other financial liabilities	10,684.32	–	–	–	10,684.32
<b>Total non-derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>2,51,009.44</b>	<b>1,182.71</b>	<b>14.01</b>	<b>5.88</b>	<b>2,52,212.04</b>
<b>Derivatives</b>					
Interest rate swaps	20.50	–	–	–	20.50
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>20.50</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>20.50</b>

#### Contractual maturities of financial liabilities as at 31st March 2020

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Less than 1 year	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
<b>Non-derivatives</b>					
Borrowings (including interest accrued)	2,18,773.38	2,331.73	1,000.00	–	2,22,105.11
Lease Liabilities	420.62	381.74	172.96	–	975.32
Trade Payables	7,248.95	–	–	–	7,248.95
Other financial liabilities	12,946.18	–	–	–	12,946.18
<b>Total non-derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>2,39,389.13</b>	<b>2,713.47</b>	<b>1,172.96</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,43,275.56</b>
<b>Derivatives</b>					
Interest rate swaps	94.89	–	–	–	94.89
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>94.89</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>94.89</b>

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### (C) Market risk

#### (i) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Company operates internationally and is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from foreign currency transactions, primarily with respect to the USD, EUR and GBP. Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities denominated in a currency that is not the Company's functional currency (INR). The risk is measured through a forecast of highly probable foreign currency cash flows. The objective of the hedges is to minimise the volatility of the INR cash flows of highly probable forecast transactions.

The Company, as risk management policy, hedges foreign currency transactions to mitigate the risk exposure and reviews periodically to ensure that the results from fluctuating currency exchange rates are appropriately managed.

The following table sets forth information relating to foreign currency exposure as at 31st March 2021.

Particulars	USD	EUR	GBP	Total
<b>Financial Assets (a)</b>				
Cash and Cash equivalents	–	–	8.63	8.63
Trade Receivable	633.62	–	–	633.62
Other Financial Assets	181.97	–	–	181.97
	<b>815.59</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>8.63</b>	<b>824.22</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities (b)</b>				
Trade Payable	–	–	649.39	649.39
	–	–	649.39	649.39
<b>Net Exposure in Foreign Currency (a-b)</b>	<b>815.59</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(640.76)</b>	<b>174.83</b>

10% appreciation / depreciation of the respective foreign currencies with respect to functional currency (holding all other variables constant) of the Company would result in increase / decrease in the Company's profit before tax by approximately Rs. 82.42 lakhs for financial assets and decrease / increase in the Company's profit before tax by approximately Rs.64.94 lakhs for financial liabilities.

The following table sets forth information relating to foreign currency exposure as at 31st March 2020.

Particulars	USD	EUR	GBP	Total
<b>Financial Assets (a)</b>				
Cash and Cash equivalents	–	–	8.95	8.95
Trade Receivable	819.81	–	–	819.81
Other Financial Assets	337.74	–	53.87	391.61
	<b>1,157.55</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>62.82</b>	<b>1,220.37</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities (b)</b>				
Trade Payable	–	–	649.39	649.39
	–	–	649.39	649.39
<b>Net Exposure in Foreign Currency (a-b)</b>	<b>1,157.55</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(586.57)</b>	<b>570.98</b>

10% appreciation / depreciation of the respective foreign currencies with respect to functional currency (holding all other variables constant) of the Company would result in increase / decrease in the Company's profit before tax by approximately Rs. 122.04 lakhs for financial assets and decrease / increase in the Company's profit before tax by approximately Rs.64.94 lakhs for financial liabilities.

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### (ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Financial assets bear fixed rates of interest, wherever applicable. Therefore, there is no risk of interest rate volatility. The Company's main interest rate risk arises from short term and long-term borrowings with variable rates, which expose the Company to cash flow interest rate risk. The Company's policy is to maintain most of its borrowings at fixed rate using interest rate swaps to achieve this when necessary. During 31st March 2021 and 31st March 2020, the Company's borrowings at variable rate were mainly denominated in INR.

The Company's fixed rate borrowings are carried at amortised cost. They are therefore not subject to interest rate risk as defined in Ind AS 107, since neither the carrying amount nor the future cash flows will fluctuate because of a change in market interest rates.

The exposure of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities as at 31st March 2021 and 31st March 2020, to interest rate risk is as follows:

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
	Floating Rate	Fixed Rate	Floating Rate	Fixed Rate
Financial Assets	–	2,82,396.08	–	2,84,609.66
Financial Liabilities	1,83,284.57	20,730.00	1,92,764.66	17,175.00
	<b>1,83,284.57</b>	<b>3,03,126.08</b>	<b>1,92,764.66</b>	<b>3,01,784.66</b>

Increase/ decrease of 50 basis points (holding all other variables constant) in interest rates at the balance sheet date would result in an impact (decrease/(increase) in case of net income) of Rs. 916.42 lakhs and Rs. 963.82 lakhs on profit before tax for the year ended 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2020 respectively.

Interest risk on financial liabilities as stated above has been considered based on the accounting followed in this respect as stated in Note no. 57(a) and 58(b). The rate of interest and amount payable in this respect is subject to approval of resolution plan which as stated in Note no. 58(a) is under consideration of lenders. The risk envisaged can materially be different on approval of the said plan and terms and conditions specified in this respect.

### (iii) Price risk

The Company is not an active investor in equity markets; it continues to hold certain investments in equity for long term strategic purpose which are accordingly measured at fair value through Other Comprehensive Income. The value of investments in such equity instruments as at 31st March 2021 is Rs 5,302.71 lakhs (31st March 2020- Rs. 1,081.27 lakhs). Accordingly, fair value fluctuations arising from market volatility is recognised in Other Comprehensive Income.

### (D) Agricultural Risk

Cultivation of tea being an agricultural activity, there are certain specific financial risks. These financial risks arise mainly due to adverse weather conditions, logistic problems inherent to remote areas, and fluctuation of selling price of finished goods (tea) due to increase in supply/availability.

The Company manages the above financial risks in the following manner:

- i Sufficient inventory levels of agro chemicals, fertilizers and other inputs are maintained so that timely corrective action can be taken in case of adverse weather conditions.
- ii Slightly higher level of consumable stores viz packing materials, coal and HSD are maintained in order to mitigate financial risk arising from logistics problems.
- iii Forward contracts are made with overseas customers as well as domestic private customers, in order to mitigate the financial risk in fluctuation of selling price of tea.
- iv Sufficient liquidity kept in the system through fund arrangements from banks etc. in such a way that cultivation, manufacture and sale of tea is not adversely affected even in times of adverse conditions. The Resolution Plan as stated in Note no. 58(a) is under consideration and outcome thereof as expected is for ensuring sustainability of core agricultural operations of the company.



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### NOTE 49: CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

#### (a) Risk Management

The primary objective of the Company's capital management is to ensure that it maintains a healthy capital ratio in order to support its business and maximize shareholder value. The Company's objective when managing capital is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern so that they can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. The Company is focused on keeping strong total equity base to ensure independence, security, as well as a high financial flexibility for potential future borrowings, if required without impacting the risk profile of the Company.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the company may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

Consistent with others in the industry, the Company monitors capital on the basis of net debt to equity ratio and maturity profile of overall debt portfolio of the Company.

Net debt implies total borrowings of the Company as reduced by Cash and Cash Equivalent and Equity comprises all components attributable to the owners of the Company.

The following table summarises the Net Debt, Equity and Ratio thereof subject to final determination of amount thereof on approval of resolution plan as stated in Note no. 58(a):

Particulars	Note	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>(i) Total Debt</b>			
Borrowings - Non-Current	21	1,000.00	5,268.91
- Current	25	1,82,542.88	1,87,160.91
Current Maturities of Long Term Debt	27	20,471.69	17,509.84
Interest accrued and due on borrowings	27	29,279.42	12,165.45
		<b>2,33,293.99</b>	<b>2,22,105.11</b>
<b>Less : Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	15	8,941.00	1,572.31
<b>Net Debt</b>		<b>2,24,352.99</b>	<b>2,20,532.80</b>
<b>(ii) Equity attributable to Shareholders</b>	19 and 20	1,61,902.93	1,64,165.34
<b>(iii) Net debt to equity ratio</b>		<b>1.39</b>	<b>1.34</b>

Under the terms of the major borrowing facilities, the Company has not complied with some of the financial covenants as imposed by the bank and financial institutions.

No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes for managing capital during the year ended 31st March 2021 considering expected outcome of the resolution plan under consideration of lenders (Refer Note no. 58(a)).

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### NOTE 50: DETAILS OF LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND GUARANTEES GIVEN COVERED UNDER SECTION 186(4) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013

- A) Details of Investments are disclosed in Note no. 8A & 8B of the Financial Statements.
- B) The Company has given Interest bearing Loans (ranging from 12% to 15% per annum) to following parties for their corporate purposes, which are repayable on demand as detailed below:

Name of Parties	Amount Outstanding as on 31st March 2020	Additions	Repayment/ Adjustment	Amount Outstanding as on 31st March 2021
Williamson Magor & Co. Limited	20,785.00	–	1,563.58	19,221.42
Babcock Borsig Limited	14,525.00	–	–	14,525.00
Williamson Financial Services Limited	22,200.00	–	–	22,200.00
Seajuli Developers & Finance Limited	1,34,496.44	–	650.00	1,33,846.44
Woodside Parks Limited	92,590.22	–	–	92,590.22
Vinod Enterprises	13.00	–	–	13.00
	<b>2,84,609.66</b>	–	<b>2,213.58</b>	<b>2,82,396.08</b>

Note: Loan was given @12%. However, during the year the company has not recognised interest income for reasons stated in Note no. 32.2 and 57(a).

- C) Details of Corporate Guarantees given by the Company are as follows.

Name of the Borrower Company	Amount of Loan Outstanding	Issued in favour of	As on 31st March 2020	Addition	Deduction	As on 31st March 2021
Borelli Tea Holdings Limited	–	ICICI Bank	24,971.10	–	24,971.10	–
Williamson Magor & Co. Limited	–	Luxmi Townwhip & Holdings Limited	5,000.00	–	5,000.00	–
	–		<b>29,971.10</b>	–	<b>29,971.10</b>	–

### NOTE 51: INCOME TAX EXPENSE

This note provides an analysis of the Company's income tax expense, and how the tax expense is affected by non-assessable and non-deductible items.

#### (a) Income Tax Expense

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>Current Tax</b>		
Current tax for the year	–	–
Interest u/s 234B and 234C	–	–
<b>Total Current Tax (A)</b>	–	–
Provisions for tax relating to earlier years	1,778.48	–
<b>Total provision relating to earlier years (B)</b>	<b>1,778.48</b>	–
Deferred tax for the year	(4,914.46)	(4,026.35)
<b>Total Deferred Tax (C)</b>	<b>(4,914.46)</b>	<b>(4,026.35)</b>
<b>Grand Total (A+B+C)</b>	<b>(3,135.98)</b>	<b>(4,026.35)</b>

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### (b) Amount recognised in other comprehensive income

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Deferred Tax		
Income tax relating to items that will not be re-classified to profit or loss	565.00	728.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>565.00</b>	<b>728.74</b>

### (c) Reconciliation of effective tax rate:

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Profit before tax	(8,419.62)	(2,798.79)
Income tax expense calculated @ 31.98% (31st March 2020- 31.98%)	(2,692.39)	(894.99)
Effect of Tax Holiday under Agriculture Income	1,515.53	503.78
Effect of expenses that are deductible / non-deductible in determining taxable profit	(28.89)	390.00
Effect of additional deduction under Income tax Act'1961	(18.65)	(2,913.59)
Effect of income that is exempt from taxation	(316.68)	(3,859.00)
MAT Credit Recognition	-	(2,090.73)
Effect for Interest disallowance not considered for creation of Deferred Tax	366.70	4,661.21
Effect for creation of Deferred Tax subsequent to tax holiday	(3,740.08)	-
Others	-	176.97
	<b>(4,914.46)</b>	<b>(4,026.35)</b>

#### Notes:

- The tax rate used in the corporate tax rate payable on taxable profits under the Income Tax Act, 1961.
- The Company's agriculture income is subject to lower tax rates @ 30% under the respective state tax laws.
- The Company has not exercised the option for paying income tax at concessional rates in accordance with the provisions/conditions as specified under Section 115BAA of the Income-tax Act, 1961 as introduced by the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 as there are unutilised MAT Credit and other entitlement including 33AB and also the Debt Resolution Process is under active consideration and impact thereof are presently not ascertainable. Necessary decision in this respect will be taken in subsequent period.

#### NOTE 52: DISCLOSURE AS PER IND AS 116

- Following are the changes in the carrying value of right of use assets for the year ended March 31:

Particulars	Building	Leasehold Land	Total
<b>As at 1st April 2019</b>	-	-	-
Reclassification of Leasehold prepayments (current and non-current assets)	417.73	-	417.73
Addition	1,124.27	41.18	1,165.45
Deletion	-	-	-
Depreciation	322.78	2.41	325.19
<b>As at 31st March 2020</b>	<b>1,219.22</b>	<b>38.77</b>	<b>1,257.99</b>

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Particulars	Building	Leasehold Land	Total
Reclassification of Leasehold prepayments (current and non-current assets)	–	–	–
Addition	–	–	–
Deletion	10.10	–	10.10
Depreciation	401.70	2.41	404.11
<b>As at 31st March 2021</b>	<b>807.42</b>	<b>36.36</b>	<b>843.78</b>

(ii) The following is the break-up of current and non-current lease liabilities:

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Current lease liabilities	390.45	420.62
Non-Current lease liabilities	202.61	554.70
	<b>593.06</b>	<b>975.32</b>

(iii) The following is the movement in lease liabilities:

Particulars	Amount
<b>As at 1st April 2020</b>	–
Additions	1,165.45
Finance cost accrued during the period	234.95
Deletions	–
Payment of lease liabilities	(425.08)
<b>As at 31st March 2020</b>	<b>975.32</b>
Additions	–
Finance cost accrued during the period	89.60
Deletions	(11.69)
Payment of lease liabilities	(460.17)
<b>As at 31st March 2021</b>	<b>593.06</b>

(iv) The table below provides details regarding the contractual maturities of lease liabilities on an undiscounted basis:

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021
Not later than one year	438.42
Later than one year and not more than five years	211.08
Later than five years	10.98
	<b>660.48</b>

(v) Further to above, the Company has certain operating lease arrangements for office, transit houses, etc. on short-term leases. Expenditure incurred on account of rental payments under such leases during the year and recognized in the Profit and Loss account amounts to Rs. 7.38 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs. 14.50 lakhs).

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### NOTE 53: SALE OF SPECIFIED ASSETS OF CERTAIN TEA ESTATES

On 09th August, 2018, the shareholders of the Company approved to sell specified assets of certain tea estates. In continuation of the steps initiated in this respect in earlier years:

- a) The company sold specified assets of 3 Tea Estates for an aggregate consideration of Rs 15,045.00 Lakhs. Profit on sale of such assets amounting to Rs. 4,003.96 Lakhs has been included under Exceptional items for year ended 31st March 2020.
- b) The specified assets of one another tea estate had been identified and approved for sale. Memorandum of Understanding/ Term sheet with the proposed buyer for an aggregate consideration of Rs. 2,815.00 Lakhs, subject to due diligence and necessary approvals, etc. had also been entered by the company. Pending final binding agreement and completion of the transaction, such sales has not been recognised. Advance of Rs 550.00 Lakhs received from the proposed buyer against sale consideration has been shown under 'Other Financial Liabilities'.
- c) The Company has received advances against sale of estates and certain other assets amounting to Rs. 1,413.87 lakhs (including Rs. 550.00 lakhs dealt in (b) above) which could not crystallise on account of stay imposed by Hon'ble NCLT. Accordingly, such assets pending final decision of Hon'ble NCLT has been continued to be included under Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE) rather than as "Assets held for Sale" and have been depreciated in accordance with other items of PPE.

### NOTE 54: SALE OF OTHER ASSETS

During the year ended 31st March 2020, part of a building belonging to the Company was sold to a financial institution at a consideration of Rs. 4,477.00 Lakhs, which was adjusted against their outstanding dues. Loss of Rs. 237.21 Lakhs arising in this respect had been shown under exceptional items.

### NOTE 55: BUYBACK OF SHARES BY SUBSIDIARY

During the year ended 31st March 2019, the company's subsidiary Borelli Tea Holdings Limited (UK) (BTHL) had agreed to buy back 60,000 shares (out of total 3,62,000 shares held by the company) for an aggregate consideration of GBP 93,00,000, and Rs. 8,390.93 Lakhs received in this respect had been shown as advance from subsidiaries. During the year ended 31st March 2020, the said buy-back after obtaining necessary clearances and completion of related formalities has been given effect to and profit of Rs. 4,440.21 Lakhs arising in this respect had been included under exceptional items. Further, BTHL vide its Board Resolution dated 1st July 2019 had agreed to buy back 50,000 shares for a consideration of GBP 77,50,000 (Rs. 6,581.41 Lakhs). This transaction has also been concluded during the said year and profit of Rs 3,562.32 Lakhs arising in this respect had been included under exceptional items.

### NOTE 56: COVID 19

The Company has taken into account all the possible impacts of COVID-19 in preparation of these financial statement, including but not limited to its assessment of, liquidity and going concern assumption, the recoverability of property, plant and equipments, receivables, intangible assets, cash and cash equivalents and investments. The Company has carried out this assessment based on available internal and external sources of information upto the date of approval of these financial statements and believes that no adjustment in the carrying amount of assets and liabilities is expected to arise. The Company continues to monitor future economic conditions and its consequent impact on the business operations, given the uncertain nature of the pandemic.

### NOTE 57: INTER-CORPORATE LOANS GIVEN

- a) In respect of Inter-Corporate Deposits (ICDs) given to Promoter group and certain other companies as given in Note no. 50(B), the amount outstanding aggregates to Rs. 2,82,383.08 Lakhs as at 31st March, 2021 (31st March 2020: Rs.

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2,84,596.66 Lakhs) (net of provision of Rs. 1,098.00 Lakhs). Interest accrued upto 31st March 2019 and remaining unpaid as on 31st March, 2021 aggregates to Rs. 1,958.32 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs. 2,336.78 Lakhs) (net of provision of Rs. 7,999.34 Lakhs). Interest on such ICDs as stated in Note no. 32.2, considering the waiver sought by borrower companies and uncertainties involved with respect to their repayment capabilities and pending finalisation of terms and conditions on approval of the resolution plan and determination of amount thereof, has not been accrued in the previous as well as in the current year. Over and above, the company has issued letters of comfort to lenders of these companies as given in Note no. 43(C). Steps are being taken to restructure the borrowings and related financial obligations of the company and necessary resolution plan as stated in Note no. 58(a) in this respect is under consideration of the lenders. The company expects to workout a plan for restructuring the amount of loan given and interest thereon including reducing/liquidating such outstanding amount and other obligations in sync with the proposed restructuring of borrowing in terms of the resolution plan under consideration of lenders as stated herein above. The management believes that the outstanding dues, net of provision for amount considered doubtful, as mentioned above, shall be recovered/ adjusted and/or restructured considering the outcome of the Resolution Plan under consideration as above and no further provision/adjustment is required at this stage. Any adjustments required consequent to finalisation of resolution plan will be given effect to on determination of the amount thereof.

- b) Inter-Corporate Deposits to companies as dealt herein above in Note no. 57(a) include amounts reported upon by predecessor auditor including Rs. 77,575.00 lakhs which were considered by the predecessor auditor in the nature of book entries. This includes amounts given to group companies whereby applicability of Section 185 and related non-compliances, if any could not be ascertained and commented upon by them. The issues raised are also being examined by relevant authorities including Registrar of Companies, outcome of which are awaited as on this date. Information required by the authorities have been provided and/or directions, if any are awaited as on this date.

### NOTE 58: GOING CONCERN AND DEFAULT IN BORROWINGS

- a) Operational earnings and performance of the company even though has improved over the period, the Company's financial position continues to be under stress. The Inter-Corporate Deposits (ICDs) given to various group companies to provide them funds for strategic reasons for meeting their various obligations along with interest to the extent applicable are outstanding as on this date. These have resulted in mismatch of company's resources vis-à-vis its commitments and obligations and financial constraints, causing hardship in servicing the short term and long-term debts and meeting other liabilities.

Various measures to overcome the financial constraints, which inter-alia include reduction in operational costs, monetising the Company's/group's assets including equity holding in other group companies and also proposal for restructuring/reducing the borrowings so that to make them sustainable and rationalising the costs thereof and infusing liquidity in the system over a period of time have been continued during the year.

One of the banker had issued a notice of default and recalled the amount granted under various facilities and had commenced the proceeding before Debt recovery Tribunal (DRT) for realisation of their debt to the company. The said banker and one other lender had filed petitions under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC) with Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Kolkata (NCLT). These petitions and consequential proceedings under IBC are however yet to be admitted by NCLT. Further, certain lenders including those concerning another group company have obtained injunction against disposal of the Company's assets, pending settlement of their dues.

Meanwhile, lenders initiated the Resolution process of the company in terms of circular dated 07th June 2019 issued by the Reserve Bank of India. Pursuant to such resolution process, Techno Economic Viability (TEV) study and valuation of the company have been carried out by Independent professional. Further, SBI Capital Markets Limited, one of the leading investment banker has prepared the plan and submitted its recommendations concerning the resolution plan and the same is under consideration of the lenders as on this date. The forensic audit for utilisation of funds borrowed in the past, conducted by an Independent firm of Chartered Accountants on behest of lenders has been completed and finding on utilisation of funds borrowed have been accepted by the lenders during the year. Inter-Creditor Agreement (ICA) for arriving at and implementing the resolution plan has been confirmed and signed by certain lenders and is in

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the process of being approved by remaining lenders. The lenders prior to finalisation and approving the resolution plan are in process of re-vetting of the TEV Study and also obtaining the possible credit rating of the company subsequent to the resolution plan being implemented as recommended by SBI Capital Markets Limited.

The management is confident that with the lenders support in restructuring their debt to a sustainable level and rationalisation of cost of borrowing and other cost reductions, induction of additional fund in the system etc. and other ameliorative measures taken and/or proposed to be taken and with restructuring/reducing the outstanding amount of loan receivable in line with the same, the company will be able to generate sufficient cashflow to meet its obligations and strengthen its financial position over a period of time. Considering that these measures are under implementation and/or under active consideration and proactive steps are being taken by lenders for approving the resolution plan, these financial results have been prepared on going concern basis.

- b) Pending completion of debt restructuring process and consequential adjustment in this respect as per Note No. 58(a) above, Interest on borrowings have been provided on simple interest at the rates specified in term sheet or otherwise stipulated/advised from time to time and penal/compound interest if any has not been considered. Further, pending such restructuring, amount repaid to lenders and/or recovered by them by execution of securities etc. have been adjusted against principal of their outstanding amount. The amount payable to the lenders in respect of outstanding amount including interest thereagainst is subject to confirmation and determination and consequential reconciliation thereof in terms of final decision to be arrived at in this respect. Adjustments, if any required in this respect will be recognised on determination thereof and given effect to on finalisation of resolution plan.
59. Certain debit and credit balances including borrowings dealt with in Note no. 58(b) and inter-unit and other clearing balances, other receivables/ Payables including identification of MSME, advances from customers, loans and advances, other current assets and certain other liabilities including those relating to tea estates are subject to reconciliation with individual details and balances and confirmation thereof. Adjustments/ Impact in this respect are currently not ascertainable.
60. These financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on 23rd June 2021, for issue to the shareholders for their adoption.

As per our report of even date

For **Lodha & Co,**

Chartered Accountants

**R.P. Singh**

Partner

**Aditya Khaitan**

Chairman and Managing Director

(DIN No: 00023788)

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

**Azam Monem**

Director

(DIN No: 00023799)

**Pradip Bhar**

Chief Financial Officer

**Alok Kumar Samant**

Company Secretary

Place: Kolkata

Dated: 23rd June, 2021



## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of McLeod Russel India Limited

Report on The Audit of The Consolidated Financial Statements

### Adverse Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of McLeod Russel India Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Company" or "Parent") and its subsidiaries (the Parent and its subsidiaries together referred to as "the Group") and its associate, which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at March 31, 2021, the consolidated statement of profit and Loss, consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies (hereinafter referred to as the "consolidated financial statements").

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, and based on the consideration of reports of the other auditors on separate financial statements of the subsidiaries referred to in the Other Matters section below due to the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section below, the aforesaid consolidated financial statements do not give the information required by the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") in the manner so required and also does not give a true and fair view in conformity with the Indian Accounting Standards prescribed under section 133 of the Act ('Ind AS') and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the consolidated state of affairs of the Group as at March 31, 2021, and their consolidated loss, consolidated other comprehensive income, consolidated cashflow and their consolidated changes in equity for the year ended on that date.

### Basis for Adverse Opinion

Attention is invited to the following notes of the Consolidated financial statements.

- a) Note no. 56(a) dealing with Inter Corporate Deposits (ICDs) aggregating Rs. 2,84,341.40 lakhs given by the Parent and outstanding as on March 31, 2021 (including Interest of Rs. 1,958.32 lakhs accrued till March 31, 2019) given to certain companies which are doubtful of recovery and considering recoverability etc. are prejudicial to the interest of the Parent. In absence of provision there against, the loss for the year is understated to that extent. Impact in this respect have not been ascertained by the management and recognised in the consolidated financial statements.
- b) The Parent had given advance in earlier year to a body corporate aggregating to Rs. 1,400.00 lakhs (Included in Note no. 18 under "Advances to Suppliers, Service Providers etc.") which are outstanding as on March 31, 2021. In absence of appropriate audit evidence and status thereof, we are unable to comment on the validity and recoverability of such advances.
- c) Note No. 36.2 regarding non-recognition of Interest of Rs. 4,615.46 (Including Rs. 2,337.26 lakhs for the year) on Inter Corporate Deposits taken by the Parent and thereby the loss for the year is understated to that extent. Further, as stated in Note no. 57(b), penal/compound interest and other adjustments in respect of borrowings from banks/financial institution have not been recognised and amount payable to banks and financial institutions as recognised in the consolidated financial statement are subject to confirmation from respective parties and consequential reconciliation. Pending final determination of amount in this respect, adjustments and impacts arising there from have not been ascertained and as such cannot be commented upon by us;
- d) Note no 58 regarding non reconciliation/ disclosure of certain debit and credit balances by the Parent with individual details and confirmations etc. Adjustments/ Impacts with respect to these are currently not ascertainable and as such cannot be commented upon by us; and
- e) As stated in Note no. 56(b) of the consolidated financial statements, the predecessor auditor in respect of loans included under paragraph (a) above have reported that it includes amount given to group companies whereby applicability of Section 185 could not be ascertained and commented upon by them. They have not been able to ascertain if the aforesaid promoter companies could, in substance, be deemed to be related parties to the Parent in accordance with paragraph 10 of Ind AS-24 "Related Party Disclosures". Further certain ICDs as reported were in nature of book entries and/ or are prejudicial to the interest of the Parent. These amounts are outstanding as on this date and status thereof have remained unchanged and uncertainty and related concerns including being prejudicial to the interest of the Parent are valid for current year also. As represented by the management, the parties involved are not related parties requiring disclosure in

terms of said accounting standard and provisions of Companies act 2013 and concerns expressed as above are not relevant and as such inconsequential to the Parent. The matter as reported is under examination and pending before regulatory authorities. Pending final outcome of the matter under examination we are unable to ascertain the impact of non-compliances and comment on the consequential impact thereof.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Standards on Auditing (SAs) specified under section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group, in accordance with the Code of Ethics and provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in India under the Companies Act, 2013, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics and the requirements under the Companies act, 2013. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse opinion.

#### Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

Attention is drawn to Note no. 57(a) of the consolidated financial statements dealing with going concern assumption for preparation of the accounts of the Parent. The Parent's current liabilities exceeded its current assets. The matters forming part of and dealt with under Basis for Adverse Opinion Section of our report may have significant impact on the net worth of the Parent. Loans given to promoter group and certain other companies have remained unpaid. Amount borrowed could not be repaid as stipulated and other obligations could not be met as well due to insufficiency of resources. These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty about the Parent's ability to continue as a going concern. However, the financial statement of the Parent due to the reasons stated in the said Note has been prepared by management on going concern basis, based on the management's assessment of

the expected successful outcome of the steps and measures including those concerning rationalization of costs, restructuring/reduction of borrowings and interest thereon in terms of resolution plan under considerations of lenders and restructuring of outstanding loans receivables in sync with said plan and other proposals under evaluation as on this date. In the event of the management's expectation and estimation etc., not turning out to be true, possible impact thereof including on carrying value of tangible and intangible assets even though expected to be material, as such presently cannot be commented upon by us. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. In addition to the matter described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section of our report, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report. We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statement section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedure designed to respond to our assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statement. The result of audit procedures performed by us and by other auditors of component not audited by us, as reported by them in their Auditors' Report furnished to us by the management, including those procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying consolidated financial statements. However, the below mentioned key audit matters pertains to Parent as the other auditors of the component have not given any key audit matters in their reports.

Key Audit Matters	Addressing the key audit matters
<b>Valuation of Biological Assets and Agricultural produce</b>	
Biological assets of the Group comprising of unharvested green tea leaves on tea bushes and the Group's agricultural produce comprising of harvested green leaves are valued at fair value less cost to sell at the point of harvest. Unharvested tea leaves on tea bushes at the year end are determined on the basis of normal cycle for plucking.	<p>Our Audit procedures based on which we arrived at the conclusion regarding reasonableness of valuation includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtaining an understanding of the production cycle, fair value measurement methodologies used and assessing the reasonableness and consistency of the significant assumptions used for determination and valuation thereof;</li> <li>• Evaluating the design and implementation of Parent's controls concerning the valuation of biological assets and agricultural produce;</li> </ul>

Key Audit Matters	Addressing the key audit matters
<p>In respect of harvested or unharvested green leaves, since there is no active market for own leaves, estimates are used by management in determining the valuation.</p> <p>Finished goods produced from agricultural produce i.e. Black Tea are valued at lower of cost arrived at by adding the cost of conversion to the fair value of agricultural produce and the net realisable value.</p> <p>The principal assumptions and estimates in the determination of the fair value include assumptions with respect to production cycle, yields, prices of green leaf purchased from third parties and the stage of transformation. These assumptions and estimates require careful evaluation by management.</p> <p>Given the nature of Industry these assets and valuation thereof are significant to the operation of the Group.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessing the basis, reasonableness and accuracy of adjustments made to prices of green leaves purchased from outside suppliers considering the quality differential of the Parent's production.</li> <li>• Assessing the yields and cycle of production to analyse the stage of transformation considered for the determination and fair valuation of biological assets;</li> <li>• Due to lock-down amidst COVID-19 it was not possible to participate in the physical verification of inventory in case of the Parent and therefore, the following alternate procedures confirming the year end determination of Inventory were applied: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– In respect of the stock of Black Tea held at certain tea estates and warehouses services of Independent firm of Chartered Accountants were engaged for carrying out physical verification;</li> <li>– In all other locations verifications were undertaken by the management;</li> <li>– We reviewed the reports submitted for the verification along with workings and supporting details and obtained reasons/explanation for variations observed with respect to book stock;</li> <li>– The stock at the year end were derived by rolling back the quantities of subsequent dispatches and production; and</li> <li>– Reliance has been placed on management's representation and evidences provided for subsequent production, dispatches and collections there against.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We examined the valuation process/methodology and checks being performed at multiple levels to ensure that the valuation is consistent with and as per the policy followed in this respect;</li> <li>• Due recognition of principle of materiality considering the current volume of inventory.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Impairment of Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE), Capital Work in Progress (CWIP) and Intangible Assets (Note no. 4(a) of the consolidated financial statements)</b></p>	
<p>Evaluation of the impairment of the Parent involves assessment of value in use of the Cash Generating Units (CGUs) and requires significant judgements and assumptions about the forecast for cash flows, production, volume of operations, prices and discount rate.</p> <p>The exercise requires assessment of fair valuation of tea estates and other items of property, plant and equipment.</p> <p>This exercise has gained significance considering the available indicators under the current situation and circumstances amidst management's expected outcome of the resolution plan under consideration of the lenders and other conditions under which the parent is operating.</p>	<p>Our Audit procedures based on which we arrived at the conclusion regarding reasonableness of Impairment includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical evaluation of internal and external factors impacting the entity and indicators of impairment (or reversal thereof) in line with Ind AS 38;</li> <li>• Reviewing the valuation report by Independent technical consultant for arriving at value in use and fair value of various tea estates and other assets less cost to sale and necessary updation thereof by the management based on current indicators and prevailing situation and this being a technical matter, reliance has been placed on management contention and representation in this respect;</li> <li>• Review of impairment valuation models used in relation to CGU to determine the recoverable amount and the key assumptions used by management in this respect including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Management's contention for restructuring the debt to make it sustainable and recoverability/restructuring of amount of loan given to various companies;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Key Audit Matters	Addressing the key audit matters
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Consistency with respect to forecast for arriving at the valuation and assessing the potential impact of any variances;</li> <li>– Price assumptions used in the models; and</li> <li>– The assumptions/estimation for the weighted average cost of capital and rate of discount for arriving at the value in use.</li> <li>• Reliance has been placed on management’s assumption for possible outcome vis-à-vis resolution plan under consideration of lenders.</li> </ul>
<b>Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets (Note no. 23.1 of the consolidated financial statements)</b>	
<p>Deferred tax Asset include MAT Credit Entitlement of Rs. 3,105.64 lakhs and Unabsorbed Tax Losses of Rs. 848.60 lakhs being carried forward in the Consolidated financial statements as at March 31, 2021.</p> <p>Further, Deferred Tax Assets relating to Interest Disallowance and Unabsorbed losses pending determination of amount considering the principle of prudence has not been recognized by the Parent in the Consolidated financial statements.</p>	<p>Our Audit procedures based on which we arrived at the conclusion regarding reasonableness of the accounting effect and disclosures of the Deferred Tax Assets include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilisation of Deferred tax assets have been tested on the basis of internal forecasts prepared by the Parent and probability of future taxable income;</li> <li>• Critical review of the underlying assumptions for consistency for arriving at reasonable degree of probability on the matters;</li> <li>• Due consideration of principle of prudence especially amidst the Debt restructuring process and other group level restructuring and related uncertainties; and</li> <li>• Requirement of Ind AS 12 “Income Taxes” and application thereof and disclosures made in the consolidated financial statement for ensuring the compliances on the matter.</li> <li>• Reliance has been placed on management’s assumption for possible outcome vis-à-vis resolution plan under consideration of lenders.</li> </ul>
<b>Going Concern Assumption (Note no. 57 of the consolidated financial statements)</b>	
<p>The Parent’s current liabilities exceeded current assets by Rs. 2,38,752.71 lakhs as on March 31, 2021. Funds obtained by borrowing and utilized for providing funds to other companies have become unserviceable primarily due to non-repayment of outstanding amounts by those companies. Further, adjustments arising in respect of the matters dealt with under Basis of Adverse Opinion Section may have significant impact on the networth of the Parent. The Parent was unable to discharge its obligations for repayment of loans and settlement of financial and other liabilities.</p> <p>The availability of sufficient fund and the Parent’s ability to continue meeting its financial, statutory and other obligations as and when falling due for payment are important for the going concern assumption and, as such, are significant aspect of our audit.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures included testing management’s assumptions on the appropriateness of the going concern assumptions and reasonableness of the assumptions used, focusing in particular the business projections of Parent, restructuring of borrowing and ICD’s given by the Parent and other sources of funding and among others, following procedures were applied in this respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the Debt Restructuring process and steps so far taken by lenders in this respect which inter-alia includes approving Inter-Creditor Agreement, re-vetting of Techno Economic Viability (TEV) study, valuation of the company for working out and recommending the possible credit rating on the resolution plan. This includes review of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Core operations of the Parent and management’s expectation of sustainability thereof;</li> <li>– Minutes of the meetings of the Parent with the consortium of lenders;</li> <li>– Compliances vis-a-vis debt covenants associated with loans obtained;</li> <li>– Consistency with respect to assumptions etc. for possible valuation of the business and tea estates, system and operating results and efficiencies and management’s forecast and outlook; and</li> <li>– Management’s report to gain an understanding of the various costs and realisations supporting the cash flow projections of the parent and sustainability thereof.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Placing reliance on management’s assumptions and expectation of possible outcome of resolution plan under consideration of lenders; and</li> <li>• Review of disclosures made by the management in the consolidated financial statement to ensure compliances in this respect.</li> </ul>

### **Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditors' Report Thereon**

The Parent's Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Report of the Directors and the annexures thereto (namely Management Discussion and Analysis, Corporate Governance Report, Annual Report on CSR Activities, Form MGT – 9, Conservation of energy, technology absorption, foreign exchange earnings and outgo and remuneration and other specified particulars of employees) but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The other information as stated above is expected to be made available to us after the date of this Auditors' Report.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available, compare with financial information of the subsidiaries audited by other auditors, to the extent it relates to those entities and, in doing so, place reliance on the work of other auditors and consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. Other information as it relates to subsidiaries is traced from other financial information audited by other auditors.

### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements**

The Parent's Board of Directors is responsible for the matters stated in section 134(5) of the Act with respect to preparation and presentation of these consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position, consolidated financial performance comprising of consolidated profit/loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated changes in equity and consolidated cash flows of the Group including its Associates in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Accounting Standards specified under section 133 of the Act. The respective Board of Directors of the companies included in the Group and of its associates are responsible for maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding the assets of the Group and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; the selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due

to fraud or error, which have been used for the purpose of preparation of the consolidated financial statements by the Directors of the Parent Company, as aforesaid.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the respective Board of Directors of the companies included in the Group and of its associates are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group and of its associates to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The respective Board of Directors of the companies included in the Group and of its associates are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of the Group and of its associates.

### **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under section 143(3) (i) of the Companies Act, 2013, we are also responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the Parent has adequate internal financial controls system in place and the operating effectiveness of such controls;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management; and
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use



of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements of which we are the Independent Auditors. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit of the financial statements of such entities included in the consolidated financial statements of which we are the independent auditors. For the other entities included in the consolidated financial statements, which have been audited by other auditors, such other auditors remain responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audits carried out by them. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

Materiality is the magnitude of misstatements in the consolidated financial statements that, individually or in aggregate, makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable user of the financial statements may be influenced. We consider quantitative materiality and qualitative factors in (i) planning the scope of our audit work and in evaluating the results of our work; and (ii) to evaluate the effect of any identified misstatements in the financial statements.

We communicate with those charged with governance of the Parent of which we are the independent auditors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

#### Other Matters

- a) We did not audit the financial statements of the subsidiary company, whose consolidated financial

statements reflect total assets as at March 31, 2021, total revenue and net cash flow/(outflow) for the year ended as on that date, considered as under in the consolidated financial statements based on audited financial statements by other auditor:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Name of the Subsidiary	Total Assets as at March 31, 2021	Total Revenue for the year ended March 31, 2021	Net Cash Inflow/ (Outflow) for the year ended March 31, 2021
Borelli Tea Holdings Limited (Consolidated)	4,76,04.47	3,35,41.11	(431.45)

These consolidated financial statements have been audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us by the Management and our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclosures included in respect of the subsidiary, and our report in terms of sub-section (3) of Section 143 of the Act, in so far as it relates to the aforesaid subsidiary is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

- b) We did not audit the financial statements/ information of one overseas office included in the consolidated financial Statement of the Parent whose financial statements/financial information comprising of expenses to the extent of Rs. 1.00 lakhs has been incorporated therein based on Statement of Accounts audited by an Independent firm of Chartered Accountants. The impact in this respect is not material since this reflects total assets of Rs. 8.63 lakhs as at March 31, 2021 and the total revenue of Rs. Nil for the year ended on that date. Our opinion in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclosures included in respect of said office is based solely on the report of Chartered Accountant.
- c) The other Auditors of the aforesaid components have not reported Key Audit Matters in their Auditors' Report. In absence of which we are unable to incorporate the matters for the Group and accordingly these matters have been reported for the Parent Company only.
- d) Our opinion on the consolidated financial statement and our report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements below, is not modified in respect of the above matters with respect to reliance on the work done and the report of other auditor. Our opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

#### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

1. As regards to the matters to be inquired by the auditors in terms of Section 143(1) of the Act, we report that Inter Corporate Deposits as stated in Para (a) of Basis for Adverse Opinion Section of this report due to the reasons stated therein are prejudicial to the interest of the Parent. This includes:

- a) ICDs aggregating to Rs. 77,575.00 Lakhs (included

under Para (e) of Basis for Adverse Opinion Section) as reported by the predecessor auditor which were initially given by Parent as capital advances in the earlier year and were subsequently converted to ICDs and had been considered by them to be in the nature of book entries and prejudicial to the interest of the Parent. These amounts are outstanding as on March 31, 2021. The matter as stated in Para (e) of Basis for Adverse Opinion Section of this report is under examination by relevant authorities and final outcome thereof is awaited as on this date.

2. As required by Section 143(3) of the Act, based on our report, to the extent applicable that:

- a) We have sought and except for the effects/ possible effects of the matters described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section above obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit of the aforesaid consolidated financial statements;
- b) Except for the effects/ possible effects of the matters described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section above, in our opinion, proper books of account as required by law relating to preparation of the aforesaid consolidated financial statement have been kept by the Parent so far as it appears from our examination of those books, returns and the reports of the other auditors;
- c) The Consolidated Balance Sheet, Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss including Other Comprehensive Income, Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the relevant books of account maintained for the purpose of preparation of the consolidated financial statements;
- d) Due to the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section above, in our opinion, the aforesaid consolidated financial statements do not comply with the requirement and provisions of Ind As specified under Section 133 of the Act;
- e) The matters described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section above especially that relating to non-provision of Inter-corporate Deposits as stated in Para (a) and (e) of that section, provision of interest on borrowings on the basis stated in Para (c) of Basis for Adverse Opinion Section of this report pending confirmation of lenders and Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern assumption pending approval of resolution plan, in our opinion, may have an adverse effect on the functioning of the Group;
- f) On the basis of the written representations received from the directors as on March 31, 2021 taken on record by the Board of Directors of the Parent,

none of the directors of the Group Companies incorporated in India are disqualified as on March 31, 2021 from being appointed as a director in terms of Section 164 (2) of the Act;

- g) The adverse remarks relating to the maintenance of accounts and other matters connected therewith are as stated in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section above; and
  - h) With respect to the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements and the operating effectiveness of such controls, refer to our separate Report in "Annexure A" which is based on the auditors' report of the Parent company since the subsidiaries and associates considered for consolidation are incorporated outside India. Our report expresses qualified opinion on the adequacy and operating effectiveness of internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements of the Parent's internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements.
3. With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditors' Report in accordance with Rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:
- i. The Group has disclosed the impact of pending litigations on its consolidated financial position of the Group – Refer Note no. 43 to the Consolidated financial statements;
  - ii. The Group has made provision, as required under the applicable law or accounting standards, for material foreseeable losses, if any, on long-term contracts including derivative contracts; and
  - iii. There were no amounts which were required to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Parent.
4. With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditors' Report in accordance with the requirements of section 197(16) of the Act, as amended, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the remuneration paid by the Parent to its managing and whole time directors are not in accordance with provisions of Section 197 of the Act and accordingly such remunerations paid as given in Note no. 9.1 has been held by them in Trust and disclosed under Loans and Advances in the consolidated financial statement.

For **Lodha & Co,**  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm's ICAI Registration No.:301051E

R. P. Singh  
Partner

Membership No: 52438  
UDIN:21052438AAAACG8563

Place: Kolkata  
Date: June 23, 2021



## **ANNEXURE "A" TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

(Referred to in paragraph 2(h) under 'Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements' of our report of even date)

**Report on the Internal Financial Controls with reference to consolidated financial statements under Clause (i) of Sub-section 3 of Section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act")**

In conjunction with our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Group and its associates as of and for the year ended March 31, 2021, we have audited the internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements of McLeod Russel India Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Parent") being the company incorporated in India, as of that date.

### **Management's Responsibility for Internal Financial Controls**

The Board of Directors of the Parent being the company incorporated in India is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal financial controls based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Parent considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting (the "Guidance Note") issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ("the ICAI"). These responsibilities include the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to the Parent's policies, the safeguarding of its assets, the prevention and detection of frauds and errors, the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, and the timely preparation of reliable financial information, as required under the Companies Act, 2013.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Parent's internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Guidance Note and the Standards on Auditing, prescribed under Section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013, to the extent applicable to an audit of internal financial controls. Those Standards and the Guidance Note require that we comply with ethical

requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether adequate internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements was established and maintained and if such controls operated effectively in all material respects.

Our audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the adequacy of the internal financial controls system over financial reporting and their operating effectiveness. Our audit of internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements included obtaining an understanding of internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the Parent Company's internal financial controls system with reference to consolidated financial statements.

### **Meaning of Internal Financial Controls with reference to financial statements**

A company's internal financial control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal financial control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorisations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorised acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

### **Inherent Limitations of Internal Financial Controls with reference to Consolidated Financial Statements**

Because of the inherent limitations of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal financial control with reference to financial statements may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

According to the information and explanations given to us and based on our audit, the following material weaknesses have been identified in the Parent's internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements as at March 31, 2021:

- The Parent did not have an appropriate internal control system in relation to granting of loans and advances/ other advances to promoter group companies and/ or other companies, including ascertaining economic substance and business rationale of the transactions, establishing segregation of duties and determining credentials of the counter parties;
- With respect to inter Corporate Deposits (ICDs), the Parent did not have appropriate system to evaluate the credit worthiness of the parties and recoverability of monies given including interest thereon and also ensuring the compliances with respect to provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 so that these are not considered to be prejudicial to the interest of the Parent;
- In case of Parent, certain individual details of debit and credit balances and reconciliation thereof with control balances of receivable/payable/stock including supporting evidences for movement thereof as given in Note no. 58 of the consolidated financial statements were not available. IT Control systems and procedures needs strengthening in terms of framework for Internal Control over financial reporting with reference to financial statements taking into account related controls and procedures as stated in the Guidance Note on Audit

of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India so that to facilitate required reconciliations and provide details for documentation with respect to internal financial controls in the respective areas.

A 'material weakness' is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal financial control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Parent's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

### **Qualified Opinion**

In our opinion, to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, except for the effects/ possible effects of the material weaknesses described in Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph above on the achievement of the objectives of the control criteria, the Parent has maintained, in all material respects, adequate and effective internal financial controls with reference to the consolidated financial statements as of March 31, 2021, based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Parent considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India'.

We have considered the material weaknesses identified and reported above in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit tests applied in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Group and its associate for the year ended March 31, 2021, and these material weaknesses have affected our opinion on the said consolidated financial statements of the Group and we have issued an adverse opinion on the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

For **Lodha & Co,**  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm's ICAI Registration No.:301051E

R. P. Singh  
Partner

Membership No: 52438  
UDIN:21052438AAAACG8563

Place: Kolkata  
Date: June 23, 2021

## Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2021

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Note	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
a) Property, Plant and Equipment	5	1,18,324.01	1,21,085.96
b) Capital Work-in-Progress		6,682.75	9,265.27
c) Goodwill on Consolidation	5A	20,177.93	19,937.43
d) Other Intangible Assets	6	1,239.29	1,534.31
e) Financial Assets			
(i) Investments	8		
- Investment in Associate	8A	-	-
- Other Investments	8B	5,302.71	1,081.27
(ii) Loans	9	2,85,343.20	2,87,710.55
(iii) Other Financial Assets	10	5,056.31	4,793.98
f) Other Non-Current Assets	11	2,374.25	2,242.59
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>4,44,500.45</b>	<b>4,47,651.36</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
a) Inventories	12	20,464.62	19,430.36
b) Biological Assets other than bearer plants	13	498.48	78.73
c) Financial Assets			
(i) Trade Receivables	14	3,192.32	3,451.75
(ii) Cash and Cash Equivalents	15	9,688.11	5,161.92
(iii) Bank Balances other than (ii) above	16	191.42	279.85
(iv) Loans	9	1,097.46	751.08
(v) Other Financial Assets	10	1,377.81	1,497.82
d) Current Tax Assets (Net)	17	2,397.32	8,355.01
e) Other Current Assets	18	7,160.49	6,866.35
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>46,068.03</b>	<b>45,872.87</b>
Non Current Assets held for Sale	7	-	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>4,90,568.48</b>	<b>4,93,524.23</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
a) Equity Share Capital	19	5,222.79	5,222.79
b) Other Equity	20	1,77,104.35	1,80,219.39
Equity attributable to Owners' of the Parent		<b>1,82,327.14</b>	<b>1,85,442.18</b>
Non-controlling interests		-	-
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>1,82,327.14</b>	<b>1,85,442.18</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
a) Financial Liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	21	11,098.62	18,576.62
(ii) Other Financial Liabilities	27	202.61	554.70
b) Provisions			
Employee Benefit Obligations	22	5,876.44	4,265.31
c) Deferred Tax Liabilities (Net)	23	8,580.32	13,865.08
d) Other Non-Current Liabilities	24	460.95	474.29
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>26,218.94</b>	<b>37,736.00</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
a) Financial Liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	25	1,90,385.72	1,94,905.67
(ii) Trade Payables	26		
(a) Total outstanding dues of Micro and Small Enterprises		-	-
(b) Total outstanding dues of creditors other than Micro and Small Enterprises		10,172.45	8,932.27
(iii) Other Financial Liabilities	27	64,616.92	49,415.73
b) Other Current Liabilities	28	8,319.69	8,964.99
c) Provisions			
(i) Employee Benefit Obligations	22	3,656.38	3,851.49
(ii) Other Provisions	29	1,184.76	1,007.12
d) Current Tax Liabilities (Net)	30	3,686.48	3,268.78
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>2,82,022.40</b>	<b>2,70,346.05</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>3,08,241.34</b>	<b>3,08,082.05</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>4,90,568.48</b>	<b>4,93,524.23</b>

Significant accounting policies and other accompanying notes (1 to 61) form an integral part of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

As per our report of even date

For **Lodha & Co,**  
Chartered Accountants  
**R.P. Singh**  
Partner

**Aditya Khaitan**  
Chairman and Managing Director  
(DIN No: 00023788)

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

**Azam Monem**  
Director  
(DIN No: 00023799)

**Pradip Bhar**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Alok Kumar Samant**  
Company Secretary

Place: Kolkata

Dated: 23rd June, 2021

## Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss

For The Year Ended 31st March, 2021

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Note	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Revenue from Operations	31	1,43,843.92	1,14,301.30
Other Income	32	1,999.49	3,138.24
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1,45,843.41</b>	<b>1,17,439.54</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Cost of Materials Consumed	33	17,441.43	8,734.44
Purchase of Tea		3,623.79	3,792.07
Changes in Inventories of Finished Goods	34	160.34	2,079.74
Employee Benefits Expense	35	59,692.01	57,685.59
Finance Costs	36	20,451.39	22,669.21
Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	37	9,038.06	7,794.98
Other Expenses	38	43,408.60	38,038.12
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>1,53,815.62</b>	<b>1,40,794.15</b>
<b>Profit/(Loss) before Share of Associate, Exceptional Items and Tax</b>		<b>(7,972.21)</b>	<b>(23,354.61)</b>
Share of Profit of Associate		-	40.00
<b>Profit/(Loss) before Exceptional Items and Tax</b>		<b>(7,972.21)</b>	<b>(23,314.61)</b>
Exceptional Items	39	-	4,398.04
<b>Profit/(Loss) before Tax</b>		<b>(7,972.21)</b>	<b>(18,916.57)</b>
Tax expense:	51		
Current Tax		160.49	364.58
Provision for tax relating to earlier years		1,778.48	-
Deferred Tax		(4,672.09)	(4,502.18)
<b>Tax expense</b>		<b>(2,733.12)</b>	<b>(4,137.60)</b>
<b>Profit/(Loss) for the year</b>		<b>(5,239.09)</b>	<b>(14,778.97)</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>			
a) (i) Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss			
Remeasurements of post employment defined benefit plans		(1,925.74)	(2,366.33)
Change in fair value of Equity instruments through other comprehensive income		4,221.45	(2,909.61)
(ii) Income Tax relating to items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	52	612.67	755.02
b) (i) Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss			
Exchange difference on translation of foreign operations		(784.33)	915.56
<b>Other Comprehensive Income (Net of taxes)</b>		<b>2,124.05</b>	<b>(3,605.36)</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the year comprising of Profit/(Loss) and Other Comprehensive Income for the year</b>		<b>(3,115.04)</b>	<b>(18,384.33)</b>
<b>Profit/(Loss) for the year attributable to :</b>			
Owners' of the Parent		(5,239.09)	(14,778.97)
Non-Controlling Interests		-	-
<b>Other Comprehensive Income for the year attributable to:</b>			
Owners' of the Parent		2,124.05	(3,605.36)
Non-Controlling Interests		-	-
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the year attributable to :</b>			
Owners' of the Parent		(3,115.04)	(18,384.33)
Non-Controlling Interests		-	-
Earnings per Equity Share: [Face Value per share : Rs. 5/-]	45		
- Basic		(5.02)	(14.15)
- Diluted		(5.02)	(14.15)

Significant accounting policies and other accompanying notes (1 to 61) form an integral part of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

As per our report of even date

For **Lodha & Co,**  
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Company Secretary

Place: Kolkata

Dated: 23rd June, 2021

## Consolidated Statement of Changes In Equity

For the year ended 31st March, 2021

### A. EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note No.	Amount
As at 1st April 2019	19	4,369.41
Shares held through trust sold by Boroelli Tea Holdings Limited (Subsidiary of the Parent)	19.5	853.38
As at 31st March 2020	19	5,222.79
Changes in Equity Share Capital during the year		-
As at 31st March 2021		5,222.79

### B OTHER EQUITY

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Reserves and Surplus						Other Comprehensive Income			Total Equity	Non-Controlling	Total
	Capital Reserve	Securities Premium	General Reserve	Retained Earnings	Other Reserve	Revaluation Surplus	Equity Investments at FVTOCI	Re-measurement of defined benefit plan	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve			
Balance as at 1st April 2019	201.68	4,402.30	1,00,075.95	45,415.42	19,209.20	32,437.89	3,532.62	-	(8,222.64)	1,97,052.42	-	1,97,052.42
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	-	(14,778.97)	-	-	-	-	-	(14,778.97)	-	(14,778.97)
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,909.61)	(1,611.31)	915.56	(3,605.36)	-	(3,605.36)
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the year</b>	-	-	-	(14,778.97)	-	-	(2,909.61)	(1,611.31)	915.56	(18,384.33)	-	(18,384.33)
Transfer on account of depreciation on amount added on Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	-	1,433.71	-	-	(1,433.71)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Retained Earnings	-	-	-	(1,399.59)	-	-	(211.72)	1,611.31	-	-	-	-
On Sale of Parent's Share held by BTHL [Refer Note no. 19.5]	-	-	-	1,551.30	-	-	-	-	-	1,551.30	-	1,551.30
Balance as at 31st March 2020	201.68	4,402.30	1,01,509.66	30,788.16	19,209.20	31,004.18	411.29	-	(7,307.08)	1,80,219.39	-	1,80,219.39



Particulars	Reserves and Surplus						Other Comprehensive Income			Total Equity	Non-Controlling	Total
	Capital Reserve	Securities Premium	General Reserve	Retained Earnings	Other Reserve	Revaluation Surplus	Equity Investments at FVTOCI	Re-measurement of defined benefit plan	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve			
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	-	(5,239.09)	-	-	-	-	-	(5,239.09)	-	(5,239.09)
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,221.45	(1,313.07)	(784.33)	2,124.05	-	2,124.05
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the year</b>	-	-	-	<b>(5,239.09)</b>	-	-	<b>4,221.45</b>	<b>(1,313.07)</b>	<b>(784.33)</b>	<b>(3,115.04)</b>	-	<b>(3,115.04)</b>
Transfer on account of depreciation on amount added on Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	-	2,459.54	-	-	(2,459.54)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Retained Earnings	-	-	-	(1,313.07)	-	-	-	1,313.07	-	-	-	-
On Sale of Parent's Share held by BTHL [Refer Note no. 19.5]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at 31st March 2021</b>	<b>201.68</b>	<b>4,402.30</b>	<b>1,03,969.20</b>	<b>24,236.00</b>	<b>19,209.20</b>	<b>28,544.64</b>	<b>4,632.74</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(8,091.41)</b>	<b>1,77,104.35</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,77,104.35</b>
Refer Note no. 20 for nature of Reserves												

Significant accounting policies and other accompanying notes (1 to 60) form an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

As per our report of even date

For **Lodha & Co,**

Chartered Accountants

**R.P. Singh**

Partner

Place: Kolkata

Dated: 23rd June, 2021

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

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## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For The Year Ended 31st March, 2021

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars		Year ended 31st March 2021		Year ended 31st March 2020	
<b>A.</b>	<b>Cash Flow from Operating Activities</b>				
	Net Profit/(Loss) Before Tax		(7,972.21)		(18,916.57)
	Adjustments to reconcile profit/(loss) for the year to net cash generated from operating activities:-				
	Finance Cost	20,451.39		22,669.21	
	Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	9,038.06		7,794.98	
	Exceptional Items	-		(4,398.04)	
	Deferred Income	(29.11)		(28.92)	
	Interest Income on deposits with bank, security deposits and refund of interest on income tax etc.	(621.13)		(553.07)	
	Provision/ Liabilities no longer required written back	(668.88)		(2,002.39)	
	Profit on Compulsory acquisition of Land by Govt.	(1,223.69)		(195.27)	
	Changes in fair value of Biological Assets	(419.34)		495.64	
	Sundry debtors and other balances written off	222.05		-	
	Provision for Doubtful Debts /Advances/Interest receivable	445.50		-	
	Provision against TDS not deposited by parties	-		514.37	
	(Profit) / Loss on disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment	(77.59)		232.53	
	Provision for Derivative Fair value through Profit and Loss	(354.33)		-	
	Net Unrealised (Gain)/Loss on foreign currency translation and Derivative at Fair Value through Profit and Loss	(784.33)	25,978.60	(884.74)	23,644.30
	<b>Operating Profit Before Working Capital Changes</b>		<b>18,006.39</b>		<b>4,727.73</b>
	<b>Adjustment for:</b>				
	(Increase) / Decrease in Loans, Other Financial Assets	(755.32)		(2,138.55)	
	(Increase) / Decrease in Trade Receivables	471.92		(46.50)	
	(Increase) / Decrease in Inventories	(1,034.26)		4,236.90	
	Increase / (Decrease) in Other non-financial Liabilities and provisions	(920.70)		200.61	
	(Increase) / Decrease in Other Current and Non-Financial Assets	234.34		10,223.54	
	Increase / (Decrease) in Trade Payables and other financial Liabilities	(2,783.03)	(4,787.05)	(9,275.34)	3,200.66
	<b>Cash Generated/(Used) from Operations</b>		<b>13,219.34</b>		<b>7,928.39</b>
	Income taxes (paid)/ Refund (Net)		4,599.97		479.23
	<b>Net cash Generated/(Used) from Operating Activities (A)</b>		<b>17,819.31</b>		<b>8,407.62</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>Cash Flow from Investing Activities</b>				
	Payment for Property, Plant and Equipment	(3,031.31)		(3,868.59)	
	Repayment of Capital Advances	-		6,500.00	
	Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	1,276.70		19,433.43	
	Receipt/(Payments) against Sale of Specified Assets of Tea Estates	(1,653.33)		(646.35)	
	Interest Received	1,000.43		7,480.54	
	(Increase) / decrease in Bank Balances other than Cash and cash equivalents	18.69		784.99	
	(Purchase)/ Sale of Non-Current Investments (Net)	-		6,415.88	
	(Increase) / Decrease in Inter-Corporate Deposits	2,213.58		(1,10,141.66)	
	<b>Net cash generated/(used) in Investing Activities (B)</b>		<b>(175.24)</b>		<b>(74,041.76)</b>
<b>C.</b>	<b>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</b>				
	Long Term Borrowings-Receipts/(Repayments)[Net]	(4,835.33)		1,030.46	
	Short Term Borrowings-Receipts/(Repayments)[Net]	(4,519.95)		52,326.34	
	Interest Paid	(3,415.66)		(9,642.77)	
	Payment of Lease Liabilities	(303.77)		(476.72)	
	Dividends (including Corporate Dividend Tax)	(83.14)		(7,057.12)	
	<b>Net Cash Generated from/(used) in Financing Activities (C)</b>		<b>(13,157.85)</b>		<b>36,180.19</b>
	Net Increase/ (decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents (A+B+C)		4,486.22		(29,453.95)
	Unrealised (Loss)/Gain on foreign Currency Cash and Cash Equivalent		39.97		1.75
	Opening Cash and Cash Equivalents		5,161.92		34,614.12
	<b>Closing Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		<b>9,688.11</b>		<b>5,161.92</b>

**Notes:**

1. The above Cash Flow Statement has been prepared under the "indirect method" as set out in the Ind AS 7 on Statement of Cash Flows.



**2. Components of Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Particulars	As at 31st March, 2021	As at 31st March, 2020
Cash On Hand	492.45	382.04
Balances with Banks		
In Current Account	9,195.66	4,776.28
Remittance in Transit	-	3.60
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note-15)</b>	<b>9,688.11</b>	<b>5,161.92</b>

**3. Change in Company's liabilities arising from financing activities:**

Particulars	As at 31st March, 2020	Cash flows*	Non-Cash Flows	As at 31st March, 2021
Non-current borrowings [Refer Note no. 21]	18,576.62	-	(7,478.00)	11,098.62
Current maturities of long term debt [Refer Note no. 27]	21,099.00	(4,835.33)	7,478.00	23,741.67
Short Term borrowings [Refer Note no. 25]	1,94,905.67	(4,519.95)	-	1,90,385.72
Lease Liabilities [Refer Note no. 27]	975.32	(303.77)	195.34	866.89
Interest accrued but not due on borrowings [Refer Note no. 27]	158.84	(158.84)	120.95	120.95
Interest accrued on borrowings [Refer Note no. 27]	14,576.49	(1,576.31)	16,279.24	29,279.42

\* Includes cash flow on account of both principal and interest

Significant accounting policies and other accompanying notes (1 to 61) form an integral part of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

As per our report of even date

For **Lodha & Co,**

Chartered Accountants

**R.P. Singh**

Partner

Place: Kolkata

Dated: 23rd June, 2021

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

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Company Secretary

## **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021**

### **1. CORPORATE INFORMATION**

McLeod Russel India Limited ('MRIL' or 'the Parent') is a Public Company Limited by shares incorporated in India with its registered office at 4, Mangoe Lane in the State of West Bengal, India and engaged in cultivation and manufacturing of tea. The Consolidated Financial Statements relate to the Parent and its Subsidiaries (hereinafter referred to as 'Group') and its associate. The Parent is one of the largest plantation presently consisting of 33 tea estates located in Assam and West Bengal. The tea produced is sold in domestic as well as international market including United Kingdom and Europe. Its facility also includes two bulk blending unit that can blend both 'Orthodox' and Crushed, torn and curled (CTC) tea varieties. The subsidiary companies are also engaged in cultivation and manufacturing of Tea in the countries like Vietnam and Uganda. Further one of the subsidiary is engaged in manufacturing of tea through purchase of leaves from farmers. The shares of the Parent are listed in National Stock Exchange (NSE), BSE Limited (BSE) and Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited (CSE).

### **2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **i. Statement of Compliance**

The Consolidated financial statement of Parent, its Subsidiaries and Associate have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (referred to as "Ind AS") notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (as amended) read with Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") and the Group has complied with Ind AS issued, notified and made effective till the date of authorisation of the consolidated financial statements.

#### **Application of new and revised standards:**

Accounting Policies have been consistently applied except where a newly issued Indian Accounting Standard is initially adopted or a revision to an existing Indian Accounting Standard requires a change in the accounting policy hitherto in use.

Effective 1st April, 2020, there were certain amendments in Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) vide Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2020 notifying amendment to existing Ind AS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements', Ind AS 8 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Estimates and Errors', Ind AS 10 'Events after the Reporting Period', Ind AS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting', Ind AS 37 'Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets', Ind AS 103 'Business Combinations', Ind AS 107

'Financial Instruments: Disclosures', Ind AS 109 'Financial Instruments', Ind AS 116 'Leases'.

Ind AS 1 has been modified to redefine the term 'Material' and consequential amendments have been made in Ind AS 8, Ind AS 10, Ind AS 34 and Ind AS 37.

Ind AS 103 dealing with 'Business Combination' has defined the term 'Business' to determine whether a transaction or event is a business combination. Amendment to Ind AS 107 and 109 relate to hedging relationship directly affected by Interest Rate Benchmark reforms. The amendment among other things requires an entity to assume that Interest Rate Benchmark on which hedged cash flows are based is not altered as a result of Interest Rate Benchmark reforms. Revision in these standards did not have any material impact on the profit/loss and earning per share for the period.

#### **ii. Recent accounting pronouncements**

On 18th June, 2021, Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") has issued Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2021 notifying amendments to certain existing Ind AS. These amendments have been made effective from the date of publication in the Official Gazette i.e. on 18th June, 2021. Certain such Ind AS which are relevant to companies operations includes Ind AS 16 "Leases", Ind AS 103 "Business Combinations", Ind AS 105 "Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations", Ind AS 115 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers", Ind AS 8 "Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors", Ind AS 16 "Property, Plant and Equipment", Ind AS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting", Ind AS 37 "Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets", Ind AS 38 "Intangible Assets".

Even though the group will evaluate the impact of the above, none of these amendments as such are vital in nature and as are not likely to have any material impact on the consolidated financial statements of the group. There are other amendments in various others Ind AS which have not been listed hereinabove since these are not relevant to the group.

#### **iii. Basis for Consolidation**

The Consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with principles laid down in Ind AS 110 on "Consolidated Financial Statements" and Ind AS 28 on "Accounting for Investments

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

in Associates and Joint Ventures". Consolidated financial statements are prepared using uniform accounting policies for like transactions and other events in similar circumstances. If a member of the Group uses accounting policies other than those adopted in the consolidated financial statements for like transactions and events in similar circumstances, appropriate adjustments are made to that Group members' financial statements in preparing the consolidated financial statements to ensure conformity with the Group's accounting policies. The financial statements of all entities used for the purpose of consolidation have been drawn up to same reporting date as that of the Parent, i.e., year ended on 31st March except for the Financial Statements of the Step-down subsidiaries which have been prepared upto the reporting date of 31st December, 2020. The financial statements of step down subsidiaries have been consolidated with the subsidiary company having the reporting period ending on 31st March and have been audited by another firm of chartered accountant and the said consolidated financial statements has been considered for these consolidated financial statements.

### Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the group is exposed to, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through it's:

- a) Power over the investee or holding more than 51% of investee's paid up share capital
- b) Exposure, or rights to variable returns from its involvement with the investee
- c) The ability to use its power over the investee to affect its returns.

The Group reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control.

- i. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date control over the subsidiary is acquired and they are discontinued from the date of cessation of such control. The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for business combinations by the Group.
- ii. The Group combines the financial statements of the Parent and its subsidiaries based on a line-by-line consolidation by adding together the book value of like items of assets and

liabilities, revenue and expenses as per the respective financial statements. Intra group balances, intra group transactions and the unrealised profits on stocks arising out of intra group transaction have been eliminated.

- iii. The consolidated financial statements are prepared using uniform accounting policies for similar material transactions and other events in similar circumstances unless otherwise stated elsewhere.
- iv. The difference between the costs of investment in the subsidiaries, over the net assets at the time of acquisition of shares in the subsidiaries is recognised in the consolidated financial statements as Goodwill or Capital reserve as the case may be. The said goodwill is not amortised, however it is tested for impairment at each balance sheet date and impairment loss, if any is recognised in the consolidated financial statements.
- v. Share of Non-controlling interest's in net profit/(loss) of subsidiaries for the year is identified and adjusted against the revenue of the Group in order to arrive at the net revenue attributable to the owners of the Parent. The excess of loss for the year over the non-controlling interest is adjusted in owner's interest.
- vi. Non-controlling interest's share of net assets of subsidiaries is identified and presented in the consolidated Balance Sheet separate from liabilities and the equity of the Parent's shareholders.

### Non-controlling Interest

Non-controlling interests represent the proportion of income, other comprehensive income and net assets in subsidiaries that is not attributable to the Parent's owners.

Non-controlling interests are initially measured at proportionate share on the date of acquisition of the recognised amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Subsequent to the acquisition, the carrying amount of the non-controlling interests is the amount of the interest at initial recognition plus the proportionate share of subsequent changes in equity.

Non-controlling interests in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss, Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity and Balance Sheet respectively.

### Investment in Associate

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Associate is an entity over which the group has significant influence but no control or joint control. The Group's investments in its associates are accounted for using the equity method. Under the equity method, the investment in an associate is initially recognised at cost. The carrying amount of the investment is adjusted to recognise changes in the Group's share of net assets of the associate since the acquisition date. If the Group's share of the net fair value of the investee's identifiable assets and liabilities exceeds the cost of the investment, any excess is recognised directly in Equity as capital reserve in the period in which the investment is acquired. Goodwill, if any, relating to the associate is included in the carrying amount of the investment and is not tested for impairment individually.

The Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss reflects the Group's share of the results of operations of the associate. Any change in OCI of investee is presented as part of the Group's OCI. In addition, when there has been a change recognised directly in the equity of the associate, the Group recognises its share of any changes, when applicable, in the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity. Unrealised gains and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and the associates are eliminated to the extent of the interest in the associate.

If the Group's share of losses of associates equals or exceeds its interest in the associates (which includes any long term interest that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the associate), the Group discontinues recognising its share of further losses. Additional losses are recognised only to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associates. If the associate subsequently reports profits, the Group resumes recognising its share of those profits only after its share of the profits equals the share of losses not recognised.

The aggregate of the Group's share of profit or loss of associates is shown on the face of the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

After application of the equity method, the Group determines whether it is necessary to recognise an impairment loss on its investment in its associate. At each balance sheet date, the Group determines whether there is objective evidence that the investment in the associate is impaired. If there is such evidence, the Group estimates the amount of impairment as the difference between

the recoverable amount of the associate and its carrying value, and recognises the loss as 'Share of profit/loss of associates' in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Basis of Preparation

The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention on accrual basis except for:

- i) Certain financial instruments that are measured in terms of relevant Ind AS at fair value/amortised cost at the end of each reporting period;
- ii) Certain Class of Property, Plant and Equipment carried at deemed cost based on based on Previous GAAP carrying value (including revaluation surplus) as on 1st April 2015;
- iii) Defined benefit plans – plan assets measured at fair value;
- iv) Biological assets (including un plucked green leaves) – measured at fair value less cost to sell.

Historical cost convention is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

All the assets and liabilities have been classified as current or non-current as per the Group's normal operating cycle and other criteria set out in Ind AS-1 'Presentation of Financial Statements' and Schedule III to the Companies Act, 2013. Having regard to the nature of business being carried out by the Group, the Group has determined its operating cycle as twelve months for the purpose of current and non-current classification.

The functional currency of the Group is determined as the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates. The Consolidated Financial Statements are presented in Indian Rupees and all values are rounded off to the nearest two decimal lakhs except otherwise stated.

#### Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions.

The Group categorizes assets and liabilities measured at fair value into one of three levels depending on the ability to observe inputs employed for such measurements:

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- a) Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- b) Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, either directly or indirectly for the asset or liability.
- c) Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability which are not based on observable market data.

Each member in the Group has an established control framework with respect to the measurement of fair value. This includes a finance team headed by Chief Financial Officer who has overall responsibility for overseeing all significant fair value measurements who regularly reviews significant unobservable inputs, valuation adjustments and fair value hierarchy under which the valuation should be classified.

### B. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost of acquisition, construction and subsequent improvements thereto less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any. For this purpose cost includes deemed cost which represents the carrying value of PPE (including Revaluation thereon) recognised as at 1st April 2015 measured as per previous generally accepted accounting principles (Previous GAAP) and comprises purchase price of assets or its construction cost including inward freight, duties and taxes (net of Cenvat availed) and other expenses related to acquisition or installation and any cost directly attributable to bringing the assets into the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended for its use.

Parts of an item of PPE having different useful lives and material value and subsequent expenditure on PPE arising on account of capital improvement or other factors are accounted for as separate components.

The cost of replacing part of an item of PPE is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Group and its cost can be measured reliably. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of PPE are recognised in the statement of profit and loss when incurred. Assets to be disposed off are reported at the lower of the carrying value or the fair value less cost to sell.

Bearer plants comprising of mature tea bushes are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

Immature bearer plants, including the cost incurred for procurement of new seeds and maintenance of nurseries, are carried at cost less any recognized

impairment losses under capital work-in-progress. Cost includes the cost of land preparation, new planting and maintenance of newly planted bushes until maturity. On maturity, these costs are classified under bearer plants. Bearer Plants are depreciated from the date when they are ready for commercial harvest.

The Group's leased assets comprises of land, building and plant and machinery and these have been separately shown/disclosed under PPE as Right of Use (ROU) Assets.

Costs incurred for infilling are generally recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in profit or loss within other income/ expenses.

Capital work in progress also includes Nurseries, young tea under plantation, Equipments to be installed, construction and erection costs and other costs incurred in relation thereto or attributable to the same. Such cost are added to the related items of PPE and are classified to the appropriate categories when completed and ready for its intended use.

### C. LEASES

The Group's lease asset classes primarily consist of leases of land, Warehouse, Office space, Factory etc. The Group assesses whether a contract contains a lease, at inception of a contract. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Group assesses whether:

- (i) the contract involves the use of an identified asset;
- (ii) the Group has substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset through the period of the lease; and
- (iii) the Group has the right to direct the use of the asset.

At the date of commencement of the lease, the Group recognizes a right-of-use asset ("ROU") and a corresponding lease liability for all lease arrangements, except for short-term leases and low value leases. For these short-term and low value leases, the Group recognizes the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Certain lease arrangements includes the options to extend or terminate the lease before the end of the

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lease term. ROU assets and lease liabilities include these options considered for arriving at ROU and lease liability when it is reasonably certain that they will be exercised.

The lease liability is initially measured at amortized cost at the present value of the future lease payments where applicable. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if not readily determinable, using the incremental borrowing rates of these leases. Lease liabilities are remeasured with a corresponding adjustment to the related right of use asset if the Group changes its assessment, whether it will exercise an extension or a termination option. ROU asset are separately presented/disclosed under PPE. Lease liability obligations is presented separately under "Financial Liabilities" and lease payments are classified as financing cash flows.

The right-of-use assets are initially recognized at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or prior to the commencement date of the lease plus any initial direct costs less any lease incentives. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

### D. DEPRECIATION

Depreciation on PPE in case of Parent except otherwise stated, is provided as per Schedule II of the Companies Act, 2013 on straight line method over the estimated useful lives. In case of Subsidiary, PPE are also depreciated on straight line method. Depreciation on upgradation of Property, Plant and Equipment is provided over the remaining useful life of the related component/ PPE.

Depreciation on PPE commences when the assets are ready for their intended use. Based on above, the estimated useful lives of assets for the current period are as follows:

Category	Useful life
Buildings	Upto 70 years
Roads	Upto 10 years
Plant and machinery	
- Parent	Upto 30 years
- Subsidiaries Companies	Upto 20 years
Bearer Plant	
- Parent	77 years
- Subsidiaries Companies	Upto 100 years
Category	Useful life

Computer equipment	3 to 6 years
Furniture and fixtures, Electrical Installation and Laboratory Equipments	10 Years
Office equipment	5 Years
Vehicles	
- Motor cycles, scooters and other mopeds	10 Years
- Others	8 Years

The useful life in case of Parent has been determined based on internal assessment and supported by an independent evaluation carried out by technical experts. The Group believes that the useful life as given above represents the period over which the group expects to use the assets.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated from the commencement date on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and useful life of the underlying asset.

Machinery Spares which can be used in connection with an item of PPE and whose use are expected to be irregular, are amortised over the useful life of the respective PPE.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, at each reporting date.

### E. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

#### E.1 Trademark

Separately acquired Trademark is shown at cost. It is amortised over expected useful life and is subsequently carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses, if any. For this purpose, cost includes deemed cost which represents the carrying value of intangible assets recognised as at 1st April, 2015 measured as per the previous generally accepted accounting principles.

#### E.2 Computer software

Costs associated with maintaining software programmes are recognised as an expense as incurred. Costs of purchased software are recorded as intangible assets and amortised from the point at which the asset is available for use.

Accordingly, the Group amortises intangible assets with a finite useful life using the straight-line method over a period of 20 years in case of Trademark and 5 years in case of Computer Software.

Amortisation methods and useful lives are reviewed



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and adjusted as appropriate at each reporting date.

### E.3 Goodwill on Consolidation

Goodwill arising on consolidation is stated at cost less impairment losses, where applicable. On disposal of a subsidiary, attributable amount of goodwill is included in the determination of the profit or loss recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. On acquisition of an associate or joint venture, the goodwill arising from such acquisition is included in the carrying amount of the investment and disclosed separately.

Goodwill in case of associate is not tested for impairment. In case of subsidiary, impairment loss, if any, to the extent the carrying amount exceed the recoverable amount is charged off to the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss as it arises and is not reversed. For impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to Cash Generating Unit (CGU) or group of CGUs to which it relates, which is not larger than an operating segment, and is monitored for internal management purposes.

### F. DERECOGNITION OF TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

An item of PPE/ROU/Intangible assets is de-recognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from its use or disposal. Gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of PPE/Intangible Assets is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

### G. IMPAIRMENT OF TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Tangible, ROU and Intangible assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date for impairment. In case events and circumstances indicate any impairment, recoverable amount of assets is determined. An impairment loss is recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss, whenever the carrying amount of assets either belonging to Cash Generating Unit (CGU) or otherwise exceeds recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of assets' fair value less cost to disposal and its value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows from the use of the assets are discounted to their present value at appropriate rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risk specific to the asset.

Impairment losses recognized earlier may no longer exist or may have come down. Based on such assessment at each reporting period the impairment loss is reversed and recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. In such cases the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the lower of its recoverable amount and the carrying amount that have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset in prior years.

### H. NON-CURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

Non-current assets held for sale are presented separately in the balance sheet when the following criteria are met:

- the Group is committed to selling the asset;
- the assets are available for sale immediately;
- an active plan of sale has commenced; and
- Sale is expected to be completed within 12 months.

Assets held for sale and disposal groups are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less cost to sell. Assets held for sale are no longer amortised or depreciated.

Non-current asset classified as held for sale are presented separately from the other assets in the balance sheet. The liabilities of a Non-current asset classified as held for sale are presented separately from other liabilities in the balance sheet.

### I. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial assets and Financial liabilities (financial instruments) are recognised when Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

The financial assets and financial liabilities are classified as current if they are expected to be realised or settled within operating cycle of the Group or otherwise these are classified as non-current.



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The classification of financial instruments whether to be measured at Amortized Cost, at Fair Value through Profit and Loss (FVTPL) or at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (FVTOCI) depends on the objective and contractual terms to which they relate. Classification of financial instruments are determined on initial recognition.

### i. Cash and cash equivalents

All highly liquid financial instruments, which are readily convertible into determinable amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value and are having original maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase, are considered as cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents includes balances with banks which are unrestricted for withdrawal and usage.

### ii. Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities measured at amortised cost

Financial Assets held within a business whose objective is to hold these assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding are measured at amortized cost.

The above Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities comprising of Borrowings, Trade and Other payables subsequent to initial recognition are measured at amortized cost using Effective Interest Rate (EIR) method.

The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including all fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the Financial Asset or Financial Liability to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset or to the amortised cost of financial liability.

### iii. Financial Asset at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (FVTOCI)

Financial assets are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income if these financial assets are held within a business whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Subsequent to initial recognition, they are measured at fair value and changes therein are recognised directly in other comprehensive income.

iv. For the purpose of para (ii) and (iii) above, principal is the fair value of the financial asset at initial recognition and interest consists of consideration for the time value of money and associated credit risk.

### v. Financial Assets or Liabilities at Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

Financial Instruments which does not meet the criteria of Amortised cost or Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income are classified as Fair Value through Profit or Loss. These are recognised at fair value and changes therein are recognized in the consolidated statement of profit and loss.

### vi. Equity Instruments

The Group measures all equity investments (except Investment in Associate) at FVTPL. However where the Group makes an irrevocable choice on initial recognition to present fair value gains and losses on an investment in equity instruments in other comprehensive income, the fair value changes thereof are taken to FVTOCI and there is no subsequent reclassification of such valuation gains and losses to profit or loss. These on derecognition are credited to retained earnings.

### vii. Derivative and Hedge Accounting

The Group enters into derivative financial instruments such as foreign exchange forward contracts, Interest rate swap, etc. to mitigate the risk of changes in foreign exchange rates in respect of financial instruments and forecasted cash flows denominated in certain foreign currencies. The Group uses hedging instruments which provide principles on the use of such financial derivatives consistent with the risk management strategy of the Group. The hedge instruments are designated and documented as hedges and effectiveness of hedge instruments is assessed and measured at inception and on an ongoing basis to reduce the risk associated with the exposure being hedged.

Any derivative that is either not designated as a hedge, or is so designated but is ineffective as per Ind AS 109 "Financial Instruments", is categorized as a financial asset/liability, at fair

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value through profit or loss. Transaction costs attributable to the same are also recognized in statement of profit and loss. Changes in the fair value of the derivative hedging instrument designated as a fair value hedge are recognized in the statement of profit and loss. Such derivative financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are also subsequently measured at fair value.

Changes in the fair value of the derivative hedging instrument designated as a cash flow hedge are recognized in other comprehensive income and presented within equity as cash flow hedging reserve to the extent that the hedge is effective. Any ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is recognised immediately in the Statement of Profit and Loss. If the hedging relationship no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, then hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively. If the hedging instrument expires or is sold or terminated or exercised, the cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument recognised in cash flow hedging reserve till the period the hedge was effective remains in cash flow hedging reserve until the underlying transaction occurs. The cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in the cash flow hedging reserve is transferred to the Statement of Profit and Loss upon the occurrence of the underlying transaction. If the forecasted transaction is no longer expected to occur, then the amount accumulated in cash flow hedging reserve is reclassified in the Statement of Profit and Loss.

### viii. Impairment of financial assets

A financial asset is assessed for impairment at each balance sheet date. A financial asset is considered to be impaired if objective evidence indicates that one or more events have had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset.

The Group measures the loss allowance for a financial assets at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk on that financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition. If the credit risk on a financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the group measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses.

In case of trade receivables or contract assets that result in relation to revenue from contracts with customers, the Group measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses.

### ix. Derecognition of Financial Instruments

The Group derecognizes a financial asset or a group of financial assets when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another party.

On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable are recognized in consolidated statement of profit and loss.

On derecognition of assets measured at FVTOCI the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to retained earnings as a reclassification adjustment.

Financial liabilities are derecognized if the Group's obligations specified in the contract expire or are discharged or cancelled. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognized and the consideration paid and payable is recognized in Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

### x. Offsetting Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the balance sheet where there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the Group or the counterparty.

### xi. Financial guarantee contracts

Financial guarantee contracts issued by the Group are those contracts that require a payment to be made to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because the specified debtor fails to make a payment when due. Financial guarantee contracts are recognised initially as a liability at fair value, adjusted for transaction costs. Subsequently, the liability is measured at the higher of the amount of loss allowance

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determined as per impairment requirements of Ind AS 109 and the amount recognised less cumulative amortisation.

### J. INVENTORIES

Inventories are valued at lower of cost or net realisable value. Inventories comprises of Raw materials i.e. purchased and harvested tea leaves, stores and spare parts and finished goods.

Cost in case of harvested tea leaves represents fair value less cost to sell. Cost of Finished Goods comprise of direct material, direct labour and appropriate portion of variable and fixed overhead expenditure. Cost of inventories also includes all costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of weighted average method. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

By-Products are valued at net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

### K. BIOLOGICAL ASSETS

Tea leaves growing on tea bushes are measured at fair value less cost to sell with changes in fair value recognised in Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

### L. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rates prevailing on the date of the transactions. Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities at the year-end are translated at the year-end exchange rates. Non-monetary items which are carried in terms of historical cost denominated in a foreign currency, are reported using the exchange rate at the date of transaction. The loss or gain thereon and also on the exchange differences on settlement of the foreign currency transactions during the year are recognized as income or expense in the consolidated statement of Profit and Loss account.

#### Group Companies

The results and financial position of foreign operations (none of which has the currency of a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into presentation currency as follows:

- Assets and liabilities are translated at the closing rate at the date of that balance sheet.
- Income and expenses are translated at average exchange rates (unless this is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the dates of the transactions), and
- All resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income.

### M. EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL

An equity instrument is a contract that evidences residual interest in the assets of the Group after deducting all of its liabilities. Par value of the equity shares is recorded as share capital and the amount received in excess of par value is classified as Securities Premium.

Costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares are recognised as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects.

### N. PROVISIONS, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

Provisions involving substantial degree of estimation in measurement are recognized when there is a legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events and it is probable that there will be an outflow of resources and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of obligation. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses. The amount recognized as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

Contingent liabilities are not recognised and disclosed by way of notes to the consolidated financial statements when there is a possible obligation arising from past events, the existence of which will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group or when there is a present obligation that arises from past events where it is either not probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the same or a reliable estimate of the amount in this respect cannot be made.

When there is a possible obligation or a present obligation and the likelihood of outflow of resources is remote, no provision or disclosure for contingent liability is made.

Contingent Assets are not recognized but disclosed

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in the consolidated financial statement by way of notes when inflow of economic benefit is probable.

### O. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Employee benefits are accrued in the year in which services are rendered by the employee.

#### Short-term Employee Benefits

Short term Employee benefits are recognised as an expense in the consolidated statement of profit and loss in the year in which services are rendered.

#### Bonus

The Group recognizes a liability and an expense for bonuses. The Group recognizes a provision where contractually obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

#### Other Long-term Employee Benefits (Unfunded)

The cost of providing long-term employee benefits consisting of Leave Encashment is determined using Projected Unit Credit Method with actuarial valuation being carried out at each Balance Sheet date. Actuarial gains and losses and past service cost are recognised immediately in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss for the period in which they occur. Long term employee benefit obligation recognised in the Balance Sheet represents the present value of related obligation.

#### Post-employment Benefit Plans

Contributions to Gratuity, Super annuation fund etc., under Defined Contribution Plans payable in keeping with the related schemes are recognised as expenditure for the year.

In case of Defined Benefit Plans, the cost of providing the benefit is determined using the Projected Unit Credit Method with actuarial valuation being carried out at each Balance Sheet date. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in Other Comprehensive Income for the period in which they occur. Past service cost is recognised immediately to the extent that the benefits are already vested, and otherwise is amortised on a straight-line basis over the average period until the benefits become vested. The retirement benefit obligation recognised in the Consolidated Balance Sheet represents the present value of the defined benefit obligation as adjusted for unrecognised past service cost, if any, and as reduced by the fair value of plan assets, where funded. Any asset resulting on account of this is limited to the present value of any economic benefit available in the form of refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan.

### P. REVENUE RECOGNITION

#### i. REVENUE FROM SALE OF PRODUCT

Revenue from Sales is recognised when control of the products has been transferred and/or the products are delivered to the customers. Delivery occurs when the product has been shipped or delivered to the specific location as the case may be, and control has been transferred and either the customer has accepted the product in accordance with the contract or the Group has objective evidence that all criteria for acceptance has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable net of returns, claims and discounts to customers. Goods and Service Tax (GST) and such other taxes collected on behalf of third party not being economic benefits flowing to the Group are excluded from revenue.

#### ii. INTEREST, DIVIDEND AND CLAIMS

Dividend income is recognized when the right to receive payment is established. Interest has been accounted using effective interest rate method. Insurance claims/ other claims are accounted as and when admitted / settled.

#### iii. EXPORT BENEFITS

Export incentives are accounted for in the year of export if the entitlements and realisability thereof can be estimated with reasonable accuracy and conditions precedent to claim is fulfilled.

### Q. BORROWING COST

Borrowing cost comprises of interest and other costs incurred in connection with the borrowing of the funds. All borrowing costs are recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss using the effective interest method except to the extent attributable to qualifying Property Plant Equipment (PPE) which are capitalized to the cost of the related assets. A qualifying PPE is an asset, that necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale. Borrowing cost also includes exchange differences to the extent considered as an adjustment to the borrowing costs.

### R. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Research and development cost (other than cost of PPE acquired) are charged as an expense in the year in which they are incurred.

### S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Government grants are recognized on systematic

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basis when there is reasonable certainty of realization of the same. Revenue grants including subsidy/rebates are credited to Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss Account under "Other Operating Income" or deducted from the related expenses for the period to which these are related. Grants which are meant for purchase, construction or otherwise to acquire non current assets are recognized as Deferred Income and disclosed under Non Current Liabilities and transferred to Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss on a systematic basis over the useful life of the respective asset. Grants relating to non-depreciable assets is transferred to Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss over the periods that bear the cost of meeting the obligations related to such grants.

### T. TAXES ON INCOME

Income tax expense representing the sum of current tax expenses and the net charge of the deferred taxes is recognized in the income statement except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current income tax is provided on the taxable income and recognized at the amount expected to be paid to or recovered from the tax authorities, using the tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted pertaining to the reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognized on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the Consolidated Financial Statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognized for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences with respect to carry forward of unused tax credits and any unused tax losses/depreciation to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which these can be utilized.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities. Current tax assets and tax liabilities are offset where the Group has a legally enforceable right to offset and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realized, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax assets include Minimum Alternative Tax (MAT) measured in accordance with the tax laws, which is likely to give future economic benefits in the form of availability of set off against future income tax liability and such benefits can be measured reliably and it is probable that such benefit will be realized.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilized.

### U. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share are computed by dividing the net profit attributable to the equity holders of the Parent by the weighted average number of equity shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing the net profit attributable to the equity shareholders of the Parent by the weighted average number of equity shares considered for deriving basic earnings per share and also the weighted average number of equity shares that could have been issued upon conversion of all dilutive potential equity shares.

### V. SEGMENT REPORTING

Operating segments are identified and reported taking into account the different risk and return, organisation structure and the internal reporting provided to the chief-operating decision maker. The chief operating decision maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Segment manager who allocates resources and assess the operating activities, financial results, forecasts, or plans for the segment.

### 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS, ASSUMPTIONS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION AND UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with the measurement principle of Ind AS requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions. These estimates, judgments and assumptions affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Accounting estimates could change from period to period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Appropriate changes



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in estimates are made as management becomes aware of changes in circumstances surrounding the estimates. Differences between the actual results and estimates are recognized in the year in which the results are known / materialized and, if material, their effects are disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Application of accounting policies that require significant areas of estimation, uncertainty and critical judgments and the use of assumptions in the consolidated financial statements have been disclosed below. The notes provide an overview of the areas that involved a high degree of judgement or complexity and of items which are likely to be materially adjusted due to estimates and assumptions turning out to be different than those originally assessed. Detailed information about each of these estimates and judgements is included in relevant note together with information about basis of calculation of each affected line item in the consolidated financial statements. The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation/assumptions at the balance sheet date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities and related revenue impact within the next financial year are discussed below:

### a) Depreciation / amortisation of and impairment loss on Property, Plant and Equipment / ROU / Intangible Assets.

Property, plant and Equipment, ROU and Intangible Assets are depreciated/amortized on straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives in accordance with Internal assessment and Independent evaluation carried out by technical expert/ Schedule II of the Companies Act, 2013, taking into account the estimated residual value, wherever applicable.

The Group reviews its carrying value of its Tangible and Intangible Assets whenever there is objective evidence that the assets are impaired. The required level of impairment losses to be made is estimated by reference to the estimated value in use or recoverable amount. In such situation Assets' recoverable amount is estimated which is higher of asset's or cash generating units (CGU) fair value less cost of disposal and its value in use. In assessing value in use the estimated future cash flows are discounted using pre-tax discount rate which reflect the current assessment of time value of money. In determining fair value less cost of disposal, recent market realisations are considered or otherwise in absence of such transactions appropriate valuations are adopted.

The assumptions for cash flows and fair valuation as required in this respect are based on the successful outcome of resolution plan which as dealt in Note no. 4(c) below are under evaluation and consideration of lenders and otherwise may have significant impact.

### b) Arrangement containing leases and classification of leases

Ind AS 116 requires lessees to determine the lease term as the non-cancellable period of a lease adjusted with any option to extend or terminate the lease, if the use of such option is reasonably certain. The Group makes an assessment on the expected lease term on a lease-by-lease basis and thereby assesses whether it is reasonably certain that any option to extend or terminate the contract will be exercised. In evaluating the lease term, the Group considers factors such as any significant leasehold improvements undertaken over the lease term, costs relating to the termination of the lease and the importance of the underlying asset to the Group's operations taking into account among other things, the location of the underlying asset and the availability of suitable alternatives. The lease terms and impact thereof are reassessed in each year to ensure that the lease term reflects the current economic circumstances.

### c) Going Concern assumption

As stated in Note No. 57, the consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared on going concern assumption based on the Parent's managements assessment of the expected successful outcome of steps and measures taken by the Parent company and approval of the resolution plan and other proposals currently under evaluation and consideration of the lenders followed by restructuring in sync with said plan. In the event of these measures and plan not being approved impact thereof, even though presently not determinable are expected to be material.

### d) Fair valuation and Impairment of Loans

All financial instruments are required to be fair valued as at the balance sheet date, as provided in Ind AS 109- Financial Instruments and Ind AS 113- Fair Value Measurement. In this respect, judgement is exercised to determine the value at which such assets are to be recognised. This requires critical evaluation of the realisable value of assets based on estimation and judgements which may not turn out to be true and may lead to significant adjustments in value.

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The above includes various loans and advances to companies which have been considered good and recoverable. This however is dependent upon the restructuring and other proposals under consideration of lenders and therefore recoverability of these and interest thereagainst and/or adjustments required as stated in Note no. 56 will be determinable on finalisation of resolution plan.

### e) Fair Value of Biological Assets

The fair value of Biological Assets is determined based on recent transactions entered into with third parties or available market price.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated. They are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the Group.

### f) Impairment loss on trade receivables

The Group evaluates whether there is any objective evidence that trade receivables are impaired and determines the amount of impairment loss as a result of the inability of the debtors to make required payments. The Group bases the estimates on the ageing of the customers balance, their credit-worthiness and historical write-off experience.

### g) Taxes on Income

Significant judgment is required in determination of taxability of certain income and deductibility of certain expenses for estimation of the provision for taxes on income including agricultural income as the Group is engaged in agricultural activities. These are based on assumptions and inferences and are subject to final assessment by the taxation authorities. Further judgement is involved in determining the deferred tax position on the balance sheet date.

The Group has significant amount of unused tax losses and tax credits. Significant management

judgement is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon the likely timing and the level of future taxable profit together with future tax planning strategies. The management has reviewed the rationale for recognition of Deferred Tax Assets and based on the likely timing and level of profitability in future and expected utilisation of deferred tax thereagainst such recognition of deferred tax assets has been carried out. The profitability in future is dependent upon the outcome of resolution plan as referred to in Note no. 57(a).

### h) Provisions and Contingencies

Provisions and liabilities are recognized in the period when it becomes probable that there will be a future outflow of funds resulting from past operations or events and the amount of cash outflow can be reliably estimated. The recognition and quantification of the liability requires the application of judgement to existing facts and circumstances, which are subject to change in future.

Management also uses in-house and external legal professional to make judgments for estimating the possible outflow of resources, if any, in respect of contingencies/ claim/ litigations/ against the Group.

### i) Defined benefit obligation (DBO)

The present value of the defined benefit obligations and long term employee benefits depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a number of assumptions. An actuarial valuation involves making various assumptions that may differ based on actual developments in future. These include the determination of the discount rate, inflation, future salary increases and mortality rates. Due to the complexities involved in the valuation and being of long-term in nature, a defined benefit obligation is highly sensitive to changes in these assumptions. All assumptions are reviewed at every financial year end.





## 5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

As at 31st March 2020

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	GROSS AMOUNT							ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION							NET CARRYING AMOUNT
	As at 1st April 2019	Assets Held for Sale As at 1st April 2019	Additions during the year	Disposal/Forex Adjustment during the year	Adjustments/Re-Classification	Assets Held for Sale as at 31st March 2020 [Note 53]	As at 31st March 2020	As at 1st April 2019	Assets Held for Sale As at 1st April 2019	Depreciation for the year	Disposal/Forex Adjustment during the year	Adjustments/Re-Classification	Assets Held for Sale as at 31st March 2020 [Note 53]	As at 31st March 2020	As at 31st March 2020
Freehold	4,312.32	-	-	4,026.68	-	-	285.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	285.64
Leasehold Improvements	536.06	-	-	(36.78)	(534.62)	-	38.22	227.00	-	2.41	218.69	-	-	10.72	27.50
Buildings	40,708.51	3,714.44	264.29	3,070.48	3,294.69	-	44,911.45	6,185.76	942.53	2,583.97	618.33	3,294.68	-	12,388.61	32,522.84
ROU Leasehold Land	-	-	41.18	-	534.72	-	575.90	-	-	2.41	-	-	-	2.41	573.49
ROU Building	-	-	1,124.27	-	417.73	-	1,542.00	-	-	322.78	-	-	-	322.78	1,219.22
Plant and Equipment	27,966.07	2,736.76	1,981.42	1,065.86	10,432.83	-	42,051.22	3,966.50	698.46	2,551.62	(94.25)	10,436.36	-	17,747.19	24,304.03
Furniture and Fixtures	477.48	53.78	-	123.41	303.93	-	711.78	93.99	26.32	77.97	89.72	304.18	-	412.74	299.04
Vehicles	2,345.84	224.98	-	199.41	875.82	-	3,247.23	964.66	132.40	390.78	113.78	875.83	-	2,249.89	997.34
Office Equipment	101.09	6.61	1.17	(11.71)	207.37	-	327.95	76.83	6.34	10.54	(11.32)	203.85	-	308.88	19.07
Computer	201.09	19.30	2.38	22.51	105.86	-	306.12	94.72	13.62	38.42	18.43	105.86	-	234.19	71.93
Bearer Plants	66,296.08	7,925.78	607.77	7,004.47	1,862.30	-	69,687.46	5,414.54	607.84	1,486.94	450.02	1,862.30	-	8,921.60	60,765.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,42,944.54</b>	<b>14,681.65</b>	<b>4,022.48</b>	<b>15,464.33</b>	<b>17,500.63</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,63,684.97</b>	<b>17,024.00</b>	<b>2,427.51</b>	<b>7,467.84</b>	<b>1,403.40</b>	<b>17,083.06</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,599.01</b>	<b>1,21,085.96</b>

## As at 31st March 2021

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	GROSS AMOUNT							ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION							NET CARRYING AMOUNT
	As at 1st April 2020	Assets Held for Sale As at 1st April 2020	Additions during the year	Disposal/Forex Adjustment during the year	Adjustments/Re-Classification	Assets Held for Sale as at 31st March 2021 [Note 53]	As at 31st March 2021	As at 1st April 2020	Assets Held for Sale As at 1st April 2020	Depreciation for the year	Disposal/Forex Adjustment during the year	Adjustments/Re-Classification	Assets Held for Sale as at 31st March 2021 [Note 53]	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2021
Freehold	285.64	-	-	-	-	-	285.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	285.64
Leasehold Improvements	38.22	-	-	0.37	(37.85)	-	-	10.72	-	-	0.11	(10.61)	-	-	-
Buildings	44,911.45	-	1,601.16	(32.43)	428.13	-	46,973.17	12,388.61	-	3,430.59	11.08	428.13	-	16,236.25	30,736.92
ROU Leasehold Land	575.90	-	-	(3.95)	213.52	-	793.37	2.41	-	14.44	0.28	10.72	-	27.29	766.08
ROU Building	1,542.00	-	-	10.10	-	-	1,531.90	322.78	-	401.70	-	-	-	724.48	807.42
Plant and Equipment	42,051.22	-	2,980.75	(11.96)	289.65	-	45,333.58	17,747.19	-	2,929.79	87.70	293.44	-	20,882.72	24,450.86
Furniture and Fixtures	711.78	-	21.56	3.76	30.32	-	759.90	412.74	-	69.61	4.08	30.31	-	508.58	251.32
Vehicles	3,247.23	-	60.80	18.00	266.99	-	3,557.02	2,249.89	-	336.70	12.74	263.73	-	2,837.58	719.44
Office Equipment	327.95	-	8.14	2.40	111.32	-	445.01	308.88	-	8.89	2.61	110.78	-	425.94	19.07
Computer	306.12	-	29.48	1.30	6.77	-	341.07	234.19	-	35.07	1.37	6.75	-	274.64	66.43
Bearer Plants	69,687.46	-	1,073.65	230.67	41.20	-	70,571.64	8,921.60	-	1,489.49	62.68	2.40	-	10,350.81	60,220.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,63,684.97</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,775.54</b>	<b>218.26</b>	<b>1,350.05</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,70,592.30</b>	<b>42,599.01</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,716.28</b>	<b>182.65</b>	<b>1,135.65</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,268.29</b>	<b>1,18,324.01</b>

5.1 Freehold Land included cost of proportionate share of undivided land pertaining to certain portion of a office building. During the year ended 31st March 2020, such land including Office building has been taken over by the Lenders as detailed in Note no. 54 and given back to the parent on Lease basis which has been accounted for in accordance with Ind AS 116.

5.2 "ROU Buildings" relates to building premises taken on lease and recognised as "Right of Use" in terms of Ind AS 116 on implementation with effect from 1st April 2019 (Refer Note no. 52).

5.3 "ROU Building" includes Tea Factory taken on lease. In absence of break-up value of lease rental against different items of Property, Plant and Equipment, so acquired on lease, the rental capitalised in terms of Ind AS 116 has been categorised and depreciated over the tenure of lease. The cost of upgradation of the said Tea Factory including installation of new Plant and Equipment has been classified under respective items of PPE and will be transferred to lessor at the residual value as agreed in terms of the agreement on expiry of lease term.



- 5.4 The Parent has 31 tea estate land in State of Assam for which lease(patta) has been granted for carrying out the plantation activity against payment of Land Revenue. The parent has 2 tea estates land taken on lease for 30 years on renewal basis from Government of West Bengal which have been recognised and disclosed as Right of Use Assets. The Group's Lease right for plantation is not for a specified lease term against lease payments (other than land revenue) and not expected to be withdrawn or discontinued in foreseeable future and as such perpetual in nature. Capitalisation of costs thereof as required in terms of Ind AS 116 and amortisation over the lease terms had therefore not been considered in this respect.
- 5.5 Adjustments/ Re-classification during the year pertain to realignment of various items of PPE with the corresponding items as per fixed asset register. This however does not have any impact on carrying value of these assets.
- 5.6 Disposal/ Forex Adjustments includes Rs. 216.41 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs. 2,455.91 lakhs) under Gross Amount and Rs. 19.52 lakhs (31st March, 2020: Rs. 1,125.53 Lakhs) under Accumulated Depreciation related to realignment of PPE at closing rates as required in terms of Ind AS.
- 5.7 Adjustments for the year ended 31st March 2020 includes reclassification of various assets group based on the audited financial statement of the subsidiaries.
- 5.8 Refer note. No. 21 and 25 of the consolidated financial statement in respect of charge created against borrowings.

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### 5A Goodwill on Consolidation

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Amount
Balance as at 1st April 2019	19,746.66
Add/(less) : Foreign Exchange Adjustment	190.77
Balance as at 31st March 2020	19,937.43
Add/(less) : Foreign Exchange Adjustment	240.50
Balance as at 31st March 2021	20,177.93

### 6. OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

As at March 31, 2020

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	GROSS AMOUNT					ACCUMULATED AMORTISATION					NET CARRYING AMOUNT
	As at 1st April 2019	Additions during the year	Disposal/Forex Adjustment during the year	Adjustments	As at 31st March 2020	As at 1st April 2019	Amortisation for the year	Disposal/Forex Adjustment during the year	Adjustments	As at 31st March 2020	As at 31st March 2020
Trade Mark [Brand]	2,991.08	-	(38.54)	496.55	3,526.17	1,186.05	302.48	(27.00)	496.54	2,012.07	1,514.10
Computer Software	575.24	-	(4.02)	9.86	589.12	531.09	24.66	(3.31)	9.85	568.91	20.21
Total	3,566.32	-	(42.56)	506.41	4,115.29	1,717.14	327.14	(30.31)	506.39	2,580.98	1,534.31

As at March 31, 2021

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	GROSS AMOUNT					ACCUMULATED AMORTISATION					NET CARRYING AMOUNT
	As at 1st April 2020	Additions during the year	Disposal/Forex Adjustment during the year	Adjustments	As at 31st March 2021	As at 1st April 2020	Amortisation for the year	Disposal/Forex Adjustment during the year	Adjustments	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2021
Trade Mark [Brand]	3,526.17	-	(86.75)	-	3,612.92	2,012.07	306.51	(63.00)	-	2,381.58	1,231.34
Computer Software	589.12	2.89	(0.02)	-	592.03	568.91	15.27	0.10	-	584.08	7.95
Total	4,115.29	2.89	(86.77)	-	4,204.95	2,580.98	321.78	(62.90)	-	2,965.66	1,239.29

- 6.1 Trade mark (Brand - WM logo) with Gross Block of Rs. 2,437.50 lakhs acquired in January 2005 by the Parent, is being amortised under straight line method over 20 years based on valuation by Independent Valuer. Other Trade mark acquired by a subsidiary, which are being amortised over the expected economic lives of 5 to 20 years.
- 6.2 Computer Software is being amortised under straight line method over 5 years.
- 6.3 Disposal/ Forex Adjustments includes Rs. 86.77 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs. 38.54 lakhs) under Gross Amount and Rs. 62.90 lakhs (31st March, 2020: Rs. 4.02 Lakhs) under Accumulated Amortisation related to realignment of Other Intangible Assets at closing rates as required in terms of Ind AS.
- 6.4 Adjustments for the year ended 31st March 2020 includes reclassification of various assets group based on the audited financial statement of the subsidiaries.

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### 7. NON CURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Capital Work In Progress	Property, Plant & Equipment	Total
As at 1st April, 2019	465.25	12,254.14	12,719.39
Additions	–	–	–
Disposals	396.63	10,606.59	11,003.22
Transferred to Property, Plant and Equipment	68.62	1,647.55	1,716.17
As at 31st March, 2020	–	–	–
Additions	–	–	–
Disposals	–	–	–
Transferred to Property, Plant and Equipment	–	–	–
As at 31st March, 2021	–	–	–

- 7.1 Represents the net carrying amount of Property, Plant and Equipment including Capital Work in Progress held for Sale in terms of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the buyer by the Parent [Refer Note 5].
- 7.2 As per the MOU with the buyer by the Parent, certain Specified Assets of Tea Estates were classified as Assets held for Sale. Certain tea estates were sold on 8th April 2020 as disclosed in Note no. 53(a). However, the sale of balance specified assets of Tea Estates could not be completed consequent to the temporary injunction imposed vide the order of Hon'ble NCLT, Kolkata. Accordingly, these assets had been transferred and disclosed as Property, Plant and Equipment and depreciation on the said assets have been provided based on the useful life of respective assets. The possibilities of sale etc, in this respect will be reviewed and considered based on necessary approval of resolution plan and consequential withdrawal of injunction by NCLT.
- 7.3 Also Refer Note no. 28.1 and 53(c)

### 8. NON-CURRENT INVESTMENTS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
8A	Investment in Equity Instruments			
	(Face Value of Rs 10 each fully paid, except otherwise stated)			
	Investment in Associate (Accounted under Equity method)			
	Unquoted			
	D1 Williamson Magor Bio Fuel Limited			
	72,81,201 (31st March 2020- 72,81,201) Shares, fully impaired		–	–
			–	–
8A.1	Aggregate amount of unquoted investments		–	–
8A.2	Aggregate amount of impairment in the value of investments		2,184.35	2,184.35

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	Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>8B</b>	<b>Other Investments (at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income)</b>			
	<b>Quoted</b>			
	McNally Bharat Engineering Company Limited - MBECL	8B.5		
	30,52,295 (31st March 2020: 30,52,295) Shares		239.61	68.68
	Williamson Financial Services Limited			
	16,66,953 (31st March 2020: 16,66,953) Shares		67.51	98.18
	Eveready Industries India Limited	8B.7		
	16,63,289 (31st March 2020: 16,63,289) Shares of Rs. 5/- each		4,490.88	839.10
	The Standard Batteries Limited			
	10,03,820 (31st March 2020: 10,03,820) Shares of Re. 1/- each	8B.8	473.30	41.76
	Kilburn Chemicals Limited	8B.9		
	3,50,200 (31st March 2020: 3,50,200) Shares		30.36	32.50
	Kilburn Office Automation Limited	8B.9		
	31,340 (31st March 2020: 31,340) Shares		0.34	0.34
	<b>Unquoted</b>			
	ABC Tea Workers Welfare Services Limited			
	11,067 (31st March 2020: 11,067) Shares		0.71	0.71
	Murablack India Limited			
	5,00,000 (31st March 2020: 5,00,000) Shares , fully impaired		–	–
	Suryachakra Seafood Limited			
	4,00,000 (31st March 2020: 4,00,000) Shares, fully impaired		–	–
	Babcock Borsig Limited			
	12,99,600 (31st March 2020 - 12,99,600) Shares, fully impaired		–	–
			<b>5,302.71</b>	<b>1,081.27</b>
8B.1	Aggregate amount of Unquoted Investments		0.71	0.71
8B.2	Aggregate amount of Quoted Investments		5,302.00	1,080.56
8B.3	Aggregate market value of Quoted Investments		5,302.00	1,080.56
8B.4	Aggregate amount of Impairment in the value of Investments	8B.6	–	–
8B.5	In connection with a Term Loan from ICICI Bank Limited of Rs. 5,000.00 lakhs (31st March, 2020 – Rs. 5,000.00 lakhs) outstanding amount as on 31st March 2021 Rs. 487.39 lakhs (31st March, 2020- Rs. 499.66 lakhs) taken by McNally Bharat Engineering Company Limited (MBECL), the Parent has furnished a Non-Disposal Undertaking of its present and future holding of shares in MBECL, which will remain valid as long as the said amount remains due and unpaid by MBECL.			
8B.6	Amount is below the rounding off norm adopted by the Group.			
8B.7	Shares of Eveready Industries India Limited were pledged to Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited against short-term loan of Rs. 7,500.00 lakhs (Balance Outstanding as on 31st March 2021: Rs. Nil) (Refer Note no: 25) pending release of security by the lenders.			
8B.8	Shares of The Standard Batteries Limited are pledged to Aditya Birla Finance Limited against short-term loan of Rs. 1,000.00 lakhs (Balance Outstanding as on 31st March 2021: Rs. 250.00 lakhs).			
8B.9	The trading of shares of Kilburn Chemicals Limited and Kilburn Office Automation Limited have been suspended on the stock exchange. Accordingly, for the purpose of fair valuation of these shares have been derived based on the last traded price.			

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### 9. LOANS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
		Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
(Unsecured - considered good unless otherwise stated)					
Security Deposits	-	-	1,336.54	-	1,365.15
Loans to Bodies Corporate	58 and 56				
Considered Good		-	2,83,993.66	-	2,86,332.40
Credit Impaired		-	1,373.60	-	1,098.00
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Loans	9.2	-	(1,373.60)	-	(1,098.00)
Loans to Others	58 and 56	-	13.00	-	13.00
Loans and Advances to Employees					
Considered Good	9.1	1,097.46	-	751.08	-
Credit Impaired		-	9.56	-	9.56
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Loans	9.2	-	(9.56)	-	(9.56)
		<b>1,097.46</b>	<b>2,85,343.20</b>	<b>751.08</b>	<b>2,87,710.55</b>
9.1	Remuneration to the extent of Rs. 339.20 Lakhs (net of recovery of Rs. 358.13 lakhs thereagainst) paid to Managing Director for the period from 1st April, 2016 to 31st March, 2017 and 1st April, 2018 to 31st March, 2020 which had become in excess of the limit laid down under the Companies Act, 2013, since required shareholders' approval could not be obtained. Further, during the year the group has paid Remuneration of Rs. 441.20 lakhs to Managing Director and Wholetime Director as decided by the Shareholder vide their special resolution in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) dated 2nd December, 2020. The group prior to the AGM as required has made Application to the banks and public financial institution for their approval and the same is awaited as on this date. However the amounts so paid as above are 'held in trust' (as per Section 197(9) of the Companies Act, 2013) and has been included under "Loans and Advances to Employees" pending adjustment or regularisation thereof in due course of time.				
9.2	Movement of Impairment Allowances for doubtful balances:				
	Particulars	Loans to Bodies Corporate		Loans and Advances to Employees	
		Year ended 31st March, 2021	Year ended 31st March, 2020	Year ended 31st March, 2021	Year ended 31st March, 2020
	Balance at the beginning of the year	1,098.00	1,098.00	9.56	9.56
	Recognised during the year	275.60	-	-	-
	Reversal during the year	-	-	-	-
	<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,373.60</b>	<b>1,098.00</b>	<b>9.56</b>	<b>9.56</b>
9.3	Refer Note no. 25 to the financial statements in respect of charge created against borrowings.				

### 10. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
		Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
Margin Money Deposit with banks	10.1 and 58	-	24.29	-	21.94
Fixed Deposit with Banks	10.1	-	67.54	-	-
Receivable against Sale of specified assets of Tea Estates	10.2 and 58	-	2,386.66	-	1,828.61
Interest Accrued on Loans and Deposits	56				
Considered good		-	1,958.32	57.13	2,336.78
Credit Impaired	10.4	-	7,999.34	-	7,999.34
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Interest Receivable	10.5	-	(7,999.34)	-	(7,999.34)



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	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
			Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
	Interest Subsidies receivable from Government	10.3	–	579.35	–	579.35
	Receivable on account of Claims and Other receivable	58	–	–	–	–
	Considered good		233.81	–	39.77	–
	Credit Impaired		26.00	–	–	–
	Less: Allowance for Doubtful Claims	10.5	(26.00)	–	–	–
	Accrued duty draw back benefits pertaining to exports		573.68	–	720.83	–
	Subsidies receivable from Government		474.86	–	635.98	–
	Compensation receivable from Government	58	95.46	–	44.11	–
	Accrued income Receivable- Others		–	40.15	–	27.30
			<b>1,377.81</b>	<b>5,056.31</b>	<b>1,497.82</b>	<b>4,793.98</b>
10.1	Margin money and Fixed deposits with banks represents the amount lying against bank guarantee issued by then under Non-Fund based facilities granted.					
10.2	Receivable against Sale of specified assets of Tea Estates represents the amount receivable from buyers subject to fulfilment of conditions in terms of Sales Agreement.					
10.3	Interest subsidy receivable represent the amount receivable under Interest Subsidy 1997 Scheme for the period from 2007-08 to 2008-10 against which the claims has been recommended by DIC district to DIC Guwahati but the subsidy has not released due to letter dt 18th June 2014 from DIPP, New Delhi stating that the said Scheme is available for incremental borrowing. The Parent had preferred an appeal before Hon'ble High Court at Delhi and the judgement has been delivered in favour of the Parent and therefore the amount has been considered good and recoverable. Pending finalisation of the matter and determination of the amount thereof, claim for interest thereagainst for the subsequent period has not been recognised.					
10.4	This includes Rs.1,051.99 lakhs, being the amount of tax deducted by the Bodies Corporate to whom Loans were granted were not deposited by them. Such amount remain provided for in the consolidated financial statement.					
10.5	Movement of Impairment Allowances for for doubtful balances:					
	Particulars	Receivable on account of Claims and Other receivable		Interest Accrued on Loans and Deposits		
		Year ended March 31, 2021	Year ended March 31, 2020	Year ended March 31, 2021	Year ended March 31, 2020	
	Balance at the beginning of the year	–	–	7,999.34	9,047.02	
	Recognised during the year	26.00	–	–	514.37	
	Reversal during the year	–	–	–	(1,562.05)	
	<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>26.00</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>7,999.34</b>	<b>7,999.34</b>	
10.6	Refer Note no. 25 to the consolidated financial statements in respect of charge created against borrowings.					

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### 11. OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	Advances Other than Capital Advances:			
	Advances to Suppliers, Service Providers etc.		1,245.44	1,245.18
	Less : Allowance for Doubtful Advances	11.2	(1,245.44)	(1,245.18)
	Advance for Employee Benefit	41		
	- Superannuation Fund		1,228.78	1,088.36
	Prepaid Expenses		46.34	43.82
	Tax Payment under Protest	11.1	700.00	700.00
	Deposits with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development		387.15	387.15
	Others	11.3	11.98	23.26
			<b>2,374.25</b>	<b>2,242.59</b>
11.1	In connection with an overseas acquisition of a subsidiary in 2005, the Income Tax authority had raised a demand of Rs. 5,278.00 lakhs during the year 2009-10 on the Parent on account of alleged non-deduction of tax at source and interest thereon pertaining to the transaction. The Parent challenged the said demand before the appropriate authorities and the matter is pending as on this date. Further, the Parent has obtained a stay against the said demand from the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta. The Parent deposited Rs. 700.00 lakhs during the year 2011-12 with Income Tax Authority under protest. This however should not have any impact on the consolidated financial statements, since as per the related Share Purchase Agreement, Capital Gain or other taxes, if any, relating to sale of shares etc. is to be borne by the seller and not the Parent.			
11.2	Movement of Impairment Allowances for doubtful balances:			
	Particulars		Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
	Balance at the beginning of the year		1,245.18	1,217.20
	Re-alignment during the year		2.62	-
	Recognised during the year		-	35.27
	Reversal during the year		2.36	7.29
	<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>		<b>1,245.44</b>	<b>1,245.18</b>
11.3	Others includes amount recoverable/adjustable from farmers pertaining to tea plantation destroyed in case of one of the subsidiary amounting to Rs. 11.98 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs. 12.05 lakhs).			

### 12. INVENTORIES

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	At lower of cost and net realisable value			
	Raw Materials (Green Leaf)	12.2	199.84	-
	Finished Goods (Stock of Tea)		13,312.55	13,472.89
	[Including in transit Rs. 72.32 lakhs (31st March 2020 - Rs 404.95 lakhs)]			
	Stores and Spares	12.1 and 12.4	6,952.23	5,957.47
			<b>20,464.62</b>	<b>19,430.36</b>

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12.1	Stores and Spares is net of allowance for slow moving/obsolete inventory amounting to Rs. 99.43 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs. 81.93 lakhs).		
12.2	Due to disruption of operations of Parent's tea estate on account of COVID- 19 pandemic, there was no inventory of usable green leaves as at 31st March 2020.		
12.3	Disclosure as per Ind AS 2 "Inventories"		
	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Year ended 31st March 2021</b>	<b>Year ended 31st March 2020</b>
	a) Cost of Inventories recognised as Expense during the year	1,32,417.51	95,835.33
	b) (Increase)/Decrease in value of inventory due to variation in realisable value	68.76	(195.00)
12.4	Stores and Spares includes Tea Nurseries amounting to GBP 58,689 (Equivalent Rs. 59.23 lakhs) (31st March, 2020 GBP 1,04,910 (Equivalent Rs. 98.09 lakhs)) in a subsidiary which are charged/capitalised depending upon the nature of use.		
12.5	Refer Note no. 25 to the financial statements in respect of charge created against borrowings.		

### 13. BIOLOGICAL ASSETS OTHER THAN BEARER PLANTS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	Fair Value of Biological Assets other than Bearer Plants (Unharvested Tea Leaves)		498.48	78.73
			<b>498.48</b>	<b>78.73</b>
13.1	Changes in Fair Value of Biological Assets Other Than Bearer Plants			
	<b>Particulars</b>		<b>Year ended 31st March 2021</b>	<b>Year ended 31st March 2020</b>
	<b>Opening</b>		78.73	568.39
	Increase due to harvest/physical changes		498.48	78.73
	Decrease due to harvest/physical changes		(78.73)	(568.39)
	<b>Closing</b>		<b>498.48</b>	<b>78.73</b>
13.2	Unharvested tea leaves on bushes as on 31st March 2021 was 22.52 lakh Kgs (31st March 2020: 10.10 lakh kgs). Due to disruption of operations at tea estates on account of COVID-19 pandemic during 31st March, 2020 unharvested tea leaves to be categorised as Biological Assets were not available for harvesting in case of Parent.			
13.3	Refer Note no. 25 to the consolidated financial statements in respect of charge of tea estates against borrowings.			

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### 14. TRADE RECEIVABLES

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	Secured	58		
	- Considered Good	14.2	350.00	350.00
	- Credit Impaired		195.26	195.26
	Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	14.1	(195.26)	(195.26)
	Unsecured	58		
	- Considered Good		2,842.32	3,101.75
	- Credit Impaired		312.75	176.23
	Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	14.1	(312.75)	(176.23)
			<b>3,192.32</b>	<b>3,451.75</b>
14.1	<b>Movement of Impairment Allowances for doubtful debts</b>			
	Particulars		Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
	Opening		371.49	371.49
	Recognised during the year		136.52	-
	Reversal during the year		-	-
	Closing		<b>508.01</b>	<b>371.49</b>
14.2	Trade Receivable secured represents amount secured against value of building available as security from a customer. Such building had been disposed off by the Liquidator of the said customer in earlier years. The sale proceeds thereof had been withheld by the liquidator and is expected to be realised on resolution of various cases concerning legal ownership of said building.			
14.3	Refer Note no.25 to the consolidated financial statements in respect of charge created against borrowings.			

### 15. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	Balance with banks in Current Accounts		9,195.66	4,776.28
	Remittance in Transit		-	3.60
	Cash on hand		492.45	382.04
			<b>9,688.11</b>	<b>5,161.92</b>
15.1	Refer Note no. 25 to the consolidated financial statements in respect of charge created against borrowings.			

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### 16. BANK BALANCES OTHER THAN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	<b>Earmarked Balance with banks:</b>			
	- In Dividend Accounts	16.1	162.17	245.50
	- In Escrow Accounts	16.2	4.41	34.19
	- In Fixed Deposits		24.68	-
	- In Escrow Accounts/Fractional Share Sale Proceeds Account	16.1	0.16	0.16
			<b>191.42</b>	<b>279.85</b>
16.1	Amount is not due for transfer to Investor Education and Protection Fund.			
16.2	The Parent has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with certain Tea Auction Brokers whereby the parent receives advance against future sales which is repaid from the said bank account on realisation of sale proceed of Tea directly credited to the said account.			
16.3	Refer Note no. 25 to the consolidated financial statements in respect of charge created against borrowings.			

### 17. CURRENT TAX ASSETS (NET)

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	Advance Tax - Agricultural Income Tax	30.1	823.44	6,699.70
	[Net of Provision Rs. 17,096.89 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs 15,319.34 lakhs)]			
	Advance Tax - Income Tax		1,356.12	1,347.55
	[Net of Provision Rs. 1.76 lakhs (31st March 2020: Nil)]			
	Advance Tax - Fringe Benefit Tax		217.76	307.76
	[Net of Provision Rs. 274.07 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs 273.20 lakhs )]			
			<b>2,397.32</b>	<b>8,355.01</b>

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### 18. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	Balance with Government Authorities– GST, etc.		1,796.07	2,216.38
	Advances to Suppliers, Service Providers etc.	58		
	Considered Good	18.2	3,959.04	3,422.89
	Considered Doubtful		150.62	150.62
	Less: Allowance for Doubtful Advances	18.1	(150.62)	(150.62)
	Advance for Employee Benefits	41		
	– Superannuation Fund		186.39	115.23
	Advance to Employees		310.54	351.89
	Prepaid Expenses		863.41	759.96
	Others		45.04	–
			<b>7,160.49</b>	<b>6,866.35</b>
18.1	<b>Movement of Impairment Allowances for doubtful advances</b>			
	Particulars		Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
	Opening		150.62	150.61
	Foreign exchange translation adjustment		0.01	0.01
	Recognised during the year		–	–
	Reversal during the year		0.01	–
	<b>Closing</b>		<b>150.62</b>	<b>150.62</b>
18.2	Advances to Suppliers includes Rs. 108.20 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs. 93.20 Lakhs) in the case of a subsidiary relating to amount recoverable/adjustable for fertilisers and other related materials supplied to farmers for cultivation.			

### 19. EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
	<b>Authorised</b>			
	12,00,00,000 (31st March 2020: 12,00,00,000) Equity Shares of Rs. 5/- each		6,000.00	6,000.00
	<b>Issued, subscribed and paid-up</b>			
	10,44,55,735 (31st March 2020: 10,44,55,735) Equity Shares of Rs. 5/- each fully paid up		5,222.79	5,222.79
			<b>5,222.79</b>	<b>5,222.79</b>

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19.1	<b>Reconciliation of number of Equity Shares outstanding</b>			<b>(No. of Shares)</b>	
	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Refer Note No.</b>	<b>As at 31st March 2021</b>	<b>As at 31st March 2020</b>	
	As at beginning of the year		10,44,55,735	8,73,88,235	
	Add: Shares held through by a trust for benefit of BTHL	19.5	-	1,70,67,500	
	<b>At the end of the year</b>		<b>10,44,55,735</b>	<b>10,44,55,735</b>	
19.2	<b>Rights, preferences and restrictions attached to Shares</b>				
	The Parent has one class of shares referred to as Equity Shares having a par value of Rs. 5.00 each. Each Holder of Equity Shares is entitled to one vote per share. In the event of liquidation of the Parent, the equity shareholders will be entitled to receive assets of the Parent remaining after distribution of all preferential amounts, in proportion of their shareholding.				
19.3	<b>Buy Back of Shares</b>				
	During the year ended 31st March, 2019, pursuant to the approval of the Board of Directors the Parent had bought back 5,000,000 equity shares at an aggregate consideration of Rs. 6,901.28 Lakhs.				
19.4	<b>Shareholders holding more than 5% of the Equity Shares in the Parent</b>				
	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>As at 31st March, 2021</b>		<b>As at 31st March, 2020</b>	
		<b>(No. of Shares)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>(No. of Shares)</b>	<b>%</b>
	Ichamati Investments Limited	1,71,24,210	16.39	1,71,24,210	16.39
	Williamson Magor & Company Limited	-	-	89,67,253	8.58
	Niraj Rajnikant Shah	72,84,347	6.97	-	-
19.5	During the year ended 31st March, 2020, the Parent's shares held by a Trust for benefit of BTHL have been sold to Ichamati Investments Limited and profit realised there against amounting to Rs. 1,551.30 Lakhs has been adjusted to Other Equity.				





(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Reserves and Surplus						Other Comprehensive Income			Total	Non-Controlling	Total
	Capital Reserve	Securities Premium	General Reserve	Retained Earnings	Other Reserve	Revaluation Surplus	Re-measurement of Defined Benefit Plan	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	Equity Investments through FVTOCI			
As at 1st April 2019	201.68	4,402.30	1,00,075.95	45,415.42	19,209.20	32,437.89	-	(8,222.64)	3,532.62	1,97,052.42	-	1,97,052.42
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	-	(14,778.97)	-	-	-	-	-	(14,778.97)	-	(14,778.97)
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,611.31)	915.56	(2,909.61)	(3,605.36)	-	(3,605.36)
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the year</b>	-	-	-	<b>(14,778.97)</b>	-	-	<b>(1,611.31)</b>	<b>915.56</b>	<b>(2,909.61)</b>	<b>(18,384.33)</b>	-	<b>(18,384.33)</b>
Transfer on account of depreciation on amount added on Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	-	1,433.71	-	-	(1,433.71)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Retained Earnings	-	-	-	(1,399.59)	-	-	1,611.31	-	(211.72)	-	-	-
On Sale of Share held by BTHL [Refer Note no. 19.5]	-	-	-	1,551.30	-	-	-	-	-	1,551.30	-	1,551.30
As at 31 March 2020	201.68	4,402.30	1,01,509.66	30,788.16	19,209.20	31,004.18	-	(7,307.08)	411.29	1,80,219.39	-	1,80,219.39
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	-	(5,239.09)	-	-	-	-	-	(5,239.09)	-	(5,239.09)
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,313.07)	(784.33)	4,221.45	2,124.05	-	2,124.05
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the year</b>	-	-	-	<b>(5,239.09)</b>	-	-	<b>(1,313.07)</b>	<b>(784.33)</b>	<b>4,221.45</b>	<b>(3,115.04)</b>	-	<b>(3,115.04)</b>
Transfer on account of depreciation on amount added on Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	-	2,459.54	-	-	(2,459.54)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Retained Earnings	-	-	-	(1,313.07)	-	-	1,313.07	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2021	201.68	4,402.30	1,03,969.20	24,236.00	19,209.20	28,544.64	-	(8,091.41)	4,632.74	1,77,104.35	-	1,77,104.35



## **Nature and Purpose of Reserves**

### **20.1 Capital Reserve**

Represents the amount transferred from the transferor company pursuant to Scheme of Arrangement effected in earlier years.

### **20.2 Securities Premium**

Securities Premium represents the amount received in excess of par value of securities and is available for utilisation as specified under Section 52 of Companies Act, 2013.

### **20.3 General Reserve**

General reserve is a free reserve which is created by transfer of profits from retained earnings. As the general reserve is created by a transfer from one component to another and is not an item of Other Comprehensive Income, items included in the general reserve is generally not reclassified subsequently to Statement of Profit and Loss.

### **20.4 Other Reserves**

Represents the balance amount of reserve which had arisen on transfer of Bulk Tea Division of Eveready Industries India Limited pursuant to Scheme of Arrangement.

### **20.5 Retained Earnings**

Retained earnings generally represents the amount of accumulated surplus/deficit of the Group. This includes Other Comprehensive Income of (Rs. 5,119.30 lakhs) (31st March 2020: (Rs. 3,806.23 lakhs)) relating to remeasurement of defined benefit plans (net of tax) which cannot be reclassified to Statement of Profit and Loss.

### **20.6 Revaluation Surplus**

Represents differential arising on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment carried out by the erstwhile Bulk Tea Division of Eveready Industries Limited demerged to the Parent with effect from 1st April 2004 pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement. The said reserve has been carried over being part of PPE, recognised at carrying value as per previous GAAP as deemed cost on the date of transition to Ind AS. The amount of depreciation attributable to the said revaluation is transferred from the said reserve to general reserve as per the practice followed in this respect.

### **20.7 Other Comprehensive Income**

The Group has elected to recognise changes in the fair value of non-current investments in Equity Instruments through OCI. This reserve represents the cumulative gains and losses arising on equity instruments measured at fair value. The group transfers amounts from this reserve to retained earnings when the relevant equity securities are disposed. This also includes gain/losses on defined benefit obligations which is transferred to retained earnings as stated in Note 20.5 above.

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### 21. NON CURRENT BORROWINGS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
		Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
<b>SECURED</b>					
<b>Term Loans from Banks</b>					
<b>ICICI Bank Limited</b>		656.54	–	737.00	–
a) Nature of Security					
Secured by first pari passu charge of certain tea estates by way of mortgage over immovable fixed assets and hypothecation of movable fixed assets of the Parent.					
b) Rate of Interest					
Interest is payable on monthly basis at base rate plus 0.40% p.a.					
<b>ICICI Bank Limited</b>		2,993.00	1,000.00	993.00	3,000.00
a) Nature of Security					
Secured by first pari passu charge of certain tea estates by way of mortgage over immovable fixed assets and hypothecation of movable fixed assets of the Parent.					
b) Rate of Interest					
Interest is payable on monthly basis at 1 year MCLR plus 1.70% p.a					
c) Terms of Repayment					
Repayable Rs. 130.00 lakhs in September, 2019 and 12 equal installments of Rs. 500.00 lakhs each from December, 2019.					
<b>HDFC Bank Limited</b>		2,300.00	–	2,300.00	–
a) Nature of Security					
Secured by extension of exclusive charge over certain tea estates of the Parent.					
b) Rate of Interest					
Interest is payable on monthly basis at HDFC bank at 1 year MCLR plus 1.40% p.a.					
<b>HDFC Bank Limited</b>	21.3	4,500.00	–	3,000.00	1,500.00
a) Nature of Security					
(i) Subservient charge on the entire present and future moveable fixed assets of the Parent.					
b) Rate of Interest					
Interest is payable on monthly basis at 3-month MCLR plus 3.00% p.a.					

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(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
		Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
<b>RBL Bank Limited</b>		4,752.33	–	4,752.33	–
a) Nature of Security					
b) Rate of Interest					
<b>Yes Bank Limited</b>	21.3	4,375.00	–	4,375.00	–
a) Nature of Security					
b) Rate of Interest					
<b>ICICI Bank UK Plc</b>		–	–	107.38	–
a) Nature of Security					
b) Rate of Interest					
<b>ABSA Bank (Former Barclays Bank (U) limited)</b>		2,390.44	6,670.82	2,752.84	8,992.61
a) Nature of Security					
b) Rate of Interest					
c) Terms of Repayment					

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(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
		Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
<b>Stanbic Bank (U) Limited</b>		490.35	612.93	367.05	1,101.13
a) Nature of Security					
The Loan is Secured by a Mortgage over property title LRV 547 folio 2 at Muzizi, Uganda and second ranking debenture charge over all fixed and floating assets of a subsidiary, MRUL.					
b) Rate of Interest					
3 month's LIBOR plus base rate.					
c) Terms of Repayment					
Term loan of USD 20.00 lakhs from Stanbic Bank (U) Limited with a year moratorium period and there after payable in a quarterly instalment of USD 166,667 (Equivalent INR 168.25 lakhs as on March 31, 2021) for 3 years from June 2020.					
<b>DFCU Bank Limited</b>		389.19	2,814.87	361.89	3,194.23
a) Nature of Security					
Secured by a Mortgage over property title LRV 560 Foili 15, LRV 589 Foilo 15 and LRV 503 folio 21 at Ankole, Uganda and Debenture charge over present and future movable and immovable assets in respect of the above property of a subsidiary, MRUL.					
b) Rate of Interest					
Interest of bank base rate less 4.9%.					
c) Terms of Repayment					
USD 50.00 lakhs is repayable in Equated monthly instalment USD 68,418 (Equivalent INR 69.07 lakhs as on March 31, 2021) for 8 years from September 2019.					
<b>Term Loan from Others</b>					
<b>Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited</b>		894.82	–	1,352.51	768.91
a) Rate of Interest					
Interest is payable on monthly basis at HDFC CORP-PLR plus 2.10% p.a.					
<b>Unsecured Loans</b>					
Loan from Group Companies		–	–	–	19.74
		<b>23,741.67</b>	<b>11,098.62</b>	<b>21,099.00</b>	<b>18,576.62</b>

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21.1 The Parent in terms of the sanction letter of the loan has been in default for the repayment of principal and interest thereof to the lenders (banks & others). The period and amount of such defaults as on balance sheet date are as follows:

Particulars	Period of Default	Principal		Interest	
		As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>Term Loans from Banks</b>					
ICICI Bank Limited	June 2019 to 31st March, 2021	3,649.54	-	828.90	949.96
HDFC Bank Limited	June 2019 to 31st March, 2021	6,800.00	3,800.00	1,253.49	575.00
RBL Bank Limited	July 2019 to 31st March, 2021	4,752.33	3,000.00	1,035.94	558.49
Yes Bank Limited	March 2019 to 31st March, 2021	4,375.00	4,375.00	816.76	424.57
<b>Term Loan from Others</b>					
Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited	1st January, 2020 to to 31st March, 2021	894.82	321.09	246.95	250.02
<b>Short Term Loan from Banks</b>					
Axis Bank Limited	July 2019 to to 31st March, 2021	25,000.00	25,000.00	5,121.07	2,666.76
RBL Bank Limited	July 2019 to to 31st March, 2021	23,500.00	23,500.00	5,391.58	2,707.13
HDFC Bank Limited	May 2019 to March 2021	17,901.97	17,901.97	3,257.28	1,570.74
IndusInd Bank Limited	December 2019 to 31st March, 2021	13,050.00	13,050.00	2,167.51	1,232.22
Yes Bank Limited	May 2019 to 31st March, 2021	33,026.61	33,026.61	6,577.00	3,368.67
<b>Short Term Loan from Others</b>					
Techno Electric and Engineering Company Limited	March 2019 to 31st March, 2021	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	-
Ragini Finance Limited	October 2019 to 31st March, 2021	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	-
Digvijay Finlease Limited	October 2019 to 31st March, 2021	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-
P D K Impex Private Limited	31st March, 2020 to to 31st March, 2021	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	-
<b>Cash Credit</b>					
Axis Bank Limited	October 2019 to to 31st March, 2021	847.31	2,464.27	76.39	-
HDFC Bank Limited	May 2019 to to 31st March, 2021	7,431.09	7,760.41	624.40	-
State Bank of India Limited	June 2019 to to 31st March, 2021	11,488.73	11,944.63	1,139.46	-
Punjab National Bank Limited (Erstwhile United Bank of India)	February 2020 to to 31st March, 2021	8,696.60	9,498.62	667.46	-
Indian Bank Limited (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank Limited)	29th February 2020 to 31st March 2021	4,863.09	4,863.09	355.46	-
Yes Bank Limited	May 2019 to to 31st March, 2021	1,111.55	-	-	-
RBL Bank Limited	July 2019 to to 31st March, 2021	1,839.00	-	202.08	-
UCO Bank Limited	31st May 2020 to 31st March 2021	3,155.87	-	276.45	-
ICICI Bank Limited	June 2019 to to 31st March, 2021	9,916.42	4,544.66	1,420.27	-
		<b>1,96,299.93</b>	<b>1,79,050.35</b>	<b>31,458.45</b>	<b>14,303.56</b>

21.2 During the year ended March 31, 2020, Yes Bank Limited had recalled its entire loan outstanding including interest thereon. Accordingly, such loans had been considered as due for payment.

21.3 In terms of agreement with lenders the above mentioned loans in certain cases were also required as stated in Note no. 25.2.

21.4 The Security as disclosed above has been based on the charge documents filed with ROC. Further certain security has been disposed off by the lenders against repayments of their dues and accordingly such securities have not been disclosed herein above. As stated in Note no. 57, Resolution Plan for restructuring the borrowing are under consideration of lender and thereby terms and conditions including the period and amount of repayment etc. thereof including the security as given herein above will accordingly be modified on sanction of the said plan.

21.5 Also Refer Note no. 57 and 36.1.

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### 22. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
		Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
Provision for Employee Benefits	41				
- Staff Pension		1,681.24	3,905.17	1,596.56	3,532.98
- Gratuity Fund		1,624.02	1,861.23	1,715.59	121.13
- Medical Benefit		205.31	102.25	291.38	1.61
- Expatriate Pension		3.45	7.79	4.52	10.20
- Leave		142.36	-	243.44	-
- Others		-	-	-	599.39
		<b>3,656.38</b>	<b>5,876.44</b>	<b>3,851.49</b>	<b>4,265.31</b>

### 23. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES (NET)

Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Deferred Tax Liabilities		24,711.95	25,285.39
Deferred Tax Assets		16,131.63	11,420.31
<b>Deferred Tax Liabilities (Net)</b>		<b>8,580.32</b>	<b>13,865.08</b>

Components of Deferred tax (Assets)/ Liabilities as at 31st March 2021 are given below:

Particulars	As at 31st March, 2020	Charge/ (Credit) recognised in Statement of profit and loss	Charge/ (Credit) recognised in OCI	As at 31st March 2021
<b>Deferred Tax Assets:</b>				
Expenses allowable on payment basis	3,593.16	(6,329.20)	(612.67)	10,535.03
Allowances for Doubtful Debts, Advances etc.	1,469.26	99.33	-	1,369.93
MAT Credit Entitlement	5,106.21	2,000.57	-	3,105.64
Unabsorbed Tax Losses	721.91	(126.69)	-	848.60
Others	529.77	257.34	-	272.43
<b>Total Deferred Tax Assets</b>	<b>11,420.31</b>	<b>(4,098.65)</b>	<b>(612.67)</b>	<b>16,131.63</b>
<b>Deferred Tax Liabilities:</b>				
Timing difference with respect to Property, Plant and Equipment and other intangible assets	25,220.93	(598.94)	-	24,621.99
Others	64.46	25.50	-	89.96
<b>Total Deferred Tax Liabilities</b>	<b>25,285.39</b>	<b>(573.44)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,711.95</b>
<b>NET DEFERRED TAX (ASSETS)/ LIABILITIES</b>	<b>13,865.08</b>	<b>(4,672.09)</b>	<b>(612.67)</b>	<b>8,580.32</b>



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Components of Deferred tax (Assets)/ Liabilities as at 31st March 2020 are given below:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	As at 31st March, 2019	Charge/ (Credit) recognised in Statement of profit and loss	Charge/ (Credit) recognised in OCI	As at 31st March 2020
<b>Deferred Tax Assets:</b>				
Expenses allowable on payment basis	2,141.62	(696.52)	(755.02)	3,593.16
Allowances for Doubtful Debts, Advances etc.	1,688.66	219.40	–	1,469.26
MAT Credit Entitlement	3,063.37	(2,042.84)	–	5,106.21
Unabsorbed Tax Losses	–	(721.91)	–	721.91
Others	549.82	20.05	–	529.77
<b>Total Deferred Tax Assets</b>	<b>7,443.47</b>	<b>(3,221.82)</b>	<b>(755.02)</b>	<b>11,420.31</b>
<b>Deferred Tax Liabilities:</b>				
Timing difference with respect to Property, Plant and Equipment and other intangible assets	26,297.37	(1,076.44)	–	25,220.93
Others	268.38	(203.92)	–	64.46
<b>Total Deferred Tax Liabilities</b>	<b>26,565.75</b>	<b>(1,280.36)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>25,285.39</b>
<b>NET DEFERRED TAX (ASSETS)/ LIABILITIES</b>	<b>19,122.28</b>	<b>(4,502.18)</b>	<b>(755.02)</b>	<b>13,865.08</b>

23.1 The ultimate realisation of deferred tax assets, unused tax credit is dependent upon the future taxable income of the companies in the Group. Deferred Tax Assets including MAT Credit entitlement and unabsorbed tax losses has been recognised on management's assessment of reasonable certainty for reversal/utilisation thereof against future taxable income. Deferred tax assets in respect of provision of interest lying unpaid pending approval of resolution plan and unabsorbed losses and depreciation pending determination of the amount thereof considering the principle of prudence has not been recognised.

23.2 Charge/ (Credit) recognised in Statement of profit and loss Includes Rs 113.74 lakhs (31st March 2020 - Rs 102.71 lakhs) on account of foreign exchange adjustments.

### 24. OTHER NON - CURRENT LIABILITIES

Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Deferred Revenue arising from Government Grants	24.1	460.95	474.29
		<b>460.95</b>	<b>474.29</b>

24.1 Deferred Income Comprises of Government Grants/Assistance in form of:

Particulars	Opening (Including Non-Current Portion)	Recognised during the year	Transferred to Statement of Profit and Loss	Closing (Including Non-Current Portion)
Financial Assistance under Tea Board Quality Upgradation and Product Diversification Scheme towards Capital expenditure incurred for Tea Plantation. The assistance received/receivable and credited to deferred income has been transferred to Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss proportionately based on useful lives of respective property, plant and equipment.	503.21	15.78	29.12	489.87

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### 25. CURRENT BORROWINGS

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>Secured Loans from Banks</b>			
Cash Credit, Packing Credit and Demand Loans			
(1) INR Loan		49,334.30	53,497.03
(a) Nature of Security			
Secured by equitable first mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds of immovable properties of certain tea estates ranking pari passu and hypothecation of tea crop, movable properties and book-debts, present and future of the Parent.			
Secured by second charge on certain tea-estates by way of mortgage over immovable fixed assets and hypothecation of movable fixed assets of the Parent.			
(2) Foreign Currency Loan		7,842.84	7,744.76
(a) Nature of Security			
Overdraft facility pertaining to a subsidiary, MRUL is secured by Mortgage over property title LRV 578 folio 24, LRV 1903 folio 8, LRF 593 folio 2, LRV 2672 folio 17 and LRV 515 folio 20 located at Bugambe, Bugahya, Klsita, Holma and Bunlyoro, registered in the name of the MRUL and LRV 546 folio 17, LRV 569 folio 13 & 14 at Tororo, Uganda.			
Overdraft facility pertaining to a subsidiary, MRUL is secured by a Mortgage over property title LRV 547 folio 2 at Muzizi, Uganda and second ranking debenture charge over all fixed and floating assets of MRUL.			
Borrowing facilities availed by a subsidiary, Phu ben Tea Company Limited is secured by charge over Fixed Assets of PBTCL.			
<b>Secured Loans - Short Term</b>			
<b>Axis Bank Limited</b>		7,500.00	7,500.00
(a) Nature of security:			
Secured by first charge on certain tea-estates by way of mortgage over immovable fixed assets and hypothecation of movable fixed assets.			
Personal guarantee of Mr. Aditya Khaitan, Director.			
<b>Axis Bank Limited</b>		7,500.00	7,500.00
(a) Nature of security:			
Secured by second charge on certain tea-estates by way of mortgage over immovable fixed assets and hypothecation of movable fixed assets of the Parent.			

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Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>RBL Bank Limited</b>		23,500.00	23,500.00
(a) Nature of security:			
Subservient charge by way of hypothecation/mortgage over moveable fixed assets of the Parent - both present and future.			
Subservient charge over the current assets of the company both present and future.			
<b>Standard Chartered Bank</b>		–	4,010.30
(a) Nature of security:			
Exclusive charge by way of pledge of Company's shareholding in Borelli Tea Holdings Limited.			
Personal guarantee of Mr. Aditya Khaitan, Director.			
<b>IndusInd Bank Limited</b>		13,050.00	13,050.00
(a) Nature of security:			
Subservient charge on all the Moveable Fixed assets, book debts and stock of certain tea estates of the Parent - both present and future.			
<b>Yes Bank Limited</b>		9,636.61	9,636.61
(a) Nature of security:			
Subservient charge on all the Moveable Fixed assets of certain tea estates of the Parent - both present and future.			
<b>HDFC Bank Limited</b>	25.2	17,901.97	17,901.97
(a) Nature of security:			
Secured by equitable first mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds of immovable properties of certain tea estates ranking pari passu and hypothecation of tea crop, movable properties and book-debts, present and future of the Parent.			
<b>Secured Loans from Others</b>			
<b>Techno Electric and Engineering Company Limited</b>	25.2	10,000.00	10,000.00
(a) Nature of security:			
Mortgage of a property of Seajuli Developers & Finance Limited located at 4, Sunny Park, Kolkata -700019.			
<b>Aditya Birla Finance Limited</b>		250.00	550.00
(a) Nature of Security			
To be secured by Equitable Mortgage by way of exclusive charge over land with a single storied house constructed thereon at Guwahati, Ulbari, Dist-Guwahati, India owned by the borrower.			

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Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>Unsecured Loans - Short Term</b>	25.2		
<b>Unsecured Loans from Banks</b>			
Yes Bank Limited		23,390.00	23,390.00
Axis Bank Limited		10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Unsecured Loans from Others</b>			
Intercorporate Loans:			
- From Body Corporates		6,275.00	6,625.00
- From Related Party		4,205.00	-
		<b>1,90,385.72</b>	<b>1,94,905.67</b>

25.1 Refer Note no. 21.1 in respect of default in borrowings.

25.2 In terms of agreement with lenders the above mentioned loans in certain cases were also required to be secured against equitable mortgage of specific tea estates of the company along with other lenders, pledge of entire equity shares of McLeod Russel Uganda Limited (MRUL), Mortgage of a property of Seajuli Developers & Finance Limited located at 4, Sunny Park, Kolkata -700 019 and Pledge of entire equity shares of Phuben Tea Company Limited (PBTC) Vietnam (Shares handed over to Yes Bank in the year 2019-20 and pledge created by BTHL during the year). However, in view of pending resolution plan, such loan could not be fully securitised as required in term of agreement with lenders.

25.3 The Security as disclosed above has been based on the charge documents filed with ROC. Further certain security has been disposed off by the lenders against repayments of their dues and accordingly such securities have not been disclosed herein above. Further, in certain cases Personal guarantee of Mr. Aditya Khaitan, Managing Director was pending execution. As stated in Note no. 57, Resolution Plan for restructuring the borrowing are under consideration of lender and thereby terms and conditions thereof including the security as given herein above will accordingly be modified on sanction of the said plan.

25.4 Also refer Note no. 57 and 36.1

### 26. TRADE PAYABLES

Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Payable for Goods and Services	58		
a) Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	26.1	-	-
b) Total outstanding dues other than micro enterprises and small enterprises		10,172.45	8,932.27
		<b>10,172.45</b>	<b>8,932.27</b>

26.1 Disclosure of Trade payables as required under section 22 of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006, based on the confirmation and information available with the Parent regarding the status of suppliers. (Also Refer Note no. 58).

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### 27. OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

Particulars	Refer Note No.	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
		Non-Current	Current	Non-Current	Current
Current maturities of long-term debts- Secured	21 and 27.2	–	23,741.67	–	21,099.00
Interest accrued and due on borrowings	21, 27.2 and 27.4	–	29,279.42	–	14,576.49
Interest accrued but not due on borrowings		–	120.95	–	158.84
Unpaid Dividends	27.1	–	162.17	–	245.50
Unclaimed Fractional Share Sale Proceeds	27.1	–	0.16	–	0.16
Deposits Received from Agents/ Customers	58	–	108.43	–	118.29
Employee Benefits Payable		–	9,998.55	–	11,091.23
Derivative instrument fair valued through profit and loss		–	20.50	–	94.89
Payable against Fair Trade Premium		–	99.06	–	93.70
Lease Liability	52	202.61	664.28	554.70	420.62
Payable pertaining to Specified Assets of Sold Tea Estates (Net)	27.3 and 58	–	421.73	–	1,517.01
		<b>202.61</b>	<b>64,616.92</b>	<b>554.70</b>	<b>49,415.73</b>

27.1 There are no amounts due for payment to the Investor Education and Protection Fund as at the year end.

27.2 The liability in relation to borrowings of Parent have been stated based on the provisions and appropriations stated in Note no. 36.1, pending finalisation of resolution plan and confirmation/reconciliation of balances etc. by the lender (Refer Note no. 57).

27.3 Represents amount payable to the buyers of Specified assets of certain tea estates sold in terms of agreement in this respect.

27.4 Interest accrued and due is net of Rs. 2,536.90 lakhs (March 31, 2020: Rs. 2,411.04 lakhs) pertaining to certain debit balances lying with banks which had been appropriated against their outstanding dues pending confirmation and reconciliation as detailed in Note no. 57(b).

### 28. OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Advances - Customers, Selling Agents and others	58 and 28.2	5,591.62	5,379.54
Statutory Payables (including Provident Fund and Tax deducted at Source)		1,232.58	1,792.10
Advances against Sale of Fixed Assets	28.1 and 58	1,466.57	1,764.43
Deferred Revenue arising from Government Grants	24.1	28.92	28.92
		<b>8,319.69</b>	<b>8,964.99</b>

28.1 The Parent had received advance of Rs. 1,413.87 lakhs related to Sale of Specified Assets of Boroi Tea Estates and Assam Valley School (Net book Value: Rs. 3,268.33 lakhs). However pursuant to the injunction as stated in Note no. 7.2 such transaction could not materialise and as such have been disclosed under Advance against Sale of Fixed Assets. Pending this, the related assets remain included and have been disclosed under respective heads of Property, Plant and Equipment.

28.2 This includes advance of Rs. 2,500.00 lakhs (31st March 2020- Rs. 2,500.00 lakhs) received in earlier year against sale of tea, pending finalisation of terms and condition thereof.

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### 29. PROVISIONS

Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Provision for Tax on Proposed Dividend (Net of Payment of Rs. 343.37 lakhs (31st March 2020: Nil))	29.1	1.40	344.77
Provision for Other Retiral Benefits	29.2	662.35	662.35
Provision for Other	29.3	521.01	–
		<b>1,184.76</b>	<b>1,007.12</b>

29.1 The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its judgement dated 20th September 2017 held that the provisions of Rule 8 of Income Tax Act, 1961 is not applicable while making payment of dividend distribution tax as per section 115-O of the Income Tax Act, 1961. No fresh proceedings/ demands has been initiated/raised by the tax authorities in response to the aforesaid judgement passed by the Hon'ble Court. However, the Parent has made full provision in its financial statements in earlier years. During the year, the tax authorities have appropriated such demand against the refund order for Assessment year 2007-2008 against which the Parent has preferred a further appeal. In the event of the said demand being quashed by taxation authorities following the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court, the said amount so adjusted will be refunded to the Parent.

29.2 Shortfall in value of investments held by Employee Provident Fund Trust of the Parent covered under defined benefit plan, as estimated by the management has been provided for in the consolidated financial statements.

29.3 Other provisions includes Rs. 105.00 lakhs (31st March 2020: Nil) which relates to various demands raised by the buyer's of Specified Assets of Tea Estates in respect of expenditure incurred by them in relation to period prior to hand over of such tea estates, pending reconciliation and finalisation of the same with the books of accounts. Further, provision of Rs. 416.01 lakhs (31st March 2020: Nil) made in respect of various unreconciled differences relating to earlier years.

29.4 Movement in the Provisions are as follows:

Particulars	Provision for Tax on Proposed Dividend	Provision for Other Retiral Benefits	Provision for Other
Opening	344.77	662.35	–
Provided during the Year	–	–	521.01
Adjusted by Income Tax Authorities during the year	343.37	–	–
<b>Closing</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>662.35</b>	<b>521.01</b>

### 30. CURRENT TAX LIABILITIES (NET)

Particulars	Refer Note no.	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Provision for Income Tax		3,686.48	3,268.78
[Net of Advance Tax Rs. 18,661.60 lakhs (31st March 2020 - Rs 19,597.09 lakhs)]			
		<b>3,686.48</b>	<b>3,268.78</b>

30.1 Provision for taxation and advance payment thereagainst are reviewed and adjusted on assessment by the tax authorities. Unresolved matters contested unprovided for are disclosed as contingent liabilities depending upon the past trend, judicial pronouncements and amount involved therein.

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### 31. REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Sale of Products - Tea	31.2	1,40,239.62	1,11,745.64
<b>Other Operating Revenues</b>			
Licence Fees		143.11	226.69
Government Grants	31.1		
- Subsidy on Orthodox Tea		54.14	34.50
- Replantation Subsidy		691.60	118.12
- Transport Subsidy		125.00	159.99
- Subsidy- Capital Items	24.1	29.11	28.92
- Accrued duty exemption entitlement and other benefits relating to exports		547.66	1,256.14
Liabilities no Longer Required Written Back		668.88	428.00
Profit on Compulsory acquisition of Leasehold Land by Government	31.3	1,223.69	195.27
Scrap sales and other income from operations		121.11	108.03
		<b>1,43,843.92</b>	<b>1,14,301.30</b>

31.1 Government grant relates to incentives and assistances provided against replantation, production of orthodox tea, duty exemption, transportation and other export benefits made available to Tea Industry under various Tea Development and promotion Schemes by Government of India. There are no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attached to these grants. The Parent did not benefit directly from any other forms of government assistance.

### 31.2 Disaggregate Revenue

The Revenue has been recognised based on point of sale. The break up with respect to from geographical location revenue stream of the Group are as follows:

Particulars		Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>Sale of Tea</b>			
Within India		85,722.68	59,524.26
Outside India		54,160.38	52,071.68
Tea Waste Sales - Within India		356.56	149.70
		<b>1,40,239.62</b>	<b>1,11,745.64</b>

31.3 Profit on compulsory acquisition of leasehold land of Parent by government relates to certain portion of undivided land of certain tea estates acquired by the government for highway projects and is being accounted for on determination of amount thereof.



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### 32. OTHER INCOME

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Interest on Financial assets carried at amortised cost			
Deposits with banks		2.72	189.25
Loans	32.2	–	–
Others		424.00	221.02
Interest on Tax Refunds		194.41	142.80
Insurance Claims		109.21	102.02
Profit on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment (Net)		77.59	–
Liabilities/provision no longer required written back	10.5	–	1,574.39
Derivative Instruments at Fair Value through Profit and Loss		74.39	582.41
Net Gain/(Loss) on Foreign Currency Transaction and Translation		715.94	–
Sundry Income	32.1	401.23	326.35
		<b>1,999.49</b>	<b>3,138.24</b>

#### 32.1 Sundry Income includes

- Rs. 156.41 lakhs ( 31st March 2020: Nil) being the net gain against investment of funds lying in the Escrow account with Solicitors pertaining to tea estates sold in earlier years.
- Rs. 61.41 Lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs. 60.61 lakhs) rental income derived from Properties given on short-term lease by subsidiary and its one step-down subsidiary.

32.2 The Parent received request in the previous as well as in this year from various bodies corporate to whom Loans were given and outstanding as on 31st March 2021 for waiver of Interest. Interest on unsecured loan given to various companies as given in Note no. 56(a), considering the uncertainty with respect to recoverability thereof and also that companies have requested to waive the interest pending finalisation of terms thereof has not been accrued during the year. Such interest at the rate applicable for the previous period works out to be Rs. 68,388.52 lakhs (including Rs. 34,112.29 lakhs for the year). As stated in Note no. 56(a), terms and conditions for repayment of loans including interest thereon will be decided in line with the resolution plan under consideration with lenders and interest as decided will be accrued and recovered on determination of amount. Further, in respect of interest accrued in earlier years and outstanding as on 31st March 2021, provision of Rs.7,999.34 lakhs had been made and adjustments if any needed in this respect will be given effect to on finalisation of the resolution plan.

### 33. COST OF MATERIALS CONSUMED

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Green Leaf (Consumed)	33.1	17,441.43	8,734.44
		<b>17,441.43</b>	<b>8,734.44</b>

33.1 Cost of materials consumed includes green leaf purchased from external parties.

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### 34. CHANGES IN INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Stock of Tea at the beginning of the year		13,472.89	15,552.63
Less: Stock of Tea at the end of the year		(13,312.55)	(13,472.89)
<b>(Increase)/Decrease</b>		<b>160.34</b>	<b>2,079.74</b>

### 35. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Salaries, Wages and Bonus etc.		49,043.83	46,576.80
Contribution to Provident and Other Funds	41	5,290.17	5,611.53
Staff and Workers Welfare Expenses		5,358.01	5,497.26
		<b>59,692.01</b>	<b>57,685.59</b>

### 36. FINANCE COSTS

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Interest Expense			
On financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	36.1 and 36.2	20,362.17	22,140.33
Other borrowing cost		89.22	528.88
		<b>20,451.39</b>	<b>22,669.21</b>

36.1 Pending completion of debt restructuring process, Interest on borrowings in case of Parent have been provided for as stated in Note no. 57(b).

36.2 In case of Parent, Interest on Inter Corporate Deposits taken has not been recognised to the extent of Rs. 4,615.46 lakhs (including Rs. 2,337.26 lakhs for the year) pending finalisation of resolution plan as stated in Note no. 57.

### 37. DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION EXPENSE

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Depreciation on Property, Plant and Equipment	5	8,716.28	7,467.84
Amortisation of Other Intangible Assets	6	321.78	327.14
		<b>9,038.06</b>	<b>7,794.98</b>

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### 38. OTHER EXPENSES

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Consumption of Stores and Spare Parts		3,221.92	2,845.19
Consumption of Manure, Fertiliser, Chemicals etc.		5,220.10	2,343.94
Consumption of Packing Materials		1,399.48	1,212.39
Power and Fuel		14,830.92	14,149.10
Electricity Charges		142.76	257.20
Rent	52	28.51	87.88
Lease Rent	52	11.87	–
Repairs to			
– Buildings		740.11	523.20
– Machinery		2,452.92	2,190.39
– Others		2,833.16	973.95
Insurance		557.89	575.31
Rates and Taxes		388.60	272.18
Cess on Tea		–	0.47
Green Leaf Cess		–	2.41
Travelling		552.21	756.06
Legal and Professional Fees		1,719.34	1,513.63
Royalty fee / License fee		438.86	424.81
Freight, Shipping and Selling Expenses		5,848.74	5,521.75
Brokerage on Sales		770.32	589.21
Loss on Disposal of PPE (net)		–	232.53
Provision for Doubtful Receivable/Advance/ Claims etc.		445.50	–
Provision against TDS deducted but not deposited by parties	10.5	–	514.37
Bad Debts/ Sundry balances written off		222.05	–
Net Loss on Foreign Currency Transaction and Translation		–	446.29
Derivative Instrument fair valued through Profit and Loss		–	34.12
Changes in Fair Value of Biological Assets	13.1	(419.34)	495.64
Director's Fees		16.00	12.40
Miscellaneous Expenses	38.1 and 38.2	1,986.68	2,063.70
		<b>43,408.60</b>	<b>38,038.12</b>

38.1 Expenditure on Research and Development Rs. 177.93 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs. 171.97 lakhs) represent subscription to Tea Research Association by the Parent.

38.2 Miscellaneous Expenditure includes Payment to Auditor:

Particulars		Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
As Auditors – Audit Fees		126.41	85.55
For Other Services:			
– Tax Audit Fees		13.00	11.00
– Certification etc.		35.00	26.00

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### 39. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

Particulars	Refer Note no.	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Profit on Sale of Specified Assets of the Tea Estates	53(a)	–	4,003.96
Loss on Sale of Other Fixed Assets	54	–	(237.21)
Profit on disposal of shareholding in Subsidiary/ Associates	60(c)	–	631.29
<b>Total</b>		–	<b>4,398.04</b>

### NOTE 40: SCHEMES OF AMALGAMATION/SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT GIVEN EFFECT TO IN EARLIER YEARS

Pending completion of the relevant formalities of transfer of certain assets and liabilities acquired pursuant to the Schemes, such assets and liabilities remain included in the books of the Parent under the name of the transferor companies (including other companies which were amalgamated with the transferor companies from time to time).

### NOTE 41: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

#### I. Defined Contribution Plan

##### Provident Fund:

The Parent makes contributions to Provident Fund and Pension Scheme for eligible employees. Under the schemes, the Parent is required to contribute a specified percentage / fixed amount of the payroll costs to fund the benefits. The contributions as specified under the law are paid to the respective fund set up by the government authority. Contributions towards provident funds are recognised as an expense for the year. Further, the Parent has also set up Provident Fund Trusts in respect of certain categories of employees which is administered by Trustees. Both the employees and the Parent make monthly contributions to the Funds at specified percentage of the employee's salary and aggregate contributions along with interest thereon are paid to the employees/nominees at retirement, death or cessation of employment. The Trusts invest funds following a pattern of investments prescribed by the Government. The interest rate payable to the members of the Trusts is not lower than the rate of interest declared annually by the Government under The Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and shortfall, if any, on account of interest is to be made good by the Parent.

The Actuary has carried out actuarial valuation of plan's liabilities and interest rate guarantee obligations as at the balance sheet date as per the principle laid down in Ind AS19 issued by Ministry of corporate affairs and guidelines GN26 issued by the Institute of Actuaries of India. Based on such valuation, there is no future anticipated shortfall with regard to interest rate obligation of the Parent as at the balance sheet date. The Parent's contribution of Rs. 160.43 lakhs (31st March 2020 – Rs. 189.56 lakhs) to the Provident Fund Trust in this respect has been expensed under the 'Contribution to Provident and Other Funds'.

Expense recognised for Defined Contribution Plans for the year is as under:

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Employer's Contribution to Provident and Pension Fund	3,645.07	4,203.66

#### II. Post Employment Defined Benefit Plans:

The Post Employment defined benefit scheme are managed by Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited/Trust is a defined benefit plan. The present value of obligation is determined based on independent actuarial valuation using the Projected Unit Credit Method, which recognizes each period of service as giving rise to additional unit of employee

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benefit entitlement and measures each unit separately to build up the final obligation. Details of such fund are as follows:

**a) Gratuity (Funded)**

The Parent gratuity scheme, a defined benefit plan is as per the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, covers the eligible employees and is administered through certain gratuity fund trusts. Such gratuity funds, whose investments are managed by insurance companies/trustees themselves, make payments to vested employees or their nominees upon retirement, death, incapacitation or cessation of employment, of an amount based on the respective employee's salary and tenure of employment subject to a maximum limit of Rs. 20.00 lakhs. Vesting occurs upon completion of five years of service. The amount of gratuity payable is the employees last drawn basic salary per month computed proportionately for 15 days salary multiplied for the number of years of service.

**b) Superannuation (Funded)**

The Parent Superannuation scheme, a Defined Benefit plan, is administered through trust funds and covers certain categories of employees. Investments of the funds are managed by insurance companies /trustees themselves. Benefits under these plans had been frozen in earlier years with regard to salary levels then prevailing. Upon retirement, death or cessation of employment, Superannuation Funds purchase annuity policies in favour of vested employees or their spouses to secure periodic pension. Such superannuation benefits are based on respective employee's tenure of employment and salary.

**c) Staff Pension – (Unfunded)**

The Parent's Staff Pension Scheme, a Defined Benefit plan, covers certain categories of employees. Pursuant to the scheme, monthly pension is paid to the vested employee or his/her nominee upon retirement, death or cessation of service based on the respective employee's salary and tenure of employment subject to a limit on the period of payment in case of nominee. Vesting occurs upon completion of twenty years of service.

**d) Medical Insurance Premium Re-imburement (Unfunded)**

The Parent has a scheme of re-imburement of medical insurance premium to certain categories of employees and their surviving spouses, upon retirement, subject to a monetary limit. The scheme is in the nature of Defined Benefit plan.

**e) Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)**

The Parent has an informal practice of paying pension to certain categories of retired expatriate employees and in certain cases to their surviving spouses. The scheme is in the nature of Defined Benefit plan.

**f) Gratuity Plan (Unfunded) in respect of MRUL, a subsidiary company:**

MRUL's terms and conditions of employment provide for a gratuity to Ugandan nationals employed by the MRUL. The gratuity is payable after completion of five years' service upon resignation, retirement or termination and on condition that the employee leaves honourably. The gratuity is calculated at twenty working days per year of service for employees with five to ten years service and thirty working days per year of service for those with more than ten years service. The provision takes account of service rendered by employees up to the balance sheet date and is based on actuarial valuation.

**g) Gratuity Plan (Unfunded) in respect of MRME, a subsidiary company:**

Provision is made for end-of-service gratuity payable to the staff at the balance sheet date in accordance with United Arab Emirates labour law.

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The following tables set forth the particulars in respect of aforesaid Defined Benefit plans of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2021 and corresponding figures for the previous year:

Particulars		For the year ended 31st March, 2021					
		Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)	Gratuity Fund (MRUL) (Unfunded)
<b>I</b>	<b>Components of Defined Benefit Cost</b>						
	<b>– Recognised in Profit or Loss</b>						
1	Current Service Cost	915.07	–	237.13	–	–	53.25
2	Past Service Cost	–	–	–	–	–	–
3	Interest Cost	906.87	25.11	348.19	19.32	1.00	89.33
4	Expected return on plan assets	(846.84)	(108.08)	–	–	–	–
5	<b>Total expense recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss</b>	<b>975.10</b>	<b>(82.97)</b>	<b>585.32</b>	<b>19.32</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>142.58</b>
	<b>– Re-measurements recognised in Other Comprehensive Income</b>						
6	Return on plan assets (excluding amounts included in Net interest cost)	(588.91)	(125.65)	–	–	–	–
7	Effect of changes in demographic assumptions	–	–	–	–	–	–
8	Effect of changes in financial assumptions	(685.96)	(3.96)	(26.29)	(0.26)	1.14	58.43
9	Changes in asset ceiling (excluding interest income)	–	–	–	–	–	–
10	Effect of experience adjustments	3,021.78	1.02	151.36	26.59	(5.64)	102.09
11	<b>Total re-measurements included in Other Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>1,746.91</b>	<b>(128.59)</b>	<b>125.07</b>	<b>26.33</b>	<b>(4.50)</b>	<b>160.52</b>
12	<b>Total defined benefit cost recognised in Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income (5+11)</b>	<b>2,722.01</b>	<b>(211.56)</b>	<b>710.39</b>	<b>45.65</b>	<b>(3.50)</b>	<b>303.10</b>

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Particulars	For the year ended 31st March, 2020					
	Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)	Gratuity Fund (MRUL) (Unfunded)
<b>I Components of Defined Benefit Cost</b>						
– Recognised in Profit or Loss						
1 Current Service Cost	887.01	–	821.20	–	–	37.88
2 Past Service Cost	–	–	–	–	–	–
3 Interest Cost	761.59	37.70	288.17	20.20	0.77	72.33
4 Expected return on plan assets	(899.62)	(186.01)	–	–	–	–
5 <b>Total expense recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss</b>	<b>748.98</b>	<b>(148.31)</b>	<b>1,109.37</b>	<b>20.20</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>110.21</b>
– Re-measurements recognised in Other Comprehensive Income						
6 Return on plan assets (excluding amounts included in Net interest cost)	(584.85)	82.98	–	–	–	–
7 Effect of changes in demographic assumptions	–	–	–	–	–	–
8 Effect of changes in financial assumptions	1,335.45	219.17	280.26	0.28	1.49	8.46
9 Changes in asset ceiling (excluding interest income)	–	–	–	–	–	–
10 Effect of experience adjustments	1,327.38	148.10	(519.39)	(17.45)	5.31	79.13
11 <b>Total re-measurements included in Other Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>2,077.98</b>	<b>450.25</b>	<b>(239.13)</b>	<b>(17.17)</b>	<b>6.80</b>	<b>87.59</b>
12 <b>Total defined benefit cost recognised in Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income (5+11)</b>	<b>2,826.96</b>	<b>301.94</b>	<b>870.24</b>	<b>3.03</b>	<b>7.57</b>	<b>197.80</b>

Particulars	As on 31st March, 2021					
	Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)	Gratuity Fund (MRUL) (Unfunded)
<b>II Net Asset/(Liability) recognised in Balance Sheet</b>						
1 Present Value of Defined Benefit Obligation	16,248.51	378.75	5,586.41	307.56	11.24	685.29
2 Fair Value of Plan Assets	13,527.27	1,793.92	–	–	–	–
3 Status [Surplus/(Deficit)]	(2,721.24)	1,415.17	(5,586.41)	(307.56)	(11.24)	(685.29)
4 Restrictions on Asset Recognised	–	–	–	–	–	–



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Particulars	As on 31st March, 2020					
	Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)	Gratuity Fund (MRUL) (Unfunded)
<b>II Net Asset/(Liability) recognised in Balance Sheet</b>						
1 Present Value of Defined Benefit Obligation	13,969.11	364.79	5,129.55	292.98	14.74	562.70
2 Fair Value of Plan Assets	12,167.24	1,568.40	–	–	–	–
3 Status [Surplus/(Deficit)]	(1,801.87)	1,203.61	(5,129.55)	(292.98)	(14.74)	(562.70)
4 Restrictions on Asset Recognised	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Particulars	For the year ended 31st March, 2021					
	Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)	Gratuity Fund (MRUL) (Unfunded)
<b>III Change in Defined Benefit Obligation (DBO)</b>						
1 Present Value of DBO at the beginning of the year	13,969.11	364.79	5,129.55	292.98	14.74	562.70
2 Current Service Cost	915.07	–	237.13	–	–	53.25
3 Past Service Cost	–	–	–	–	–	–
4 Interest Cost	906.87	25.11	348.19	19.32	1.00	89.33
5 Remeasurement gains / (losses):						
a. Effect of changes in demographic assumptions	–	–	–	–	–	–
b. Effect of changes in financial assumptions	(685.96)	(3.96)	(26.29)	(0.26)	1.14	58.43
c. Changes in asset ceiling (excluding interest income)	–	–	–	–	–	–
d. Effect of experience adjustments	3,021.78	1.02	151.36	26.59	(5.64)	102.09
6 Curtailment Cost / (Credits)	–	–	–	–	–	–
7 Settlement Cost / (Credits)	–	–	–	–	–	–
8 Liabilities assumed in business combination	–	–	–	–	–	–
9 Exchange difference on foreign plans	–	–	–	–	–	–
10 Benefits Paid	(1,878.36)	(8.21)	(253.53)	(31.07)	–	(180.51)
11 Transfer to buyers of specified assets of certain Tea Estates	–	–	–	–	–	–
12 <b>Present Value of DBO at the end of the year</b>	<b>16,248.51</b>	<b>378.75</b>	<b>5,586.41</b>	<b>307.56</b>	<b>11.24</b>	<b>685.29</b>

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Particulars		For the year ended 31st March, 2020					
		Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)	Gratuity Fund (MRUL) (Unfunded)
<b>III</b>	<b>Change in Defined Benefit Obligation (DBO)</b>						
1	Present Value of DBO at the beginning of the year	13,420.76	1,182.44	4,473.00	322.07	16.18	502.92
2	Current Service Cost	887.01	–	821.20	–	–	37.88
3	Past Service Cost	–	–	–	–	–	–
4	Interest Cost	761.59	37.70	288.17	20.20	0.77	72.33
5	<b>Remeasurement gains / (losses):</b>						
	a. Effect of changes in demographic assumptions	–	–	–	–	–	–
	b. Effect of changes in financial assumptions	1,335.45	219.17	280.26	0.28	1.49	8.46
	c. Changes in asset ceiling (excluding interest income)	–	–	–	–	–	–
	d. Effect of experience adjustments	1,327.38	148.10	(519.39)	(17.45)	5.31	79.13
6	Curtailment Cost / (Credits)	–	–	–	–	–	–
7	Settlement Cost / (Credits)	–	–	–	–	–	–
8	Liabilities assumed in business combination	–	–	–	–	–	–
9	Exchange difference on foreign plans	–	–	–	–	–	–
10	Benefits Paid	(3,763.08)	(1,222.62)	(213.69)	(32.12)	(9.01)	(138.02)
11	Transfer to Buyers of specified assets of certain Tea Estates	–	–	–	–	–	–
12	<b>Present Value of DBO at the end of the year</b>	<b>13,969.11</b>	<b>364.79</b>	<b>5,129.55</b>	<b>292.98</b>	<b>14.74</b>	<b>562.70</b>

### IV Best Estimate of Parents' Expected Contribution for the next year

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
– Gratuity	3,195.04	1,502.46
– Superannuation	–	–
– Staff Pension Fund	–	–

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Particulars		For the year ended 31st March, 2021					
		Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)	Gratuity Fund (MRUL) (Unfunded)
<b>V</b>	<b>Change in Fair Value of Assets</b>						
1	Plan Assets at the beginning of the year	12,167.24	1,568.40	-	-	-	-
2	Asset acquired in Business Combination	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Interest Income	846.84	108.08	-	-	-	-
4	Remeasurement Gains / (Losses) on plan assets	588.91	125.65	-	-	-	-
5	Actual Company Contributions	1,802.64	-	-	-	-	-
6	Benefits Paid	(1,878.36)	(8.21)	-	-	-	-
7	Settlement Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Transfer to buyers of specified assets of certain Tea Estates	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	<b>Plan Assets at the end of the year</b>	<b>13,527.27</b>	<b>1,793.92</b>	-	-	-	-

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Particulars		For the year ended 31st March, 2020					
		Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)	Gratuity Fund (MRUL) (Unfunded)
<b>V</b>	<b>Change in Fair Value of Assets</b>						
1	Plan Assets at the beginning of the year	13,630.63	2,687.99	-	-	-	-
2	Asset acquired in Business Combination	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Interest Income	899.62	186.01	-	-	-	-
4	Remeasurement Gains / (Losses) on plan assets	584.85	(82.98)	-	-	-	-
5	Actual Company Contributions	815.22	-	-	-	-	-
6	Benefits Paid	(3,763.08)	(1,222.62)	-	-	-	-
7	Settlement Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Transfer to buyers of specified assets of certain Tea Estates	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	<b>Plan Assets at the end of the year</b>	<b>12,167.24</b>	<b>1,568.40</b>	-	-	-	-

### VI Actuarial Assumptions

Particulars		As at 31st March, 2021		As at 31st March, 2020	
		Discount Rate (%)	Return on Plan Assets (%)	Discount Rate (%)	Return on Plan Assets (%)
1	Gratuity	6.96	6.96	6.60	6.60
2	Superannuation	6.96	6.96	6.60	6.60
3	Staff Pension	6.96	-	6.60	-
4	Medical Benefit Liability	6.96	-	6.60	-
5	Expatriate Pension	6.96	-	6.60	-
6	Gratuity Fund (MRUL)	16.59	-	15.78	-

The estimates of future salary increases, considered in actuarial valuations take account of inflation, seniority, promotion and other relevant factors such as supply and demand factors in the employment market.

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### VII Major Category of Plan Assets as a % of the Total Plan Assets

	Particulars	As at 31st March, 2021		As at 31st March, 2020	
		Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)	%	Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)	%
1	Government Bonds	23.66	0.15	26.65	0.19
2	Investment with Life Insurance Corporation of India	228.89	1.49	213.93	1.56
3	Investment with Other Insurance Companies	15,031.27	98.11	13,450.74	97.93
4	Cash and Cash Equivalents	37.37	0.24	44.31	0.32
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,321.19</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>13,735.62</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Plan assets represent investment in various categories. The return on amounts invested with LIC is declared annually by them. Return on amounts invested with Insurance companies, other than LIC, is mostly by way of Net Asset Value declared on units purchased, with some schemes declaring returns annually. Investment in Bonds and Special Deposit carry a fixed rate of interest. The expected return on plan assets is determined after taking into consideration composition of the plan assets held, assessed risk of asset management and other relevant factors.

### VIII. Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity analysis below is based on a change in an assumption while holding all other assumptions constant. In practice, this is unlikely to occur, and changes in some of the assumptions may be correlated. When calculating the sensitivity of the defined benefit obligation to significant actuarial assumptions the same method (present value of the defined benefit obligation calculated with the projected unit credit method at the end of the reporting period) has been applied as when calculating the defined benefit liability recognised in the balance sheet.

The methods and types of assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis did not change compared to the prior period.

Particulars	Impact on Defined Benefit Obligations				
	Year ended 31st March, 2021				
	Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)
	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Increase in Assumption of:</b>					
1 Discount Rate by 0.50%	(4.19)	(2.62)	(1.90)	(0.04)	(1.58)
2 Salary Growth Rate by 10%	4.59	–	0.01	–	–
3 Attrition Rate by 0.50%	0.06	–	2.01	0.05	–
<b>Decrease in Assumption of:</b>					
1 Discount Rate by 0.50%	4.52	2.74	2.00	0.04	1.55
2 Salary Growth Rate by 10%	(4.28)	–	(0.01)	–	–
3 Attrition Rate by 0.50%	(0.06)	–	(1.94)	(0.05)	–

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Particulars	Impact on Defined Benefit Obligations				
	Year ended 31st March, 2020				
	Gratuity (Funded)	Superannuation (Funded)	Staff Pension (Unfunded)	Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)
	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Increase in Assumption of:</b>					
1 Discount Rate by 0.50%	(3.99)	(2.22)	(1.91)	(0.05)	(1.47)
2 Salary Growth Rate by 10%	4.38	–	0.30	–	–
3 Attrition Rate by 0.50%	0.06	–	2.09	0.06	–
<b>Decrease in Assumption of:</b>					
1 Discount Rate by 0.50%	4.31	2.38	2.17	0.07	1.43
2 Salary Growth Rate by 10%	(4.08)	–	(0.30)	–	–
3 Attrition Rate by 0.50%	(0.06)	–	(2.01)	(0.06)	–

### Gratuity Fund of MRUL

Particulars	Change in Assumption		Impact on defined benefit obligation			
			Increase in Assumption		Decrease in Assumption	
	31st March 2021	31st March 2020	31st March 2021	31st March 2020	31st March 2021	31st March 2020
	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Discount Rate</b>	1.00	1.00	41.39	34.21	(46.10)	(38.01)

IX	Risk Exposure	
	Through its defined benefit plans, the Group is exposed to a number of risks, the most significant of which are detailed below:	
	<b>Asset volatility:</b>	The plan liabilities in case of the Parent are calculated using a discount rate set with reference to bond yields: if plan assets underperform this yield, this will create a deficit. The plan asset investments is in bonds, special deposit, LIC and other insurance companies. The Group has a risk management strategy where the aggregate amount of risk exposure on a portfolio is maintained at a fixed range. Any deviation from the range are corrected by rebalancing the portfolio. The Group intends to maintain the above investment mix in the continuing years.
	<b>Changes in yields:</b>	A decrease in yields will increase plan liabilities.
	<b>Life Expectancy:</b>	The pension and medical plan obligations are to provide benefits for the life of the member, so increases in life expectancy will result in the increase in the plans liabilities. This is particularly significant where inflationary increases result in higher sensitivity to changes in life expectancy.
	The Group actively monitors how the duration and the expected yield of the investments are matching the expected cash outflows arising from the employee benefit obligations. The Group has not changed the processes used to manage its risks from previous periods. Investments are well diversified, such that the failure of any single investment would not have a material impact on the overall level of assets.	

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### X The average duration of liabilities for all the funds is as follows :

Particulars	No. of Years	
	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>Defined benefit obligation</b>		
<b>Gratuity Fund (Funded) – Parent</b>		
McLeod Russel India Limited Employees Gratuity Fund	16	15
George Williamson (Assam) Limited Employees Group Gratuity Fund	17	17
The Bisnauth Tea Company Limited Employees Group Gratuity fund	17	17
<b>Gratuity Fund (Unfunded)- Subsidiary</b>		
McLeod Russel Uganda Limited	7	7
<b>Superannuation Fund (Funded)</b>		
George Williamson (Assam) Limited Superannuation Fund	7	8
Williamson Magor & Company Limited Superannuation Fund	5	6
McLeod Russel India Limited Superannuation Fund	6	8
<b>Staff Pension Fund (Unfunded)</b>		
McNeil & Magor and McLeod Russel Group	4	6
<b>Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)</b>		
McLeod Russel India Limited	4	4
<b>Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)</b>		
McLeod Russel India Limited	6	5

### XI The expected maturity analysis of undiscounted pension, gratuity and post-employment medical benefits is as follows:

Particulars	Less than a year	Between 1–2 years	Between 2–5 years	Over 5 years	Total
<b>As at 31st March 2021</b>					
<b>Defined benefit obligation</b>					
Gratuity Fund - Parent (Funded)	2,283.80	1,236.11	3,892.79	27,733.54	35,146.24
Superannuation Fund (Funded)	186.39	38.94	165.85	138.20	529.38
Gratuity Fund - Subsidiary (Unfunded)	86.83	61.08	323.95	31,513.44	31,985.30
Staff Pension Fund (Unfunded)	699.98	183.45	524.69	1,160.32	2,568.44
Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	239.66	217.66	449.04	591.35	1,497.71
Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)	7.90	5.36	7.02	11.99	32.27
	<b>3,504.56</b>	<b>1,742.60</b>	<b>5,363.34</b>	<b>61,148.84</b>	<b>71,759.34</b>
<b>As at 31st March 2020</b>					
<b>Defined benefit obligation</b>					
Gratuity Fund - Parent (Funded)	3,089.68	1,053.89	3,612.48	25,077.46	32,833.51
Superannuation Fund (Funded)	118.98	68.97	134.89	208.12	530.96
Gratuity Fund - Subsidiary (Unfunded)	23.59	117.96	305.28	24,346.28	24,793.11
Staff Pension Fund (Unfunded)	1,648.41	625.37	1,516.59	3,254.14	7,044.51
Medical Benefit Liability (Unfunded)	194.92	183.34	389.91	529.55	1,297.72
Expatriate Pension (Unfunded)	4.67	3.52	7.78	4.13	20.10
	<b>5,080.25</b>	<b>2,053.05</b>	<b>5,966.93</b>	<b>53,419.68</b>	<b>66,519.91</b>

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### NOTE 42: COMMITMENTS

#### (a) Capital Commitments

Estimated amount of contracts remaining to be executed on Capital Account and not provided for (net of advances) is as follows:

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
(l) Property, Plant and Equipment		
Commitment (Net)	314.07	391.46

#### (b) Other Commitments

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
l) Derivative Contracts		
a) Interest Rate Swap		
USD/INR	USD 9,71,278	USD 27,58,267
INR/USD	INR 21,78,00,000	INR 36,30,00,000

### NOTE 43: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

(to the extent not provided) for in respect of:

- a) Various show cause notices/ demands issued/ raised, which in the opinion of the management are not tenable and are pending with various forums / authorities: (Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>Parent :</b>		
Electricity Dues– Inappropriate Electricity Withdrawal by the Tea Estates from Assam Power Distribution Company Limited	53.38	53.38
Excise Duty– Availment of refund was erroneous and to be recovered under Sec. 11A of the Central Excise Act, 1944	42.99	42.99
Income Tax– Taxability of various exempted income	1,988.08	72.44
Service Tax– Demand of Service tax under reverse charge mechanism for royalty, license fee and consultancy fees	583.72	583.72
Land Revenue– Fine for Encroachment of Land declared and finalised as Ceiling Surplus in 2010	9.65	9.65
<b>Subsidiary :</b>		
Claims not acknowledged as Debts	46.42	67.58
- The MRUL is a defendant in various legal actions arising in the normal course of business. In the opinion of the directors, after taking appropriate legal advice, the outcome of such actions will not give rise to any significant loss.		

- b) Guarantees given on behalf of a subsidiary by the Parent in order to secure the loan availed by them outstanding amount as on 31st March 2021: Nil (31st March 2020: Rs. 126.12 lakhs).
- c) The Parent has issued various "Letter of Comfort" to lenders against loans taken by promoter Group Companies. The aggregate amount of Comfort Letter issued and outstanding as on 31st March 2021 is Rs. 1,46,099.78 Lakhs (31st March, 2020 - Rs. 1,46,099.78 Lakhs). The aggregate amount of borrowings of group-companies as on 31st March 2021 is Rs. 70,259.47 Lakhs (31st March, 2020 - Rs. 86,294.03 Lakhs).
- d) The Group's pending litigations comprises of claim against the group and proceedings pending with Taxation/ Statutory/ Government Authorities. The Group has reviewed all its pending litigations and proceedings and has made adequate provisions, and disclosed contingent liabilities, where applicable, in its consolidated financial statements. The Group does not expect the outcome of these proceedings to have a material impact on its financial position. Future cash outflows, if any is dependent upon the outcome of judgments / decisions which is not practicable to be determined pending resolution of the same.



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### NOTE 44: RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Related party disclosure as identified by the management in accordance with the Ind AS 24 on 'Related Party Disclosures' are as follows:	
<b>(a) Associates</b>	
	D1 Williamson Magor Bio Fuel Limited
	Pfunda Tea Company Limited (PTCL) (90% holding till 26th March 2019 and balance 45% holding till 4th May 2019)
<b>(b) Key Management Personnel</b>	
	Mr. Brij Mohan Khaitan (BMK) Non-Executive Director [Deceased on 1st June 2019]
	Mr. Aditya Khaitan (AK) Managing Director and Chairman
	Mr. Rajeev Takru (RT) Wholetime Director upto 9th September 2019
	Mr. Azam Monem (AM) Wholetime Director
	Mr. Kamal Kishore Baheti (KKB) Wholetime Director upto 19th July 2019
	Mr. Amritanshu Khaitan (AAK) Non-Executive Director
	Dr. Raghavachari Srinivasan (RAS) Non-Executive Director upto 19th July 2019
	Mr. Ranabir Sen (RS) Non-Executive Director upto 19th July 2019
	Mr. Utsav Parekh (UP) Non-Executive Director upto 30th May 2019
	Mrs. Ramni Nirula (RN) Non-Executive Director upto 30th May 2019
	Mr. Ashok Bhandari (AB) Non-Executive Director [Resigned on 29th April 2019]
	Mr. Jyoti Ghosh (JG) Non-Executive Director [Resigned on 13th May 2019]
	Ms. Arundhuti Dhar (AD) Non-Executive Director w.e.f. 30th May 2019
	Mr. Suman Bhowmik (SB) Non-Executive Director w.e.f. 19th July 2019
	Mr. Raj Vardhan (RV) Non-Executive Director w.e.f. 19th July 2019
	Mr. Pradip Bhar (PB) Chief Financial Officer
<b>(c) Entities where KMP or their close member have significant influence or control or Group Enterprises or Companies under common control and with whom transaction have taken place during the year</b>	
	Soom Stud Farm Private Limited (SSFPL)
<b>(d) Employee's Trust</b>	
	The Bishnauth Tea Company Limited Employees Group Gratuity Fund (BTCGF)
	George Williamson (Assam) Limited Employees Gratuity Fund (GWLGF)
	McLeod Russel India Limited Employees Gratuity Fund (MRILGF)
	McLeod Russel (India) Limited Staff Provident Fund (MRILPF)
	George Williamson (Assam) Limited Superannuation Fund (GWLSF)
	Williamson Magor & Company Limited Superannuation Fund (WMCLSF)
	McLeod Russel (India) Limited Staff Superannuation Fund (MRILSF)
<b>(e) Transactions with Key Management Personnel:</b>	
	<b>(i) Key Management Personnel Compensation:</b>

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Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Excess Recoverable (Refer Note no. 9.1)	Net	Year ended 31st March 2020	Excess Recoverable (Refer Note no. 9.1)	Net
Short- term employment benefits						
AK	310.00	310.00	–	300.00	597.33	(297.33)
RT	–	–	–	96.18	–	96.18
AM	131.20	131.20	–	167.20	–	167.20
KKB	–	–	–	74.30	–	74.30
	<b>441.20</b>	<b>441.20</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>637.68</b>	<b>597.33</b>	<b>40.35</b>
Post-employment benefits						
AK	47.70	–	47.70	48.60	–	48.60
RT	–	–	–	8.59	–	8.59
AM	19.08	–	19.08	19.44	–	19.44
KKB	–	–	–	5.85	–	5.85
	<b>66.78</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>66.78</b>	<b>82.48</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>82.48</b>
Long- term employment benefits						
AK	–	–	–	–	–	–
RT	–	–	–	80.00	–	80.00
AM	–	–	–	–	–	–
KKB	–	–	–	80.00	–	80.00
	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>160.00</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>160.00</b>
<b>Total compensation</b>	<b>507.98</b>	<b>441.20</b>	<b>66.78</b>	<b>880.16</b>	<b>597.33</b>	<b>282.83</b>

### Balance at the Year-end– Receivable

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
AK	649.20	697.33
AM	131.20	–

### (f) Balance of investment at year end

#### (i) Transactions / Balances with associate:

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
D1 Williamson Magor Bio Fuel Limited		
Short Term Loan taken	4,205.00	–
<b>Balance at the Year-end</b>		
Balance of Short Term Loan	4,205.00	–
Balance of investment*	–	–

\* (Cost - Rs.2,184.35 lakhs, fully impaired)

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### (g) Transactions with Non-Executive Directors:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>Sitting Fees</b>		
AAK	2.60	0.80
RAS	–	1.40
RS	–	1.80
UP	–	0.20
AD	4.20	4.00
SB	4.20	2.80
RV	3.80	1.40
	<b>14.80</b>	<b>12.40</b>
<b>Sitting Fees payable</b>		
AD	0.40	–
SB	0.40	–
RV	0.40	–
	<b>1.20</b>	<b>–</b>

### (h) Transactions with Enterprise where KMP have significant influence or control:

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>Loan Taken</b>		
SSFPL	–	100.00
	–	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Closing Payable</b>		
SSFPL	100.00	100.00
	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### (i) Transactions with Trusts:

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>Contribution to Funds</b>		
BTCGF	457.85	328.42
GWLGF	486.15	375.90
MRILGF	858.63	110.90
MRILPF	471.51	564.60
	<b>2,274.14</b>	<b>1,379.82</b>
<b>Closing Payable</b>		
BTCGF	459.83	752.65
GWLGF	1,795.62	548.63
MRILGF	465.79	500.57
	<b>2,721.24</b>	<b>1,801.85</b>
<b>Closing Receivable</b>		
GWLSF	367.49	314.14
WMCLSF	473.01	413.46
MRILSF	574.67	475.99
	<b>1,415.17</b>	<b>1,203.59</b>

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Note :

- The above related party information is as identified by the management and relied upon by the auditor.
- All transactions from related parties are made in ordinary course of business. For the year ended 31st March 2021, the Group has not recorded any impairment of receivables relating to amounts owed by related parties. This assessment is undertaken each financial year by reviewing the financial position of the related party and the market in which the related party operates.
- In respect of above parties, there is no provision for doubtful debts as on 31st March 2021 and no amount has been written back or written off during the year in respect of debts due from/ to them.
- Post-Employee benefits and other long-term employee benefits have been disclosed/paid on retirement/resignation of services but does not include provision made on actuarial basis as the same is available for all the employees together.

### NOTE 45: EARNINGS PER SHARE

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Earnings per share (EPS) has been computed as under:		
(a) Net profit after taxes as per Statement of Profit and Loss (Rs. in lakhs)	(5,239.09)	(14,778.97)
(b) Computation of Weighted Average Number of Shares		
Number of equity shares outstanding as on Opening	10,44,55,735	8,73,88,235
Changes in Equity Share Capital during the year	-	-
Add: Shares held through trust sold off by BTHL (Refer Note no. 19.5)	-	1,70,67,500
Number of equity shares outstanding as on Closing	10,44,55,735	10,44,55,735
(c) Weighted average number of Equity shares outstanding for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	10,44,55,735	10,44,55,735
(d) Earnings per share on profit for the year [Face Value Rs. 5.00 per share]		
Basic and Diluted EPS [(a)/(b)](Rs.)	(5.02)	(14.15)

### NOTE 46: SEGMENT INFORMATION

- (a) The Group is primarily engaged in the business of cultivation, manufacture and sale of tea across various geographical location. In term of Ind AS 108 "Operating Segment", the Group has identified its operating segment based on their geographical locations. The chief operating decision maker uses a measure of segment results, depreciation and amortisation to assess the performance of operating segments.

The geographical segments have been identified as India, Vietnam, Uganda, Rwanda, UK and Others.

#### (b) Geographical Information

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>Segment Revenue</b>		
India	1,11,018.27	85,594.09
Vietnam	7,737.38	7,640.96
Uganda	20,488.01	16,068.16
UK	238.35	226.69
Others	4,361.91	4,771.40
	<b>1,43,843.92</b>	<b>1,14,301.30</b>
<b>Segment Results</b>		
India	(7,774.51)	(17,548.80)
Vietnam	(1,351.44)	(102.05)
Uganda	1,007.76	(1,589.37)
UK	65.31	204.03
Others	80.67	79.62

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Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>Profit before Taxation (including Share of profit of Associate) and Minority Interest</b>	<b>(7,972.21)</b>	<b>(18,956.57)</b>
Share of Profit of Associate	-	40.00
Less : Taxation Charge		
Current Tax	160.49	364.58
Provisions relating to earlier years written back(net)	1,778.48	-
Deferred Tax - Charge/(Credit)	(4,672.09)	(4,502.18)
<b>Profit/(Loss) after taxation</b>	<b>(5,239.09)</b>	<b>(14,778.97)</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure relating to segments:</b>		
India	3,029.21	1,972.85
Vietnam	0.64	55.12
Uganda	0.85	1,840.62
Others	0.61	-
	<b>3,031.31</b>	<b>3,868.59</b>
<b>Depreciation and amortisation relating to segments:</b>		
India	7,074.73	6,247.30
Vietnam	567.65	537.68
Uganda	1,335.76	954.00
UK	56.51	52.00
Others	3.41	4.00
	<b>9,038.06</b>	<b>7,794.98</b>

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>Segment Assets</b>		
India	4,43,626.59	4,43,647.43
Vietnam	13,246.07	14,409.82
Uganda	27,659.92	28,729.28
UK	4,502.07	4,304.96
Others	1,533.83	2,432.74
	<b>4,90,568.48</b>	<b>4,93,524.23</b>
<b>Segment Liabilities</b>		
India	2,80,343.61	2,78,208.28
Vietnam	6,022.73	5,658.45
Uganda	21,257.68	23,681.64
UK	477.43	288.62
Others	139.89	245.06
	<b>3,08,241.34</b>	<b>3,08,082.05</b>

### Note

The Group is not reliant on revenues from transactions with any single external customer and does not receive 10% or more of its revenues from transactions with any single external customer.

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### NOTE 47: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The accounting classification of each category of financial instruments, their carrying amount and fair values as follows:

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021					As at 31st March 2020				
	FVTPL	FVTOCI	Amortised Cost	Total Carrying Value	Total Fair Value	FVTPL	FVTOCI	Amortised Cost	Total Carrying Value	Total Fair Value
<b>Financial assets (Current and Non-Current)</b>										
Investments										
– Equity Instruments	–	5,302.71	–	5,302.71	5,302.71	–	1,081.27	–	1,081.27	1,081.27
Trade Receivables	–	–	3,192.32	3,192.32	3,192.32	–	–	3,451.75	3,451.75	3,451.75
Loans	–	–	2,434.00	2,434.00	2,434.00	–	–	2,116.23	2,116.23	2,116.23
Inter-Corporate Deposits	–	–	2,84,006.66	2,84,006.66	2,84,006.66	–	–	2,86,345.40	2,86,345.40	2,86,345.40
Cash and Cash Equivalents	–	–	9,688.11	9,688.11	9,688.11	–	–	5,161.92	5,161.92	5,161.92
Other Bank Balances	–	–	191.42	191.42	191.42	–	–	279.85	279.85	279.85
Interest Receivable	–	–	1,958.32	1,958.32	1,958.32	–	–	2,393.91	2,393.91	2,393.91
Other Financial Assets	–	–	4,475.80	4,475.80	4,475.80	–	–	3,897.89	3,897.89	3,897.89
<b>Total Financial assets</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>5,302.71</b>	<b>3,05,946.63</b>	<b>3,11,249.34</b>	<b>3,11,249.34</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,081.27</b>	<b>3,03,646.95</b>	<b>3,04,728.22</b>	<b>3,04,728.22</b>
<b>Financial liabilities (Current and Non-Current)</b>										
Long Term Borrowings	–	–	34,840.29	34,840.29	34,840.29	–	–	39,675.62	39,675.62	39,675.62
Short Term Borrowings	–	–	1,90,385.72	1,90,385.72	1,90,385.72	–	–	1,94,905.67	1,94,905.67	1,94,905.67
Interest Accrued on Borrowings	–	–	29,400.37	29,400.37	29,400.37	–	–	14,735.33	14,735.33	14,735.33
Trade payables	–	–	10,172.45	10,172.45	10,172.45	–	–	8,932.27	8,932.27	8,932.27
Lease Liabilities	–	–	866.89	866.89	866.89	–	–	975.32	975.32	975.32
Other Financial Liabilities	–	–	10,790.10	10,790.10	10,790.10	–	–	13,065.89	13,065.89	13,065.89
Derivative– not designated as hedging instruments– Interest Rate Swap	20.50	–	–	20.50	20.50	94.89	–	–	94.89	94.89
<b>Total Financial liabilities</b>	<b>20.50</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,76,455.82</b>	<b>2,76,476.32</b>	<b>2,76,476.32</b>	<b>94.89</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,72,290.10</b>	<b>2,72,384.99</b>	<b>2,72,384.99</b>

#### (i) FAIR VALUATION TECHNIQUES:

The fair values of the financial assets and liabilities are included at the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair values:

- The fair value of cash and cash equivalents, current trade receivables and payables, current financial liabilities and assets and short-term borrowings approximate their carrying amount largely due to the short-term nature of these instruments. The Group considers that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at cost in the financial statements approximate their fair values.
- The Group's long-term debt has been contracted at floating rates of interest. Fair value of variable interest rate borrowings approximates their carrying value subject to adjustments made for transaction cost. In respect of fixed interest rate borrowings, fair value is determined by using discount rates that reflects the present borrowing rate of the group.
- The fair value of derivative financial instruments is determined based on observable market inputs including currency spot and forward rates, yield curves, currency volatility etc. The said valuation has been carried out by the counter party with whom the contract has been entered with. Management has evaluated the credit and non-performance risks associated with the counterparties and found them to be insignificant and not requiring any credit adjustments.

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d) The fair value of Inter-Corporate deposits based on Group's evaluation related to the credit and non-performance risks associated with the counterparties have been estimated to be insignificant and not requiring any credit adjustments. Such evaluation has been supported with the group level restructuring in progress which as per the management's estimate will lead to realisation value atleast equal to the carrying value. The fair value determination is dependent upon approval of the resolution plan as given in Note no. 56(a) and there is uncertainty to that extent as stated in the said note.

### (ii) FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY

#### (a) Financial Instruments

This section explains the judgements and estimates made in determining the fair values of the financial instruments that are (a) recognised and measured at fair value (b) measured at amortised cost and for which fair value are disclosed in the consolidated financial statements. To provide an indication about the reliability of the inputs used in determining fair value. The Group has classified its financial instruments into the three levels prescribed under the Indian Accounting Standard.

**Level 1:** Level 1 hierarchy includes financial instruments measured using quoted prices. This includes listed equity instruments that have quoted price. The fair value of all equity instruments which are traded in the stock exchanges is valued using the closing price as at the reporting date.

**Level 2:** The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques which maximise the use of observable market data and rely as little as possible on entity-specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2.

**Level 3:** If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instruments is included in level 3.

There are no transfers between level 1, level 2 and level 3 during the year.

**Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value - recurring fair value measurements as at 31st March 2021.**

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Notes	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Financial investment at FVTOCI					
Quoted Equity Investments	8B	5,302.00	–	–	5,302.00
UnQuoted Equity Investments	8B	–	–	0.71	0.71
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>		<b>5,302.00</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>5,302.71</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Derivatives not designated as hedge Instrument	27	20.50	–	–	20.50
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>		<b>20.50</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>20.50</b>

(Rs. In Lakhs)

**Financial assets which are measured at amortised cost for which fair values are disclosed as at 31st March 2021**

Particulars	Notes	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Inter-Corporate Deposits	9 and 56			2,84,006.66	2,84,006.66
<b>Total Financial assets</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,84,006.66</b>	<b>2,84,006.66</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Borrowings (including interest accrued)	21, 25, 27 and 57	–	2,54,626.38	–	2,54,626.38
Lease Liabilities	27		866.89	–	866.89
<b>Total Financial liabilities</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>2,55,493.27</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,55,493.27</b>

Note: The fair value considered for Inter Corporate Deposits and Borrowings are subject to final determination of amount thereof on approval of Resolution Plan as stated in Note no. 57.



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### Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value - recurring fair value measurements as at 31st March 2020

Particulars	Notes	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Financial investment at FVTOCI					
Quoted Equity Investments	8B	1,080.56	–	–	1,080.56
UnQuoted Equity Investments	8B			0.71	0.71
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>		<b>1,080.56</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>1,081.27</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Derivatives not designated as hedge Instrument	27	94.89	–	–	94.89
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>		<b>94.89</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>94.89</b>

### Financial assets which are measured at amortised cost for which fair values are disclosed as at 31st March 2020

Particulars	Notes	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Inter-Corporate Deposits	9 and 56			2,86,345.40	2,86,345.40
<b>Total Financial assets</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,86,345.40</b>	<b>2,86,345.40</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Borrowings (including interest accrued)	21, 25, 27 and 57	–	2,49,316.62	–	2,49,316.62
Lease Liabilities	27		975.32	–	975.32
<b>Total Financial liabilities</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>2,50,291.94</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,50,291.94</b>

Note: The fair value considered for Inter Corporate Deposits and Borrowings are subject to final determination of amount thereof on approval of Resolution Plan as stated in Note no. 57.

### (b) Biological assets other than bearer plants

This section explains the judgements and estimates made in determining the fair values of the biological assets other than bearer plants that are recognised and measured at fair value in the consolidated financial statements. To provide an indication about the reliability of the inputs used in determining fair value, the Group has classified its biological assets other than bearer plants into level 2 in the fair value hierarchy, since no significant adjustments need to be made to the prices obtained from the local markets.

### Biological assets other than bearer plants for which fair value (less cost to sell) are disclosed at 31st March, 2021

Particulars	Notes	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Unharvested tea leaves	13	–	498.48	–	498.48
<b>Total</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>498.48</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>498.48</b>

### Biological assets other than bearer plants for which fair value (less cost to sell) are disclosed at 31st March, 2020

Particulars	Notes	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Unharvested tea leaves	13	–	78.73	–	78.73
<b>Total</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>78.73</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>78.73</b>

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### **NOTE 48: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Group's activities exposed it to a variety of financial risks. The key financial risks include Market risk, Credit risk and liquidity risk. The Group focus is to foresee the unpredictability of financial markets and seek to minimize potential adverse effects on its financial performance. The Board of Directors of the respective companies in the Group reviews and approves policy for managing these risks. The risks are governed by appropriate policies and procedures and accordingly financial risks are identified, measured and managed in accordance with the Group's policies and risk objectives. As stated in Note no. 57(a), the Parent has defaulted in repayment of borrowings including interest accrued thereon due to mismatch with respect to amount recoverable in respect of ICD's given by the Parent and resolution plan is under progress being under consideration of lenders. The Parent expects to restructure its borrowings and mitigate the related financial risk. Financial risk management as stated below has been considered based on the assumption of successful outcome of the resolution plan which is under consideration of the lenders as stated in Note no. 58(a). The risk envisaged can materially be different on approval of the said plan and terms and conditions specified in this respect.

#### **(A) Credit risk**

Credit risk refers to the risk of financial loss arising from default / failure by the counterparty to meet financial obligations as per the terms of contract. The Group is exposed to credit risk for receivables, cash and cash equivalents, financial guarantees and derivative financial instruments. Loans to group companies given has lead to material concentration of credit risks due to non-recoverability of amount thereagainst including accrued interest.

Credit risk on trade receivables is minimum since sales through different mode (eg. auction, consignment, private - both domestic and export) are made after judging credit worthiness of the customers, advance payment or against letter of credit by banks. The history of defaults has been minimal and outstanding receivables are regularly monitored. For credit risk on the loans to parties since recoverability thereagainst has been a matter of concern due to non-performance of group and other companies to whom amount have been lent and for which restructuring as given in Note no. 57(a) is under consideration. The group is expecting to control the risk involved therein in due course of time on approval of resolution plan.

For derivative and financial instruments, the Group manage its credit risks by dealing with reputable banks and financial institutions.

Credit risk from balances with banks and financial institutions is managed by the Group's treasury department in accordance with the Group's policy. Investments of surplus funds are made only with approved counterparties and within credit limits assigned to each counterparty. The limits are set to minimise the concentration of risks and therefore mitigate financial loss through counterparty's potential failure to make payments.

The Group establishes an allowance for impairment that represents its estimate of losses in respect of trade and other receivables. Receivables are reviewed/evaluated periodically by the management and appropriate provisions are made to the extent recovery there against has been considered to be remote.

The carrying value of the financial assets (net of impairment losses) represent the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying value of each class of financial assets disclosed in Note 47.

#### **Financial assets that are neither past due nor impaired**

Cash and cash equivalents, investment and deposits with banks are neither past due nor impaired. Cash and cash equivalents with banks are held with reputed and credit worthy banking institutions.

#### **Financial assets that are past due but not impaired**

Trade receivables and Inter-Corporate Loans which are past due at the end of the reporting period, no credit losses there against are expected to arise.

#### **(B) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk refers to the risk that the Group fails to honour its financial obligations in accordance with terms of contract. Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities and the availability of

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funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities to meet obligations when due and to close out market positions.

Management monitors rolling forecasts of the group's liquidity position and cash and cash equivalents on the basis of expected cash flows. In addition, the Group's liquidity management policy involves projecting cash flows and considering the level of liquid assets necessary to meet these, monitoring balance sheet liquidity ratios against internal and external regulatory requirements and maintaining debt financing plans. The Parent had in earlier years granted loans to Group Companies which created a mismatch in servicing its debt obligations. In this regards necessary debt restructuring process is in progress as detailed in Note no. 57(a) to make these debt sustainable so that the liquidity required in the system does not get affected materially.

### Maturities of financial liabilities

The tables below analyse the Group's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on their contractual maturities for:

- i all non-derivative financial liabilities, and
- ii derivative financial instruments for which the contractual maturities are essential for an understanding of the timing of the cash flows.

The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances as the impact of discounting is not significant. These amounts have been computed on the basis stated in Note no. 57(b).

#### Contractual maturities of financial liabilities as at 31st March 2021

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Less than 1 year	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
<b>Non-derivatives</b>					
Borrowings (including interest accrued)	2,42,535.99	5,153.53	6,153.26	783.60	2,54,626.38
Lease Liabilities	664.29	182.71	14.01	5.88	866.89
Trade Payables	10,172.45	–	–	–	10,172.45
Other financial liabilities	10,790.10	–	–	–	10,790.10
<b>Total non-derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>2,64,162.83</b>	<b>5,336.24</b>	<b>6,167.27</b>	<b>789.48</b>	<b>2,76,455.82</b>
<b>Derivatives</b>					
Interest rate swaps	20.50	–	–	–	20.50
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>20.50</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>20.50</b>

#### Contractual maturities of financial liabilities as at 31st March 2020

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Less than 1 year	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
<b>Non-derivatives</b>					
Borrowings (including interest accrued)	2,43,323.49	2,335.95	1,009.19	2,647.99	2,49,316.62
Lease Liabilities	420.62	554.70	–	–	975.32
Trade Payables	8,894.54	37.73	–	–	8,932.27
Other financial liabilities	11,070.71	1,995.18	–	–	13,065.89
<b>Total non-derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>2,63,709.36</b>	<b>4,923.56</b>	<b>1,009.19</b>	<b>2,647.99</b>	<b>2,72,290.10</b>
<b>Derivatives</b>					
Interest rate swaps	94.89	–	–	–	94.89
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>94.89</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>94.89</b>

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### (C) Market risk

#### (i) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Group operates internationally and is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from foreign currency transactions, primarily with respect to the USD, EUR and GBP. Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities denominated in a currency that is not the Group's functional currency (INR). The risk is measured through a forecast of highly probable foreign currency cash flows. The objective of the hedges is to minimise the volatility of the INR cash flows of highly probable forecast transactions.

The Group, as risk management policy, hedges foreign currency transactions to mitigate the risk exposure and reviews periodically to ensure that the results from fluctuating currency exchange rates are appropriately managed.

The following table sets forth information relating to foreign currency exposure as at 31st March 2021.

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	USD	EUR	GBP	Total
<b>Financial Assets (a)</b>				
Cash and Cash equivalents	259.84	–	8.63	268.47
Trade Receivable	2,212.87	–	–	2,212.87
Inter-Corporate Deposits	6,771.34	–	–	6,771.34
Other Financial Assets	–	–	–	–
	<b>9,244.05</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>8.63</b>	<b>9,252.68</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities (b)</b>				
Trade Payable	222.66	–	–	222.66
Borrowings	22,349.35	–	–	22,349.35
	<b>22,572.01</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>22,572.01</b>
Net Exposure in Foreign Currency (a-b)	<b>(13,327.96)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>8.63</b>	<b>(13,319.33)</b>

10% appreciation / depreciation of the respective foreign currencies with respect to functional currency (holding all other variables constant) of the Group would result in increase / decrease in the Group's profit before tax by approximately Rs. 92.53 lakhs for financial assets and decrease / increase in the Group's profit before tax by approximately Rs.225.72 lakhs for financial liabilities.

The following table sets forth information relating to foreign currency exposure as at 31st March 2020.

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	USD	EUR	GBP	Total
<b>Financial Assets (a)</b>				
Cash and Cash equivalents	553.70	–	8.95	562.65
Trade Receivable	2,784.27	–	–	2,784.27
Inter-Corporate Deposits	2,864.00	–	–	2,864.00
Other Financial Assets	343.96	–	53.87	397.83
	<b>6,545.93</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>62.82</b>	<b>6,608.75</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities (b)</b>				
Trade Payable	410.79	–	649.39	1,060.18
Borrowings	26,741.53	–	–	26,741.53
	<b>27,152.32</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>649.39</b>	<b>27,801.71</b>
Net Exposure in Foreign Currency (a-b)	<b>(20,606.39)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(586.57)</b>	<b>(21,192.96)</b>

10% appreciation / depreciation of the respective foreign currencies with respect to functional currency (holding all other variables constant) of the Group would result in increase / decrease in the Group's profit before tax by approximately Rs. 66.09 lakhs for financial assets and decrease / increase in the Group's profit before tax by approximately Rs.278.02 lakhs for financial liabilities.

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### (ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Financial assets bear fixed rates of interest, wherever applicable. Therefore, there is no risk of interest rate volatility.

The Group's main interest rate risk arises from short term and long-term borrowings with variable rates, which expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk. The Group's policy is to maintain most of its borrowings at fixed rate using interest rate swaps to achieve this when necessary. During 31st March 2021 and 31st March 2020, the Group's borrowings at variable rate were mainly denominated in INR.

The Group's fixed rate borrowings are carried at amortised cost. They are therefore not subject to interest rate risk as defined in Ind AS 107, since neither the carrying amount nor the future cash flows will fluctuate because of a change in market interest rates.

The exposure of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities as at 31st March 2021 and 31st March 2020, to interest rate risk is as follows:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021		As at 31st March 2020	
	Floating Rate	Fixed Rate	Floating Rate	Fixed Rate
Financial Assets	–	2,84,006.66	–	2,86,345.40
Financial Liabilities	2,04,496.01	20,730.00	2,17,406.29	17,175.00
	<b>2,04,496.01</b>	<b>3,04,736.66</b>	<b>2,17,406.29</b>	<b>3,03,520.40</b>

Increase/ decrease of 50 basis points (holding all other variables constant) in interest rates at the balance sheet date would result in an impact (decrease/(increase) in case of net income) of Rs. 1,022.48 lakhs and Rs. 1,087.03 lakhs on profit before tax for the year ended 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2020 respectively.

Interest risk on financial liabilities as stated above has been considered based on the accounting followed in this respect as per note no. 56(a) and 57(b). The rate of interest and amount payable in this respect is subject to approval of resolution plan which as stated in Note no. 57(a) is under consideration of the lenders. The risk envisaged can materially be different on approval of the said plan and terms and condition specified in this respect.

### (iii) Price risk

The Group is not an active investor in equity markets; it continues to hold certain investments in equity for long term strategic purpose which are accordingly measured at fair value through Other Comprehensive Income. The value of investments in such equity instruments as at 31st March, 2021 is Rs 5,302.71 lakhs (31st March 2020- Rs. 1,081.27 lakhs). Accordingly, fair value fluctuations arising from market volatility is recognised in Other Comprehensive Income.

### (D) Agricultural Risk

Cultivation of tea being an agricultural activity, there are certain specific financial risks. These financial risks arise mainly due to adverse weather conditions, logistic problems inherent to remote areas, and fluctuation of selling price of finished goods (tea) due to increase in supply/availability.

The Group manages the above financial risks in the following manner:

- i Sufficient inventory levels of agro chemicals, fertilizers and other inputs are maintained so that timely corrective action can be taken in case of adverse weather conditions.
- ii Slightly higher level of consumable stores viz packing materials, coal and HSD are maintained in order to mitigate financial risk arising from logistics problems.
- iii Forward contracts are made with overseas customers as well as domestic private customers, in order to mitigate the financial risk in fluctuation of selling price of tea.
- iv Sufficient liquidity kept in the system through fund arrangements from banks etc. in such a way that cultivation, manufacture and sale of tea is not adversely affected even in times of adverse conditions. The resolution plan as stated in Note no. 57(a) is under consideration and outcome thereof as expected is for ensuring sustainability of core agricultural operations of the Group.

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### NOTE 49: CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

#### (a) Risk Management

The primary objective of the Group's capital management is to ensure that it maintains a healthy capital ratio in order to support its business and maximize shareholder value. The Group's objective when managing capital is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern so that they can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. The Group is focused on keeping strong total equity base to ensure independence, security, as well as a high financial flexibility for potential future borrowings, if required without impacting the risk profile of the Group.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

Consistent with others in the industry, the Group monitors capital on the basis of net debt to equity ratio and maturity profile of overall debt portfolio of the group.

Net debt implies total borrowings of the Group as reduced by Cash and Cash Equivalent and Equity comprises all components attributable to the owners of the Parent.

The following table summarises the Net Debt, Equity and Ratio thereof subject to final determination of amount thereof on approval of Resolution Plan as stated in Note no. 57(a).

(Rs. In Lakhs)			
Particulars	Note	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
<b>(i) Total Debt</b>			
Borrowings - Non-Current	21	11,098.62	18,576.62
- Current	25	1,90,385.72	1,94,905.67
Current Maturities of Long Term Debt	27	23,741.67	21,099.00
Interest accrued but not due on borrowings	27	29,279.42	14,576.49
Interest accrued and due on borrowings	27	120.95	158.84
		<b>2,54,626.38</b>	<b>2,49,316.62</b>
<b>Less : Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	15	9,688.11	5,161.92
<b>Net Debt</b>		<b>2,44,938.27</b>	<b>2,44,154.70</b>
<b>(ii) Equity attributable to Shareholders</b>	19 and 20	1,82,327.14	1,85,442.18
<b>(iii) Net debt to equity ratio</b>		<b>1.34</b>	<b>1.32</b>

Under the terms of the major borrowing facilities, the parent has not complied with some of the financial covenants as imposed by the bank and financial institutions.

No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes for managing capital during the year ended 31st March 2021 considering expected outcome of the resolution plan under consideration of lenders (Refer Note no. 57(a)).

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### NOTE 50: DETAILS OF LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND GUARANTEES GIVEN COVERED UNDER SECTION 186(4) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013

A) Details of Investments are disclosed in Note no. 8A & 8B of the consolidated financial Statements

B) The Group has given Interest bearing Loans (ranging from 12% to 15% per annum) to following parties for their corporate purposes, which are repayable on demand as detailed below: (Rs. In Lakhs)

Name of Parties	As on 31st March 2020	Additions	Deduction	As on 31st March 2021
Williamson Magor & Co. Limited	20,785.00	-	1,563.58	19,221.42
Babcock Borsig Limited	14,525.00	-	-	14,525.00
Williamson Financial Services Limited	22,200.00	-	-	22,200.00
Seajulie Developers & Finance Limited	1,34,496.44	-	650.00	1,33,846.44
Woodside Parks Limited	92,590.22	-	-	92,590.22
SLU Holdings*	1,735.68	137.19	284.42	1,588.45
Kovic Pte Limited	-	22.13	-	22.13
Vinod Enterprises	13.00	-	-	13.00
	<b>2,86,345.34</b>	<b>159.32</b>	<b>2,498.00</b>	<b>2,84,006.66</b>

\* Additional during the year represents foreign exchange fluctuation. Further deduction includes Rs. 275.13 lakhs provided during the year.

Note: Loan was given @12%. However, during the year the Parent has not recognised interest income for reasons stated in Note no. 32.2 and 56(a). All such amounts are repayable at call.

C) Details of Corporate Guarantees given by the Parent are as follows.

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Name of the Borrower Company	Amount of Loan Outstanding	Issued in favour of	As on 31st March 2020	Addition	Deduction	As on 31st March 2021
Borelli Tea Holdings Limited	-	ICICI Bank	24,971.10	-	24,971.10	-
Williamson Magor & Co. Limited	-	Luxmi Townwhip & Holdings Limited	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-
	-		<b>29,971.10</b>	-	<b>29,971.10</b>	-

### NOTE 51: INCOME TAX EXPENSE

This note provides an analysis of the Group's income tax expense, and how the tax expense is affected by non-assessable and non-deductible items.

(a) Income Tax Expense

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>Current Tax</b>		
Current tax for the year	160.49	364.58
<b>Total Current Tax (A)</b>	<b>160.49</b>	<b>364.58</b>
Provisions for tax relating to earlier years	1,778.48	-
<b>Total provision written back (B)</b>	<b>1,778.48</b>	-
Deferred tax for the year	(4,672.09)	(4,502.18)
<b>Total Deferred Tax (C)</b>	<b>(4,672.09)</b>	<b>(4,502.18)</b>
<b>Grand Total (A+B+C)</b>	<b>(2,733.12)</b>	<b>(4,137.60)</b>



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### (b) Amount recognised in other comprehensive income

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
<b>Deferred Tax</b>		
Income tax relating to items that will not be re-classified to profit or loss	612.67	755.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>612.67</b>	<b>755.02</b>

### (c) Reconciliation of effective tax rate:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended 31st March 2021	Year ended 31st March 2020
Profit before tax	(7,972.21)	(18,916.57)
Income tax expense calculated at an average rate	(2,393.96)	(978.01)
Effect of Tax Holiday under Agriculture Income	1,550.63	390.00
Effect of expenses that are deductible/non-deductible in determining taxable profit	(28.89)	(45.07)
Effect of additional deduction under Income tax Act'1961	(18.65)	(3,859.00)
Effect of income that is exempt from taxation	(316.68)	(2,090.73)
Effect for creation of Deferred Tax subsequent to tax holiday	(3,842.79)	2,379.50
Others	538.75	65.71
	<b>(4,511.60)</b>	<b>(4,137.60)</b>

- (i) The tax rate used in the corporate tax rate payable on taxable profits as per the respective tax laws of the respective countries.
- (ii) The Parent agriculture income is subject to lower tax rates @ 30% under the respective state tax laws.
- (iii) The Parent has not exercised the option for paying income tax at concessional rates in accordance with the provisions/conditions as specified under Section 115BAA of the Income-tax Act, 1961 as introduced by the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 as there are unutilised MAT Credit and other entitlement including 33AB and also the Debt Resolution Process is under active consideration and impact thereof are presently not ascertainable. Necessary decision in this respect will be taken in subsequent period.

### NOTE 52: DISCLOSURE AS PER IND AS 116

- (i) Following are the changes in the carrying value of right of use assets for the year ended March 31:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Building	Leasehold Land	Total
<b>As at 1st April 2019</b>	–	–	–
Reclassification of Leasehold prepayments (current and non-current assets)	534.72	417.73	952.45
Addition	41.18	1,124.27	1,165.45
Deletion	–	–	–
Depreciation	2.41	322.78	325.19
<b>As at 31st March 2020</b>	<b>573.49</b>	<b>1,219.22</b>	<b>1,792.71</b>

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(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Building	Leasehold Land	Total
Reclassification of Leasehold prepayments (current and non-current assets)	202.80	–	202.80
Forex Adjustment	4.23	–	4.23
Addition	–	–	–
Deletion	–	10.10	10.10
Depreciation	14.44	401.70	416.14
<b>As at 31st March 2021</b>	<b>766.08</b>	<b>807.42</b>	<b>1,569.27</b>

(ii) The following is the break-up of current and non-current lease liabilities:

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021	As at 31st March 2020
Current lease liabilities	664.28	420.62
Non-Current lease liabilities	202.61	554.70
	<b>866.89</b>	<b>975.32</b>

(iii) The following is the movement in lease liabilities:

Particulars	Amount
<b>As at 1st April 2019</b>	–
Additions	1,165.45
Finance cost accrued during the period	74.15
Deletions	–
Payment of lease liabilities	(264.28)
<b>As at 31st March 2020</b>	<b>975.32</b>
Additions	207.03
Finance cost accrued during the period	109.78
Deletions	(11.69)
Payment of lease liabilities	(413.55)
<b>As at 31st March 2021</b>	<b>866.89</b>

(iv) The table below provides details regarding the contractual maturities of lease liabilities on an undiscounted basis:

Particulars	As at 31st March 2021
Not later than one year	465.99
Later than one year and not more than five years	321.35
Later than five years	562.32
	<b>1,349.66</b>

(v) Further to above, the Group has certain operating lease arrangements for office, transit houses, etc. on short-term leases. Expenditure incurred on account of rental payments under such leases during the year and recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss account amounts to Rs. 40.38 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs. 87.88 lakhs).

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### NOTE 53: Sale of Specified Assets of Certain Tea Estates

On 09th August, 2018, the shareholders of the Parent approved to sell specified assets of certain tea estates. In continuation of the steps initiated in this respect in earlier years:

- a) The Parent sold specified assets of 3 Tea Estates for an aggregate consideration of Rs 15,045.00 Lakhs. Profit on sale of such assets amounting to Rs. 4,003.96 Lakhs has been included under Exceptional items for year ended 31st March 2020.
- b) The specified assets of one another tea estate had been identified and approved for sale. Memorandum of Understanding/ Term sheet with the proposed buyer for an aggregate consideration of Rs. 2,815.00 Lakhs, subject to due diligence and necessary approvals, etc. had also been entered by the Parent. Pending final binding agreement and completion of the transaction, such sales has not been recognised. Advance of Rs 550.00 Lakhs received from the proposed buyer against sale consideration has been shown under 'Other Financial Liabilities'.
- c) The Parent has received advances against sale of estates and certain other assets amounting to Rs. 1,413.87 lakhs (including Rs. 550.00 lakhs dealt in (b) above) which could not crystallise on account of stay imposed by Hon'ble NCLT. Accordingly, such assets pending final decision of Hon'ble NCLT has been continued to be included under Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE) rather than as "Assets held for Sale" and have been depreciated in accordance with other items of PPE.

### NOTE 54: Sale of Other Assets

During the year ended 31st March, 2020, part of a building belonging to the Parent was sold to a financial institution at a consideration of Rs. 4,477.00 Lakhs, which was adjusted against their outstanding dues. Loss of Rs. 237.21 Lakhs arising in this respect had been shown under exceptional items.

### NOTE 55: Covid 19

The Group has taken into account all the possible impacts of COVID-19 in preparation of these consolidated financial statement, including but not limited to its assessment of, liquidity and going concern assumption, the recoverability of property, plant and equipments, receivables, intangible assets, cash and cash equivalents and investments. The group has carried out this assessment based on available internal and external sources of information upto the date of approval of these consolidated financial statements and believes that no adjustment in the carrying amount of assets and liabilities is expected to arise. The group continues to monitor future economic conditions and its consequent impact on the business operations, given the uncertain nature of the pandemic.

### NOTE 56: Inter-Corporate Loans Given

- a) In respect of Inter-Corporate Deposits (ICDs) given by Parent to Promoter group and certain other companies as given in Note no. 50(B), the amount outstanding aggregates to Rs. 2,82,383.08 Lakhs as at 31st March, 2021 (31st March 2020: Rs. 2,84,596.66 Lakhs) (net of provision of Rs. 1,098.00 Lakhs). Interest accrued upto 31st March 2019 and remaining unpaid as on 31st March, 2021 aggregates to Rs. 1,958.32 lakhs (31st March 2020: Rs. 2,336.78 Lakhs) (net of provision of Rs. 7,999.34 Lakhs). Interest on such ICDs as stated in Note no. 32.2, considering the waiver sought by borrower companies and uncertainties involved with respect to their repayment capabilities and pending finalisation of terms and conditions on approval of the resolution plan and determination of amount thereof, has not been accrued in the previous as well as in the current year. Over and above, the Parent has issued letters of comfort to lenders of these companies as given in Note no. 43(C). Steps are being taken to restructure the borrowings and related financial obligations of the parent and necessary resolution plan as stated in Note no. 57(a) in this respect is under consideration of the lenders. The Parent expects to workout a plan for restructuring the amount of loan given and interest thereon including reducing/liquidating such outstanding amount and other obligations in sync with the proposed restructuring of borrowing in terms of the resolution plan under consideration of lenders as stated herein above. The management

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believes that the outstanding dues, net of provision for amount considered doubtful, as mentioned above, shall be recovered/ adjusted and/or restructured considering the outcome of the Resolution Plan under consideration as above and no further provision/adjustment is required at this stage. Any adjustments required consequent to finalisation of resolution plan will be given effect to on determination of the amount thereof.

- b) Inter-Corporate Deposits to companies as dealt herein above in Note no. 56(a) include amounts reported upon by predecessor auditor including Rs. 77,575.00 lakhs which were considered by the predecessor auditor in the nature of book entries. This includes amounts given to group companies whereby applicability of Section 185 and related non-compliances, if any could not be ascertained and commented upon by them. The issues raised are also being examined by relevant authorities including Registrar of Companies, outcome of which are awaited as on this date. Information required by the authorities have been provided and/or directions, if any are awaited as on this date.

### NOTE 57: Going Concern and Default in Borrowings

- a) Operational earnings and performance of the Parent even though has improved over the period, the Parent's financial position continued to be under stress. The Inter-Corporate Deposits (ICDs) given to various group companies to provide them funds for strategic reasons for meeting their various obligations along with interest to the extent applicable are outstanding as on this date. These have resulted in mismatch of Parent's resources vis-à-vis its commitments and obligations and financial constraints, causing hardship in servicing the short term and long-term debts and meeting other liabilities.

Various measures to overcome the financial constraints, which inter-alia include reduction in operational costs, monetising the Parent's/group's assets including equity holding in other group companies and also proposal for restructuring/reducing the borrowings so that to make them sustainable and rationalising the costs thereof and infusing liquidity in the system over a period of time have been continued during the year.

One of the banker had issued a notice of default and recalled the amount granted under various facilities and had commenced the proceeding before Debt recovery Tribunal (DRT) for realisation of their debt to the Parent. The said banker and one other lender had filed petitions under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC) with Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Kolkata (NCLT). These petitions and consequential proceedings under IBC are however yet to be admitted by NCLT. Further, certain lenders including those concerning another group company have obtained injunction against disposal of the Parent's assets, pending settlement of their dues.

Meanwhile, lenders initiated the Resolution process of the Parent in terms of circular dated 07th June 2019 issued by the Reserve Bank of India. Pursuant to such resolution process, Techno Economic Viability (TEV) study and valuation of the Parent have been carried out by Independent professional. Further, SBI Capital Markets Limited, one of the leading investment banker has prepared the plan and submitted its recommendations concerning the resolution plan and the same is under consideration of the lenders as on this date. The forensic audit for utilisation of funds borrowed in the past, conducted by an Independent firm of Chartered Accountants on behalf of lenders has been completed and finding on utilisation of funds borrowed have been accepted by the lenders during the year. Inter-Creditor Agreement (ICA) for arriving at and implementing the resolution plan has been confirmed and signed by certain lenders and is in the process of being approved by remaining lenders. The lenders prior to finalisation and approving the resolution plan are in process of re-vetting of the TEV Study and also obtaining the possible credit rating of the company subsequent to the resolution plan being implemented as recommended by SBI Capital Markets Limited.

The management is confident that with the lenders support in restructuring their debt to a sustainable level and rationalisation of cost of borrowing and other cost reductions, induction of additional fund in the system etc. and other ameliorative measures taken and/or proposed to be taken and with restructuring/reducing the outstanding amount of loan receivable in line with the same, the Parent will be able to generate sufficient cashflow to meet its obligations and strengthen its financial position over a period of time. Considering that these measures are under implementation and/or under active consideration and proactive steps are being taken by lenders for approving the resolution plan, these consolidated financial statement have been continued to be prepared on going concern basis.

- b) Pending completion of debt restructuring process and consequential adjustment in this respect as per Note No. 57(a) above, Interest on borrowings have been provided on simple interest at the rates specified in term sheet or otherwise stipulated/advised from time to time and penal/compound interest if any has not been considered. Further, pending such restructuring, amount repaid to lenders and/or recovered by them by execution of securities etc. have been adjusted against principal of their outstanding amount. The amount payable to the lenders in respect of outstanding

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amount including interest thereagainst is subject to confirmation and determination and consequential reconciliation thereof in terms of final decision to be arrived at in this respect. Adjustments, if any required in this respect will be recognised on determination thereof and given effect to on finalisation of resolution plan.

58. Certain debit and credit balances including borrowings dealt with in Note no. 57(b) and inter-unit and other clearing balances, other receivables/ Payables including identification of MSME, advances from customers, loans and advances, other current assets and certain other liabilities including those relating to tea estates are subject to reconciliation with individual details and balances and confirmation thereof. Adjustments/ Impact in this respect are currently not ascertainable.

### NOTE 59: INTEREST IN OTHER ENTITIES

#### (a) Interest in Subsidiaries

The Group's subsidiaries at 31st March, 2021 are set out below. Unless otherwise stated, they have share capital consisting solely of equity shares that are held directly by the group, and the proportion of ownership interests held equals the voting rights held by the Group. The country of incorporation or registration is also their principal place of business.

	Name of entity	Place of business/ country of incorporation	Ownership interest held by the group		Ownership interest held by non controlling interests		Principal Activities
			31st March 2021	31st March 2020	31st March 2021	31st March 2020	
	<b>Subsidiary</b>						
i)	Borelli Tea Holdings Limited (BTHL)	United Kingdom	100	100	-	-	Investment
	<b>Step-Down Subsidiaries of BTHL</b>						
a)	Phu Ben Tea Company Limited (Phu Ben)	Vietnam	100	100	-	-	Cultivation and Manufacturing of Tea
b)	McLeod Russel Uganda Limited (MRUL)	Uganda	100	100	-	-	Cultivation and Manufacturing of Tea
c)	McLeod Russel Middle East DMCC (MRME)	United Arab Emirates	100	100	-	-	Trading in Black Tea
d)	McLeod Russel Africa Limited (MRAL)	Kenya	100	100	-	-	Trading in Black Tea

#### (b) Interest in Associate

Set out below are the associates of the Group as at 31st March, 2021, which have share capital consisting solely of equity shares and are held directly by the group. The country of incorporation or registration is also their principal place of business, and the proportion of ownership interest is the same as the proportion of voting rights held. The associate namely D1 Williamson Bio Fuel Limited has incurred losses in the current year and previous reporting periods. The amount of investment held by the Group has been fully impaired in the past. Hence, no further accounting under equity method has been done in the Consolidated Financial Statements. In respect of another associate namely PTCL, the proportionate share of profit till 9th May 2019 had been incorporated in the consolidated financial statement and the Investments accounted for under equity method of accounting till that date were disposed and profit thereagainst as given in Note (c) below has been recognised in the consolidated financial statement.

Name of entity	Place of business/country of incorporation	Proportion of Ownership		Carrying Amount	
		31st March 2021	31st March 2020	31st March 2021	31st March 2020
		%	%	Rs. Lakhs	Rs. Lakhs
D1 Williamson Magor Bio Fuel Limited	India	34.30%	34.30%	-	-

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### (c) Changes in Group Structure

(Rs. In Lakhs)

During the year ended 31st March 2020 the Parent's subsidiary BTHL which was holding 45% of Share Capital of PTCL has disposed-off its balance shareholding of 45 shares (after sale of 45 shares in the previous year) on 9th May 2019 for a consideration of USD 78,73,963. The profit of Rs. 631.29 Lakhs arising on such sale has been shown as an exceptional item. PTCL remained associate of the Group till 9th May 2019 and thereafter ceased to be so on disposal of the shares.

#### NOTE 60: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SCHEDULE III

Name of the Entity in the Group	Net Assets (total assets minus liabilities)		Share in profit or loss		Share in Other Comprehensive Income		Share in Total Comprehensive Income	
	As a % Consolidated Net Assets	Amount (Rs. Lakhs)	As a % Consolidated Profit or Loss	Amount (Rs. Lakhs)	As a % Consolidated Other Comprehensive Income	Amount (Rs. Lakhs)	As a % Consolidated Total Comprehensive Income	Amount (Rs. Lakhs)
<b>Parent</b>								
<b>McLeod Russel India Limited</b>								
31st March 2021	88.80%	1,61,902.93	100.85%	(5,283.64)	142.24%	3,021.23	72.63%	(2,262.41)
31st March 2020	88.53%	1,64,165.34	-8.31%	1,227.56	123.69%	(4,459.61)	17.58%	(3,232.05)
<b>Subsidiaries (Group's Share)</b>								
<b>Outside India</b>								
<b>Borelli Tea Holding Limited &amp; its Subsidiaries</b>								
31st March 2021	10.69%	19,483.74	14.44%	(756.73)	-5.29%	(112.36)	27.90%	(869.10)
31st March 2020	10.96%	20,323.92	9.09%	(1,342.94)	1.70%	(61.31)	7.64%	(1,404.25)
<b>Associates</b>								
<b>D1 Williamson Magor Bio Fuel Limited</b>								
31st March 2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31st March 2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Non-Controlling Interest</b>								
31st March 2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31st March 2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Adjustment arising out of consolidation</b>								
31st March 2021	0.52%	940.47	-15.29%	801.29	-36.95%	(784.82)	-0.53%	16.47
31st March 2020	0.51%	952.92	99.22%	(14,663.60)	-25.39%	915.56	74.78%	(13,748.03)
<b>Total</b>								
31st March 2021	100.00%	1,82,327.14	100.00%	(5,239.09)	100.00%	2,124.05	100.00%	(3,115.04)
31st March 2020	100.00%	1,85,442.18	100.00%	(14,778.97)	100.00%	(3,605.36)	100.00%	(18,384.33)

61. These consolidated financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Parent on 23rd June 2021, for issue to the shareholders for their adoption.

As per our report of even date

For **Lodha & Co,**  
Chartered Accountants

**R.P. Singh**  
Partner

**Aditya Khaitan**  
Chairman and Managing Director  
(DIN No: 00023788)

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

**Azam Monem**  
Director  
(DIN No: 00023799)

**Pradip Bhar**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Alok Kumar Samant**  
Company Secretary

Place: Kolkata

Dated: 23rd June, 2021

## Form AOC -1

Pursuant to first proviso to sub-section (3) of Section 129 read with Rule 5 of Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014

Statement Containing salient features of the Financial Statements of Subsidiaries/Associate Companies/Joint Ventures for the year ended 31st March, 2021

### Part "A" : Subsidiaries

(Information in respect of each subsidiary to be presented with amounts in Rs. Lakhs)

Sl.No.	1	2	3	4	5
Name of the Subsidiary	Borelli Tea Holdings Limited	Phu Ben Tea Company Limited	McLeod Russel Uganda Limited	McLeod Russel Africa Limited	McLeod Russel Middle East DMCC
Reporting Currency	British Pound	Vietnamese Dong	Uganda Shillings	Kenya Shillings	US Dollars
	(GBP)	(VND)	(Ushs)	(KSHs)	(USD)
Year when Subsidiary was acquired	2005	2009	2010	2013	2011
Reporting period for the Subsidiary concerned	Year Ended 31st March 2021	Year Ended 31st December 2020	Year Ended 31st December 2020	Year Ended 31st December 2020	Year Ended 31st December 2020
Exchange rate as on the last date of the relevant financial year in the case of foreign subsidiaries.	100.951	0.003	0.020	0.676	73.687
	Rs. In Lakhs	Rs. In Lakhs	Rs. In Lakhs	Rs. In Lakhs	Rs. In Lakhs
Share Capital	254.40	12,653.71	934.28	0.68	40.16
Reserves and Surplus	20,223.53	(10,945.47)	14,287.95	(296.58)	338.93
Total Assets	29,271.50	13,246.07	36,479.91	1,009.69	864.80
Total Liabilities(including Shareholders' Fund)	29,271.50	13,246.07	36,479.91	1,009.69	864.80
Non Current Investments	20,907.82	-	-	-	-
Turnover	1,045.90	7,560.12	20,222.01	3,126.35	1,966.05
Profit before Taxation	562.28	(1,528.33)	707.61	(74.63)	32.46
Provision for Taxation	174.22	-	237.97	(4.55)	-
Profit after Taxation	388.06	(1,528.33)	469.65	(70.08)	32.46
Final Dividend paid for last year	-	-	-	-	-
Interim Dividend paid for the current year	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed Dividend for the current year	-	-	-	-	-
% of Shareholding as on financial year end of subsidiary	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
% of Shareholding as on 31st March,2021	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Country	United Kingdom	Vietnam	Uganda	Kenya	United Arab Emirates





**Part "B": Associates and Joint Ventures**

Statement pursuant to Section 129 (3) of the Companies Act, 2013 related to Associate Companies and Joint Ventures

Name of Associates	D1 Williamson Magor Bio Fuel Ltd
1. Latest audited Balance Sheet Date	31st March 2021
2. Date on which the Associate was associated or acquired	June 19, 2008
3. Shares of Associate held by the Company on the year end	
No.	7281201
Amount of Investment in Associates/Joint Venture (Rs. in lakhs) Refer Note 3	2184.36
Extend of Holding %	34.30%
4. Description of how there is significant influence	Because of Shareholding
5. Reason why the associate is not consolidated	Financial Statements are consolidated
6. Net worth attributable to Shareholding as per latest audited Balance Sheet (Rs. in lakhs)	-
7. Loss for the year (Rs. in lakhs)	-
i. Considered in Consolidation (Rs. in lakhs)	Nil (Note-3 below)
ii. Not Considered in Consolidation (Rs. in lakhs)	-

**Notes:**

- Names of the Associates or Joint Ventures which are yet to be commence operations - Nil.
- Names of the Associates or Joint Ventures which have been liquidated or sold during the year - Nil.
- Cost of Investment has been fully written-down in compliance with Ind-As.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors  
**Aditya Khaitan**  
 Chairman & Managing Director  
 (DIN : 00023788)

**Azam Monem**  
 Director  
 (DIN : 00023799)

**Pradip Bhar**  
 Chief Financial Officer

Place: Kolkata  
 Date : June 23, 2021

**Alok Kumar Samant**  
 Company Secretary

## McLeod Russel India Limited

Statement on Impact of Audit Qualifications (for audit report with modified opinion) submitted along-with Annual Audited Standalone Financial Results

Statement on Impact of Audit Qualifications on Standalone Results for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2021

[See Regulation 33 / 52 of the SEBI (LODR) (Amendment) Regulations, 2016]

(Rs. in Lakh)

I.	Sl. No.	Particulars	Audited Figures (as reported before adjusting for qualifications)	Adjusted Figures (audited figures after adjusting for qualifications to the extent ascertainable)
	1	Turnover / Total income	1,12,035	1,12,035
	2	Total Expenditure	1,20,455	1,25,070
	3	Net Profit/(Loss)	(5,283)	(9,898)
	4	Earnings Per Share	(5.06)	(9.48)
	5	Total Assets	4,42,897	4,42,897
	6	Total Liabilities	2,80,993	2,85,608
	7	Total Equity	1,61,904	1,57,289
	8	Any other financial item(s)	-	-
II.	<b>Audit Qualification (each audit qualification separately):</b>			
	<b>Qualification-1</b>			
	a. Details of Audit Qualification:	Inter Corporate Deposits (ICD's) aggregating to Rs. 2,84,338 lakhs as on March 31, 2021 (including Interest of Rs. 1,942 lakhs accrued till March 31, 2019) given to certain companies which are doubtful of recovery and considering recoverability etc. are prejudicial to the interest of the company. In absence of provision there against, the loss for the year is understated to that extent. Impact in this respect have not been ascertained by the management and recognised in the financial results		
	b. Type of Audit Qualification:	Adverse		
	c. Frequency of qualification:	Repetitive		
	d. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is quantified by the auditor, Management's Views:	ICD's given have been considered doubtful of recovery by the Auditors'. However, the Company expects to work out a plan for restructuring including reducing/liquidating such outstanding amount synchronising with the proposed restructuring of borrowings in terms of the resolution plan under consideration by lenders.		
	e. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is not quantified by the auditor:	Nil		
	(i) Management's estimation on the impact of audit qualification:	Not applicable		
	(ii) If management is unable to estimate the impact, reasons for the same:	Not applicable		
	(iii) Auditors' Comments on (i) or (ii) above:			

<b>Qualification-2</b>	
a. Details of Audit Qualification:	The Company had given advance in earlier year to a body corporate aggregating to Rs. 1,400 lakhs which are outstanding as on March 31, 2021. In absence of appropriate audit evidence and status thereof, they are unable to comment on the validity and recoverability of such advances and impact if any in this respect has not been ascertained.
b. Type of Audit Qualification :	Adverse
c. Frequency of qualification:	Repetitive
d. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is quantified by the auditor, Management's Views:	Efforts are being made to recover the advance.
e. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is not quantified by the auditor:	Nil
(i) Management's estimation on the impact of audit qualification:	Not applicable
(ii) If management is unable to estimate the impact, reasons for the same:	Not applicable
(iii) Auditors' Comments on (i) or (ii) above:	
<b>Qualification-3</b>	
a. Details of Audit Qualification:	Non-recognition of Interest amounting to Rs. 4,615 lakhs on Inter Corporate Deposits taken and thereby the loss for the year is understated to that extent.  Further, penal/compound interest and other adjustments in respect of borrowings from banks/financial institution have not been recognised and amount payable to banks and financial institutions as recognised in this respect are subject to confirmation from respective parties and consequential reconciliation. Pending final determination of amount in this respect, adjustments and impacts arising therefrom have not been ascertained and as such cannot be commented upon by us
b. Type of Audit Qualification :	Adverse
c. Frequency of qualification:	Repetitive
d. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is quantified by the auditor, Management's Views:	Interest on inter-corporate borrowings have not yet been settled with the parties. Therefore interest-expenditure has not been accounted on inter-corporate borrowings pending resolution of the same.
e. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is not quantified by the auditor:	
(i) Management's estimation on the impact of audit qualification:	Penal/compound interest and other adjustments in respect of borrowings are not ascertainable
(ii) If management is unable to estimate the impact, reasons for the same:	Penal interest / compound interest has not been confirmed by banks. Further, interest would be restructured under Resolution-Plan and amount payable will be ascertained and given effect to in the accounts.
(iii) Auditors' Comments on (i) or (ii) above:	

<b>Qualification-4</b>	
a. Details of Audit Qualification:	Non reconciliation of certain debit and credit balances with individual details and confirmation thereof. Adjustments/ Impact in this respect are currently not ascertainable and as such cannot be commented upon by the Auditors
b. Type of Audit Qualification :	Adverse
c. Frequency of qualification:	Repetitive
d. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is quantified by the auditor, Management's Views:	Not quantified
e. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is not quantified by the auditor:	
(i) Management's estimation on the impact of audit qualification:	Not quantifiable
(ii) If management is unable to estimate the impact, reasons for the same:	Impact will become ascertainable only upon reconciliations and confirmations.
(iii) Auditors' Comments on (i) or (ii) above:	
<b>Qualification-5</b>	
a. Details of Audit Qualification:	The predecessor auditor in respect of loans included under Qualification-1 above have reported that it includes amounts given to group companies whereby applicability of Section 185 of the Companies Act, 2013 could not be ascertained and commented upon by them. They have not been able to ascertain if the aforesaid promoter companies could, in substance, be deemed to be related parties to the Company in accordance with paragraph 10 of Ind AS-24 "Related Party Disclosures". Further certain ICDs as reported were in nature of book entries and/or are prejudicial to the interest of the company. These amounts are outstanding as on this date and status thereof have remained unchanged and uncertainty and related concerns including utilisation thereof and being prejudicial to the interest of the company are valid for current period also. The matter as reported is under examination and pending before regulatory authorities. Pending final outcome of the matter under examination we are unable to ascertain the impact of non-compliances and comment on the same.
b. Type of Audit Qualification :	Adverse
c. Frequency of qualification:	Repetitive
d. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is quantified by the auditor, Management's Views:	Not quantified
e. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is not quantified by the auditor:	
(i) Management's estimation on the impact of audit qualification:	Not quantifiable
(ii) If management is unable to estimate the impact, reasons for the same:	The matter as reported is pending before regulatory authorities.
(iii) Auditors' Comments on (i) or (ii) above:	

**III. Signatories:**

- Managing Director  
For McLeod Russel India Limited  
**(Aditya Khaitan)**  
(DIN: 0000023788)
  
- Chief Financial Officer  
For McLeod Russel India Limited  
**(Pradip Bhar)**
  
- Audit Committee Chairman  
**(Arundhuti Dhar)**  
(DIN: 0003197285)
  
- Statutory Auditors  
**For Lodha & Co,**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**(R.P. Singh)**  
**(Partner)**  
Membership No: 052348)

Place: Kolkata

Date: June 23, 2021

## McLeod Russel India Limited

Statement on Impact of Audit Qualifications (for audit report with modified opinion) submitted along-with Annual Audited Consolidated Financial Results

Statement on Impact of Audit Qualifications on Consolidated Results for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2021[See Regulation 33 / 52 of the SEBI (LODR) (Amendment) Regulations, 2016]

(Rs. in Lakh)

I.	Sl. No.	Particulars	Audited Figures (as reported before adjusting for qualifications)	Adjusted Figures (audited figures after adjusting for qualifications to the extent ascertainable)
	1	Turnover / Total income	1,45,843	1,45,843
	2	Total Expenditure	1,53,815	1,58,430
	3	Net Profit/(Loss)	(5,239)	(9,854)
	4	Earnings Per Share	(5.02)	(9.43)
	5	Total Assets	4,90,568	4,90,568
	6	Total Liabilities	3,08,241	3,12,856
	7	Total Equity	1,82,327	1,77,712
	8	Any other financial item(s)	-	-
II.	<b>Audit Qualification (each audit qualification separately):</b>			
	<b>Qualification-1</b>			
	a. Details of Audit Qualification:	Inter Corporate Deposits (ICD's) aggregating to Rs. 2,84,338 lakhs as on March 31, 2021 (including Interest of Rs. 1,942 lakhs accrued till March 31, 2019) given to certain companies which are doubtful of recovery and considering recoverability etc. are prejudicial to the interest of the Parent. In absence of provision there against, the loss for the year is understated to that extent. Impact in this respect have not been ascertained by the management and recognised in the consolidated financial results		
	b. Type of Audit Qualification:	Adverse		
	c. Frequency of qualification:	Repetitive		
	d. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is quantified by the auditor, Management's Views:	ICD's given have been considered doubtful of recovery by the Auditors'. However, the Parent expects to work out a plan for restructuring including reducing/liquidating such outstanding amount synchronising with the proposed restructuring of borrowings in terms of the resolution plan under consideration by lenders.		
	e. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is not quantified by the auditor:	Nil		
	(i) Management's estimation on the impact of audit qualification:	Not applicable		
	(ii) If management is unable to estimate the impact, reasons for the same:	Not applicable		
	(iii) Auditors' Comments on (i) or (ii) above:			

<b>Qualification-2</b>	
a. Details of Audit Qualification:	The Parent had given advance in earlier year to a body corporate aggregating to Rs. 1,400 lakhs which are outstanding as on March 31, 2021. In absence of appropriate audit evidence and status thereof, we are unable to comment on the validity and recoverability of such advances and impact if any in this respect has not been ascertained.
b. Type of Audit Qualification :	Adverse
c. Frequency of qualification:	Repetitive
d. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is quantified by the auditor, Management's Views:	Efforts are being made to recover the advance.
e. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is not quantified by the auditor:	Nil
(i) Management's estimation on the impact of audit qualification:	Not applicable
(ii) If management is unable to estimate the impact, reasons for the same:	Not applicable
(iii) Auditors' Comments on (i) or (ii) above:	
<b>Qualification-3</b>	
a. Details of Audit Qualification:	Non-recognition of Interest amounting to Rs. 4,615 lakhs on Inter Corporate Deposits taken by the Parent and thereby the loss for the year is understated to that extent.  Further, penal/compound interest and other adjustments in respect of borrowings from banks/financial institution have not been recognised by the Parent and amount payable to banks and financial institutions as recognised in this respect are subject to confirmation from respective parties and consequential reconciliation. Pending final determination of amount in this respect, adjustments and impacts arising therefrom have not been ascertained and as such cannot be commented upon by us.
b. Type of Audit Qualification :	Adverse
c. Frequency of qualification:	Repetitive
d. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is quantified by the auditor, Management's Views:	Interest on inter-corporate borrowings have not yet been settled with the parties. Therefore interest-expenditure has not been accounted on inter-corporate borrowings pending resolution of the same.
e. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is not quantified by the auditor:	
(i) Management's estimation on the impact of audit qualification:	Penal/compound interest and other adjustments in respect of borrowings are not ascertainable
(ii) If management is unable to estimate the impact, reasons for the same:	Penal interest / compound interest has not been confirmed by banks. Further, interest would be restructured under Resolution-Plan and amount payable will be ascertained and given effect to in the accounts.
(iii) Auditors' Comments on (i) or (ii) above:	



<b>Qualification-4</b>	
a. Details of Audit Qualification:	Non reconciliation of certain debit and credit balances with individual details and confirmation thereof. Adjustments/ Impact in this respect are currently not ascertainable and as such cannot be commented upon by the Auditors
b. Type of Audit Qualification :	Adverse
c. Frequency of qualification:	Repetitive
d. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is quantified by the auditor, Management's Views:	Not quantified
e. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is not quantified by the auditor:	
(i) Management's estimation on the impact of audit qualification:	Not quantifiable
(ii) If management is unable to estimate the impact, reasons for the same:	Impact will become ascertainable only upon reconciliations and confirmations.
(iii) Auditors' Comments on (i) or (ii) above:	
<b>Qualification-5</b>	
a. Details of Audit Qualification:	The predecessor auditor in respect of loans included under Qualification-1 above have reported that it includes amounts given to group companies whereby applicability of Section 185 of the Companies Act, 2013 could not be ascertained and commented upon by them. They have not been able to ascertain if the aforesaid promoter companies could, in substance, be deemed to be related parties to the Group in accordance with paragraph 10 of Ind AS-24 "Related Party Disclosures". Further certain ICDs as reported were in nature of book entries and/or are prejudicial to the interest of the Parent. These amounts are outstanding as on this date and status thereof have remained unchanged and uncertainty and related concerns including utilisation thereof and being prejudicial to the interest of the company are valid for current period also. The matter as reported is under examination and pending before regulatory authorities. Pending final outcome of the matter under examination we are unable to ascertain the impact of non-compliances and comment on the same.
b. Type of Audit Qualification :	Adverse
c. Frequency of qualification:	Repetitive
d. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is quantified by the auditor, Management's Views:	Not quantified
e. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is not quantified by the auditor:	
(i) Management's estimation on the impact of audit qualification:	Not quantifiable
(ii) If management is unable to estimate the impact, reasons for the same:	The matter as reported is pending before regulatory authorities.
(iii) Auditors' Comments on (i) or (ii) above:	

**III. Signatories:**

- Managing Director  
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**(Aditya Khaitan)**  
(DIN: 0000023788)
  
- Chief Financial Officer  
For McLeod Russel India Limited  
**(Pradip Bhar)**
  
- Audit Committee Chairman  
**(Arundhuti Dhar)**  
(DIN: 0003197285)
  
- Statutory Auditors  
**For Lodha & Co,**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**(R.P. Singh)**  
**(Partner)**  
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Place: Kolkata

Date: June 23, 2021



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