

**ECOBOARD INDUSTRIES LTD**

**ECOBOARD<sup>®</sup>**

**CIN: L24239MH1991PLC064087**

**Ref: EIL/BSE/2024-25/07/08**

**Date: 08<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**

**To,**

**Listing Department**

Bombay Stock Exchange Limited

Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers

Dalal Street, Mumbai - 400 001

**Ref: - Symbol/ Scrip Code: - ECOBOAR/523732**

**Sub: Submission of Annual Report of Ecoboard Industries Limited**

Dear Sir/ Ma'am,

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 34 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, please find attached herewith copy of the Annual Report alongwith Notice of AGM of the Company for the year **2023-24**.

You are requested to kindly take the same on your record.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

**FOR ECOBOARD INDUSTRIES LIMITED**

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**COMPANY SECRETARY AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER**  
**(MEMBERSHIP NO.: A72775)**

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2023-24**

## Chairman’s Message: Pioneering Functionality and Sustainability Across Life, Build, and Energy Divison’s Initiatives

Dear Shareholders,

It is my privilege to present to you the annual report of EcoBoard Industries Ltd. for the fiscal year 2023-24. This year has been marked by both challenges and opportunities, influencing our financial performance with a revenue of 29.91 Crores, compared to 40.32 Crores the previous year. Despite these fluctuations, our dedication to innovation and sustainability has remained steadfast, driving our initiatives and guiding our strategic decisions.

Throughout the year, EcoBoard Industries Ltd. has continued to lead in sustainable solutions through our Build and Energy divisions. In our Build division, we have yet again innovated with cutting edge products like EcoPallets, EcoFire sticks, EcoRak 2.0 Kindlings etc. benchmarks for eco-friendly building materials. EcoKindlings and EcoFiresticks have crossed the Borders to Europe markets. Now, your products are able to create positive environmental impacts across the globe..

In our Energy division, significant milestones have been achieved. We are proud to announce our empanelment with IOCL as their vendors, a testament to our capabilities and commitment to delivering high-quality solutions. This partnership opens new avenues for growth and collaboration in the energy sector, reinforcing our position as a trusted player in the market.

Moreover, we have embarked on an ambitious journey to explore international markets for our Build division products. This strategic initiative aims to leverage our innovative offerings on a global scale, contributing to sustainability efforts worldwide while expanding our market reach and enhancing shareholder value.

Our efforts in Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) continue to yield substantial environmental benefits, including the removal of approximately 40 million tons of CO2 from the atmosphere. We have received 5 prestigious awards from Logimat 2024 for our innovations.

Looking ahead, the launch of EcoYou, our integrated platform encompassing all divisions under a unified identity, marks a significant milestone in our corporate journey. This platform not only enhances operational efficiency but also showcases our comprehensive range of eco-friendly solutions to stakeholders worldwide. Our new website, [www.ecoyou.in](http://www.ecoyou.in), serves as a gateway to explore detailed insights into our products, their applications, and impactful case studies, illustrating their tangible benefits.

On behalf of EcoBoard Industries Ltd., I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our shareholders for your steadfast support and confidence in our vision. Your partnership fuels our ambition to innovate and excel, enabling us to navigate challenges and capitalize on opportunities in a dynamic global landscape.

As we continue to push the boundaries of sustainability and expand our footprint in international markets, I am confident that EcoBoard Industries Ltd. is poised for continued growth and success. Together, we will forge ahead, setting new standards for excellence and sustainability in the industries we serve.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our shared journey of sustainability and prosperity.

Sincerely yours,  
**Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala**  
 Managing Director & CEO (Chairman)  
 DIN: 01516984



## ECOBBOARD INDUSTRIES LIMITED

### 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Uttam Kadam Sampatrao,	Independent Director
Mr. Siva Sankar Kalive,	Independent Director
Mr. Veeravenkata Rama Raju Penmetsa,	Independent Director
Mrs. Sujani Venkata Indukuri,	Director
Mr. Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala,	Whole Time Director & Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala,	Managing Director & CEO (Chairman)



#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Mr. Siddheshwar Sunil Kadane  
Mob: 8600300993  
Email: cs.ecoboard@gmail.com

#### **REGISTRAR & TRANSFER AGENTS**

M/s. Alankit Assignments Limited  
205-208, Anarkali Complex,  
202-A, 2nd Floor, "Akshay Complex"  
Jhandewalan Extension, New Delhi – 110 055

#### **AUDITORS**

M/S Chaturvedi SK & Fellows,  
Chartered Accountants  
402, Dev Plaza, Swami Vivekanand Road  
Mumbai, Maharashtra, 400058

#### **BANKERS**

Union Bank of India (Andhra Bank),  
Pune – Camp (e-AB) Branch [09061],  
598/598A, Sachapir Street, Camp, Pune  
411 001

#### **INTERNAL AUDITOR**

M/S S P Ladda & Associates  
Chartered Accountants  
Office No. 104, 105, Ganga Collidium, 1st Floor,  
Dhanganga Business Centre, Munjeri,  
Bibwewadi, Pune - 411 037

#### **SECRETARIAL AUDITORS**

M/s SD Kolhe & Company,  
Company Secretaries,  
Office No.4, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Belleza House, Kranti Opp.  
Near Near Columbia Asia Hospital, Kharadi  
Pune - 411014

#### **REGISTERED/CORPORATE OFFICE**

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Tel. (020) 40111927  
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Website: <https://www.ecoyou.in/investor-relations>

#### **FACTORY**

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Malshiras, Dist. Solapur, Maharashtra  
Mob. -91 8799906039

**Note: All correspondence shall be made to registered office Address**

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### **“GO ECO” INITIATIVE BY THE COMPANY**

As a step towards “ Eco Friendly Initiative” in the Corporate Governance, the Ministry of Corporate affairs has by allowing paperless compliances by the Companies and has issued Circulars stating that service of notice / documents including Annual Report can be sent by e- mail to its members. To support this green initiative of the Government, Members are requested to register their email addresses with Company’s Registrar and Transfer Agents, **Alankit Assignments Limited** at the Address:-

**M/s Alankit Assignments Limited 205-208, Anarkali Complex,**

Jhandewalan Extension, New Delhi – 110 055, India Tel +91-11-4254 1234/ 2354 1234

E-mail: [rta@alankit.com](mailto:rta@alankit.com) Also Report any change in the email ID that you have already registered with us.





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#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-Third Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of **'Ecoboard Industries Limited'** will be held on **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 at 11.00 AM IST** through Video Conferencing (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the following business:

#### ORDINARY BUSINESS:

#### **1. ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Standalone Financial statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 including the audited Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 and the Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended on that date together with the reports of the Board of Directors and the Statutory Auditors thereon, including Annexes thereto;

Shareholders are requested to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

**"RESOLVED THAT**, the Audited Standalone Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 together with the reports of Board of Directors and Auditors thereon be and is hereby considered and adopted."

#### **2. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR IN PLACE OF DIRECTOR RETIRING BY ROTATION:**

To appoint a Director in place of **Mrs. Sujani Venkata Indukuri (DIN: 01868347)**, Non -Executive Director of the Company who retires by rotation; in terms of Section 152 (6) of Companies Act, 2013 and being eligible offers herself for re-appointment;

Shareholders are requested to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

**"RESOLVED THAT Mrs. Sujani Venkata Indukuri (DIN: 01868347)**, Non -Executive Director who retires by rotation and being eligible offers herself for reappointment be and is hereby re-appointed as Director of the Company liable to retire by rotation."

#### SPECIAL BUSINESS:

#### **3. APPOINTMENT OF MR.NAGESH NARAYAN SHETTY (DIN: 10696195) as an INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY**

To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification, the following Resolution as a **Special Resolution:-**

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of sections 149, 150, 152 read with Schedule IV and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ('Act') and the Companies (Appointment and Qualifications of Directors) Rules, 2014 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('SEBI Listing Regulations') (including any statutory modification(s) or amendment(s) thereto or reenactment(s) thereof for the time being in force) and as approved by Board of Directors of the Company based on the recommendations of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Mr. Nagesh Narayan Shetty (Din: 10696195) being eligible for appointment being appointed as an Independent Director and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing from a Member proposing his candidature for the office of Independent Director and who meets the criteria for independence as provided in Section 149(6) of the Act along with the rules made thereunder and Regulation 16(1)(b) of SEBI Listing Regulations, be and is hereby appointed as an Independent Director of the Company, not liable to retire by rotation, to hold office for a term of five consecutive years commencing from **August 1, 2024 to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2029.**

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board of Directors of the Company be and is hereby authorized to take such steps as may be necessary for obtaining approvals, statutory or otherwise, in relation to the above and to settle all matters arising out

of and incidental thereto and to sign and execute all documents and filling of requisites forms that may be required on behalf of the Company, and generally to do all acts, deeds and things that may be necessary, proper, expedient or incidental for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution.”

#### **4. TO APPROVE EXISTING AS WELL AS NEW MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS WITH WESTERN BIO SYSTEMS INDIA PVT. LIMITED**

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s), the following resolution as a Special Resolution:-

**“RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 2(1)(zc), 23(4) and other applicable Regulations, if any of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time, (“SEBI Listing Regulations”), the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (“Act”) read with Rules made there under, other applicable laws/statutory provisions, if any, (including any statutory modification(s) or amendment(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force), the Company’s Policy on Related Party Transactions, and subject to such approval(s), consent(s), permission(s) as may be necessary from time to time and basis the approval and recommendation of the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company, the approval of the Members of the Company be and is hereby accorded to the Company to enter/continue to enter into Material Related Party Transaction(s)/ Contract(s)/Arrangement(s)/Agreement(s) (whether by way of an individual transaction or transactions taken together or series of transactions or otherwise) with entities falling within the definition of ‘Related Party’ under Section 2(76) of the Act and Regulation 2(1)(zb) of the SEBI Listing Regulations, in the course of (a) Availing and rendering Services including availing/providing for sharing/usage of each other’s resources viz. Labour; (b) purchase/sale/exchange/transfer/lease of business asset(s) and/or equipments to meet its business objectives/requirements such as raw materials; (c) Availing Loan / Advance and repayment of such Loan / Advance for smooth functioning of the business on such material terms and conditions as detailed in the explanatory statement to this Resolution and as may be mutually agreed between related parties and the Company, for financial year **2024-25**, such that the maximum value of the Related Party Transactions with such parties, **Rs. 2.97 Cr** for financial year **2024-25**, provided that the said contract(s)/arrangement(s)/ transaction(s) shall be carried out in the ordinary course of business of the Company and in respect of transactions with related parties under Section 2(76) of the Act, are at arm’s length basis.’

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board of Directors of the Company (hereinafter referred to as ‘Board’ which term shall be deemed to include the Audit Committee of the Company and any duly constituted/to be constituted Committee of Directors thereof to exercise its powers including powers conferred under this resolution) be and is hereby authorized to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as it may deem fit at its absolute discretion and to take all such steps as may be required in this connection including finalizing and executing necessary documents, contract(s), scheme(s), agreement(s) and such other documents as may be required, seeking all necessary approvals to give effect to this resolution, for and on behalf of the Company and settling all such issues, questions, difficulties or doubts whatsoever that may arise and to take all such decisions from powers herein conferred to, without being required to seek further consent or approval of the Members and that the Members shall be deemed to have given their approval thereto expressly by the authority of this resolution

Sr. No.	Name of the Party	Nature of Related Party Transactions (Sale, purchase or supply of any goods or material (directly or through an agent))
1.	Western Bio Systems India Pvt. Limited	Business

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** all actions taken by the Board in connection with any matter referred to or contemplated in this resolution, be and are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed in all respects”

#### **5. TO INCREASE THE OVERALL MANAGERIAL REMUNERATION**

In this regard to consider and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

**“RESOLVED THAT** in accordance with the provisions of section 196, 197, 198 of the Companies Act, 2013 as amended by the Companies (Amendment) Act, 2017, read with Schedule V and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made there under (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force) and the Articles of Association of the Company and in furtherance of the special resolution passed in the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 03<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021 and pursuant to the recommendation of Nomination and Remuneration Committee, approval of the members of the Company be and is hereby accorded to increase the

overall limit of managerial remuneration payable by the Company in respect of financial year 2024-2025 **from Rs.84 Lakhs** being the limit specified under Section 197 and Schedule V of the Act in case of inadequacy or absence of profits **(Existing Limit as per Schedule V) to Rs.120 Lakhs (over and above Schedule V)** computed in the manner laid down in Section 198 of the Companies Act, 2013.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the board of Directors of the Company be and is hereby authorized to take such steps and to do all other acts, deeds and things as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this resolution.”

**By Order of the Board of Directors**

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Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala  
Managing Director & CEO (Chairman)  
DIN: 01516984

Place: Pune

Date: 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2024





**NOTES:**

1. In view of the massive outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing is a norm to be followed and pursuant to the Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, Circular No.17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs followed by Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020 and Circular No. 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021 and all other relevant circulars issued from time to time, physical attendance of the Members to the EGM/AGM venue is not required and general meeting be held through video conferencing (VC) or other audio visual means (OAVM). Hence, Members can attend and participate in the ensuing EGM/AGM through VC/OAVM. The registered office of the Company shall be deemed to be the venue for the AGM.
2. Pursuant to the Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the facility to appoint proxy to attend and cast vote for the members is not available for this EGM/AGM. However, the Body Corporates are entitled to appoint authorized representatives to attend the EGM/AGM through VC/OAVM and participate there at and cast their votes through e-voting.
3. PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT, A MEMBER ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE AGM IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT A PROXY TO ATTEND AND VOTE ON HIS/HER BEHALF AND THE NEED NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE COMPANY. SINCE THIS AGM IS BEING HELD PURSUANT TO THE MCA CIRCULARS THROUGH VC/OAVM, THE REQUIREMENT OF PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS HAS BEEN DISPENSED WITH. ACCORDINGLY, IN TERMS OF THE MCA CIRCULARS AND THE SEBI CIRCULARS, THE FACILITY FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES BY THE MEMBERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS AGM AND HENCE THE PROXY FORM, ATTENDANCE SLIP AND ROUTE MAP OF AGM ARE NOT ANNEXED TO THIS NOTICE.
4. As per Regulation 40 of SEBI Listing Regulations, as amended, securities of listed companies can be transferred only in DEMATERIALIZED FORM with effect from April 1, 2020, except in case of request received for transmission or transposition of securities. In view of this and to eliminate all risks associated with physical shares and for ease of portfolio management, members holding shares in physical form are requested to consider converting their holdings to dematerialized form. Members can contact the Company or Company's Registrars and Transfer Agents for assistance in this regard.
5. As per the provisions of Section 72 of the Act, the facility for making nominations is available for the Members in respect of the shares held by them. Members who have not yet registered their nomination are requested to register the same by submitting Form No. SH-13 or 'Declaration to Opt-out' in the attached Form ISR-3. Also as per Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD\_RTAMB/P/CIR/2021/655 dated 3rd November 2021, read with Circular No. SEBI/HO/ MIRSD\_ RTA/P/CIR/2021/687 dated 14th December 2021, mandated that shareholder holding shares in physical form should submit copies of PAN Card for updations of PAN number and KYC details in Form ISR-1, Bank account details i.e., bank name, branch, account number and IFSC Code supported by self-attested bank statement or original cancelled cheque leaf along with Banker's attestation of the signature in Form ISR-2 and Nomination to the Company/ Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA) Members are requested to submit the said forms to their DP in case the shares are held in electronic form and to RTA in case the shares are held in physical form.
6. 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 at the AGM.
7. The Notice of the Annual General Meeting along with the Annual Report for the financial year **2023-24** is being sent only by electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depositories in accordance with the aforesaid MCA Circulars and circular issued by SEBI dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020. Members may note that the Notice of Annual General Meeting and Annual Report for the financial year **2023-24** will also be available on the Company's website at <https://www.ecoboard.in/investor-relations> & <https://www.ecoyou.in/investor-relations> along with the

update, if any; websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) Members can attend and participate in the Annual General Meeting through VC/OAVM facility only.

8. The Members can join the AGM in the VC/OAVM mode 15 minutes before and after the scheduled time of the commencement of the Meeting by following the procedure mentioned in the Notice. The facility of participation at the through VC/OAVM will be made available for 1000 members on a first come first served basis. This will not include large Shareholders (Shareholders holding 2% or more shareholding), Promoters, Institutional Investors, Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, the Chairpersons of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee, Auditors etc. who are allowed to attend the AGM without restriction on account of first come first served basis.
9. The attendance of the Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
10. In terms of provisions of Section 107 of the Companies Act, 2013, since the Company is providing the facility of remote e-voting to the shareholders, there shall be no voting by show of hands at the AGM.
11. 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 & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015 (as amended), and the Circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 05<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and 28<sup>th</sup> December 2022 the Company is providing facility of remote e-Voting to its Members in respect of the business to be transacted at the AGM. For this purpose, the Company has entered into an agreement with National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) for facilitating voting through electronic means, as the authorized agency. The facility of casting votes by a member using remote e-Voting system as well as venue voting on the date of the AGM will be provided by NSDL. The shareholders can opt for only one mode of voting i.e. remote e-voting or venue voting on the date of the AGM by NSDL. In case of voting by both the modes, votes casted through remote e-voting will be considered final and voting online at AGM will not be considered. The members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting may also attend the Meeting.
12. In line with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) Circular No. 17/2020 dated 13th April 2020, the Notice calling the AGM has been uploaded on the website of the Company at <https://www.ecoboard.in/investor-relations> & <https://www.ecoyou.in/investor-relations> The Notice can also be accessed from the websites of the Bombay Stock Exchanges at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and the AGM Notice is also available on the website of NSDL (agency for providing the Remote e-Voting facility) i.e. [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com)
13. AGM will be convened through VC/OAVM in compliance with applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with MCA Circular No. 14/2020 dated 8th April 2020 and MCA Circular No. 17/2020 dated 13th April, 2020, MCA Circular No. 20/2020 dated 05th May, 2020 and MCA Circular No. 2/2021 dated 13th January, 2021.
14. The Explanatory Statement pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013, setting out material facts in respect of item nos. 3 & 4 is annexed hereto. The additional and relevant details, pursuant to Regulations 36(3) and regulation 36(5) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“SEBI Listing Regulations”). The Directors have also furnished consent/declaration for their appointment/re- appointment as required under the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules thereunder.
15. All the documents referred to in the Notice calling the AGM and Explanatory Statement are available with the company for inspection by the Members. The same will be shared with the members on receipt of request.

16. Only those shareholders of the Company who are holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date (i.e **Wednesday, 24th July, 2024**), shall be entitled to cast their vote through VC/OAVM at the AGM, as the case may be. Any person who is not a Member as on the cut-off date should treat this Notice for information purpose only.
17. The register of Members and Share Transfer books of the Company shall remain closed during the Book Closure period i.e., **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 to Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024**, both days inclusive.
18. The members holding shares in the same name of the same order of names under different folios are requested to send the share certificates for consolidation of such shares to the Company.
19. Shareholders seeking any information with regard to the accounts are requested to write to the Company at an early date but not later than 10 days before the scheduled date of holding of Annual General Meeting.
20. Since the AGM will be held through VC/OAVM, the Route Map is not annexed in this Notice.
21. Instructions for joining the Annual General Meeting through VC/OAVM and e-voting during the AGM are as follows:

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

The remote e-voting period begins on **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 at 09:00 A.M. and ends on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 at 05:00 P.M.** The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter. The Members, whose names appear in the Register of Members / Beneficial Owners as on the record date (cut-off date) i.e. Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, may cast their vote electronically. The voting right of shareholders shall be in proportion to their share in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date, being Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

**How do I vote electronically using the NSDL e-Voting system?**

*The way to vote electronically on NSDL e-Voting system consists of “Two Steps” which are mentioned below:*

**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 dated 09th December, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in DEMAT mode are allowed to vote through their DEMAT account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are advised to update their mobile number and email Id in their DEMAT accounts in order to access e-Voting facility.

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

Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in DEMAT mode with NSDL.	1. Existing <b>IDeAS</b> users can visit the e-Services website of NSDL Viz. <a href="https://eservices.nSDL.com">https://eservices.nSDL.com</a> either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. On the e-Services home page click on the “ <b>Beneficial Owner</b> ” icon under “ <b>Login</b> ” which is available under ‘ <b>IDeAS</b> ’ section , this will prompt you to enter your existing User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting services under Value added services. Click on “ <b>Access to e-Voting</b> ” under e-Voting services and you will be able to see the e-Voting page. Click on company name or

**e-Voting service provider i.e. NSDL** and you will be redirected to the e-Voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.

2. If you are not registered for IDeAS e-Services, the option to register is available at <https://eservices.nsdl.com>. Select “**Register Online for IDeAS Portal**” or click at <https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp>

3. Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open a web browser by typing the following URL: <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/> either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Voting system is launched, click on the icon “Login” which is available under ‘Shareholder/Member’ section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID (i.e. your sixteen digit DEMAT account number held with NSDL), Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen. After successful authentication, you will be redirected to the NSDL Depository site wherein you can see the e-Voting page. Click on company name or **e-Voting service provider i.e. NSDL** and you will be redirected to the e-Voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.

4. Shareholders/Members can also download the NSDL Mobile App “**NSDL Speede**” facility by scanning the QR code mentioned below for seamless voting experience.

**NSDL Mobile App is available on**



Individual Shareholders holding securities in DEMAT mode with CDSL

1. Users who have opted for CDSL Easi / Easiest facility, can login through their existing user id and password. Option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any further authentication. The users to login Easi /Easiest are requested to visit CDSL website [www.cdslindia.com](http://www.cdslindia.com) and click on login icon & New System Myeasi Tab and then use your existing my easi username & password.

2. After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e-Voting option for eligible companies where the e-voting is in progress as per the information provided by the company. On clicking the e-voting option, the user will be able to see the e-Voting page of the e-Voting service provider for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting. Additionally, there are also links provided to access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers, so that the user can visit the e-Voting service providers’ website directly.

3. If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, the option to register is available at CDSL website [www.cdslindia.com](http://www.cdslindia.com) and click on login & New System Myeasi Tab and then click on registration option.

4. Alternatively, the user can directly access e-Voting pages by providing Demat Account Number and PAN No. from an e-Voting link available on [www.cdslindia.com](http://www.cdslindia.com) home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile & Email as recorded in the Demat Account. After successful authentication, users will be able to see the e-Voting option where the



	<p>e-voting is in progress and also be able to directly access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers.</p>
<p>Individual Shareholders (holding securities in demat mode) login through their depository participants</p>	<p>You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account through your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-Voting facility. Upon logging in, you will be able to see the e-Voting option. Click on e-Voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL/CDSL Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see e-Voting feature. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider i.e. NSDL and you will be redirected to the e-Voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting &amp; voting during the meeting.</p>

**Important note: Members who are unable to retrieve User ID/ Password are advised to use Forget User ID and Forget Password option available at above mentioned 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.com">evoting@nsdl.com</a> or call at 022 - 4886 7000
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 toll free no. 1800 22 55 33

**B) Login Method for e-Voting and joining virtual meetings for shareholders other than Individual shareholders holding securities in DEMAT mode and shareholders holding securities in physical mode.**

**How to Log-in to the NSDL e-Voting website?**

1. Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open a web browser by typing the following URL: <https://www.evoting.nsdl.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 a DEMAT account with NSDL.	8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digit Client ID  For example if your DP ID is IN300*** and Client ID is 12***** then your user ID is IN300***12*****.
b) For Members who hold shares in the DEMAT account with CDSL.	16 Digit Beneficiary ID  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***

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

- a) If you are already registered for e-Voting, then you can use your existing password to login and cast your vote.
- b) If you are using the NSDL e-Voting system for the first time, you will need to retrieve the 'initial password' which was communicated to you. Once you retrieve your 'initial password', you need to enter the 'initial password' and the system will force you to change your password.
- c) How to retrieve your 'initial password'?
  - (i) If your email ID is registered in your demat account or with the company, your 'initial password' is communicated to you on your email ID. Trace the email sent to you from NSDL from your mailbox. Open the email and open the attachment i.e. a .pdf file. Open the .pdf file. The password to open the .pdf file is your 8 digit client ID for NSDL account, last 8 digits of client ID for CDSL account or folio number for shares held in physical form. The .pdf file contains your 'User ID' and your 'initial password'.
  - (ii) If your email ID is not registered, please follow steps mentioned below in the process **for those shareholders whose email ids are not registered.**



2. If you are unable to retrieve or have not received the “Initial password” or have forgotten your password:
  - a) Click on “Forgot User Details/Password?” (If you are holding shares in your DEMAT account with NSDL or CDSL) option available on [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com).
  - b) Physical User Reset Password?” (If you are holding shares in physical mode) option available on [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com).
  - c) If you are still unable to get the password by aforesaid two options, you can send a request at [evoting@nsdl.com](mailto:evoting@nsdl.com) mentioning your DEMAT account number/folio number, your PAN, your name and your registered address etc.
  - d) Members can also use the OTP (One Time Password) based login for casting the votes on the e-Voting system of NSDL.
2. After entering your password, tick on Agree to “Terms and Conditions” by selecting on the check box.
3. Now, you will have to click on the “Login” button.
4. After you click on the “Login” button, Home page of e-Voting will open.

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

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

1. After successful login at Step 1, you will be able to see all the companies “EVEN” in which you are holding shares and who’s voting cycle and General Meeting is in active status.
2. Select “EVEN” of the company for which you wish to cast your vote during the remote e-Voting period and cast your vote during the General Meeting. For joining a virtual meeting, you need to click on the “VC/OAVM” link placed under “Join Meeting”.
3. Now you are ready for e-Voting as the Voting page opens.
4. 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 email to [cs.satishkolhe@gmail.com](mailto:cs.satishkolhe@gmail.com) with a copy marked to [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in). Institutional shareholders (i.e. other than individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) can also upload their Board Resolution / Power of Attorney / Authority Letter etc. by clicking on "Upload Board Resolution / Authority Letter" displayed under "e-Voting" tab in their login.



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: 022 - 4886 7000 and 022 - 2499 7000 or send a request to Mr. Sagar G Gudhate at [evoting@nsdl.com](mailto:evoting@nsdl.com)

**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 [cs.ecoboard@gmail.com](mailto:cs.ecoboard@gmail.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 [cs.ecoboard@gmail.com](mailto:cs.ecoboard@gmail.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 meetings for Individual shareholders holding securities in DEMAT mode.
3. Alternatively shareholder/members may send a request to [evoting@nsdl.com](mailto:evoting@nsdl.com) 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 the 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. Members 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 a link of "VC/OAVM" placed under the "Join meeting" menu against the company name. You are requested to click on the VC/OAVM link placed under the Join Meeting menu. The link for VC/OAVM will be available in Shareholder/Member login where the EVEN of the 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 the 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 DEMAT account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at [cs.ecoboard@gmail.com](mailto:cs.ecoboard@gmail.com) . The same will be replied by the company suitably.
6. Members who would like to express their views or ask questions during the AGM may register themselves as a speaker by sending their request from their registered email address mentioning their name, DP ID and Client ID/Folio number, PAN, mobile number at [cs.ecoboard@gmail.com](mailto:cs.ecoboard@gmail.com) Only those shareholders who have registered themselves as a "SPEAKER" at least 72 hours in advance will be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the EGM. The Company reserves the right to restrict the number of speakers depending on the availability of time for the AGM.

The results, along with the Scrutinizers' Report, will be placed on the website [www.ecoyou.in](http://www.ecoyou.in) immediately after the results are declared by the chairman or any other person authorized by the chairman of the meeting, and the same shall be communicated to the stock exchanges.

Any person, who becomes the Member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice and holds shares as on the First cut-off date i.e., Friday, July 05, 2024, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request to the Company at [cs.ecoboard@gmail.com](mailto:cs.ecoboard@gmail.com) or its Registrar and share transfer Agent, M/s. Alankit Assignments Limited, 205-208, Anarkali Complex, Jhandewalan Extension, New Delhi – 110 055, India, Tel: +91-11-4254 1234/ 2354 1234; Email: [rta@alankit.com](mailto:rta@alankit.com)

**By Order of the Board of Directors**

Sd/-

Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala  
Managing Director & CEO (Chairman)  
DIN: 01516984

Place: Pune

Date: 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2024



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## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 102 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013

As required by Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 (“Act”), the following explanatory statement sets out the material facts relating to the business mentioned under Item No. 3 ,4 and 5 of the accompanying Notice:

### Item No. 03

Considering the requirement of Regulation 17 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Board of Directors, vide circular resolution, approved the appointment of Mr. NAGESH NARAYAN SHETTY (DIN:10696195) as an Independent director under the category of Non-Executive Director of the Company for the tenure of Five (5) consecutive years, commencing from **August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2029** based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and subject to approval of the Shareholders at ensuing Annual General Meeting (‘AGM’) of the Company.

Notice under Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013 has been received from Member indicating his intention to propose the aforesaid director for the office of Director at the ensuing AGM. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee (“NRC”) and the Board members have confirmed about inclusion of his name in the databank of Independent Director along with its certificate before his appointment.

The Company has received the consent from Mr. NAGESH NARAYAN SHETTY (DIN:10696195), as required under the provisions of Section 149(6) Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder as well as Regulation 16(1) (b) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and also declaration confirming that he is not disqualified from being appointed as a Director in terms of Section 164 of the Companies Act, 2013 and that no order of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) or any other such authority has been passed against Mr. NAGESH NARAYAN SHETTY (DIN:10696195) debarring from accessing the capital markets and Restraining from holding the position of Director in any listed company pursuant to Circular No. LIST/COMP/14/2018- 19 dated June 20, 2018 w.r.t. Enforcement of SEBI Orders Regarding Appointment of Directors by Listed Company.

In the opinion of the NRC and Board of Directors, **Mr. Nagesh Narayan Shetty (DIN:10696195)** fulfills the criteria of Independence as specified under Section 149 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as may be amended from time to time. The brief profile of Mr. NAGESH NARAYAN SHETTY (DIN:10696195), in terms of the Regulation 36(3) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and the Secretarial Standard on General Meeting (SS-2) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, have been provided to this Notice.

Pursuant to Section 149 and Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder (including any statutory modification(s) and/or re-enactment(s) for the time being in force Mr. Nagesh Narayan Shetty (DIN:10696195) if appointed, shall not be liable to retire by rotation during the said period. He will be paid sitting fees and reimbursement of out of pocket expenses at actuals. None of the other Directors or Key Managerial Personnel or their relatives are in any way, whether financially or otherwise, concerned or interested in this Resolution as set out in item no. 3 of this notice.

Accordingly, the Board of Directors recommends the resolution as set out in Item no. 3 in the Notice for the approval of the Shareholders as Special Resolution.



#### **Item No. 04**

#### **To approve existing as well as new material related party transactions with Western Bio Systems India Pvt. Limited**

The company has been in regular business with one related party i.e., M/s Western Bio Systems India Pvt. Limited (Associate Company). Accordingly, the Board recommends the Ordinary Resolution as set out at Item **No. 4** of the accompanying Notice in relation to Loan / Advance Accepted, Loan / Advance Repaid, Labour Charges and purchase of Material for smooth functioning of the business.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 188(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable provisions read with the rules and regulations made there under any amendment, re-enactment or statutory modification thereof, the details of related party transactions being placed before the Members for their approval. The Board of Directors recommends the resolution at Item No. 4 for approval of the Members.

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Party</b>	<b>Nature of Related Party Transactions (Sale, purchase or supply of any goods or material (directly or through an agent))</b>
1.	Western Bio Systems India Pvt. Limited	<b>Business: -</b> 1. Loan / Advance Accepted 2. Loan / Advance Repaid 3. Labour Charges 4. Purchase of Material 5. Outstanding loan taken 6. Interest on ICD

Except Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala and his relatives Mr. Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala and Mrs. Sujani V. Indukuri, none of the Directors and Key Managerial Personnel of the Company or their relatives are concerned or interested financially or otherwise, in the resolution set out at item No. 4. The Board of Directors recommends the resolution at Item No. 4 for approval of the Members.

Details of the proposed RPTs of the Company with Western Bio Systems India Pvt. Limited,, including the information required to be disclosed in the Explanatory Statement pursuant to the SEBI Master Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD2/CIR/P/2023/120 dated July 11, 2023 read with SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2021/662 dated November 22, 2021, are as follows:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Details of proposed RPTs between the Company and Western Bio Systems India Pvt. Limited (WBSL)</b>
1.	Summary of information provided by the Management to the Audit Committee for approval of the proposed RPTs)	
a)	Name of the Related Party and its relationship with the Company or its subsidiary, including nature of its concern or interest (financial or otherwise)	Name: Western Bio Systems Pvt. Ltd. Relationship: Related party to MD has controlling interest in WBSL
b)	Type, material terms, tenure, monetary value and particulars of the proposed RPTs	Purchase of Goods and receiving manpower services.

c)	Percentage of the Company's annual turnover, for the immediately preceding financial year, that is represented by the value of the proposed RPTs.	10%
2.	Justification for the proposed RPTs	Company is getting better services whenever required at arm's length price.
3.	Details of proposed RPTs relating to any loans, inter-corporate deposits, advances or investments made or given by the Company or its subsidiary:	-
a)	Details of the source of funds in connection with the proposed transaction	Regular Business operations.
	Where any financial indebtedness is incurred to make or give loans, inter-corporate deposits, advances or investments: - Nature of indebtedness - Cost of funds and - Tenure	NA
b)	Applicable terms, including covenants, tenure, interest rate and repayment schedule, whether secured or unsecured; if secured, the nature of security	NA
c)	The purpose for which the funds will be utilized by the ultimate beneficiary of such funds pursuant to the RPT	Regular Business operations.
4	Name of the Director or Key Managerial Personnel ('KMP') who is related, if any and the nature of their relationship	G Ramakrishna Raju Related party: Spouse
5	Arm's length pricing and a statement that the valuation or other external report, if any, relied upon by the listed entity in relation to the proposed transaction will be made available through registered email address of the shareholder.	All transactions are carried at Arm's length pricing only and relevant reports will be shared if needed.
6	Any other information that may be relevant	All the necessary disclosures were at appropriate time.

#### Item No. 05

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 196, 197 and 198 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Schedule V, a company having inadequate/no profits, may subject to certain conditions including the passing of a special resolution, pay such remuneration to its managerial personnel as may be decided by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

Pursuant to the recommendation of Nomination and Remuneration Committee, the Board of Directors of the Company in its meeting held on **6<sup>th</sup> July, 2024** recommended to increase in overall limit of managerial remuneration payable by the

Company in respect of any financial year 2024-25 from **Rs. 84 Lakhs to Rs. 120 Lakhs** computed in the manner laid down in Section 198 of the Companies Act, 2013.

Accordingly, the Board recommends the Special Resolution set out at Item No. 5 for approval of members.

Except Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala, (DIN: 01516984) Managing Director of the Company and Mr. Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala (DIN: 05180152) Whole Time Director of the Company, none of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives is, in any way, concerned or interested financially or otherwise in the said resolution.

## **THE STATEMENT CONTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS REQUIRED UNDER SCHEDULE V TO THE ACT**

### **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Nature of the Industry: The Company is expanding the business and project portfolio has increased substantially, as a result Company is changing the name of the division from “Particle Board” to “Eco build” and “Bio gas” to “Eco Energy”.
2. Date or expected date of commercial production: Not Applicable
3. In case of new companies, expected date of commencement of activities as per project approved by financial institutions appearing in the prospectus: Not Applicable.
4. Financial performance based on given indicators as per published audited financial results for the year ended **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024**:

Particulars	Rs. In Lakhs
Total Income	2,991.68
Total expenditure	(3,474.50)
Net Profit/(Loss) before tax and Exceptional Income	(482.82)
Exceptional Income	(236.28)
Net Profit/(Loss) after tax	(719.10)

5. Foreign investments or collaborators, if any – NIL

### **II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPOINTEES**

<b>Name of Director</b>	<b>Nagesh Narayan Shetty</b>
<b>Age</b>	64
<b>Director identification number (DIN)</b>	10696195
<b>Qualification</b>	B.Sc. Chemistry First Class from Mumbai university Dip. In Admin Management from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies , Mumbai CAIIB ( Part I & II ) from Indian Institute of Bankers , Mumbai
<b>Proposed Date of Appointment</b>	01-08-2024

<b>Terms and Condition of Appointment</b>	Appointment as an Independent Director for a Term of Five Years from August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2029 for no fixed terms and conditions other than prescribed under Companies Act,2013.		
<b>Category</b>	Non Executive Director		
<b>Experience and Expertise in specific functional Area</b>	Worked in one of the largest and premier public sector banks in India for more than 35 years of unblemished service in various verticals majorly in credit , forex , international banking etc . Also, worked in assessment and dispensation of credit . Rendered his services in various capacities in departments like Aviation & Shipping finance , export finance , project finance , construction finance and projects exports etc. Had a long stint in marketing of Bank's various & specialized credit products to discerning clients.		
<b>Relationship with other Directors and KMP of the Company</b>	Not related to any Directors/Key Managerial Personnel		
<b>Equity Shareholding of Directors as on March 2024</b>	6,600		
<b>Directorships held in other Companies</b>	NA		
<b>Memberships / Chairmanship of Committees of other Limited Companies</b>	NA		
<b>No of Meetings of Board attended during the FY 2023-24</b>	Nil		
<b>Background details</b>	Worked in one of the largest and premier public sector banks in India for more than 35 years. Presently working as a Business & Financial Consultant to various corporates & firms . Also help these units in availment of business or project loans from banks and or financial institutions .		
<b>Past Remuneration received from the Company: Financial Year</b>	-	-	-
<b>Salary and Perquisite</b>	-	-	-
<b>Recognition or awards</b>			
<b>Sitting Fees proposed</b>	10,000/- per meeting.		
<b>Pecuniary relationship directly or indirectly with the company or relationship with the managerial personnel, if any.</b>	NA		
<b>Justification for appointment</b>	The Board considers that his association would be of immense benefit to the Company with his rich experience and profound knowledge.		



### **III. OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **1. Reasons for losses.**

- A. During the first half of the financial year, the company faced significant challenges that prevented us from achieving our planned topline and bottom line targets. These challenges included unfavorable market conditions and various operational issues at multiple sites.
- B. A key factor contributing to the losses in our build division was the deferral of several promising prospective orders. This disruption significantly impacted our projected sales and profits.
- C. Another notable development was the decision to abandon the project for setting up an 8' x 4' lamination line at our Particle Board plant in Velapur. This project incurred an expenditure of Rs. 236.28 lakh, which has been written off and is shown as an exceptional item.
- D. Furthermore, underutilized capacity in the build division was a major factor contributing to the losses. Although the installed capacity of the unit could achieve a turnover of Rs. 50 crores, we could only achieve about Rs. 10 crores, representing just 20% of the installed capacity. This shortfall was due to several factors:
  - High landing cost of bagasse
  - Insufficient working capital limits to complete orders on time
  - Production problems due to the old age of machinery
- E. In our energy division, the non-availability of sufficient bank guarantee limits hindered our ability to recover retention amounts from customers. This, in turn, affected the completion of other projects due to limited working capital funding.
- F. As part of our continuous improvement efforts, we made changes to our manufacturing processes and raw materials mix to produce high-density, high-quality boards. While this resulted in additional manufacturing costs and increased raw material consumption, we are currently seeking market acceptance for premium pricing to recover these additional costs.
- G. Moreover, the company is actively developing new products and exploring new market segments. While these initiatives incur short-term costs, we expect them to generate substantial business in the upcoming years.

By addressing these challenges and implementing strategic adjustments, we are positioning the company for a stronger and more resilient future.

#### **2. Steps taken or proposed to be taken for improvement.**

1. The Company has significantly enhanced its marketing efforts to attract new clients and ensure the retention of existing customers. We have appointed Technical Channel Partners and Technical Consultants to improve inquiries and generate new business. Additionally, our focus is now on products with consistent demand in both domestic and international markets.
2. These initiatives are expected to lead to measurable increases in productivity and profits. While we anticipate an improvement in the Company's performance in the coming years due to these new marketing strategies, accurately predicting future profitability remains challenging.
3. By strengthening our marketing efforts and targeting products with regular demand, we aim to create a robust foundation for sustainable growth and improved financial performance.

4. Since, we have abandoned the expansion plan, the company is in talks with the technical experts about the modification of the existing facility to improve the production efficiency.

### **IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION TO MEMBERS**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, the Central Government has taken "Green Initiative" by allowing companies to serve notice/ documents including Annual Reports by e-mail to its members. This will also ensure prompt receipt of communication and avoid loss in postal transit. The members can also download these documents from the Company's website i.e. [www.ecoboard.in](http://www.ecoboard.in). To support this "Green Initiative" in full measure, members who have not registered/ updated their email addresses so far, are requested to register/ update their email addresses by sending e-mail to [rta@alankit.com](mailto:rta@alankit.com) with subject as '**E-mail for Green Initiative**' mentioning their Folio No./ Client ID. Members holding shares in Demat form may register/ update their email addresses with the Depository through their concerned Depository Participant(s).

### **By Order of the Board of Directors**

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 Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala  
 Managing Director & CEO (Chairman)  
 DIN: 01516984

Place: Pune  
 Date: 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2024



## BOARD'S REPORT

To,  
The Members of  
**Ecoboard Industries Limited**

The directors are pleased to submit the annual report of Ecoboard Industries Limited (the "Company") along with the audited financial statements for the financial year (FY) ended on **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024**.

Directors have tried to maintain coherence in disclosures and flow of the information by clubbing required information topic-wise, and thus certain information which is required in directors' report is clubbed elsewhere and has to be read as a part of boards' report.

### 1. FINANCIAL SUMMARY / HIGHLIGHTS

The financial performance of your Company:

(Amounts in Lakhs)

Particulars	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
<b><u>Income:</u></b>		
Revenue from operations	2,975.59	3,859.85
Other Income	16.09	172.47
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,991.68</b>	<b>4,032.23</b>
<b><u>Expenditure:</u></b>		
Cost of materials consumed	1,656.53	1,868.99
Purchase of Stock-in-Trade	0.00	3.69
Changes in inventories of finished goods, work-in-progress	270.49	181.49
Employee benefits expense	253.70	288.17
Finance costs	74.21	233.62
Depreciation	110.85	104.33
Other expenses	1,108.72	1,867.67
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,474.50</b>	<b>4,547.96</b>
<b><u>Profit / (Loss) before exceptional items and tax</u></b>	<b>(482.82)</b>	<b>(515.64)</b>
<b><u>Add/(Less): Exceptional items</u></b>	<b>(236.28)</b>	<b>(201.32)</b>
<b>Profit / (Loss) before tax</b>	<b>(719.10)</b>	<b>(314.32)</b>
Less: Tax expenses	7.42	0.00
<b>Profit / (Loss) for the period</b>	<b>(726.52)</b>	<b>(314.32)</b>
<b><u>Other Comprehensive Income</u></b>		
Items that will not be reclassified into profit or loss	1.62	642.60
<b>Total Comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>(724.90)</b>	<b>328.28</b>
<b><u>Earnings / (Loss) per Share (Rs.)</u></b>		
-Basic	(4.07)	1.84
-Diluted	(4.07)	1.84

## Financial performance

During the year 2023-24 your company has made turnover of Rs 2,975.59 Lakhs as compared to turnover of the previous financial year of Rs. 3,859.85 Lakhs, and the Company recorded the Loss for the year (before comprehensive income) was Rs. 726.52 Lakhs as against loss of Rs. 314.32 Lakhs in the previous financial year. Boards of Directors are very confident that the business of the Company will grow in upcoming years.

Year	Sales performance (Rs. Lacs)	PBT before Exceptional Items (Rs. Lacs)	PBT (Rs. Lacs)	PAT (Rs. Lacs)
2024	2,975.59	(482.82)	(719.10)	(726.52)
2023	3,859.85	(515.64)	(314.32)	(314.32)
2022	3,471.75	(93.21)	214.05	214.05
2021	1,502.07	(321.72)	1,125.63	1,125.63
2020	1,203.73	(331.92)	1,506.63	1,506.63

The "Energy" division has performed exceptionally well during the year, securing two significant orders. Currently, the division holds a strong order book, which positions it well for continued success and growth.

In contrast, the "Build" division faced a challenging first half of the financial year. However, the Board of Directors is committed to revitalizing the division and restoring its former success in the upcoming years. Strategic initiatives and focused efforts are being put in place to ensure a turnaround and drive future growth.

## 2. BUSINESS OVERVIEW

The Company specializes in the manufacturing and export of particle boards made from agricultural residues such as bagasse, rice husk, and cotton waste. Additionally, we are involved in the development and supply of process systems, plants, and machinery for various applications, including:

- Biogas Recovery
- Bio-Energy Generation
- Effluent Treatment
- Micro Filtration
- Fermentation

Our services are offered as turnkey manufacturers, suppliers of parts and equipment, or consultants, depending on client needs.

For a more detailed analysis of our operations, market conditions, and future outlook, please refer to the Management Discussion and Analysis Report, which is presented separately in the annual report.

## 3. SEGMENT WISE AND PRODUCT-WISE OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

Through this year, the company has continued to focus on designing and manufacturing breakthrough products in the EcoEnergy and EcoBuild divisions that are Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) positive. Over the last 33 years of our existence, we have contributed to removing around 35 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere.

### **EcoBuild Division**

Through EcoBuild, the sustainable building materials division of EcoBoard®, we are enabling customers to reach their sustainability goals. We continued to be instrumental in substituting high carbon emission products like steel, gypsum, cement, etc. by creating alternative products that have a positive impact on the environment.

We introduced a new product in the EcoBuild division, EcoPallets, EcoHeatlogs, EcoKindlings, which shows huge potential across industries globally..

In continuation to our pioneering innovations including EcoRak, we have recently initiated a large order for World’s largest e-commerce company..

EcoBuild products continue to reach foreign shores, taking the agro-fibre from Indian farmers and earning revenue for the country.

### **EcoEnergy Division**

As part of our commitment to sustainable energy solutions, we have seen a significant increase in demand for our EcoEnergy plants. These plants are designed to facilitate the production of Bio-CNG, which is a cleaner and more sustainable alternative to traditional fossil fuels. Our EcoEnergy plants utilize agricultural residues and other waste materials to generate bio-energy, thereby supporting environmental sustainability and contributing to energy self-sufficiency.

By focusing on the construction and development of these EcoEnergy plants, we are playing a pivotal role in advancing the production of sustainable biofuels. Our efforts align with global and national goals to combat climate change and promote renewable energy sources.

Looking ahead, we remain dedicated to innovating and expanding our capabilities in the realm of sustainable energy. Through continued investment and development in this sector, we aim to contribute meaningfully to a greener and more sustainable future.

### **EcoYou: Conscious Innovation**

With over 33 years of pioneering work in sustainable building materials and a parallel track of progress in bio-energy solutions, we are entering a new phase of expansion and success. As part of this evolution, we are excited to consolidate all our offerings under the unified brand—EcoYou.

Under the EcoYou brand, we will continue to serve you through our specialized divisions:

- Build: Focused on sustainable building materials
- Energy: Dedicated to bio-energy solutions
- Life: Products catered to industries like Hospitality, Health Care, Commercial spaces etc.

#### **4. DIVIDEND**

The Board of Directors of the Company did not declare any dividend during the Financial Year 2023-24 in view of losses.

#### **5. TRANSFER TO RESERVES**

During the year under review, the Company has not transferred any amount to the General Reserve.



## **6. EXTRACT OF ANNUAL RETURN**

Pursuant to the amendments to Section 134(3)(a) and Section 92(3) of the Act read with Rule 12 of the **Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014**, the Annual Return (Form MGT-7) for the financial year ended **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024**, is available on the Company's website. The link to the annual report as per the Companies Amendment Act, 2017 is <https://www.ecoyou.in/investor-relations> and in accordance with the Companies Act, 2013, the annual return in the prescribed format is available at <https://www.ecoyou.in/investor-relations>.

## **7. SHARE CAPITAL**

The Paid up capital of the company is Rs.1783.20 Lakhs. The Company issued Rs. Nil Equity Shares either with or without differential rights during the F.Y. **2023-2024** and hence, the disclosure requirements under section 43 and Rule 4 (4) of the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 is not applicable.

## **8. LISTING ON STOCK EXCHANGES**

The Company's shares are listed on BSE under Scrip Code 523732. The ISIN code of the Company is INE866A01016. The Company has paid annual listing fees to the stock exchange for the Financial Year **2023-24**.

## **9. LISTING REGULATIONS COMPLIANCE**

Your Company's Equity Shares are listed on BSE Ltd. and the provisions of the Listing Obligation and Disclosures Requirement, Regulations, 2015 have been complied with.

## **10. NATURE OF BUSINESS**

There was no change in the nature of business during the Financial Year under review.

## **11. DETAILS OF HOLDING/SUBSIDIARY/JOINT VENTURES/ASSOCIATE COMPANIES**

The Company has no subsidiary/joint venture and hence consolidation and applicable provisions under the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder are not applicable to the Company. Whereas as per Accounting Standard IND-AS 24 the following are considered as Related Party (Associate Company) of Ecoboard:

1. Vesar Furnitek Pvt. Ltd.,
2. Venkata Subba Raju Energy LLP,
3. Supra Investment Pvt Ltd,
4. Western Bio Systems India Pvt Ltd

## **12. PARTICULARS OF LOANS, ADVANCES, GUARANTEES AND INVESTMENTS**

Pursuant to section 186 of Companies Act, 2013 and Schedule V of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations"), disclosure on particulars relating to Loans, advances, guarantees and investments are provided as part of the financial statements.

### **13. DIRECTORS AND KMP**

Your Company has an appropriate mix of executive, non-executive and Independent Directors to maintain its independence, and separate its functions of governance and management. As on **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024**, the Board had 6 members, consisting of two Executive Directors, one Non-Executive Woman director, 3 Independent Directors and none of the directors are disqualified under Section 164 of the Companies Act 2013.

#### **A) Changes in Directors and Key Managerial Personnel**

In accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Articles of Association of the Company, Mrs. Sujani Indukuri (DIN 07464714), Non - Executive Director of the Company, being longest in office since her last appointment has been determined to retire by rotation at the ensuing AGM and being eligible, offers herself for reappointment at the upcoming AGM, upon the terms and conditions, as per the provisions of Section 152(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 and based on the recommendation of the nomination and remuneration committee.

Board of Directors have proposed appointment of Mr. Nagesh Naryan Shetty (DIN:10696195) as Independent director of the company w.e.f. 1st August , 2024 for 5 years.His appointment will be made subject to the approval of shareholders.

Apart from the above, there is no change in the composition of the Board of Directors during the financial year **2023-24**.

#### **B) Declaration by an Independent Director(s) and re-appointment, if any**

Composition of the independent directors is in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The Company has received the Declarations from all the Independent Directors confirming that they meet the criteria of Independence as prescribed under the provisions of Section 149(7) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the schedules and Rules issued thereunder as well as Regulations 16 and Regulation 25 of SEBI (Listing Obligation & Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015 (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force).

#### **C) Familiarization Program for Independent Directors**

All independent directors inducted into the Board attend an orientation program. The details of the training and familiarization program are provided in the Corporate Governance report. Further, at the time of the appointment of an independent director, the Company issues a formal letter of appointment outlining his / her role, function, duties and responsibilities. The policy related to familiarization of Independent Directors is available on our website, at <https://www.ecoyou.in/investor-relations>.

#### **D) Formal Annual Evaluation**

Pursuant to Section 134 (3) (p) of Companies Act, 2013, the Board has conducted the formal annual evaluation of its own performance, its Committee and individual directors. Under Schedule IV of the Companies Act 2013, the Independent Directors have conducted the performance evaluation of Non-Independent Directors and the Board as a whole and also reviewed the performance of the Chairman.

A structured questionnaire was prepared after taking into consideration inputs received from the Directors, covering various aspects of the Board's functioning such as adequacy of the composition of

the Board and its Committees, Board culture, execution and performance of specific duties, obligations and governance. A separate exercise was carried out to evaluate the performance of individual Directors including the Chairman of the Board, who were evaluated on parameters such as level of engagement and contribution, independence of judgment, safeguarding the interest of the Company and its minority shareholders etc. The performance evaluation of the Independent Directors was carried out by the entire Board. The performance evaluation of the Chairman and the Non Independent Directors was carried out by the Independent Directors who also reviewed the performance of the Secretarial Department.

The details of Appointment, re-appointment and retirement by rotation of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) are included in Corporate Governance Report, and forms part of the board's report as "**Annexure B**".

#### **14. POLICY ON DIRECTORS' APPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION**

The current policy is to have an appropriate mix of executive, non-executive and independent directors to maintain the independence of the Board, and separate its functions of governance and management. As of **March 31, 2024**, the Board has 6 members, two of whom are executive directors, one of whom is a non-executive and woman director and three independent directors. The details of Board and committee composition, tenure of directors, areas of expertise and other details are available in the corporate governance report that forms part of this Annual Report. The policy of the Company on directors' appointment and remuneration, including the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes, independence of a director and other matters, as required under Sub-section (3) of Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013, is available on our website, at <https://www.ecoyou.in/investor-relations>.

We affirm that the remuneration paid to the directors is as per the terms laid out in the Nomination and Remuneration Policy of the Company.

#### **15. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

As on **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024**, the Board had three committees: the audit committee, the nomination and remuneration committee, and the stakeholder's relationship committee. A majority of the committees consists entirely of independent directors. During the year, all recommendations made by the committees were approved by the Board. A detailed note on the composition of the Board and its committees is provided in the Corporate Governance Report.

#### **16. BOARD DIVERSITY**

The Company recognizes and embraces the importance of a diverse board in its success. We believe that a truly diverse board will leverage differences in thought, perspective, knowledge, skill, regional and industry experience, cultural and geographical backgrounds, age, ethnicity, race and gender that will help us retain our competitive advantage. The Board Diversity Policy adapted by the Board sets out its approach to diversity. The policy is available on our website, at <https://www.ecoyou.in/investor-relations>.

Additional details on Board diversity are available in the *Corporate Governance Report* that forms part of this Annual Report as "**Annexure - E**".

## 17. DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (IND AS) under the historical cost convention on accrual basis except for certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values, the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and guidelines issued by SEBI. The IND AS are prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2016. Accounting policies have been consistently applied except where a newly-issued accounting standard is initially adopted or a revision to an existing accounting standard requires a change in the accounting policy hitherto in use. In terms of Section 134(3) (c) of the Companies Act, 2013, the directors confirm that:

- a. that in the preparation of the annual accounts, the applicable accounting standards had been followed along with proper explanation relating to material departures; 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;
- b. 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;
- c. that the annual accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis;
- d. the directors had laid down proper internal financial controls which were in place and that the financial controls were adequate and were operating effectively.
- e. that the directors have devised proper systems to ensure compliance with the provisions of all applicable laws were in place and were adequate and operating effectively.

Based on the framework of internal financial controls and compliance systems established and maintained by the Company, the work performed by the internal, statutory and secretarial auditors and external consultants, including the audit of internal financial controls over financial reporting by the statutory auditors and the reviews performed by management and the relevant board committees, including the audit committee, the Board is of the opinion that the Company's internal financial controls were adequate and effective during FY **2023-24**.

## 18. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

During the Financial Year **2023-24**, the Company held **6 (Six)** board meetings of the Board of Directors as per Section 173 of Companies Act, 2013 which is summarized below. The provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and Listing Regulations were adhered to while considering the time gap between two meetings.

Name of Director	Category	Attendance of meeting during 2023-24		*No. of other Directorship
		Board	Last AGM	
Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala	Managing Director & CEO - Chairman	6	Yes	0
Mr. Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala	Executive Director & CFO	6	Yes	0

Mrs. Venkata Sujani Indukuri	Non-Executive Director	6	Yes	0
Mr. Uttam Sampatrao Kadam	Non-Executive & Independent	6	Yes	12
Mr. Siva Sankar Kalive	Non-Executive & Independent	4	Yes	0
Mr. P. V. V. Rama Raju	Non-Executive & Independent	6	No	0

#### **19. TRANSFER OF UNCLAIMED DIVIDEND TO INVESTOR EDUCATION AND PROTECTION FUND:**

The Company is not required to transfer any amount of unpaid/unclaimed dividend or any other amount to the Investor Education and Protection Fund during the year under review.

#### **20. CONSERVATION OF ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION, FOREX EARNING AND OUTGO**

The Company is committed towards conservation of energy and climate action which is reaffirmed in its Environmental Sustainability Policy (<https://www.ecoyou.in/investor-relations>).

Through the reporting year, initiatives were aligned towards achieving these targets. Having already switched over to Air conservation & water conservation using new valves. Also, upgraded to new boiler.

The Company supplies carbon negative material to all its customers enabling them to become lesser dependency on Carbon intensive materials.

The information on conservation of energy, technology absorption and foreign exchange earnings and outgo stipulated under Section 134 (3) (m) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule, 8 of The Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014, is annexed herewith as "**Annexure - A**".

#### **21. MATERIAL CHANGES AND COMMITMENTS AFFECTING THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY**

There were no material changes and commitments affecting the financial position of the Company which occurred at the end of the financial year to which the financial statements relate and the date of this report.

#### **22. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Company has adopted the systems and procedures, to ensure sustainable business growth with stability and to promote a proactive approach in reporting, evaluating and resolving risks associated with the Company's business.

Periodic assessments to identify the risk areas are carried out and management is briefed on the risks in advance to enable the company to control risk through a properly defined plan. The risks are classified as financial risks, operational risks and market risks. The risks are taken into account while preparing the annual business plan for the year. The Board is also periodically informed of the business risks and the actions taken to manage them. The Company has formulated a policy for Risk management with the following objectives:

- Provide an overview of the principles of risk management



- Explain approach adopted by the Company for risk management
- Define the organizational structure for effective risk management
- Develop a “risk” culture that encourages all employees to identify risks and associated opportunities and to respond to them with effective actions.

### **23. INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROL AND ITS ADEQUACY**

Your Company has an internal Control System which commensurate with the size, scale and complexity of its operations. The scope and authority of the Internal Audit function lies with the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee monitors and evaluates the efficacy and adequacy of internal control systems, accounting procedures and policies.

The Board 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, error reporting mechanisms, accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, and timely preparation of reliable financial disclosures. For more details, refer to the ‘Internal control systems and their adequacy’ section in the Management’s discussion and analysis, which forms part of this Annual Report.

### **24. DISCLOSURES UNDER SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT WORKPLACE (PREVENTION PROHIBITION & REDRESSAL) ACT, 2013**

The company is fully committed to their employees specially women workforce to provide them safe environment, to work with dignity and to provide them better workplace free from any kind of discrimination including sexual harassment. As per the requirement of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013 read with rules made thereunder, the company has constituted Internal Complaint Committee which is responsible for the redressal of complaint related to sexual harassment. No cases of sexual harassment and discriminatory employment were reported during the financial year ended **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024**.

### **25. DETAILS OF ESTABLISHMENT OF VIGIL MECHANISM FOR DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES**

The Company has a Vigil Mechanism Policy in place to deal with instances, if any, of the fraud, mismanagement, misappropriations, if any and the same is placed on the Company’s website.

### **26. MANAGERIAL REMUNERATION**

Details as required pursuant to Rule 5 of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014 are contained in Corporate Governance Report.

### **27. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES AND RELATED DISCLOSURES**

Rule 5(2) & (3) of the Companies (Appointment & Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014 requiring the names of top ten employees in terms of remuneration drawn are marked as Annexure in the annexure B. It is also to be stated here that there were no employees during the year who were in receipt of remuneration mentioned in Rule 5 (2)(I), (II) and (III) of Companies (Appointment & Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014.

### **28. DEPOSITS**

Your Company has not accepted any deposits from the public and as such, no amount on account of principal or interest on public deposits was outstanding as on the date of the balance sheet.

## 29. CODE OF CONDUCT

**i. Code of Conduct for Director and Senior Management of the Company:** - The Company has adopted the Code of Conduct for the Directors and Senior Management of the Company. All Board Members and Senior Management Personnel have affirmed compliance with the code as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.

**ii. Code of Conduct for prevention of Insider Trading:** - The Company has its own Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading which has been amended according to the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.

## 30. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

As a listed Company, necessary measures are taken to comply with provisions of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The Report on Corporate Governance along with the certificate as stipulated confirming compliance with the conditions of Corporate Governance, the Managing Director's declaration as stipulated under the aforesaid Clause, Regulation and pursuant to Regulation 34 of the listing Regulations, Management Discussion and Analysis Report forms part of Annual Report.

## 31. SECRETARIAL STANDARDS

The Directors state that applicable Secretarial Standards on Board Meetings (SS-1) and on General Meetings (SS-2) have been duly followed by the Company. Also, Company complies with all applicable secretarial standards issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

## 32. COMPENSATION AND DISCLOSURE ANALYSIS

The Companies Act, listing Regulations through various provisions require disclosure and analysis on executive, director's, KMP's and other employees' compensation. The said information forms part of board's report annexed herewith as "**Annexure B**"

## 33. STATUTORY AUDITORS

Under Section 139 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder, M/s. Chaturvedi S K & Fellows LLP, Mumbai, (Firm Registration No. 112627W/W100843), were appointed as the Statutory Auditors of the company for the period of next 5 years with effect from the conclusion of 31<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2022 to hold the office up to the conclusion of Annual General Meeting to be held for the financial year 2026-27.

The Auditors' Report for fiscal 2024 is enclosed with the financial statements in this Annual Report and there were no qualifications, reservations or adverse remarks.

## 34. SECRETARIAL AUDIT REPORT

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 204 of the Companies Act, 2013 and The Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014, the Company has appointed M/s. **SD Kolhe & Company**, Pune, a firm of Company Secretaries in Practice, to undertake the Secretarial Audit of the Company. Secretarial Audit Report for the financial year 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 is annexed herewith as "**Annexure D**" in FORM MR-3.

The Secretarial Auditor's certificate confirming compliance with conditions of corporate governance as stipulated under Listing Regulations, for fiscal 2024 is enclosed as "**Annexure G**" to the Board's report.

### **35. COMMENTS ON OBSERVATIONS ON SECRETARIAL AUDIT REPORT**

The observation and qualification is annexed as "Annexure D".

### **36. REPORTING OF FRAUDS BY AUDITORS**

During the year under review, neither the statutory auditors nor the secretarial auditor has reported to the audit committee, under Section 143 (12) of the Companies Act, 2013, any instances of fraud committed against the Company by its officers or employees, the details of which would need to be mentioned in the Board's report.

### **37. MAINTENANCE OF COST RECORDS**

Since the Company is not covered under the section 148(1) of Companies Act, 2013, therefore the maintenance of cost records is not required.

### **38. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

During the year under review, the Company enjoyed cordial relations with workers, employees, Bankers, Shareholders and all stakeholders at all levels.

### **39. DETAILS OF SIGNIFICANT AND MATERIAL ORDERS PASSED BY THE REGULATORS/COURTS/TRIBUNALS IMPACTING THE GOING CONCERN STATUS AND THE COMPANY'S OPERATIONS IN FUTURE**

There were no significant material orders passed by the Regulators/ Courts which would impact the going concern status of the Company and its future operations.

### **40. RATIO OF REMUNERATION**

The information required under Section 197(12) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 5 of the Companies (Appointment & Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014 is given in the Statement annexed herewith as Annexure B

### **41. MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS REPORT**

The Management Discussion and Analysis Report in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations And Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 is marked as Annexure E and forms part of this Report.

### **42. PARTICULARS OF CONTRACTS OR ARRANGEMENTS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

The particulars of every contract or arrangements entered into by the Company with related parties referred to in subsection (1) of section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013 including certain arm's length transactions under third proviso thereto has been annexed as per "Annexure-C".

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

The provision relating to CSR is not applicable to the company as the company does not meet the criteria prescribed under Section 135 of the Company Act 2013 read with Rules made thereunder.

#### **44. GENERAL**

Your Directors state that no disclosure or reporting is required in respect of the following items since there were no transactions in these matters and/or they are not applicable to the Company during the year under review:

1. Details relating to deposits covered under Chapter V of the Act.
2. Issue of equity shares with differential rights as to dividend, voting or otherwise.
3. Issue of shares (including sweat equity shares) to employees of the Company under ESOS.
4. No significant or material orders were passed by the Regulators / Courts or Tribunals which would impact the going concern status of the Company and its future operations.
5. No fraud has been reported by the Auditors to the Audit Committee or the Board.

#### **45. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPRECIATION**

Your Directors take this opportunity to thank the customers, shareholders, suppliers, bankers, business partners/associates, financial institutions and Central and State Governments for their consistent support and encouragement to the Company. I am sure you will join our Directors in conveying our sincere appreciation to all employees of the Company for their hard work and commitment. Their dedication and competence has ensured that the Company will definitely overcome such turbulent situations and emerge as a significant and leading player in the industry.

#### **FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala  
Managing Director & CEO (Chairman)  
DIN: 01516984  
Place: Pune  
Date: 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2024





**“ANNEXURE A”**

**TO BOARD’S REPORT CONSERVATION OF ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AND OUTGO**

*[Pursuant to Section 134(3)(m) of The Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 8(3) of The Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014]*

1.	(A) Conservation of Energy :	
	<p>(i) the steps taken or impact on : conservation of energy</p> <p>(ii) the steps taken by the company for utilizing alternate sources of energy</p> <p>(iii) the capital investment on energy conservation equipments;</p>	<p>During the year Your Company had taken various steps to control the power cost in the Company.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● More LED lights were installed,</li> <li>● VFDs crew conveyor, Belt conveyors are used in Conveying systems to reduce electricity load.</li> <li>● Updated waterlines and airlines for minimizing energy</li> </ul>
2.	(B) Technology absorption :	
	<p>(i) the efforts made towards technology absorption and R &amp; D.</p>	<p>Products were upgraded with advanced solutions, For example, EcoRak 2.0 is now apple patents, Eco Kindlings &amp; Heat logs introduced.</p> <p>New machines were installed for higher capacity for new products.</p>
	<p>(ii) the benefits derived from technology absorption and R &amp; D like product improvement, cost reduction, product development .</p>	<p>The Company has been able to successfully execute large scale projects in real-time. Overall Turnover of the company with new products has increased significantly.</p>
3.	Foreign Exchange Earnings & Outgo:	
	<p>Activities relating to exports initiative taken for exports, development of new export markets for products and services.</p>	<p>Developed New Products and Solutions with Export Quality</p>
	<p>Total Foreign exchange used</p>	
1	Raw Material	Nil
2	Capital Equipment (Including Advance)	Nil
3	Stores & Spares	Nil
4	Foreign travel & other expenditure- Foreign bank charges	Nil
5	Royalty & Consultancy fees	Nil
6	Earned Deemed Export	Nil
7	CIF Value of exports	Nil

**“Annexure B”**

**DETAILS OF REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS, KMPS AND EMPLOYEES AND COMPARATIVES**

*[Pursuant to Section 197 and Rule 5(1) of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014]*

**Disclosure in Board’s Report:-**

1) The ratio of the remuneration of each director to the median remuneration of the employees of the company for the financial year **2023-24**: -

-Median Remuneration of the employees of the company for the financial year **2023-24** is **Rs. 1.78 Lac/-**

Sr. No	Name of the Director	Ratio of remuneration of Director to the median remuneration of the employees
1	Mr. G. R. K. Raju (CMD & CEO)	30.92
2	Mr. G. P. K. Raju ( Director & CFO)	15.22

2) The percentage increase in remuneration of each director, CFO, CS in financial year 2023-24: -

Sr. No	Name of the Director	% Increase in salary during the year
1	Mr. G. R. K. Raju	NIL
2	Mr. G. P. K. Raju	35 %

3) The percentage increase in the median remuneration of employees in the financial year:- 10%

4) Comparison of the remuneration of the KMP against the performance of the company:-  
It is commensurate with the turnover of the Company and performance of the individual.

5) The Number of permanent employees on the rolls of the Company: 43

**6) Average percentile increase already made in the salaries of employees other than the Managerial personnel in the last financial year and its comparison with the percentile increase in the managerial remuneration:**

The average increase in salaries of employees in 2023-24 was 10 %. Percentage increase in the managerial remuneration for the year was 35 %

7) Affirmation that the remuneration is as per the remuneration policy of the Company:  
The Nomination and Remuneration committee and the board of directors affirm that the remuneration of MD/ED/KMP/rest of the employees is as per the remuneration policy of the Company.

8) Particulars of Employees for the financial year ended on **March 31, 2024** -

*Statement pursuant to Rule 5(2) of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014 forming part of Director’s Report for the financial year ended March 31, 2024*

S. No	Name	Designation	Remuneration per month	Nature of Employment	Qualification & Experience	Date of Commencement	Age	Last Employment Held	% of equity shares held in the Company	Name of Director (If such employee is relative of any Director)
Detail of top ten employees in terms of remuneration drawn										
1	Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala	Managing Director & CEO	460000	Regular	B. Tech	27/06/2003	66	N.A.	2156225	Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala and Indukuri Venkata Sujani
2	Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala	Executive Director	297423	Regular	MBA & Master in Electrical Engineers	12/11/2011	40	N.A.	2027136	Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala and Indukuri Venkata Sujani
3	Mudunuri Venkat Raju	GM Factory	135000	Regular	MBA Exp : 27 Year	26/09/2022	48	N.A.	Nil	No
4	Anil Bhosale	DGM BSD	85000	Regular	Bsc Chem Exp : 32 Year	01/07/2022	56	N.A.	Nil	No
5	Phanindra Varma N.	DGM (Accounts & Finance)	80000	Regular	CA Exp : 4 Year	10/11/2022	27	N.A.	Nil	No
6	Akshay Bhosale	Manager (BSD)	60000	Regular	Bsc Biotech Exp : 7.5 Year	10/01/2023	28	N.A.	Nil	No
7	Bhuwan Jeevanlal Katre	Marketing Manager	59760	Regular	BE Mechanical	04/07/2023		N.A.	Nil	No
8	D Suri Babu	Dy. Process Manager	58300	Regular		01/04/2018	35	N.A.	Nil	No
9	Shubham Chauhan	BDM (Sales & marketing)	50200	Regular	B.Tech Exp : 1.6 Years	04/05/2023	29	N.A.	Nil	No
10	Suraj Singh Rajput	Accounts Manager	43000	Regular	MBA	15/12/2023	27	N.A.	Nil	No

- Employed throughout the year and were in receipt of remuneration not less than Rs. 1,02,00,000/- per annum - Nil
- Employed part of the year and were in receipt of remuneration not less than Rs. 8,50,000/- per month - Nil
- There are no employees getting remuneration higher than that of the MD.

Notes:

- 1) As a policy, **Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala**, Chairman, has abstained from receiving commission from the Company and hence not stated. Also his remuneration does not include Incentive Remuneration for FY 2023-24 as it would be decided by the NRC and Board of Directors in Q2 FY 2024-25
- 2) **Mrs. Venkata Sujani Indukuri** was appointed as Non-executive Director with effect from 03<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021 and not been paid any commission from the Company in view of her appointment as Non-Executive Director of Ecoboard. And ratio of remuneration to median remuneration and percentage increase in remuneration are not comparable and hence not stated.
- 3) No Commission was paid to **Mr. Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala** as a WTD of the Company for FY 2023-24. Hence, percentage increase in remuneration is not comparable and not stated.
- 4) Remuneration to directors does not include the sitting fee paid to them for attending Board/Committee meetings. Hence Independent Directors' details are not stated in above.
- 5) There has been no change in the payment criteria for remuneration to non-executive (including independent) directors.
- 6) Permanent employees' does not include trainees, probationers and contract employees.

**For Ecoboard Industries Limited**

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 Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala  
 Managing Director & CEO (Chairman)  
 DIN: 00842835  
 Place: Pune  
 Date: 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2024





**“Annexure C”**  
**Form No. AOC-2**

(Pursuant to clause (h) of sub-section (3) of section 134 of the Act and Rule 8(2) of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014)

Sr. No.	Name of Related Party	Nature of Relationship	Duration of Contract	Salient terms	Date of approval by the Board	Amount paid as advances	Transaction during the year Amount (Rs.)
1	Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala	Chairman - Managing Director & CEO	-	Deposit Outstanding	-	-	11,88,36,978/-
2	Mr. Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala	Executive Director & CFO	-	Deposit Repaid	-	-	1,36,38,796/-
3	Mrs. Indukuri Sujani	Non-Executive Woman Director	-	Deposit Repaid	-	-	1,39,17,010/-
4	Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala	Chairman - Managing Director & CEO	-	Remuneration Paid	-	-	55,20,000/-
5	Mr. Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala	Executive Director & CFO	-	Remuneration Paid	-	-	28,14,177/-
6	Mr. Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala	Executive Director & CFO	-	Contribution to PF	-	-	21,600/-
7	Mr. Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala	Executive Director & CFO	-	Rent Paid for Pune Corporate office	-	-	20,29,500/-
8	Mrs. Indukuri Sujani	Non-Executive Woman Director	-	Rent Paid for Hyderabad branch office	-	-	5,49,000/-
9	Mrs. Indukuri Sujani	Non-Executive Woman Director	-	Rent Deposit outstanding	-	-	3,60,000/-
10	Ms Shilpa Soni	Company Secretary	-	Gross Remuneration	-	-	1,84,330/-
11	Ms Shilpa Soni	Company Secretary	-	Contribution to PF	-	-	7,877/-
12	Mr Siddheshwar Kadane	Company Secretary	-	Gross Remuneration	-	-	1,16,374/-
13	Mr Siddheshwar Kadane	Company Secretary	-	Contribution to PF	-	-	4,723/-
14	Western Bio Systems India Pvt. Ltd.	Associate Company	-	Purchases of goods	29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	-	88,65,000/-
15	Western Bio Systems India Pvt. Ltd.	Associate Company	-	Labour Charges Paid	29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	-	60,70,000/-
16	Western Bio System Pvt. Ltd.	Associate Company	-	Inter-corporate deposit repaid	29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	-	6,17,79,675/-
17	Western Bio System Pvt. Ltd.	Associate Company	-	Advance for sale of Land accepted	08th November, 2023	-	10,00,00,000/-
18	Srinivas Raju Indukuri	Related Party	-	Sale of Material	-	-	1,92,209/-

19	Jayalakshmi Gottumukkala	Related Party	-	Sale of Material	-	-	33,378
20	Supra Investment Pvt. Ltd	Associate Company	-	Advance against Sale of Land outstanding	-	-	2,45,15,500/-

**Form for disclosure of particulars of contracts, arrangements entered into by the company with related parties referred to in sub-section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013 including certain arm's length transactions under third proviso thereto**

**1. Details of contracts or arrangement or transactions not at arm's length basis:**

There were no transactions entered by the Company with its related party which are not at arm's length.

**2. Details of contracts or arrangement or transactions at arm's length basis:**

**Advantages by dealing with Western Bio Systems India Pvt. Ltd. Are**

- **Cost reduction:** Greater control on the inputs processing by the contracted party thereby ensuring cost reduction.
- **In-time delivery:** To ensure timely supplies of materials thereby ensure smooth production flow.
- **Flexibility:** To ensure flexibility in the production system, thereby maximizing the sales.
- **Locational Advantages:** To ensure that the supplies are located close to the works thereby ensuring faster delivery.

**For Ecoboard Industries Limited**

Rama Krishna Raju Gottumukkala  
Chairman & Managing Director  
DIN: 01516984

Place: Pune

Date: 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2024



**“Annexure D”**

**FORM NO. MR-3  
SECRETARIAL AUDIT REPORT**

*[Pursuant to Section 204(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 and  
Rule 9 of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration Personnel) Rules, 2014]*

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2024**

**To,  
The Members,  
ECOBORAD INDUSTRIES LIMITED  
65/1A, ECOHOUSE, AKARSHAK BUILDING, OPP. NAL STOP,  
KARVE ROAD, PUNE 411004**

I have conducted the secretarial audit of the compliance of applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by **ECOBORAD INDUSTRIES LIMITED (L24239MH1991PLC064087)** (hereinafter called the “Company”). Secretarial Audit was conducted in a manner that provided me a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts/statutory compliances and expressing my opinion thereon.

**Management’s Responsibility**

Management is responsible for the preparation and filing of all the forms, returns, documents for the compliances under the Companies Act, 2013, regulations laid down by Securities and Exchange Board of India, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made there under listed hereinafter, and to ensure that they are free from material non-compliance, whether due to fraud or error.

**Secretarial Auditor’s Responsibility**

Secretarial Audit is a process of verification of records and documents on sample test basis to check compliance with the provisions of laws and rules/procedures under the Companies Act, 2013, regulations laid down by Securities and Exchange Board of India, Environment (Protection) Act 1986 and Rules made there under listed hereinafter. The procedure for secretarial audit is selected on the secretarial auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material noncompliance of the documents filed. In making those risks assessments, the secretarial auditor considers internal control relevant to the Company’s preparation and fair presentation of the documents in order to design secretarial audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. My responsibility is to express an opinion on the secretarial compliances of the aforesaid laws done by the Company on the basis of our audit. I have conducted my audit solely on the basis of the compliances and filing done by the Company under the aforesaid laws. Based on my verification of the Company’s 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, I hereby report that in my opinion, the Company has, during the audit period covering the financial year ended on 31st March 2024 complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder and also as represented to me by the management of the company, 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:

I have examined the books, papers, minute books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the Company for the financial year ended on 31st March 2024 according to the Provisions of :

- i. The Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) and the rules made there under;

- ii. The Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 ('SCRA') and the rules made there under;
- iii. The Depositories Act, 1996 and the Regulations and Bye-laws framed there under.
- iv. Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the rules and regulations made there under to the extent of Foreign Direct Investment, Overseas Direct Investment and External Commercial Borrowings;
- v. The following Regulations and Guidelines prescribed under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 ('SEBI Act'): -
  - a) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015;
  - b) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011.
  - c) The erstwhile Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 1992, and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
  - d) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2009 (Not applicable to the Company during the Audit Period);
  - e) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits) Regulations, 2014. (Not applicable to the Company during the Audit Period);
  - f) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Debt Securities) Regulations, 2008 (Not applicable to the Company during the Audit Period);
  - g) 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;
  - h) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2009 (Not applicable to the Company during the Audit Period); and
  - i) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 1998 (Not applicable to the Company during the Audit Period).

I further report that having regards to the compliance system prevailing in the Company and on examination of the relevant documents and records in pursuance thereof, the Company has complied with the following laws applicable specifically to the Company:

- a. Maharashtra Prevention of Water Pollution Act, 1969
- b. The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981
- c. The Legal Metrology Act, 2009

I have also examined compliance with the applicable clauses of the following:

- i. Secretarial Standards issued by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India. Secretarial Standards have been approved by the Government of India for implementation during the financial year 2015-16, updated time to time. Hence the current Para is applicable for the year under audit.
- ii. The erstwhile Listing Agreement entered into by the Company with stock exchanges and The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 notified with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 and amended time to time.

During the period under review the Company has complied with the provisions of the Act, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Standards, etc. mentioned above except the observations/ qualifications mentioned in Annexure I.



### **I further report that**

The Board of Directors of the Company is duly constituted with optimum balance of Executive Directors, Non-Executive Directors and Independent Directors. The changes in the composition of the Board of Directors that took place during the period under review were carried out in compliance with the provisions of the Act.

Adequate notices were given to all directors to schedule the Board Meetings, agenda and notes to 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.

All decisions/major decisions at Board Meetings and Committee Meetings are carried out unanimously as recorded in the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors or Committee of the Board, as the case may be, while the dissenting members' views are captured and recorded as part of the minutes.

I further report that 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.

I further report that during the audit period the company has not taken any action/events having major bearing on the company's affairs.

### **For M/S S D Kolhe and Company. Company Secretaries**

**Satish D Kolhe**

**Proprietor**

**ICSI Membership No: A61229**

**CP No: 23879**

**UDIN: A061229F000610855**

**Peer Review No: 5571/2024**

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Place: Pune**





**ANNEXURE I**

**OBSERVATIONS/QUALIFICATION, RESERVATION OR ADVERSERE MARKS  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2024**

**SEBI (LISTING OBLIGATION AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS, 2015**

Sr No	Compliance Requirement (Regulations/ circulars / guidelines including specific clause)	Qualifications/ observations By secretarial auditor	Comments By the Board of Directors
1	Regulation 7(4) - SEBI (Listing Obligations And Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 - In case of any change or appointment of a new share transfer agent, the listed entity shall enter into a tripartite agreement between the existing share transfer agent, the new share transfer agent and the listed entity, in the manner as specified by the Board from time to time.	The company has appointed new Share Transfer Agent M/s Alankit Assignments Limited w.e.f 01/06/2022 and delayed entered into a tripartite agreement dt. 20/12/2023	The company have disclosed the appointment of New RTA to the Stock Exchange within time. and delayed entered into a tripartite agreement dt. 20/12/2023
2	Regulation 31A - SEBI (Listing Obligations And Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 - Re-classification of the status of any person as a promoter or public shall be permitted by the stock exchanges only upon receipt of an application from the listed entity along with all relevant documents.	The Company have applied for Promoters reclassification on 02/10/2021 to BSE but as on 31/03/2024 it was still pending for approval from BSE and further on 02/05/2024, BSE rejected application by sending email communication to the company	The Company applied for Promoters reclassification on 02/10/2021 and it was rejected on 02/05/2024 further the company is in the process to file revised application by making correction/compliance directed by BSE.
3	Clause 4 of Schedule B read with Regulation 9 of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 -With reference to Amendment to SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 - Code of Conduct for Listed Companies - Trading Window Restriction – Trading window for dealing in securities shall remain closed from the end of the quarter up to 48 hours after declaration of result.	For the Quarter ended June 2023 trading window closed on 7th July 2023.  The company have delayed complied the provisions of Schedule B read with Regulation 9 of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.	The company has not complied Clause 4 of Schedule B read with Regulation 9 of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015

<p>4</p>	<p>74(5) of SEBI (Depositories and Participants) Regulations 2018 - The Listed Entity shall file Compliance Certificate received by RTA (Demat) Within 15 days from the end of the quarter to Stock Exchange.</p>	<p>The Company has filed Compliance certificate delay to the Stock Exchange as per SEBI Regulation 74(5) (Depositories and Participants) Regulations 2018. For Quarter ended 1. June 2023 - 22.07.2023 (Delay) 2. Sept 2023 - 12.10.2023 (Within Time) 3. Dec 2023 - 23.01.2024 (Delay) 4. March 2024 - Filed on 19.04.2024 (Delay)</p>	<p>The company has received data delay from RTA.</p>
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## ANNEXURE II

To,  
The Members,  
ECOB<sup>®</sup>BOARD INDUSTRIES LIMITED  
65/1A, ECOHOUSE, AKARSHAK BUILDING,  
OPP. NAL STOP, KARVE ROAD,  
PUNE 411004

Our report of the event is to be read along with this letter.

Maintenance of secretarial records is the responsibility of the management of the Company. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these secretarial records based on our audit.

We have followed the audit practices and processes as were appropriate to obtain reasonable assurance about the correctness of the contents of the secretarial records.

The verification was done on a test basis to ensure that correct facts are reflected in secretarial records. We believe that the processes and practices followed provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have not verified the correctness and appropriateness of financial records and books of account of the company.

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

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

The secretarial Audit report is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company nor of efficiency or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the company.

**For M/S D Kolhe and Company.**  
**Company Secretaries**

**Satish D Kolhe**  
**Proprietor**  
**ICSI Membership No: A61229**  
**CP No: 23879**  
**UDIN: A061229F000610855**  
**Peer Review No: 5571/2024**  
**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**Place: Pune**



## *“Annexure E”*

### **A. MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

#### **About the company**

Ecoboard Industries Limited 'the Company' was incorporated in India on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1991 with objective to serve “Mother Earth” through it’s both divisions:

- a. **EcoBuild:** Sustainable Building Materials & Products using Natural Fibers extracted from Agro-residue
- b. **EcoEnergy:** Sustainable Energy from Industrial & Agro-residue using sustainable technologies.

#### **a. EcoBuild Division**

Company's EcoBuild Division, developed advanced building materials in the brand name of “Förster” using variants of Ecoboard® as base materials, are acting as “Carbon Capture Storage” products that are actually enabling positive effects on Climate. Also, it’s creating additional income to farmers; avoiding pollution caused from burning Agro-fibers and also saving Forests.

The products include Internal Walls, Internal Ceiling, Doors, Structural Flooring, EcoDek®, EcoRak® and Shelves, Cold Rooms, Carvings, HDUMR®, etc.

#### ***Manufacturing process of Agro-based Boards/Products:***

A lot goes into the process of manufacturing Agro-based “Agro-boards”. Bales of Agro-fibers, received from Agro-based factories are elaborately processed, blended, resin with fibers, machine pressed, screened, layered into sheets, checked and graded to reconfirm quality.

This is followed by a secondary process of decorative covering with textured melamine gas treated design using a short cycle laminating process. The end product, manufactured from agro residue such as sugarcane waste, stalk of cotton, bajra, tur, corn etc. sturdy, durable, easy to maintain, abrasion resistant, eco-friendly, moisture resistant, dimensionally stable, termite resistant, fire retardant, and also cost effective.

Further, the company has introduced state of art high capacity machines to process the materials in-house, before being supplied to both Overseas and Domestic customers.

#### ***Manufacturing facilities:***

The company has a manufacturing facility at the heart of Rural India in Solapur District.

The production capacity of Velapur factory is 36 Lacs m2 per annum. Furthermore it has sophisticated and automated plants and machinery imported from Germany and the UK.

#### **The case for Ecoboard**

##### ***Philosophy and Environmental outlook***

Ecoboard are made from any form of agricultural waste and converted into good quality Ecoboard/fiber board for application to office furniture, home furniture, school furniture, wall paneling, commercial buildings, and floors etc. as against the traditional building materials like Steel, Gypsum, Cement, Marble etc. having high carbon-footprint.

##### ***Risks – Agro-fibre as a raw material***

The main risk is of availability of raw material in required quantity and at economic price, agro-fiber is being used captively by the sugar factories for steam generation and for generation of electricity. With a power shortage in Maharashtra State the pressure on sugar factories to generate electricity would be high and to that extent availability of agro-waste and its price would be a constant concern. Today agro-waste in Maharashtra is available



for Ecoboard board industry at over Rs. 2500/T excluding landing cost plus GST which is industry irrelevant. It is ironic to note that the by-product itself is now available at a higher price than sugar cane where once the disposal of agro-waste itself was a problem. Plywood which is conventionally used is still encouraged and continued by the public at the cost of depleting forest cover and tree resources due to lack of Govt. clear direction despite ban on expansion of the plywood industry by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

### **Industry synopsis**

Over the period globally demand for sustainable alternative materials are getting used over traditional building materials having high CO2 emissions.

Agro residue not only serves the environmental cause, but also encourages rural employment and rural development and brings sizable revenue to the poor farmers through sale of agro-residue which is otherwise burnt in the field causing enormous carbon emissions.

### **Risk aversion initiatives**

In view of the High Agro-waste price, your Company has taken up the work of improving the material preparation section of Ecoboard boards of 13.5'x6' size production line. Work on setting up of the new production line has been completed Company has developed new products and applications, enabling it to create new markets, building materials made using Gypsum, Cement, Marble etc.

Modification of existing line of 13.5'x6' boards resulted in

- a) Reduction in our cost of Production on account of reduction in power consumption by at least 25%.
- b) Reduction in ratio of Raw material consumption and inputs.
- c) Reduction in manpower on account of automation.

Optimal capacity utilization, logistics, connectivity of distribution system by setting up nodal service centers at strategic locations across India and a swift delivery module by maintaining stock of finished goods at centers these are the key elements in our road map for achieving growth targets.

Company is planning to install 1 MW Solar power in available land in a few years' time to reduce dependency on high cost coal based power.

### **Trends – technological challenges, new developments**

The developed countries have mandatory requirements of Sustainable, Fire-retardant products and low formaldehyde free norms/directions for living environments due to the importance of lowering CO2 emissions and reducing toxicity. Other countries are following with the support of local/national governments.

The production process will have to be in conformity with the ISO 9001.

The boards being made are fully (100%) recyclable or reusable to an equal product in order to fulfill the **Cradle to Cradle (C2C)** concept.

With the increasing globalization there is a need to standardize the product at par with the international standards. This would enhance the product life, meet the users need and benefit economically for the user.

Process improvement in par with ISO standards would bring environmental consciousness among the user groups and aid in Internationalization of R & D in the industries.

Company has already started the process to increase revenue by overcoming raw material problems and by adopting new technology which helps to minimize production cost.

#### **b. EcoEnergy:**

With technical assistance from Sulzer Chemtech Ltd., Switzerland the company manufactures wastewater treatment plants which handle toxic residues spent wash and effluent of obnoxious nature from distilleries and transform Eco Energy, by product of the treatment process into fuel, i.e., turning waste water to wealth.

## **Internal Control Systems**

Adequate internal control systems are in place in all areas of operation to ensure safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and the same are being continually reviewed and strengthened wherever necessary. Such systems have also been developed to ensure adherence to policies and systems and mitigation of the operational risks covering each area under review. The organization is well structured and the policy guidelines are well documented with pre-defined authorities. The company has also implemented suitable controls to ensure that all resources are utilized optimally, financial transactions are reported with accuracy and there is a strict compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

## **Corporate Social Responsibility**

As a matter of fact there is no formulated written CSR Policy in place. The Board invariably has

- 1) Planted trees
- 2) Provide Schools furniture for Government schools
- 3) Medical and Food camps for the annual event "Wari" attended by lakhs of pilgrims.

The Company developed a strategy to provide a roadmap for its CSR activities over the period and after passing of the Companies Act, 2013 in particular, which has become an integral part of our business strategy over a decade or so.

As a good corporate citizen, we recognize and perform the obligations towards our employees, investors, customers, suppliers, competitors and the community as a whole. We believe our reputation, together with the trust and confidence of those with whom we deal, to be one of our most valuable assets. We strongly believe that integrity in dealings with stakeholders is a prerequisite for a successful and sustained business relationship.

## **Environment**

As the products of the Company are eco-friendly and fired by a passion of protecting the environment, the company believes that, by nature, our operations have a minimal impact on the environment. In the course of our operations we seek to identify opportunities to reduce/ keep it at minimum consumption of energy, water and other natural resources. We also strive to reuse and recycle where possible and dispose of non-recyclable items responsibly, thereby minimizing impact on the environment.

## **Human Resources / Industrial Relations**

The Company has a fully functional human resource department taking care of human force in the Company. Company has taken efforts for human resource development. Company has arranged various training programs during the year. Company has a proper team for recruitment of employees and keeps the compensation structure in line with the market developments.

## **Financial Performance**

### ***Share Capital and Reserves and Surplus***

During the year Authorized capital of the Company stands at Rs. 2500 Lakhs (inclusive of Equity Shares of Rs. 10 each at 2300 Lakhs and Preference Shares of Rs. 100 each at 200 Lakhs) and Reserves & Surplus of Rs. (464.33) Lakhs and paid up capital were 1783.20/- Lakhs.

### ***Fixed Assets***

The Company has a program of verification of Property, Plant and Equipment and right-to-use assets to cover all the assets once every two years which, in our opinion, is reasonable having regard to the size of the Company and the nature of its assets. Pursuant to the program, certain Property, Plant and Equipment were due for verification during the year and were physically verified by the Management during the year. Depreciation on tangible assets is provided on the straight line method as prescribed in Schedule II to the Companies Act, 2013 over the remaining useful life of the assets.

### **Current Assets Loans and Advances and Current Liabilities and Provisions**

Total Loans and advances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 was Rs. 245.87 Lakhs. Company has Rs. 1,389.67 Lakhs of Inventories of Raw Material, Stores and packing Material, Finished goods etc.

Current Liabilities as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 were Rs. 2976.58 Lakhs.

### **Operational Performance**

The financial performance of your Company:

(Amounts in Lakhs)

Particulars	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
<b><u>Income:</u></b>		
Revenue from operations	2,975.59	3,859.85
Other Income	16.09	172.47
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,991.68</b>	<b>4,032.23</b>
<b><u>Expenditure:</u></b>		
Cost of materials consumed	1,656.53	1,868.99
Purchase of Stock-in-Trade	0.00	3.69
Changes in inventories of finished goods, work-in-progress	270.49	181.49
Employee benefits expense	253.70	288.17
Finance costs	74.21	233.62
Depreciation	110.85	104.33
Other expenses	1,108.72	1,867.67
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,474.50</b>	<b>4,547.96</b>
<b><u>Profit / (Loss) before exceptional items and tax</u></b>	<b>(482.82)</b>	<b>(515.64)</b>
<u>Add/(Less): Exceptional items</u>	<u>(236.28)</u>	<u>(201.32)</u>
<b><u>Profit / (Loss) before tax</u></b>	<b>(719.10)</b>	<b>(314.32)</b>
Less: Tax expenses	7.42	0.00
<b><u>Profit / (Loss) for the period</u></b>	<b>(726.52)</b>	<b>(314.32)</b>
<b><u>Other Comprehensive Income</u></b>		
Items that will not be reclassified into profit or loss	1.62	642.60
<b>Total Comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>(724.90)</b>	<b>328.28</b>
<b><u>Earnings / (Loss) per Share (Rs.)</u></b>		
-Basic	(4.07)	1.84
-Diluted	(4.07)	1.84

### Key Financial Ratios – Standalone

Particulars	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23	% Change
Trade receivables Turnover ratio	3.87	6.05	36%
Inventory Turnover ratio	1.28	1.37	7%
Debt service coverage ratio	-4.47	(0.68)	(557%)
Current Ratio	0.85	1.47	42%
Debt Equity ratio	1.16	1.22	5%
Net Profit ratio	(0.24)	(0.08)	(200%)
Return on equity ratio	(43%)	(18%)	(144%)

### Cautionary Statements

Statements made in the Management discussion and analysis report describing the Company's objectives, expectations or predictions may be forward looking within the meaning of applicable laws and regulations. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed in the statement. Important factors that could influence the Company's operations may include:

- 1) Supply and demand conditions affecting selling prices, input availability.
- 2) Company's ability to successfully implement Company's strategy, growth and expansion plans and technological initiatives.
- 3) Changes in government policies, changes in political conditions,
- 4) Changes in laws and regulations including tax laws.
- 5) General economic developments and business conditions in India and other countries. Other factors such as litigation and industrial relations.



***“Annexure F”***

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT**

***(As required under Regulation 34(3) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations 2016)***

***In everything we do, we comply with the law of the land. All disclosures and policies to this effect, including details of non-compliance, regulatory orders, certifications and complaints, are made available in this corporate governance report***

**1. COMPANY’S GOVERNANCE PHILOSOPHY**

Corporate Governance safeguards and adds value to the interest of its stakeholder’s viz. investors, creditors, customers, employees and Government etc. The company pursues the process of Corporate Governance in compliance with SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and submits a report on the matters mentioned in the said regulation and followed in practice by the Company. The Company remains committed to the core aspects of Corporate Governance, viz. fairness, transparency, accountability and responsibility.

**2. DETAILS OF NON-COMPLIANCE**

Penalty of 25,000/- for Non-compliance of Regulation 23 (9) with disclosure of related party transactions on consolidated basis has been imposed by BSE (stock exchange). Except this No penalty has been imposed SEBI or SEC, nor has there been any instance of non-compliance with any legal requirements, or on matters relating to the capital market during the reporting period.

**3. REGULATORY ORDERS**

Order has been passed by Hon'ble CESTAT, Mumbai dated 9th February, 2023, An Appeal has been made against the said order has been Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Except this There were no regulatory orders pertaining to the Company for fiscal 2024.

**4. CEO AND CFO CERTIFICATION**

As required by the Listing Regulations, the CEO and CFO certification is provided in this Annual Report.

**5. POLICIES**

In compliance with the requirements of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 and Companies Act, 2013, Board of Directors of the Company has approved various policies, as detailed herein:

**a. Whistle Blower & Vigil Mechanism Policy:-**

As per Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 22 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, a comprehensive Vigil Mechanism Policy has been approved and implemented within the organization. The policy enables the employees and directors to report instances of any unethical act or suspected incidents of fraud or violation of Companies Code of conduct or ethics policy. This Policy (copy of which is uploaded on the website of the Company) safeguards whistleblowers from reprisals or victimization. The web link to the policy is – [www.ecoboard.in](http://www.ecoboard.in) and [www.ecoyou.in](http://www.ecoyou.in)



**b. Code of Conduct**

i. Code of Conduct for Director and Senior Management of the Company: - The Company has adopted the Code of Conduct for the Directors and Senior Management of the Company. All Board Members and Senior Management Personnel have affirmed compliance with the code as on **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024**.

ii. Code of Conduct for prevention of Insider Trading: - The Company has its own Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading which has now been amended according to the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.

**c. Related Party Transaction Policy**

In compliance with the requirements of Regulation 23 of SEBI(LODR) Regulations, 2015 the Board of Directors of the Company has approved a Related Party Transaction Policy, to facilitate management to report and seek approval for any Related Party Transaction proposed to be entered into by the Company. The web link to the policy is – [www.ecoboard.in/www.ecoyou.in](http://www.ecoboard.in/www.ecoyou.in)

**d. Policies & Code as per SEBI Insider Trading Regulations**

In accordance with SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015, the Company has formulated and approved (i) an Insider Trading Code to regulate dealing in the securities of the Company by designated persons in compliance with the regulations; and (ii) a Policy for Fair Disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information.

Ms. Shilpa Soni, Compliance Officer & Company Secretary of the Company was the Compliance officer for the purposes of Insider Trading Code till the date she remained in employment i.e. 20.10.2023 or the Board authorizes any other person for the same. After that Mr. Siddheshwar Sunil Kadane, Compliance Officer & Company Secretary of the Company was the Compliance officer for the purposes of Insider Trading Code from 08.12.2023 till the date.

**e. Complaints pertaining to sexual harassment**

The details of complaints filed, disposed-off and pending during the financial year pertaining to sexual harassment are provided in the Business responsibility and sustainability report of this Integrated Annual Report.

**f. Familiarization Program for Independent Directors**

Independent Directors are familiarized with their roles, rights and responsibilities in the Company as well as with the nature of industry and business model of the Company.

**6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

***Composition and Category of Directors***

The Company has a balanced Board with a combination of Executive and Non-Executive Directors to ensure independent functioning and the current composition of the Board is in conformity with Regulation 17 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The Board comprises of 3 (Three) independent Directors i.e. Directors, who, apart from receiving sitting fees, do not have any other material pecuniary relationship or transactions with the Company, its promoters or its management, which may affect independence of judgment of the Directors.

***Composition of the Board and directorship held during the year 2023-24.***

Name of Director	Category	Relationship between Directors inter-se	Attendance of meeting during 2023-24		*No. of other Directorship
			Board	Last AGM	
Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala	Managing Director & CEO - Chairman	Father of :- 1. Mr. Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala 2. Mrs. Venkata Sujani Indukuri	6	Yes	0
Mr. Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala	Whole Time Director (Executive Director)	Son of Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala	6	Yes	0
Mrs. Venkata Sujani Indukuri #	Non-Executive Woman Director	Daughter of Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala	6	Yes	0
Mr. Uttamrao Sampatrao Kadam	Non-Executive & Independent	NA	6	Yes	12
Mr. Siva Sankar Kalive	Non-Executive & Independent	NA	4	Yes	0
Mr. P. V. V. Rama Raju	Non-Executive & Independent	NA	6	No	0

\* In accordance with Regulation 26 of Listing Regulation, Membership / Chairmanship of only the Audit Committees and the Share Transfer & Shareholders / Investors Grievance Committees of all Public Limited Companies have been considered. None of the Directors serve as members of more than 10 committees or are chairman of more than 5 committees across all the Companies in which they are Directors.

The Board met **Six times** during the financial year under review on the following dates:

- |                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1) 29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023       | 2) 14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023   |
| 3) 21 <sup>st</sup> September, 2023 | 4) 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023  |
| 5) 8 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023   | 6) 10 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024 |

The maximum time gap between any two meetings was not more than 120 days. The details of familiarization programmes imparted to Independent /directors is disclosed at [www.ecoyou.in](http://www.ecoyou.in)

### **Brief Profile of Directors**

A brief list of core skill/expertise/competencies as identified by the Board of Directors are as follows:-

#### ***Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala –Managing Director & CEO (Chairman)***

Mr. G. R. K. Raju is Managing Director of EIL. He has worked with the founder Chairman V.S. Raju from the beginning of the company has taken the Company to new heights. He is technocrat with more than 37 years of experience in the field of administration of business affairs and strategic decisions.

He introduced the “CSTR technology” for treating industrial waste, which is adopted by all sugar industries as proven technology. He was also actively involved in the Eco Energy division to design and implement customized solutions for treating waste in generating energy and power. In the Particle Board division, he was instrumental in implementation

of the world's largest engineered panel unit facility at Velapur factory. He is also an active member of various social institutions and has good relationships with all sugar factories.

### ***Mr. Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala***

He was actively involved in the EcoBuild division as Executive Director from 2010 to till date. He was instrumental in developing advanced products like EcoRak 3.0, EcoFreeze, EcoDek 2.0 and Zero formaldehyde panels for various building materials products. He played an active role in a machinery upgradation project for Velapur Factory to reduce raw material consumption. He also takes an active role in Market research, budgeting and frequently interacts with customers.

Mr. G. P. K. Raju has completed MBA from Bentley University (Boston) with Distinction. Later, he worked as an Analyst at International Data Corporation (IDC) in Boston. He did Masters in Electrical Engineering from Southern Illinois University. and was elected as a Senator for Student Government at SIU.

He likes designing new products. In 2006, He also developed an electronic product in collaboration with IIT, Hyderabad "e-Stick for Blind" that will enable them to use public transportation like Buses and other. His paper on "Cell Phone for Senior Citizens" has been awarded first prize by IIT, Bombay in 2005. He collaborated with Team Shunya of IIT, Bombay to develop products of World's most sustainable Construction using sustainable Materials.

His other areas of interest include Graphic designing, Photography and participating in Half-marathon, Triathlon and Cycling.

### ***Mrs. Sujani V. Indukuri***

Mrs. Venkata Sujani Indukuri is Non-Executive Woman Director on Board and is an active Director with Ecoboard Industries Limited and has significant years of experience in the business of handling the Human Resources, Corporate Relations and Administration. Armed with a PGDBM in Human Resources & Operations, a B.Tech in Electronics & Communication Engineering she has brought in procedural changes into the green manufacturing industry. Her experience is in the IT and Manufacturing sector. She started her career in the IT industry as HR executive in Zensar Technologies, RPG group and went on to handle the entire Merger and Acquisition process when they initially started their operations in Hyderabad in the year 2006. After spending a few years in the IT industry, she moved to the Manufacturing industry as Director and has carved a niche for herself.

Her quick wit and creativity makes learning fun. Her career spans over 14 years beginning from summer jobs during her final year at college. All contributed to her personal and professional growth and development.

### ***Mr. Uttamrao S. Kadam (Independent Director)***

Mr. Uttamrao S. Kadam is a Chartered Accountant of 1978 batch, has been in practice for more than 36 years specializing in the field of audit, taxation and management consultancy services including corporate finance, re-structuring, acquisition and merger of companies. He also has rich experience in audits of bank branches, stock audits, besides audit of public sector undertakings and companies. He has rich experience and knowledge in handling matters pertaining to Stock Exchange, Reserve Bank of India, Company Law Board, The Securities and Exchange Board of India, Income Tax and various State Government Departments. He has been a technical Director of Pravara Sahakari Bank for a period of two terms as Shareholders Director.

He has been a Member of Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India's Ahmednagar Branch.

He has traveled extensively in different parts of the world like European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, the Middle-east countries for various professional assignments and is conversant with the business/commercial atmosphere in respective areas.

### ***Mr. Siva Shankar Kalive (Independent Director)***

Commander Siva Shankar Kalive holds Masters Degrees in Engineering and Business Administration and is also a certified Auditor in ISO 27001 standards from BSI, and also a Diploma in German.

Has extensive and diverse techno functional management and leadership experience. The experience spans across Enterprise Wide Information Modelling and Security Assessment (including a certification in ISMS), B School Management (as Dean, Project Mentor & Faculty), Skills Development (including NSDC programs), Contracting, Legal advisory (including Court matters & Arbitration), Infrastructure (IT & Premises) and Asset Management, HR, and PMO Operations.

Over three decades of cross industry experience spans across the Indian Navy, Defence Research & Development Organization, Manufacturing, Academia and IT & ITES sectors.

Professional Interests include Information Security Management & Consultancy, Large Project Management, Process Excellence and Education. Last position was Chief Corporate Development Officer in Global Talent Track.

### ***Mr. P. V. V. Rama Raju (Independent Director)***

P V V Rama Raju holds Bachelor's degree in commerce, and later on did L.L.B, L.L.M, CA-IIB, PG-Taxation, IRDA, AMFI, and NCFM. Currently he is associated with Ecoboard Industries Ltd as Independent Director.

Mr. Rama Raju is a Member of Board of Supervisors of Maiwand Bank since Feb 2016, is a designer product of him with self-motivation, filled with enthusiasm to accept and excel in any challenging assignments. Prior to this, he was with the UNDP-MBAW project as a Public Finance Management Advisor at, Ministry of Finance, Kabul Afghanistan from 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014. He was the founder President & CEO of Maiwand Bank from June 2008 to July 2012, who had associated with the Founder Chairman of the bank Dr. Fraidoon Noorzad since preliminary stage, involved in every aspect and instrumental in establishing the bank. He was on a diversified assignment from 2007 to 2008 with the Ministry of Finance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan as a revenue advisor for a specific Revenue enhancement project, at the Ministry of Transport & Civil Aviation and responsible for the revenue enhancement for civil aviation. He came to Afghanistan and was associated with Aziz Bank as CFO –cum- Training Manager from 2006 to 2007. Mr. Rama Raju, a well-qualified and experienced commercial banker, was associating with PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, one of the oldest, largest and biggest Nationalized Banks in INDIA for a period of 20 years from 1986 to 2006 at all field levels and functional levels of the bank. Prior to joining Punjab National Bank, Mr. Rama Raju was associated with various corporate companies in Hyderabad, India as a Commercial Officer from 1982 to 1986.

### **Board Procedure**

The Board Meetings of the Company are governed by a structured agenda. The Board Meetings are generally held through video conferencing (VC) or other audiovisual means (OAVM) at the Registered and Corporate office of the Company at Pune. The Company Secretary in consultation with the Chairman, and the Managing Director & Chief Financial Officer finalizes the agenda of the Board meetings. All major agenda items, backed up by relevant and comprehensive background information, are sent well in advance of the date of the Board meeting(s) to enable the Board members to make informed decisions.

Any Board Member may, in consultation with the Chairman, bring up any matter at the meeting for consideration by the Board. Senior management personnel are invited from time to time to the Board meetings to make requisite presentations on relevant issues or provide necessary insights into the operations / working of the Company and corporate strategies.

The Board periodically reviews Compliance Reports in respect of various laws and regulations applicable to the Company.

## 7. BOARD COMMITTEES

Particulars of Meetings of Board Committees held during the year along with details of Director's attendance at such Committee Meeting(s) are detailed herein:

Particulars	Audit Committee	Nomination & Remuneration Committee	Independent Director Committee	*Stakeholders Relationship Committee
<b>No of Meetings held</b>	4	4	1	4
<b>Directors attendance</b>				
Mr. Uttam Sampatrao Kadam	4	4	1	4
Mr. Siva Shankar Kalive	2	2	1	2
Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala.	4	NA	NA	4
Mr.Veeravenkata Rama Raju Penmetsa	4	4	1	NA

Note: NA denotes that the director is not a Member of such Committee.

## 8. DETAILS OF BOARD COMMITTEES ARE AS MENTIONED HEREIN:

### a. **Audit Committee**

#### **Constitution**

As at **March 31, 2024**, the Audit Committee of the Board comprised of Four (4) Directors including Mr. Siva Shankar Kalive, Independent Director as Chairperson, Mr. Uttam Sampatrao Kadam, Independent Director, Mr. Veeravenkata Rama Raju Penmetsa, Independent Director and Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala, Managing Director as its Members.

During the year under review, **Four (4)** meetings of the Audit Committee were held on:-

- |                                   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1) 29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023     | 2) 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2023    |
| 3) 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023 | 4) 10 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024 |

#### **Terms of reference**

The Terms of reference and role of the Audit Committee are as per guidelines set out in Regulation 18 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations 2015 and Section 177 of Companies Act, 2013. The Committee meets periodically and inter alia reviews:

Accounting and financial reporting process of the Company; Audited and Unaudited financial results; Internal Audit reports, risk management policies and reports on internal control system; Discusses the larger issues that are of vital concern to the Company including management information, adequacy of provisions for liabilities and whether the audit tests are appropriate and scientifically carried out in accordance with Company's current business and size of operations; Transactions proposed to be entered into by the Company with related parties and approves such transactions including any subsequent modifications thereto; Functioning of Vigil Mechanism Policy; and Recommends proposals for appointment and remuneration payable to the Statutory Auditor, Internal Auditors and Chief Financial Officer.



The Audit Committee also reviews adequacy of disclosures and compliance with all relevant laws. In addition to these and in compliance with requirements of Listing Regulations, the Audit Committee acts as a link between the statutory and internal auditors and the Board of Directors. It addresses itself to matters pertaining to adequacy of internal controls, reliability of financial statements/others management information.

## **b. Nomination and Remuneration Committee**

### ***Constitution***

In compliance with requirements of Regulation 19 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations 2015 and Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013, during financial year **2023-24**, 'Nomination and Remuneration Committee' which comprises of Mr. Siva Shankar Kalive, Independent Director as Chairperson, Mr. Uttam Sampatrao Kadam, Independent Director and Mr. Veeravenkata Rama Raju Penmetsa, Independent Director as its Members.

During the year under review the Committee met 4 times 14th August 2023, 8th November 2023, 8th December , 2023 and 10th February 2024.

### ***Terms of reference***

The terms of reference of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee include:

Formulation of guidelines for evaluation of candidature of individuals for nominating and/ or appointing as a Director on the Board including but not limited to recommendation on the optimum size of the Board, age / gender / functional profile, qualification /experience, retirement age, number of terms one individual can serve as Director, suggested focus areas of involvement in the Company, process of determination for evaluation of skill sets, etc.

Formulation of the process for evaluation of functioning of the Board – individually and collectively and making recommendation as to the Board remuneration including the salary and/or commission payable to the Directors;

Recommend nominations / appointments to the Board, including Executive Directors /Independent Directors/CEO/CFO/CS and suggest the terms of such appointments;

Recommend all elements of remuneration package of Whole-time Directors including Increment / incentives payable to them within the limits approved by the Board /Members;

### **Performance evaluation criteria for Independent Directors**

The performance of Independent Directors has been done on the basis of following criteria by the Board members excluding Independent Directors are as follows:-

- No. of Board meetings attended
- Member of which committee
- No. of committee meetings attended
- Attendance in 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General meeting
- Attendance in the meeting of Independent Directors, conducted in the **F.Y. 2023-24**
- Attended the Familiarization Programmes organized by the company
- Complied with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013; SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 and any other laws governing them.

## Remuneration of Directors

The guiding principle of the remuneration policy of the Company is that the remuneration and other terms of engagement / employment shall be competitive enough to ensure that the Company is in a position to attract, retain and motivate right kind of human resource(s) for achieving the desired growth set by the Company's management year on year thereby creating long-term value for all stakeholders of the Company. An extract of the Remuneration Policy approved by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee of the Board has been included as a part of this Annual report.

### **Remuneration payable to Executive Directors**

Your Board currently comprises 2 Executive Directors viz. Mr. Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala, Managing Director & CEO and Mr. Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala, Whole Time Director & CFO of the Company.

**The details of the remuneration paid to Executive Directors of the Company during the year ended March 31, 2024 is as under:**

(Amount in Rs.)

Particulars	Mr. G. R. K. Raju	Mr. G. P. K. Raju
<b>Salary &amp; Allowances</b>	<b>55,20,000/-</b>	<b>28,14,177/-</b>
<b>Perquisites</b>	-	-
Provident Fund Contribution(A)	Nil	21,600/-
Professional Tax(B)	Nil	2,500/-
TDS (C)	13,19,500/-	6,00,000/-
<b>(A)+(B)+ (C)</b>	<b>(13,19,500/-)</b>	<b>(6,24,100/-)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,00,500/-</b>	<b>21,90,077/-</b>

### **Remuneration payable to Non-Executive Directors**

During financial year 2023-24, Non-Executive Directors were paid sitting fee at the rate of Rs. 10,000/- for attending each meeting(s) of the Board and Committees thereof, other than Stakeholders Relationship Committee and Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

The Non-Executive Independent Directors of the Company do not have any other material pecuniary relationships or transactions with the Company or its directors, senior management, subsidiary or associate, other than in normal course of business. An independent director of the company has not been a partner or executive director of the auditors/lawyers/consultants of the company in preceding three years. Earlier they were not permitted to receive stock options (i.e., **should not hold 2% or more of shares of the company**) under the Companies Act as well as LODR regulations. It is felt that a stock option will put the ID to a position of a shareholder, and there may, therefore, be an alignment of the interest of the IDs with those of the shareholders. This is presumed to threaten the independence of IDs. However, SEBI, vide its Consultation Paper on Review of Regulatory Provisions related to Independent Directors dated 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 (Consultation Paper, has proposed a radical change to the conventional remuneration structure of IDs in India by allowing stock options to be granted to IDs. Thus, consequent upon this change, our Independent Directors of the company hold shares of the company within limits as prescribed.

### c. Stakeholders Relationship Committee

#### **Constitution**

In compliance with Regulation 20 of SEBI (LODR) Regulation 2015 and Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013, during financial year **2023-24**, the 'Stakeholders Relationship Committee', which currently comprise of Mr. Siva Sankar Kalive, Independent Director as Chairperson, Mr. G. R. K. Raju, Managing Director as member and Mr. U.S. Kadam, Independent Director as Member.

Name & Designation of Compliance Officer: Mr. Siddheshwar Kadane, Company Secretary

#### **Details of number of requests received from investors and resolved as on the year ended March 31, 2024, are as under:**

S. No.	Nature of Correspondence	Received	Resolved	Pending
	Request			
1	Change of Address	23	23	0
2	Change of status/category	0	0	0
3	Registration of Nomination	24	24	0
4	Registration of NECS/ECS Details	24	24	0
5	Revalidation of warrants/issue of fresh drafts	0	0	0
6	Correction of Name/Address	2	2	0
7	Stop Transfer/Procedure for Duplicate Share Certificate	13	13	0
8	Issue of Duplicate Share Certificate	8	8	0
9	Exchange of Share Certificates	0	0	0
10	Procedure for Transmission/ Deletion / Transposition	6	6	0
11	KYC Updation as per SEBI circular	28	28	0
12	KYC Registration of PAN/Email/ID/Phone	25	25	25
13	KYC Nov 3 2021 Auto/Dematerialization of Shares	4	4	0
14	Stop Transfer and procedure for name deletion	0	0	0
15	Confirmation of Details/ Others	0	0	0
	<b>Total Request/ Complaints</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>0</b>

No Complaint received during the year from SEBI SCORES portal .

During the year under review, **4 (Four)** meetings of the Stakeholders Relationship Committee were held on:-

- |                                   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1) 29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023     | 2) 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2023    |
| 3) 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023 | 4) 10 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024 |

#### **Terms of reference**

Terms of reference of the Stakeholders Relationship Committee is to supervise and ensure efficient transfer of equity and preference shares of the Company and proper and timely attendance of investors' grievances. Ms. Shilpa Soni was the Compliance Officer w.e.f. 03.12.2020 till 20.10.2023. After her resignation, Mr. Siddheshwar Sunil Kadane is the the Compliance Officer w.e.f. 08.12.2023 till date.

The terms of reference of the above Committee are as follows:

a. To consider and approve transfer / transmission of shares, consolidation / split of share certificates and issuance of duplicate share certificates; etc.

b. Redressal of shareholders'/investors' complaints relating to transfer, transmission, transposition, splitting, consolidation, dematerialization of shares, non-receipt of annual reports etc. As on **31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**, there were no pending requests for transfer of shares as per company's records.

**d. Independent Directors Meeting**

**Constitution**

In compliance with Regulation 25 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations 2015 the Independent Directors of the Company met once on **04.03.2024** during the financial year 2023-24.

**Terms of reference**

The purpose of the above meeting is as follows:

- a. To review the performance of non-independent directors and the Board as a whole,
- b. to review the performance of the Chairman of the company, taking into account the views of executive directors and non-executive directors; and
- c. to assess the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between the company management and the Board.

**9. GENERAL MEETINGS**

The Extraordinary General Meeting of the company was held on 09.12.2023 to approve the sale of the part of excess land admeasuring about 20 acres (Non-core asset) of the company situated within the premises of the Company's land situated at Velapur.

The 33rd Annual General Meeting of the Company for the Financial Year 2023-24 will be held on **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 at 11.00 a.m.** through Video Conferencing/OAVM.

The location, date and time of the Annual General Meetings held during last 3 years along with Special Resolution(s) passed at these meetings are:

**Particulars of AGM/EGM for the last three years:-**

AGM/EGM	Date	Time	Venue	Number of special resolutions passed.
30 <sup>th</sup>	03/09/2021	11:00 A.M.	Video Conferencing/OAVM	5
31 <sup>st</sup>	02/09/2022	11:00 A.M.	Video Conferencing/OAVM	1
32nd	11/09/2023	11:00 A.M.	Video Conferencing/OAVM	2
EGM	09/12/2023	11:00 A.M.	Video Conferencing/OAVM	1

All the above resolutions were passed with requisite majority.

No Special resolution was passed through the Postal Ballot during the Financial Year **2023-24**.

None of the resolutions proposed at the ensuing Annual General Meeting need to be passed by Postal Ballot.

## 10. DISCLOSURES

The Vigil Mechanism Policy approved by the Board has been implemented and no personnel have been denied access for making disclosure or report under the Policy to the Vigilance Officer and/or Audit Committee.

There are no materially significant related party transactions between the Company and its promoters, directors or key management personnel or their relatives, having any potential conflict with interests of the Company at large. There has not been any non-compliance by the Company and no penalties or strictures imposed by SEBI or Stock Exchanges or any other statutory authority on any matter relating to capital markets, during the last three years.

### **Means of Communication**

The Board of Directors of the Company approves and takes on record the quarterly unaudited financial results and announces the said results to the BSE - Bombay Stock Exchange where the shares of the Company are listed. These quarterly unaudited results were also published in Business Standard for the first 3 quarters and Financial Express for the quarter ended 31.03.2024 - (English edition) in Mumbai and in Saamana for the first 3 quarters and Loksatta for the quarter ended 31.03.2024) (Marathi edition) in Pune newspaper in the prescribed format as required by Regulation 47 of SEBI (LODR) Regulation 2015.

Under Regulation 47(1) (a) the listed company has to publish in newspapers a notice as regards the holding of a meeting of the Board for consideration of the financial results. This requirement is being dispensed with vide SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2021 notification dated 05.05.2021 i.e., For Listed entity, Publishing of Newspaper advertisement is not required for the Board Meeting where the Financial Results shall be discussed. Management discussion and analysis reports are not required to be published in the annual report. The Company followed all statutory norms for dissemination of information in a given period.

## 11. SHAREHOLDER GENERAL INFORMATION:

### **a. Forthcoming Annual General Meeting:**

**Date & Time: Wednesday, 31st July, 2024 at 11.00 a.m.**

Venue: Video Conferencing/ OAVM.

### **b. Dates of Book Closure:** from Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 to Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 (both days inclusive)

### **c. Calendar of financial year ended March 31, 2023:**

The Company follows April-March as the financial year. The Financial year covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The meetings of the Board of Directors for approval of quarterly and annual financial results for the financial year ended March 31, 2024 were held on the following dates:.

Financial Reporting for:

Quarter ending 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2023	14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023
Half Year ending 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023	8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023
Quarter ending 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2023	10 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024
Year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2024	25 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024
Annual General Meeting for the year ending March 31, 2024	31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2024

### **d. Face Value of the equity Share:** Rs. 10 per share.

### **e. Dividend Payment Details:** N.A.



**f. Dividend Payment Date:** N.A.

**g. Listing on Stock Exchange & Stock Code:**

Stock Exchange	Stock Code
BSE Limited Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street, Mumbai – 400 001	523732

Your Company's Equity Shares are listed on BSE Ltd. and the provisions of the Listing Obligation and Disclosures Requirement, Regulations, 2015 have been complied with. The ISIN Number of companies on both NSDL & CDSL is INE 866A01016.

**h. Share Transfer System**

The applications for transfer of shares and other requests from shareholders holding shares in physical form were processed by our RTA i.e., **"M/s. Alankit Assignments Limited, New Delhi"**. Share Transfers are registered and returned in the normal course within an average period of 15 days from the date of receipt if the documents are clear in all respects. Requests for dematerialization of shares are processed and confirmation is given to the respective depositories i.e. **National Securities Depository Ltd. (NSDL)** and **Central Depository Services (India) Ltd. (CDSL)** within 15 days. Connectivity with NSDL & CDSL will be maintained through **M/s. Alankit Assignments Limited, New Delhi**. The Board has delegated the power to approve transfers to the Share Transfer, Finance and Investors Grievance Committee.

**i. Registrar and Share Transfer Agents:**

**M/s. Alankit Assignments Limited**

205-208, Anarkali Complex,  
Jhandewalan Extension, New Delhi – 110 055, India  
Tel +91-11-4254 1234/ 2354 1234  
E-mail: [rta@alankit.com](mailto:rta@alankit.com)

**j. Address for the Correspondence**

Registered office & Corporate Office of the Company:  
65/1A" Ecohouse" Akarshak Building Opp. Nal Stop,  
Off Karve Road, Pune- 411004  
Tel: 020-40111927  
E-mail: [info@ecoboard.in](mailto:info@ecoboard.in) and [cs.ecoboard@gmail.com](mailto:cs.ecoboard@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.ecoboard.in](http://www.ecoboard.in)  
Compliance Officer – Mr. Siddheshwar Kadane

**k. EcoEnergy Division (Bio System):**

65/1A, ECOHOUSE  
"Akarshak Building" Opp Nal Stop  
Off Karve Road, Pune- 411004

**l. Ecobuild division (Factory):**

Village Velapur, Taluka Malshiras,  
Dist-Solapur, Maharashtra

### m. Shareholding Pattern as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Shareholders	Number of shares held	% Shareholding
Clearing Member	22700	0
Other Bodies Corporate	756795	4
Foreign Inst. Investor	0	-
Foreign Inst. Banks	0	-
Hindu Undivided Family	303899	2
Non Resident Indians	54139	0.30
Non Resident (Non Repatriable)	62775	0.70
Overseas Corporate Bodies	0	0
Persons Acting In Concert	0	-
Public	6504295	36
Promoters	10125897	57
Trusts	1500	00
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>17832000</b>	<b>100</b>

### n. Dematerialization of Shares

The Company has signed agreements with both National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) and with Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) by virtue of which, in NSDL: 36,47,725 Equity Shares and in CDSL 1,25,03,274 Equity shares of the Company forming 90.75% of total share capital of the Company, have been dematerialized by on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
FOR ECOBOARD INDUSTRIES LIMITED**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ramakrishna Raju Guttumukkala  
Managing Director & CEO (Chairman)  
DIN: 01516984

Place: Pune  
Date: 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2024





**“Annexure G”****COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

*[Under Regulation 34(3) and Schedule V (E) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015]*

To,  
The Members of  
**Ecoboard Industries Limited**

We have examined the compliance of conditions of Corporate Governance by Ecoboard Industries Limited (The Company), for the year ended **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024**, as stipulated in Regulation 34 (3) read with Schedule V of the Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The compliance of conditions of corporate governance is the responsibility of the management. Our examination was limited to a review of procedures and implementation thereof, adopted by the company for ensuring the compliance of the conditions of the Corporate Governance. It is neither an audit nor an expression of opinion on the financial statements of the company.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us and the representations made by the Directors and Management, we certify that the company has complied with most of the conditions of corporate governance as stipulated in the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. We further state that such compliance 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 S D Kolhe and Company.**

CS Satish D Kolhe

Proprietor

ACS: 61229 CP: 23879

UDIN: A061229F000618885

Peer Review No: 5571/2024

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024



## 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  
**Ecoboard Industries Limited,**  
65/1a, Ecohouse, Akrshak Building,  
Opp. Nalstop, Karve Road, Pune MH 411004 In

I have examined the relevant registers, records, forms, returns and disclosures received from the Directors of **Ecoboard Industries Limited** having CIN L24239MH1991PLC064087 and having registered office at “65/1a, Ecohouse, Akrshak Building Opp. Nalstop, Karve road, Pune MH 411004 In” (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Company’), produced before me 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.

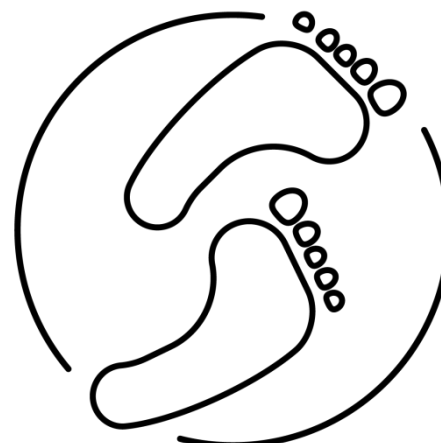
In my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the verifications (including Directors Identification Number (DIN) status at the portal www.mca.gov.in) as considered necessary and explanations furnished to me by the Company & its officers, I hereby certify that none of the Directors on the Board of the Company as stated below for the Financial Year ending on **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024** have been debarred or disqualified from being appointed or continuing as Directors of companies by the Securities and Exchange Board of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, or any such other Statutory Authority.

DIN/PAN	Name of Directors	Begin date	End date
01516984	Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala	27/06/2003	-
01517289	Uttam Kadam Sampatrao	20/07/1992	-
01868347	Venkata Sujani Indukuri	27/03/2015	-
05180152	Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala	12/11/2011	-
07354617	Siva Sankar Kalive	14/11/2015	-
07464714	Veera Venkata Rama Raju Penmetsa	14/11/2015	-

Ensuring the eligibility 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 is 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.

### For S D Kolhe and Company

**Satish D Kolhe**  
Practicing Company Secretary  
ICSI Membership No: A61229  
CP No: 23879  
UDIN: A061229F000405540  
Peer Review No: 5571/2024  
Date: May 20, 2024  
Place: Pune





**COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE**

**To,**  
 The Board of Directors,  
 Ecoboard Industries Limited  
 65/1A, 'Akarshak Building', opp. Nal stop,  
 Karve Road, Pune – 411 004

**Subject: Compliance certificate in pursuance to Regulation 17(8) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015.**

Respected Board members,

I have reviewed the financial statements and the cash flow statement for the financial year ended on **31<sup>st</sup> March 2024** and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, I hereby certify in pursuance to Regulation 17(8) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that –

- (1) These statements do not contain any materially untrue statement or omit any material fact or contain statements that might be misleading.
- (2) These statements together present a true and fair view of the affairs of the company and are in compliance with existing accounting standards, applicable laws and regulations.
- (3) The company has not entered into any transactions during the year which are fraudulent, illegal or violative of the company’s code of conduct.
- (4) I accept my responsibility for establishing and maintaining internal controls for financial reporting.
- (5) I have indicated significant changes in internal control over financial reporting during the year.

**For the Ecoboard Industries Limited**

**Sd/-**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala  
 Chief Financial Officer

**DECLARATION – COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

In accordance with the schedule V of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation 2015, I G.R.K. Raju, Managing Director of the Company, hereby declares that the Board Members and Senior Management Personnel have affirmed compliance with the Code of Conduct for the year ended **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024**.

**For and On Behalf of Board of Directors**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala  
 Managing Director & CEO (Chairman)  
 DIN: 01516984  
 Place: Pune  
 Date: 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2024



**“Annexure H”**

**Chaturvedi SK & Fellows LLP**

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

**402, DEV PLAZA, SWAMI VIVEKANAND ROAD, ANDHERI WEST, MUMBAI 400 058 INDIA**

**Phones: (+9122) 66943452-53. E-mail: cskfelos@cskfelos.in**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT**

**Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **ECOBORAD INDUSTRIES LIMITED (the “Company”)**, which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2024, and the Statement of Profit and Loss (including Other Comprehensive Income), the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended on that date and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information (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, the aforesaid financial statements give the information required by the Companies Act, 2013 (the “Act”) in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the Indian Accounting Standards prescribed under section 133 of the Act read with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended, (“Ind AS”) and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Company as at March 31, 2024, and its losses, total comprehensive income, the changes in equity and its cash flows for the year ended on that date.

**Emphasis Matter**

**Without qualifying our report, we draw attention to**

(i) Note No. 35(b)(i) of the standalone Ind AS financial statements, regarding the various appeals filed by the Company against demand of excise-duty on its lamination papers for the years 2008-09 to 2017-18, the Custom, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) had allowed partial relief to the Company but confirmed demands aggregating Rs. 1114.64 lakhs (subject to Input Tax Credit) excluding interest and penalties. Company's application for rectification of apparent mistake in the said Appellate Order has been dismissed by the CESTAT. Company on the basis of legal advice, filed appeal before the Supreme Court of India.

(ii) Note No. 35(b)(ii) of the standalone Ind AS financial statements, regarding the Income-tax, Assessing Officer has passed assessment orders for the AY 2017-18 and AY 2018-19 and has raised income-tax demands of Rs 510.44 lakh against the Company. Company has filed appeals before the Income-tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) against the said demands.

No provision is made in the books for above liabilities pending outcome of appeal proceedings.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit of the financial statements in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (“SA’s”) specified under section 143(10) of the Act. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (“ICAI”) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements under the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ICAI’s Code of Ethics.

We believe that the audit evidence obtained by us is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the financial statements.

## 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. We have determined the matter described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

Key Audit Matter	Auditor's Response
<p><b>Trade Receivable</b> Trade receivables, net of impairment allowance, amount to Rs. 1089.43 lakh as on 31st March 2024. Impairment provision carried in the books as on 31st March 2024 is Rs. 200.20 lakh. Management judgment is involved in identifying impairment in the value of the receivables as well as in formulating a policy for creating provision against impairment which has adverse effect on the profits of the company.</p>	<p><b>Our audit procedures included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have performed the following process in relation to management's judgment in identification of impairment of value of receivables and adequacy of impairment provision.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) We have referred to the defined policy stipulating the methodology of making impairment provision in respect of overdue receivable amounts. We have also reviewed age wise analysis in respect of receivables and ensured that the provisioning is made according to such policy.</li> <li>(ii) We have sought information and explanations from management regarding the status of receivables for the purpose of ensuring adequate impairment provision.</li> <li>(iii) We have also tested subsequent collection made from the overdue receivables</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Management Discussion and Analysis and Board's Report including Annexures to Board's Report (the "reports"), but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The reports are expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the 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 financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the course of our audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the reports, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance as required under SA 720 'The Auditor's responsibilities Relating to Other Information'.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

performance, including other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows of the Company in accordance with the Ind AS and other accounting principles generally accepted in India. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding 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 financial statement that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the 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 Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

### **Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's 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 financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 financial control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under section 143(3)(i) of the Act, we are also responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the Company 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 the 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 auditor's report to the related disclosures in the 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 auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- 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 financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's 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.

## Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

### 1. As required by Section 143(3) of the Act, based on our audit, we report that:

a) We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.

b) 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.

c) The Balance Sheet, the Statement of Profit and Loss including Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account.

d) In our opinion, the aforesaid financial statements comply with the Ind AS specified under Section 133 of the Act.

e) On the basis of the written representations received from the directors as on March 31, 2024 taken on record by the Board of Directors, none of the directors is disqualified as on March 31, 2024 from being appointed as a director in terms of Section 164(2) of the Act.

f) With respect to the adequacy of the internal financial controls over financial reporting of the Company and the operating effectiveness of such controls, refer to our separate Report in "Annexure A". Our report expresses an unmodified opinion on the adequacy and operating effectiveness of the Company's internal financial controls over financial reporting.

g) With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditor's 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 directors during the year ended 31st March, 2024 is in accordance with the provisions of section 197 read with the schedule V to the Act.

h) With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditor's Report in accordance with Rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, as amended in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:

i. The Company has disclosed the impact of pending litigations on its financial position in its financial statements- Refer Note 36(a)(b) to the financial statements;

ii. The Company did not have any long-term contracts including derivative contracts, as at the year-end for which there were any material foreseeable losses.

iii. Currently there are no amounts held by the company that are required to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund hence we do not comment on the same.



iv. (a) The Management has represented that, to the best of its knowledge and belief no funds (which are material either individually or in the aggregate) have been advanced or loaned or invested (either from borrowed funds or share premium or any other sources or kind of funds) by the Company to or in any other person or entity, including foreign entities (“Intermediaries”), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Intermediary shall, whether, directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Company (“Ultimate Beneficiaries”) or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries;

(b) The Management has represented, that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds (which are material either individually or in the aggregate) have been received by the Company from any person or entity, including foreign entities (“Funding Parties”), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Company shall, whether, directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party (“Ultimate Beneficiaries”) or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries;

(b) Based on audit procedures that have been considered reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances, nothing has come to our notice that has caused us to believe that the representations under sub-clause (i) and (ii) of Rule 11(e), as provided under (a) and (b) above, contain any material misstatement.

v . The Company has not declared or paid dividend during the year.

vi. Based on our examination which includes test checks, the Company has not used an accounting software which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility up to 27/02/2024.

The company has used an accounting software for maintaining its books of accounts which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility w.e.f. 28/02/2024. The same has operated thereafter for all relevant transactions recorded in the software. Further, during the course of audit we did not come across any instances audit trail feature being tempered with.

2. As required by the Companies (Auditor’s Report) Order, 2020 (the “Order”) issued by the Central Government in terms of Section 143(11) of the Act, we give in “Annexure B” a statement on the matters specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Order.

**For CHATURVEDI SK & FELLOWS LLP**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**(Firm’s Registration No. 112627W/100843W)**

**Subhash Salvi**

**Place: - Mumbai Partner**

**Date: - May 25, 2024 (Membership No. 127661)**

**UDIN: - 24127661BKFBZJ7747**

## **ANNEXURE “A” TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT**

**(Referred to in paragraph 1(f) under ‘Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements’ section of even date)**

### **Report on the Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting under Clause (i) of Sub-section 3 of Section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013 (“the Act”)**

We have audited the internal financial controls over financial reporting of **ECOBORAD INDUSTRIES LIMITED (the “Company”)** as at March 31, 2024 in conjunction with our audit of the financial statements of the Company for the year ended on that date.

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

The Management 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 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 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 Act.

#### **Auditor’s Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal financial controls over financial reporting of the Company based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting (the “Guidance Note”) issued by ICAI and the Standards on Auditing prescribed under Section 143(10) of the Act, 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 over financial reporting 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 over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal financial controls over financial reporting, 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 auditor’s 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 over financial reporting.

#### **Meaning of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting**

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 the 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 Over Financial Reporting**

Because of the inherent limitations of internal financial controls over financial reporting, 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 over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal financial control over financial reporting may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the Company has, in all material respects, an adequate internal financial controls system over financial reporting and such internal financial controls over financial reporting were operating effectively as at March 31, 2024, based on the criteria for internal financial control over financial reporting established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note.

**For CHATURVEDI SK & FELLOWS LLP**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**(Firm's Registration No. 112627W/100843W)**

**Place: - Mumbai Partner**  
**Date: - May 25, 2024 (Membership No. 127661)**

**Subhash Salvi**  
**UDIN: - 24127661BKFBZJ7747**

**ANNEXURE “B” TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT**

**(Referred to in paragraph 2 under ‘Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements’ section of our report to the Members of Ecoboard Industries Limited of even date)**

To the best of our information and according to explanation provided to us by the Company and the books of accounts and records examined by us in the normal course of audit, we state that:

i. In respect of the Company’s Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets:

(a) (A) The Company has maintained proper records showing full particulars, including quantitative details and situation of Property, Plant and Equipment.

(B) The Company does not hold any intangible assets, hence records showing relevant details of intangible assets are not maintained.

(b) The Company has a program of verification of Property, Plant and Equipment and right-to-use assets so to cover all the assets once every two year which, in our opinion, is reasonable having regard to the size of the Company and the nature of its assets. Pursuant to the program, certain Property, Plant and Equipment were due for verification during the year and were physically verified by the Management during the year. According to the information and explanations given to us, no material discrepancies were noticed on such verification.

(c) With respect to immovable properties disclosed in the financial statements including in property, plant and equipment, capital work in progress and non-current assets held for sale, according to the information and explanations given to us and based on the examination of the registered sale deed/title deed provided to us, we report that, the title deed of such immovable properties are held in the name of the Company as at the balance sheet date, except for the following: -

Description of the property	As at the balance sheet date (Rs. In Lakhs)		Held in the name of	Whether promoter , director or their relatives or employee	Period held since	Reason for not being in the name of Company
	Gross Carryin g Value	Carrying value in financial statements				
Office premises bearing No. 307, Third floor, Aarohi Complex, Near Vijay Char rasta, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380009	7.03	3.59	As per property tax record, property is held in the joint names of (1) Aarohi Hotels Pvt Ltd, and (2) Ecoboard Industries Ltd.	No	Since 1997-98	Dispute with Aarohi Hotels Pvt. Ltd. repayment of share application money of Rs. 1.70 lakh.

(d) The Company has not revalued its property, Plant and Equipment during the current year.

(e) No proceedings have been initiated during the year or are pending against the Company as at March 31, 2024 for holding any benami property under the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988 (as amended in 2016) and rules made thereunder.

ii. (a) The inventories were physically verified during the year by the Management at reasonable intervals. In our opinion and according to the information and explanations given to us, the coverage of such verification by the Management is appropriate having regard to the size of the Company and the nature of its operations. No discrepancies of 10% and more in the aggregate for each class of inventories were noticed on such physical verification of inventories when compared to books of accounts.

(b) The Company has been sanctioned working capital limits in excess of five crore rupees, in aggregate from banks or financial institutions on the basis of security of current assets. Company is filing quarterly returns and statements with the banks. The Returns for first three quarters are tallied with respect to value of inventory, Receivables, Bank borrowing for Working capital and Sundry creditors and other current liabilities. Company is yet to file the return for the fourth quarter.

iii. The Company has not made any investment in, provided any guarantee or security or granted any loans or advances in the nature of loans, secured or unsecured, to companies, firms, Limited Liability Partnerships or any other parties during the year. Hence, reporting under clause 3(iii) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the Order is not applicable.

iv. The Company has neither made any investment nor granted any loans or provided guarantees and securities. Hence, reporting under clause 3(iv) of the Order is not applicable.

v. The Company has not accepted any deposits or amounts which are deemed to be deposits. Hence, reporting under clause 3(v) of the Order is not applicable.

vi. The maintenance of cost records has not been specified by the Central Government under sub-section (1) of section 148 of the Companies Act, 2013 for the business activities carried out by the Company.

Hence, reporting under clause 3(vi) of the Order is not applicable.

vii. In respect of Statutory Dues:

- (a) In our opinion, the Company is not regular in depositing undisputed statutory dues, including Goods and Service Tax, Provident fund, income tax, sales tax, duty of customs, cess and other material statutory dues where applicable, to it with the appropriate authorities and in many cases, payments were made after due dates.

According to the information and explanation given to us and on the basis of examination of books of accounts, tax deducted at source Rs 20.35 lakh, ESIC payable Rs. 0.31 lakh, Provident fund payable Rs 9.24 lakh, Profession tax payable Rs 0.83 lakh, Sales tax/Value added tax and central sales tax payable Rs 35.04 lakh, Goods and service tax payable Rs 46.82 lakh were in arrears as on 31/03/2024 for more than six months from the date they became payable.

- (b) According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of examination of records of the Company, details of statutory dues which has not been deposited as on 31/03/2024 on account of any dispute and the forum where disputes are pending is given below: -

Name of the statute	Nature of the dues	Amount (Rs in lakh)	Period to which the amount relates	Forum where dispute is pending
Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise duty	237.00	Oct 2009-March 2010	Supreme Court of India
Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise duty	13.14	Sept 2005 to March 2010	
Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise duty	162.17	April 2010 to Feb 2012	
Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise duty	40.41	March 2012 to Oct 2012	
Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise duty	105.11	Nov 2012 to March 2013	
Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise duty	25.33	April 2013 to Sept 2013	
Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise duty	23.57	Oct 2012 to March 2014	
Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise duty	23.18	April 2014 to March 2015	
Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise duty	12.96	April 2014 to Nov 2014	



Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise duty	10.22	Dec 2014 to March 2015	
Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise duty	38.76	April 2016 to June 2017	
Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise duty	343.94	2004-05 to 2009-10	
Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise duty	78.15	Aug 2008 to March 2010	
Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise duty	0.70	April 2010 to Sept 2010	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>1114.64</b>		
Income Tax Act, 1961	Income Tax	422.00	FY 2016-17	Income Tax Appellate Tribunal
Income Tax Act, 1961	Income Tax	88.44	FY 2017-18	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>510.44</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1625.08</b>		

No provision is made in the books for above liabilities pending outcome of appeal proceedings

viii. There were no transactions relating to previously unrecorded income that have been surrendered or disclosed as income during the year in the tax assessments under the Income Tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961).

- ix. (a) The Company has not defaulted in repayment of loans or other borrowings or in the payment of interest thereon to any lender.  
 (b) The Company has not been declared willful defaulter by any bank or financial institution or government or government authority.  
 (c) The Company has not taken any term loan during the year and there are no outstanding term loans at the beginning of the year and hence, reporting under clause 3(ix)(c) of the Order is not applicable.  
 (d) On an overall examination of the financial statements of the Company, funds raised on short-term basis have, prima facie, not been used during the year for long-term purposes by the Company.  
 (e) On an overall examination of the financial statements of the Company, the Company has not taken any funds from any entity or person on account of or to meet the obligations of its subsidiaries.  
 (f) The Company has not raised any loans during the year on the pledge of securities held in its subsidiaries, joint ventures or associate companies and hence, reporting under clause 3(ix)(f) of the Order is not applicable.
- x. (a) The Company has not raised moneys by way of initial public offer or further public offer (including debt instruments) during the year and hence, reporting under clause 3(x)(a) of the Order is not applicable.  
 (b) During the year, the Company has not made any preferential allotment or private placement of shares or convertible debentures (fully or partly or optionally) and hence, reporting under clause 3(x)(b) of the Order is not applicable.
- xi. (a) No fraud by the Company and no material fraud on the Company has been noticed or reported during the year.  
 (b) No report under sub-section (12) of section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013 has been filed in Form ADT-4 as prescribed under rule 13 of Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 with the Central Government, during the year and up to the date of this report.  
 (c) The Company has not received any whistle blower complaints during the year and hence, reporting under clause 3(xi)(c) of the Order is not applicable.
- xii. The Company is not a Nidhi Company and hence reporting under clause 3(xii) (a), (b) and (c) of the Order is not applicable.

xiii. In our opinion, the Company is in compliance with Section 177 and 188 of the Companies Act, 2013, with respect to applicable transactions with the related parties and the details of related party transactions have been disclosed in the financial statements as required by the applicable accounting standards.

xiv. (a) In our opinion the Company has an adequate internal audit system commensurate with the size and nature of its business.

(b) We have considered, the internal audit reports for the year under audit, issued to the Company during the year and till date, in determining the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures.

xv. In our opinion during the year the Company has not entered into any non-cash transactions with its Directors or persons connected with its directors, Hence, provisions of section 192 of the Companies Act, 2013 are not applicable to the Company.

xvi. (a) In our opinion, the Company is not required to be registered under Section 45-IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. Hence reporting under clause 3(xvi) (a), (b) and (c) of the Order is not applicable.

(b) In our opinion, there is no core investment company within the Group (as defined in the Core Investment Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016) and accordingly reporting under clause 3(xvi)(d) of the Order is not applicable.

xvii. The Company has incurred cash losses during the financial year covered by our audit and earned cash profit in the immediately preceding financial year.

xviii. There has been no resignation of the statutory auditors of the Company during the year.

xix. On the basis of the financial ratios, ageing and expected dates of realization of financial assets and payment of financial liabilities, other information accompanying the financial statements and our knowledge of Board of Directors and Management plans and based on our examination of the evidence supporting the assumptions, nothing has come to our attention, which cause us to believe that any material uncertainty exists as on the date of the audit report indicating that the Company is not capable of meeting its liabilities existing at the date of the balance sheet as and when they fall due within a

period of one year from the balance sheet date. We, however, state that this is not an assurance as to the future viability of the Company. We further state that our reporting is based on the facts up to the date of the audit report and we neither give any guarantee nor any assurance that all liabilities falling due within a period of one year from the balance sheet date, will get discharged by the Company as and when they fall due.

xx. The Company is not covered under provision of section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013, with respect to Corporate Social Responsibilities, hence reporting under clause 3(xx) (a) and (b) of the Order is not applicable.

xxi. The Company is not required to prepare consolidated financial statements, hence reporting under clause 3(xxi) of the Order is not applicable.

**For CHATURVEDI SK & FELLOWS LLP**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**(Firm's Registration No. 112627W/100843W)**

**Place: - Mumbai Partner**  
**Date: - May 25, 2024 (Membership No. 127661)**

**Subhash Salvi**  
**UDIN: - 24127661BKFBZJ7747**

**ECOBBOARD INDUSTRIES LIMITED**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024**

Rs. in Lakh

Particulars	Note No.	As at 31st March, 2024	As at 31st March, 2023
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>I NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
a. Property, Plant and Equipment's	1	1,864.62	2,663.11
b. Capital work in progress	2	0.00	324.80
		<b>1,864.62</b>	<b>2,987.91</b>
c. Financial Assets			
(i) Other financial assets	3	48.98	46.39
d. Other non-current assets	4	79.27	79.80
		128.25	126.19
		<b>1,992.87</b>	<b>3,114.10</b>
<b>I CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
a. Inventories	5	1,389.67	1,710.79
b. Financial Assets			
(i) Trade receivables	6	889.23	646.96
(ii) Cash and cash equivalent	7	12.39	74.91
(iii) Loans and advances	8	245.87	372.44
		1,147.49	1,094.31
c. Non-current Assets held for sale	9	1,084.92	300.84
		<b>3,622.08</b>	<b>3,105.94</b>
		<b>5,614.95</b>	<b>6,220.04</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>1 Equity:</b>			
a. Equity Share Capital	10	1,783.20	1,783.20
b. Other Equity	11	(464.33)	260.57
		<b>1,318.87</b>	<b>2,043.77</b>
<b>2 Non-current Liabilities</b>			
a. Financial Liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	12	1,245.12	2,209.77
b. Provisions	13	73.78	64.01
c. Other non-current liabilities	14	0.60	0.60
		<b>1,319.50</b>	<b>2,274.38</b>
<b>3 Current Liabilities</b>			
a. Financial Liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	15	279.06	274.13
(ii) Trade payables	16	729.47	865.93
b. Other current liabilities	17	1,944.10	737.37
c. Provisions	18	23.95	24.46
		2,976.58	1,901.89
		<b>5,614.95</b>	<b>6,220.04</b>
Significant Accounting Policies			
Other Notes on Financial Statements	1 to 45		

As per our report of even date

**For CHATURVEDI SK & FELLOWS LLP**

Chartered Accountants

Sd/-

Subhash Salvi

Partner

(Firm Regn. No. 112627W/W100843; Partner's Membership No. 127661)

Place: Pune

Date: 25/05/2024

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Director

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**ECOBOARD INDUSTRIES LIMITED**  
**STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2024**

Rs. in Lakh

Particulars	Note No.	For the Year Ended 31st March, 2024	For the Year Ended 31st March, 2023
<b>INCOME:</b>			
Revenue from operations	19	2,975.59	3,859.85
Other income	20	16.09	172.47
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>2,991.68</b>	<b>4,032.32</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>			
Cost of materials consumed	21	1,656.53	1,868.99
Purchase of Stock-in-Trade		0.00	3.69
Changes in inventories of finished goods, work-in-progress	22	270.49	181.49
Employee benefits expenses	23	253.70	288.17
Finance costs	24	74.21	233.62
Depreciation	1	110.85	104.33
Other expenses	25	1,108.72	1,867.67
		<b>3,474.50</b>	<b>4,547.96</b>
<b>Profit / (Loss) before exceptional items and tax</b>		<b>(482.82)</b>	<b>(515.64)</b>
Add/(Less): Exceptional items (See Note 31)	26	(236.28)	201.32
<b>Profit / (Loss) before tax</b>		<b>(719.10)</b>	<b>(314.32)</b>
Less: Tax expenses			
Income tax-Current year		0.00	0.00
Income tax-Earlier year		7.42	0.00
Deferred tax		0.00	0.00
		7.42	0.00
<b>Profit / (Loss) for the period</b>		<b>(726.52)</b>	<b>(314.32)</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>			
Items that will not be reclassified into profit or loss-Remeasurement of defined benefit plans		1.62	8.56
Items that will not be reclassified into profit or loss-Revaluation surplus		0.00	634.04
<b>Other Comprehensive income for the year (net of tax)</b>		<b>1.62</b>	<b>642.60</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>(724.90)</b>	<b>328.28</b>
Earnings / (Loss) per Share (Rs.) - Basic	27		
From Continuing Operations:-			
-Basic		(4.07)	1.84
-Diluted		(4.07)	1.84
Significant Accounting Policies			
Other Notes on Financial Statements	1 to 45		

As per our report of even date

**For CHATURVEDI SK & FELLOWS LLP**  
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**ECOBOARD INDUSTRIES LIMITED**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH. 2024**



Particulars		Year ended 31st March, 2024		Year ended 31st March, 2023	
<b>A.</b>	<b>Cash flow from operating activities:</b>				
	<b>Net profit /(Loss) before tax</b>		(719.10)		(314.32)
	<b>Adjustments for non-cash expenses: -</b>				
	Depreciation	110.85		104.33	
	Bad debts w/off	0.00		0.73	
	Allowance for doubtful debts	106.39		(13.94)	
	Cost of abandoned project	236.28		0.00	
	Profit on sale of surplus land	0.00		(278.33)	
	Profit on sale of fixed assets	(0.01)		(0.21)	
	Loss on assets discarded	9.31		0.00	
	Irrecoverable advances written off	0.00		7.84	
	<b>Allowance for doubtful advances</b>	21.46	484.28	82.22	(97.36)
	<b>Adjustments for non-operating incomes: -</b>				
	Interest on compulsory acquisition of land	0.00		0.00	
	Compensation on compulsory acquisition of land	0.00	0.00	77.01	77.01
	<b>Adjustment for expenses considered separately: -</b>				
	Interest expenses	74.21	74.21	233.62	233.62
	<b>Operating profit before working capital changes</b>		(160.61)		(101.05)
	<b>Adjustment for changes in working capital: -</b>				
	Change in inventories	321.12		215.74	
	Change in debtors	(348.66)		110.48	
	Change in other receivables	107.11		(67.56)	
	Change in trade payables and other liabilities	103.27	182.84	109.75	368.41
	<b>Cash generated from operation</b>		<b>22.23</b>		<b>267.36</b>
	Direct taxes	(8.89)	(8.89)	(16.63)	(16.63)
	<b>Net cash from operating activities... A</b>		<b>13.34</b>		<b>250.73</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>				
	Receipt against sale of assets		0.06		667.70
	Adjustment against sale of property		0.00		(572.83)
	Repayment of excess compensation received on compulsory acquisition of Land by National Highways Authority		(53.01)		0.00
	Advance against sale of property		1,024.01		0.00
	Purchase of fixed assets (including capital work in progress)		(17.30)		(83.15)
	<b>Net cash used in investing activities...B</b>		<b>953.76</b>		<b>11.72</b>
<b>C.</b>	<b>Cash flow from financing activities:</b>				
	Bank borrowings for working capital		0.44		0.00
	Repayment of bank borrowings for working capital		0.00		(71.15)
	Repayment of working Capital term loan		(66.80)		(66.55)
	Repayment of loan to directors		(275.56)		0.00
	Decrease/(Increase) in other financial assets		(2.59)		0.26
	Inter corporate deposits		0.00		76.74
	Repayment of inter corporate deposit		(617.80)		(72.76)
	Interest paid		(67.31)		(59.25)
	<b>Net cash from financing activities...C</b>		<b>(1,029.62)</b>		<b>(192.71)</b>
<b>D.</b>	<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash &amp; cash equivalents (A+B+C)</b>		<b>(62.52)</b>		<b>69.74</b>
	Cash & cash equivalents -Opening balance		74.91		5.17
	Cash & cash equivalents -Closing balance		12.39		74.91

**Note: Figures in bracket represent cash outflow.**

As per our report of even date  
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**ECOBBOARD INDUSTRIES LIMITED**

**Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31st March, 2024**

**A Equity Share Capital**

**(i) Current reporting period** (Rs. In lakh)

<b>Balance as at 1st April, 2023</b>	<b>1783.20</b>
Changes in equity share capital during the current year	0.00
<b>Balance as at 31st March, 2024</b>	<b>1783.20</b>

**(i) Previous reporting period** (Rs. In lakh)

<b>Balance as at 1st April, 2022</b>	<b>1783.20</b>
Changes in equity share capital during the current year	0.00
<b>Balance as at 31st March, 2023</b>	<b>1783.20</b>

**B Other Equity**

**(i) Current reporting period** (Rs. In lakh)

Particulars	Capital reserve	Security premium	General reserve	Amalgamation reserve	IND AS transition reserve	Other Comprehensive Income-Revaluation of land	Other Comprehensive income-Remeasurement of defined benefit plans	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at 1st April, 2023	21.31	2,618.78	3,396.06	0.30	1,670.68	634.04	31.31	(8,111.91)	<b>260.57</b>
Changes in accounting policy or prior period errors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Restated balance at the beginning of the current reporting period	21.31	2,618.78	3,396.06	0.30	1,670.68	634.04	31.31	(8,111.91)	<b>260.57</b>
Total Comprehensive income for the year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.62	(726.52)	<b>(724.90)</b>
<b>Balance as at 31st March, 2024</b>	<b>21.31</b>	<b>2,618.78</b>	<b>3,396.06</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>1,670.68</b>	<b>634.04</b>	<b>32.93</b>	<b>(8,838.43)</b>	<b>(464.33)</b>

**(i) Previous reporting period**

Particulars	Capital reserve	Security premium	General reserve	Amalgamation reserve	IND AS transition reserve	Other Comprehensive Income-Revaluation of land	Other Comprehensive income-Remeasurement of defined benefit plans	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at 1st April, 2022	21.31	2,618.78	2,526.06	0.30	2,540.68	0.00	0.00	(7,774.84)	<b>(67.71)</b>
Changes in accounting policy or prior period errors	0.00	0.00	493.00	0.00	(493.00)	0.00	22.75	(22.75)	<b>0.00</b>
Restated balance at the beginning of the current reporting period	21.31	2,618.78	3,019.06	0.30	2,047.68	0.00	22.75	(7,797.59)	<b>(67.71)</b>
Total Comprehensive income for the year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	634.04	8.56	(314.32)	<b>328.28</b>
Any other changes (to be specified)-Transfer of transition reserve to General reserve on sale of assets	0.00	0.00	377.00	0.00	(377.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Balance as at 31st March, 2023</b>	<b>21.31</b>	<b>2,618.78</b>	<b>3,396.06</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>1,670.68</b>	<b>634.04</b>	<b>31.31</b>	<b>(8,111.91)</b>	<b>260.57</b>

As per our report of even date  
**For CHATURVEDI SK & FELLOWS LLP**  
Chartered Accountants

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Partner  
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Company Secretary  
M. No. A72775

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Director  
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## ECOBOARD INDUSTRIES LIMITED

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March, 2024

#### **A Corporate Information: -**

Ecoboard Industries Limited 'the Company' was incorporated in India on 20th November, 1991.

Ecoboard is engaged in two business lines- (i) Eco-Build being Laminated particle boards made from agri-residues mainly bagasse and (ii) Eco-Energy being Anaerobic waste water treatment plants for distilleries and other industries.

Company's particle boards, marketed in the brand name of Ecoboard, are 100% wood free and versatile all-purpose boards meant to be an alternative to conventional wood-based particle boards, plywood and other panel products. It is the first product to be given Eco mark by the Government of India for its eco-friendly properties.

Company has a particle boards manufacturing plant at Velapur in Solapur district in Maharashtra.

#### **B Significant Accounting Policies:**

- a) **Basis of preparation of financial statements:** These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IND-AS as notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 read with Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 7 of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014 ("Indian GAAP").

Accounting policies have been consistently applied except where a newly issued Accounting Standard is initially adopted or a revision to an existing Accounting Standard requires a change in the accounting policy hitherto in use. The financial statements have been prepared on accrual basis under historical cost convention except for certain assets and liabilities which have been measured at fair value amount.

Company's financial statements are presented in Indian Rupees, and values are rounded to the nearest lakh, except when otherwise indicated.

b) **Summary of Significant accounting Policies**

i) **Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Ind-AS requires that the management of the company make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of income and expenses of the period, the reported balances of assets and liabilities and the disclosures relating to contingent liabilities as of the date of the financial statements. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates include useful lives of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets, allowance for doubtful debts/advances, future obligations in respect of retirement benefit plans and fair value measurement etc. Difference, if any, between the actual results and estimates is recognised in the period in which the results are known.

ii) **Property, Plant and Equipment's (PPE)**

Property, Plant and Equipment are stated at cost, net of recoverable taxes, trade discount and rebate less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any. Such cost includes purchase price, borrowing cost and any other cost directly attributable to bringing the assets to its working conditions for its intended use, net charges on foreign exchange contracts and adjustments arising from exchange rate variations attributable to the assets. In case of land, the Company has availed fair value on the date of transition to Ind-AS as deemed cost. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the entity and cost can be measured reliably.

iii) **Depreciation**

Depreciation on Property, Plant and Equipment is provided at the rates determined in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013. Depreciation on tangible assets is provided on the straight-line method as prescribed in Schedule II to the Companies Act, 2013 over the remaining useful life of the assets.

iv) **Lease**

The Company evaluates if an arrangement qualifies to be a lease as per the requirements of Ind-AS 116. Identification of a lease requires significant judgment. The Company uses significant judgement in assessing the lease term (including anticipated renewals) and the applicable discount rate. The Company determines the lease term as the non-cancellable period of a lease, together with both periods covered by an option to extend the lease if the Company is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and periods covered by an option to terminate the lease if the Company is reasonably certain not to exercise that option. In assessing whether the Company is reasonably certain to exercise an option to extend a lease, or not to exercise an option to terminate a lease, it considers all relevant facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive for the Company to exercise the option to extend the lease, or not to exercise the option to terminate the lease. The Company revises the lease term if there is a change in the non-cancellable period of a lease. The discount rate is generally based on the incremental borrowing rate.

The right-to-use assets are measured at cost less any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any and are adjusted for any re-measurement of the lease liability.

The right-to-use assets are depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date over the shorter of lease term or useful life of the asset. Right-to-use assets are tested for impairment whenever there is any indication that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. Impairment loss, if any, is recognised in the statement of profit and loss.

The company recognises the amount of the re-measurement of lease liability due to modification as an adjustment to the value of right-to-use asset and/or statement of profit and loss depending upon the nature of modification.

The Company has adopted Ind AS 116-Lease with effect from 1st April 2019. The adoption of Ind AS 116 did not have any material impact on the standalone results of the Company.

The Company has elected not to apply the requirements of Ind-AS 116 to short-term leases of all assets that have a lease term of 12 months or less and leases for which the underlying asset is of low value. The lease payments associated with these leases are recognized as an expense in the statement of profit and loss.

v) **Finance Cost**

Borrowing costs include exchange rate difference arising from foreign currency borrowings to the extent they are regarded as an adjustment to the interest cost. Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of qualifying assets are capitalised as part of the cost of such assets. A qualifying asset is one that necessarily takes substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use.

Interest income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowing pending its utilisation for qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

All other borrowing costs are charged to the statement of profit and loss for the period for which they are incurred.

vi) **Inventories**

(a) Stocks of raw-materials, packing materials, stores & spares are valued at cost.

(b) Stock of work-in progress is valued at cost.

(c) Finished goods are valued at lower of cost and net realisable value after providing for obsolescence, if any.

Cost of work-in-progress and finished goods comprises of cost of purchase, cost of conversion and other cost including manufacturing overheads net of recoverable taxes incurred in bringing those goods to their respective present location and conditions.

vii) **Impairment**

**(i) Financial Assets**

The Company assesses at each reporting date as to whether a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. Ind-AS 109 requires expected credit losses to be measured through loss allowance. In determining the ECL allowance for doubtful trade receivables that are due, the Company uses a practical provision matrix that takes into account ageing of receivable and historical credit loss experience and is adjusted for forward looking information. For all other financial assets, expected credit losses are measured at an amount equal to 12 month expected credit losses or at an amount equal to the life time expected credit losses if the credit risk on the financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition.

**(ii) Non-Financial Assets-Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets**

The Company assesses at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that any Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Asset or group of Assets, called Cash Generating Units (CGU) may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of asset of CGU is estimated to determine the extent of impairment, if any. When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the CGU to which the asset belongs.

An impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss to the extent, asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is higher of an asset's fair value less cost of disposal and value-in-use. Value-in-use is based on the estimated cash flow, discounted to their present value using pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and risk specific to the asset. The impairment loss recognised in prior accounting period is reversed if there has been a change in the estimate of recoverable amount.

viii) **Employee Benefits Expenses**

**Short Term Employee Benefits**

Employee benefits payable wholly within twelve months of rendering of service are classified as short-term employee benefits and are recognised in the period in which the employee renders the related service.

**Post-Employment Benefits**

*Defined Contribution Plans*

Contribution to Provident fund, which is defined contribution plan, is recognised as an employee benefit expense in the statement of profit and loss in the period in which the contribution is due.

*Defined Benefit Plans*

The liability in respect of gratuity and other post-employment benefits is determined on actuarial valuation using the projected unit credit method, which recognises 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.

The Company presents the above liability/(assets) as current and non-current in the balance sheet as per actuarial valuation by the independent actuary.

Re-measurements, comprising of actuarial gains and losses, the effect of the assets ceiling, excluding, amounts included in net interest on the net defined benefit liability and the return on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest on the net defined benefit liability), are recognised immediately in the balance sheet with corresponding debit or credit to retained earnings through other comprehensive income (OCI) in the period in which they occur. Re-measurements are not reclassified to the statement of profit and loss in subsequent periods.

ix) **Tax Expenses**

The tax expense for the period comprises of current tax and deferred income tax. Tax is recognised in the statement of profit and loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in the Other Comprehensive Income or in equity, in which case, the tax is also recognised in Other Comprehensive Income or Equity.



*i) Current tax*

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the Income Tax authorities, based on tax rates and laws that are enacted at the Balance Sheet date.

*ii) Deferred tax*

Deferred tax is recognised 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 and assets are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the assets realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of reporting period. The carrying amount of deferred tax liabilities and assets are reviewed at the end of each reporting period. Deferred tax represents the effect of temporary difference between carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statement and the corresponding tax base used in the computation of taxable income. Deferred tax liabilities are generally accounted for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax asset is recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which such deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

x) **Foreign currency transactions and balances**

Transactions in foreign currency are recorded at exchange rates prevailing at the date of transaction. Exchange difference arising on foreign exchange transactions settled during the year are recognised in the statement of profit and loss of the year.

Monitory assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies which are outstanding as at reporting period are translated at the closing exchange rates and the resultant exchange differences are recognised in the statement of profit and loss.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured in terms of historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of transaction.

xi) **Provisions and Contingencies**

A provision is recognised when the company has present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligations and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of obligation.

Contingent liability is disclosed in case of

-a present obligation arising from past events, when it is not possible that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation.

- Present obligation arising from past events, when no reliable estimate is possible.

- a possible obligation arising from past events where the probability of outflow of resources is not remote.

Contingent assets is not recognised in the financial statements. A contingent asset is disclosed, where an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date.

xii) **Non-current assets held for sale**

Assets held for sale are measured at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell. The determination of fair value less cost to sell includes use of the Management's estimates and assumptions. The fair value of assets held for sale has been estimated using valuation techniques (including income-and-market approach) which include unobservable inputs. Non-current assets and disposal group that ceases to be classified under 'Held for Sale' shall be measured at the lower of carrying amount before the non-current asset and disposal group were classified under 'Held for Sale' and its recoverable amount at the date of subsequent decision not to sell. Recoverable amount of assets reclassified from 'Held for Sale' have been estimated using the Management's assumptions which consist of significant unobservable inputs.

xiii) **Revenue recognition**

*(i) Revenue from operations*

(a) Revenue from sale of products-

Revenue from sale of goods is recognised when the significant risk and reward of ownership have been transferred to the buyer and recovery of consideration is probable.

(b) Revenue from services-

Revenue from rendering of service is recognised in the accounting period in which service is rendered and recovery of consideration is probable.

(c) Revenue from contracts: -

Revenue from Contracts, where the performance obligations are satisfied over time and where there is no uncertainty about measurement or collectability of consideration, is recognised as per percentage-of-completion method. The Company determines the percentage-of-completion on the basis of direct measurement of the value of goods and services transferred to the customer to-date relative to the remaining goods and services promised under the contract.

Revenue in excess of invoicing is classified as 'Contract assets' while invoicing in excess of revenue is classified as 'Contract Liabilities'. Advance payments received from customers for which no services are rendered are shown as 'Advance from customers'.

(d) Other operational revenue represents income earned from the activities incidental to the business and is recognised when the performance obligation is satisfied and right to receive the income is established as per the terms of the contract.

Company presents revenues net of indirect taxes in its statement of profit & loss.

(ii) *Other Income:* -

(a) Interest income: - Interest income from financial assets is recognised using effective interest rate method.

(b) Dividend income: -Dividend income is recognised when the Company's right to receive the amount has been established.

(c) Other items of income are accounted as and when the right to receive such income arises and it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

xiv) **Exceptional items:** -

An item of income or expense which by its size, type or incidence requires disclosure in order to improve an understanding of the performance of the Company is treated as an exceptional item and disclosed as such in the financial statements.

xv) **De-recognition of financial liabilities:** - The company derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Company's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in the statement of profit and loss.

xvi) **Earnings per share**

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing profit or loss attributable to equity shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of equity shares outstanding during the year. The Company did not have any potentially dilutive securities in any of the years presented.

xvii) **Statement of Cash flows**

Cash flow is reported using the indirect method whereby net profit before tax is adjusted for effects of transaction of a non-cash nature. The cash flow from operating, investing and financing activities of the Company are segregated.

## 1 : Property, Plant and Equipment

Rs. in  
Lakh

Particulars	Gross Block				As at 31.03.24	Depreciation			Net Block		
	As at 31.03.23	Additions	Deductions	Transferred to Assets held for sale		Upto 31.03. 23	Write n back 23-24	For the Year 23-24	Upto 31.03.24	As at 31.03.24	As at 31.03.23
<b>Tangible Assets</b>											
Freehold land	1,530.04	0.00	0.00	(784.08)	745.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	745.96	1,530.04
Building	1,028.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,028.23	423.56	0.00	70.41	493.97	534.26	604.67
Plant & machinery	4,660.83	98.80	(3.45)	0.00	4,756.18	4,219.84	(3.27)	32.88	4,249.45	506.73	440.99
Electrical installations	287.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	287.01	272.66	0.00	0.00	272.66	14.35	14.35
Furniture & fixtures	105.38	1.81	(104.44)	0.00	2.75	99.42	(99.15)	0.22	0.49	2.26	5.96
Equipment	132.56	5.21	(56.34)	0.00	81.43	80.02	(53.75)	6.03	32.30	49.13	52.54
Vehicles	65.01	(0.00)	(20.57)	0.00	44.44	50.75	(19.54)	1.30	32.51	11.93	14.26
Tools & patterns	5.82	0.00	(5.67)	0.00	0.15	5.52	(5.38)	0.01	0.15	0.00	0.30
	<b>7,814.88</b>	<b>105.82</b>	<b>(190.47)</b>	<b>(784.08)</b>	<b>6,946.15</b>	<b>5,151.77</b>	<b>(181.09)</b>	<b>110.85</b>	<b>5,081.53</b>	<b>1,864.62</b>	<b>2,663.11</b>
<b>Intangible Assets</b>											
Computer Software	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>7,814.88</b>	<b>105.82</b>	<b>(190.47)</b>	<b>(784.08)</b>	<b>6,946.15</b>	<b>5,151.77</b>	<b>(181.09)</b>	<b>110.85</b>	<b>5,081.53</b>	<b>1,864.62</b>	<b>2,663.11</b>
Previous Year	7,088.85	102.99	(11.00)	634.04	7,814.88	5,057.89	(10.45)	104.33	5,151.77	2,663.11	2,030.96
<b>2 : Capital Work in progress</b>											
Capital Work in progress										0.00	324.80

### Notes:

(i) Conveyance for office building valued Rs. 7.03 lakh is pending execution.

(ii) Depreciation on tangible assets is provided on the straight-line method as prescribed in Schedule II to the Companies Act, 2013 over the remaining useful life of the assets.

### CWIP ageing Schedule

CWIP as on 31/03/2024	< 1 year	1-2 year	2-3 year	More than 3 years	Total
Projects in progress	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Projects temporarily suspended	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

CWIP as on 31/03/2023	< 1 year	1-2 year	2-3 year	More than 3 years	Total
Projects in progress	19.10	69.42	0.00	0.00	<b>88.52</b>
Projects temporarily suspended	0.00	0.00	0.00	236.28	<b>236.28</b>
	<b>19.10</b>	<b>69.42</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>236.28</b>	<b>324.80</b>
					<b>0</b>

**Note: -**

CWIP of Rs. 236.28 relates to project for setting up of 8' x 4' lamination line in the Particle Board plant at Velapur is abandoned.

Cost is written off in the books as cost of abandoned project Rs 236.28 lakh and is shown under "Exceptional item".

Particulars	As at 31st March, 2024	As at 31st March, 2023
<b>3. Other Financial Assets</b>		
Bank deposit with more than 12 months of maturity	0.00	0.00
Bank deposits held as margin money against bank guarantee and other commitments	48.98	46.39
	<b>48.98</b>	<b>46.39</b>
<b>4. Other Non-current Assets</b>		
<i>Unsecured considered good</i>		
<i>Security deposit</i>		
To director	3.60	3.60
To others	75.67	76.20
	79.27	79.80
<i>Considered doubtful</i>	11.60	11.60
	90.87	91.40
Less: Impairment provision	11.60	11.60
	<b>79.27</b>	<b>79.80</b>
<i>Unsecured considered good</i>		
Advances for capital goods	82.22	82.22
Less: Impairment provision	82.22	82.22
	0.00	0.00
	<b>79.27</b>	<b>79.80</b>
<b>5. Inventories</b>		
Stores, spares and consumables	57.16	67.93
Packing material	0.15	0.39
Raw materials	313.55	353.17
Work-in-progress	529.83	672.65
Finished goods	488.98	616.65
	<b>1,389.67</b>	<b>1,710.79</b>
<b>6. Trade Receivables</b>		
<i>Unsecured: -</i>		

Considered good	889.23	646.96
Considered doubtful	200.20	97.26
	1,089.43	744.22
Less: Allowance for expected credit loss	200.20	97.26
	<b>889.23</b>	<b>646.96</b>

### Trade receivable ageing schedule

as on 31/03/2024 Particulars	Outstanding for following period from the due date of payment/transaction					> 3 years	Total
	< 6 months	6 months to 1 Year	1 to 2 Years	2 to 3 years			
(i) Undisputed trade receivables-considered good	606.61	148.30	100.40	33.92	0.00	889.23	
(ii) Undisputed trade receivables-which have significant increase in credit risk	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
(iii) Undisputed trade receivables-credit impaired	0.00	0.00	52.85	61.85	85.50	200.20	
(iv) Disputed trade receivables-considered good	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
(v) Disputed trade receivables-which have significant increase in credit risk	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
(iv) Disputed trade receivables-credit impaired	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Less:-Impairment allowance	0.00	0.00	-52.85	-61.85	-85.50	-200.20	
	606.61	148.30	100.40	33.92	0.00	889.23	





(iii) Undisputed trade receivables-credit impaired	0.00	0.00	26.38	16.87	54.01	97.26
(iv) Disputed trade receivables-considered good	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(v) Disputed trade receivables-which have significant increase in credit risk	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(iv) Disputed trade receivables-credit impaired	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Less:-Impairment allowance	0.00	0.00	-26.38	-16.87	-54.01	-97.26
	<b>348.75</b>	<b>202.21</b>	<b>79.13</b>	<b>16.87</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>646.96</b>

Particulars	As at 31st March, 2024	As at 31st March, 2023
<b>7. Cash and Bank Balance</b>		
<i>Cash and cash equivalents-</i>		
Cash on hand	11.76	5.78
Balances with banks in current account	0.63	69.13
	<b>12.39</b>	<b>74.91</b>
<i>Other bank balances-</i>		
Deposits with banks with maturity less than 12 months	0.00	0.00
	<b>12.39</b>	<b>74.91</b>
<b>8. Loans and Advances- Current</b>		
<i>(Unsecured considered good unless otherwise stated)</i>		
Advance for goods		
Considered good	96.26	102.43
Considered doubtful	57.81	36.35
	154.07	138.78
Less: Impairment provision	57.81	36.35
	96.26	102.43
Prepaid expenses	11.71	5.24
Retention receivable from customers	0.00	12.66
Advance income tax	41.67	40.20
<i>Other Advances:</i>		
Considered good	96.23	211.91
Considered doubtful	312.57	315.47
	408.80	527.38
Less: Impairment provision	312.57	315.47
	96.23	211.91
	<b>245.87</b>	<b>372.44</b>
<b>9. Non-Current Assets held for Sale</b>	1,084.92	300.84
Company had obtained Shareholders' approval in the Annual General Meeting held on 27/09/2019 for sale of part of excess land admeasuring about 40 acres (non-core asset) of the Company situated at Velapur, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur, Maharashtra. The same was classified as held for sale at its carrying		

amount of Rs 1000.12 lakh. Company has sold 27.97 acres of land up to 31/03/2024. Further sale of land is in progress. Profit on such sale was shown under exceptional income.

Company had obtained Shareholders' approval in the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting held on 09/12/2023 for sale of additional excess land admeasuring about 20 acres (non-core asset) of the Company situated at Velapur, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur, Maharashtra to M/s Western Bio Systems Private Limited (related party) to convert the repayment of ICD's by adjusting ICD amount against the sale price of land. Accordingly, carrying cost of land Rs 784.08 lakh is shown as "Assets held for sale" as per Ind-AS 105 " " Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations". Company is in the process of making application/request to bank for their approval for the same.

#### 10. Share Capital

	As at 31st March, 2024		As at 31st March, 2023	
	No. of Shares	Rs. in Lakh	No. of Shares	Rs. in Lakh
<i>Authorised:</i>				
Equity Shares of Rs. 10 each	23,000,000	2,300.00	23,000,000	2,300.00
Preference Shares of Rs. 100 each	200,000	200.00	200,000	200.00
		2,500.00		2,500.00
<i>Issued:</i>				
Equity Shares of Rs. 10 each	17,832,000	1,783.20	17,832,000	1,783.20
Preference Shares of Rs. 100 each	0	0.00	0	0.00
		1,783.20		1,783.20
<i>Subscribed and paid up:</i>				
Equity Shares of Rs. 10 each, fully paid	17,832,000	1,783.20	17,832,000	1,783.20
Preference Shares of Rs. 100 each	0	0.00	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>		1,783.20		1,783.20

#### Rights, preferences and restrictions attached to shares

The Company has only one class of Equity shares. Each Share has a paid-up value of Rs.10/-. Every shareholder is entitled to one vote per share. Each share is entitled to dividend at the rate as may be declared by the Board and approved by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting.

#### Details of shareholders holding more than 5% equity shares in the Company:

Sr No	Shareholder Name	As at 31st March, 2024		As at 31st March, 2023	
		No. of Shares	Percentage of holding	No. of Shares	Percentage of holding
1	Jayalakshmi Gottumukkala	3,260,006	18.28%	3,245,213	18.20%
2	Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala	2,156,225	12.09%	2,156,225	12.09%
3	Indukuri Venkata Sujani	2,368,915	13.28%	2,342,904	13.14%
4	Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala	2,027,136	11.37%	2,027,136	11.37%

**Details of shareholders holding of Promoters**

Sr No	Shares held by Promoters	As at 31st March, 2024		
		No. of Shares	Percentage of holding	% of change during the year
1	Jayalakshmi Gottumukkala	3,260,006	18.28%	0.46%
2	Ramakrishna Raju Gottumukkala	2,156,225	12.09%	0.00%
3	Indukuri Venkata Sujani	2,368,915	13.28%	1.11%
4	Praveen Kumar Raju Gottumukkala	2,027,136	11.37%	0.00%

Particulars	As at 31st March, 2024	As at 31st March, 2023
<b>11. Other Equity</b>		
Capital reserve	21.31	21.31
Amalgamation reserve	0.30	0.30
Securities premium	2,618.78	2,618.78
General reserve	3,395.84	3,395.84
Ind-AS transition reserve	1,670.90	1,670.90
OCI-Remeasurement of defined benefit plans	32.93	31.31
OCI-Revaluation surplus	634.04	634.04
Retained earnings	(8,838.43)	(8,111.91)
	<b>(464.33)</b>	<b>260.57</b>
<b>12. Long Term Borrowings</b>		
<i>Secured-</i>		
<i>From Bank</i>		
<i>Working Capital Term Loan (UGECL)-Refer Note 29(ii)</i>	56.75	128.04
	56.75	128.04
<i>Unsecured loans:</i>		
Inter-corporate deposits	0.00	617.80
From directors	1,188.37	1,463.93
	<b>1,188.37</b>	<b>2,081.73</b>
	<b>1,245.12</b>	<b>2,209.77</b>
No repayment date is stipulated for directors' deposits. However, it is agreed by the directors that the deposits shall not be repayable before 31/03/2025 or during the currency of bank loans whichever is later.		
<b>13. Long Term Provisions</b>		
Provision for employee benefits	73.78	64.01
-	<b>73.78</b>	<b>64.01</b>
<b>14. Other Long Term Liabilities</b>		
Trade deposits	0.60	0.60
-	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.60</b>
<b>15. Short Term Borrowings</b>		
<i>Loans repayable on demand (Secured):</i>		

Cash credit facilities from banks- Refer Note 29 (i)	199.80	199.36
Working capital term loan from banks- Refer Note 29 (ii)		
Current maturities of long term debts	79.26	74.77
	<b>279.06</b>	<b>274.13</b>
<b>16. Trade Payables</b>		
Creditors for goods	729.47	865.93
	<b>729.47</b>	<b>865.93</b>

**Trade Payable ageing summary**

as on 31/03/2024	Outstanding for following period from the due date of payment/transaction				
	Particulars	< 1 Year	1-2 years	2-3 years	>3 years
(i) MSME	14.67	4.80	0.00	0.00	<b>19.47</b>
(ii) Others	609.29	34.93	16.54	31.43	<b>692.19</b>
(iii) Disputed MSME	0.73	0.00	0.00	4.25	<b>4.98</b>
(iv) Disputed Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.83	<b>12.83</b>
	<b>624.69</b>	<b>39.73</b>	<b>16.54</b>	<b>48.51</b>	<b>729.47</b>

as on 31/03/2023	Outstanding for following period from the due date of payment/transaction				
	Particulars	< 1 Year	1-2 years	2-3 years	>3 years
(i) MSME	12.78	0.00	0.00	5.40	<b>18.18</b>
(ii) Others	776.06	34.72	3.24	20.90	<b>834.92</b>
(iii) Disputed MSME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
(iv) Disputed Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.83	<b>12.83</b>
	<b>788.84</b>	<b>34.72</b>	<b>3.24</b>	<b>39.13</b>	<b>865.93</b>

Particulars	As at 31st March, 2024	As at 31st March, 2023
a) Dues to Micro and Small Enterprises have been determined to the extent such parties have been identified on the basis of information collected by the management under the MSME Act 2006.		
<b>b) MSME Disclosure</b>		
<i>Details of dues to Micro and Small Enterprises as defined under MSME Act, 2006</i>		
i) Principal amount due	24.45	18.18
ii) Interest due on above	19.63	12.74
iii) Amount of interest paid in terms of Section 16 of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Act, 2006		
-Principal amount paid beyond due date	9.13	14.47

-Interest paid thereon	0.00	14.48
iv) Amount of interest due and payable for the period of delay	12.74	4.27
v) Amount of interest accrued and remaining unpaid as at the year end	6.89	8.47
vi) Amount of further interest remaining due and payable in the succeeding year	19.63	12.74
<b>17. Other Current Liabilities</b>		
Contract liabilities	161.11	7.35
Advance from customers	36.89	33.45
Other payables	81.27	104.73
Advance against sale of property	1,289.16	265.15
Employees related payables and contributions	204.90	192.30
Other liabilities	170.77	134.39
	<b>1,944.10</b>	<b>737.37</b>
<b>18. Provisions</b>		
Provision for employee benefits	23.95	24.46
	<b>23.95</b>	<b>24.46</b>

Particulars	For the Year Ended 31st March, 2024	For the Year Ended 31st March, 2023
<b>19. Revenue from Operations</b>		
Revenue from sale of goods	1,003.14	2,237.87
Revenue from contracts	1,734.44	1,401.30
Income from services	238.01	220.68
	<b>2,975.59</b>	<b>3,859.85</b>
<i>Out of above:</i>		
Revenue from Eco-Build Particle Board business	1,011.72	2,266.93
Revenue from Eco-Energy Biogas Systems business	1,963.87	1,592.92
<b>20. Other Income- (Non-operating)</b>		
Rent received	1.06	1.17
Sale of scrap	3.48	23.80
Interest received on deposits	4.82	3.93
Duty drawback received	0.07	17.80
Consultancy fee received	0.00	0.10
Dividend received	0.00	0.12
Waiver of sales tax liability	0.00	30.17
Reversal of sales tax liability in appeal	0.00	65.72
Profit on sale of fixed assets	0.01	0.21
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	15.63
Excess provision written back	4.23	13.82
Sundry balances written back	2.42	0.00
	<b>16.09</b>	<b>172.47</b>
<b>21. Cost of Materials</b>		
Opening stock	353.17	333.66
Add: Purchases	1,648.39	1,888.50
Less: Sales	31.48	0.00
Less: Closing stock	313.55	353.17



	<b>1,656.53</b>	<b>1,868.99</b>
<i>Out of above:</i>		
Bagasse	190.76	295.28
Chemicals	178.20	444.57
Paper	38.31	83.29
Others	1,249.26	1,045.86
<b>22. Change in Inventories of finished goods and work-in-progress</b>		
<i>Opening Stock:</i>		
Finished goods	616.65	488.47
Work-in-progress	672.65	982.32
	<b>1,289.30</b>	<b>1,470.79</b>
<i>Closing Stock:</i>		
Finished goods	488.98	616.65
Work-in-progress	529.83	672.65
	<b>1,018.81</b>	<b>1,289.30</b>
(Increase)/decrease in stock	<b>270.49</b>	<b>181.49</b>

Particulars	As at 31st March, 2024	As at 31st March, 2023
<b>23. Employee Benefit Expenses</b>		
Salaries, Wages and Bonus	228.76	257.39
Contribution to Provident Fund	5.51	5.90
Gratuity	5.95	5.22
Super-annuation	5.04	4.97
Employees' PF administration charges	0.47	0.48
Workmen & staff welfare expenses	7.18	12.85
Un-availed leave / leave encashment	0.79	1.36
	<b>253.70</b>	<b>288.17</b>
<b>24. Finance Costs</b>		
Interest on working capital finance	41.01	42.39
Exchange rate fluctuation loss/ (gain)	(0.67)	(38.66)
Others	27.31	218.78
Bank charges	6.56	11.11
	<b>74.21</b>	<b>233.62</b>
<b>25. Other Expenses</b>		
<u>Manufacturing Expenses</u>		
Consumption of stores and spares parts	53.07	173.91
Power and fuel	202.53	260.64
Site and job work expenses	307.11	411.42
Repairs to buildings	1.29	6.69
Repairs to machinery	6.86	8.63

	<b>570.86</b>	<b>861.29</b>
<i><u>Administration and Other Charges</u></i>		
Directors' remuneration	83.34	74.70
Directors sitting fees	2.30	2.00
Consultancy charges	50.76	224.33
Insurance	4.70	6.22
Rates and taxes	16.71	21.02
Rent paid	39.42	39.94
Postage & telephones	2.92	2.38
Traveling and conveyance expenses	54.37	61.87
Security service charges	19.18	19.51
Sundry expenses	73.70	100.79
Donations	0.16	0.78
Provision for expected credit loss	106.39	(13.94)
Provision for expected credit loss of advances	21.46	82.22
Sundry balances written off	10.00	(20.87)
<i>Payment to Auditors:</i>		
Audit fees	7.00	7.00
Tax audit fees	1.25	1.25
Certifications/Others	3.00	2.50
	<b>11.25</b>	<b>10.75</b>
Bad debts written off	0.00	0.73
Less: Amount written back from allowance for expected credit loss	(3.45)	(0.23)
	<b>(3.45)</b>	<b>0.50</b>
Irrecoverable advances written off	0.00	7.84
Less: Amount written back from impairment provision	(2.90)	(7.84)
	<b>(2.90)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Loss on assets discarded	9.31	0.00
	<b>499.62</b>	<b>612.20</b>
<i><u>Sales and Distribution Expenses</u></i>		
Packing and forwarding expenses	21.86	266.70
Sales expenses	16.38	4.43
Discount and commission	0.00	4.55
	<b>38.24</b>	<b>275.68</b>
Loss on settlement dues	0.00	118.50
	<b>1,108.72</b>	<b>1,867.67</b>
<b>26. Exceptional items</b>		
Compensation received on compulsory acquisition of company's land by National Highway Authority	0.00	(77.01)
Profit on sale of excess land	0.00	278.33
Cost of abandon project	(236.28)	0.00

	(236.28)	201.32
<b>27. Computation of Earnings per Share (EPS)</b>		
Profit / (Loss) after tax (Rs. in lakhs)	(724.90)	328.28
No. of Equity Shares- Weighted average (in lakhs)	178.32	178.32
<u>Earnings per share- (Face value- Rs. 10 per share):-</u>		
Basic (Rs.)	(4.07)	1.84
Diluted (Rs.)	(4.07)	1.84

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28. Directors of the company have waived off interest on their unsecured loans for the current financial year 2023-24.

**29 Security Clause:**

**(i) Cash Credit: -**

Primary security: Working capital and Bank guarantee facility from a bank are secured by first charge on the Company's current assets, present and future, including stocks, goods in process, goods in transit, receivables and book debts.

The Bank guarantee facility is also secured by counter guarantee of the Company.

Collateral: These loans are further secured by equitable mortgage of immovable properties of the Company situated at village Velapur in district Solapur in Maharashtra.

The above loans are further secured by personal guarantees of some of the Directors of the Company.

**(ii) Working Capital Term Loans**

**(UGCEL): -**

Working capital term loans (UGCEL) comprising of UGCEL-I of Rs 44.73 lakh (Previous year Rs 105.55 lakh) and UGCEL-II of Rs 91.28 lakh (Previous year Rs 97.27) from Union Bank of India are given under Union Guarantee Emergency Credit Line Scheme.

Primary security: Working Capital Term Loan (UGCEL-I) from Bank is secured by first charge on the Company's current assets, present and future, including stocks, goods in process, goods in transit, receivables and book debts.

Working Capital Term Loan (UGCEL-II) from Bank is secured by second charge on the above assets.

Collateral: UGCEL loans are further secured by equitable mortgage of immovable properties of the Company situated at village Velapur in district Solapur in Maharashtra.

UGCEL-I is repayable in 36 equal monthly instalments after moratorium period of 24 months.

UGCEL-II is repayable in 36 equal monthly instalments after moratorium period of 12 months.

**Maturity profile of Working Capital Term loans (UGCEL)**

**from bank is as under: -**

Financial Year	Rs./lakh	
	UGCEL-I	UGCEL-II
Rate of interest	7.50%	7.5% p.a. or EBLR +1% p.a. whichever is lower
2024-25	44.73	34.53
2025-26	0.00	32.43
2026-27	0.00	24.32

**30. Sale of part of excess land situated at Velapur**

- (i) Company had obtained Shareholders' approval in the Annual General Meeting held on 27/09/2019 for sale of part of excess land admeasuring about 40 acres (non-core asset) of the Company situated at Velapur, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur, Maharashtra. The same was classified as held for sale at its carrying amount of Rs 1000.12 lakh. Company has sold 27.97 acres of land up to 31/03/2024. Further sale of land is in progress. Profit on such sale was shown under exceptional income. Company has received Rs 289.16 lakh as advance from parties interested in purchasing above land. Execution and registration of transaction was pending as on 31/03/2024.
- (ii) Company had obtained Shareholders' approval in the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting held on 09/12/2023 for sale of additional excess land admeasuring about 20 acres (non-core asset) of the Company situated at Velapur, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur, Maharashtra to M/s Western Bio Systems Private Limited (related party) in repayment of ICD given by the said party. Accordingly, carrying cost of land Rs 784.08 lakh is shown as "Assets held for sale" as per Ind-AS 105 on "Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations". Company is in the process of obtaining approval of the bank for this sale transaction. Pending completion of the above sale transaction, the Company has transferred amount of Rs. 1000 lakhs received from the above party to Advance received for sale of land a/c and stopped providing interest on the same.

### 31. Abandon Project

Company has decided to abandon project for setting up of 8' x 4' lamination line in the Particle Board plant at Velapur. Expenditure of Rs. 236.28 lakh on the said project is written off and is shown as Exceptional item.

### 32. Performance obligation and remaining performance obligation

	<u>2023-24</u> Rs./lakh	<u>2022-23</u> Rs./lakh
a) Contractual revenue recognised	1,972.45	1,621.98
b) Disclosure for contracts in progress as at the year end		
i) Aggregate amount of cost incurred	1,196.66	1,108.64
ii) Profit recognised (Net of losses recognised)	305.94	141.76
iii) Advance received	5.50	15.49
iv) Retention receivable	0.00	12.66
v) Amount due from customer for contract work	12.40	43.33
vi) Amount due to customer for contract work	161.11	7.35
c) Method used	See Accounting Policy No. (xiii) (c).	

### 33. Employee Benefits

#### a) Defined contribution plan

The Company has recognised Rs 10.55 lakh (Previous year Rs 10.87 lakh) towards post employed defined contribution plans comprising of provident fund and superannuation fund in the statement of profit and loss.

#### b) Defined benefit plan

In accordance with payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, the Company is required to provide post-employment benefit to its employees in the form of Gratuity. Valuation in respect of gratuity liability has been carried out by independent actuary as at the balance sheet date. In accordance with the requirement of Ind-AS, the disclosure relating to the Company's gratuity plan are provided below :-

**The changes in the present value of defined benefit obligation representing reconciliation of opening and closing balances thereof are as follows: -**

	<u>2023-24</u> Rs./lakh	<u>2022-23</u> Rs./lakh
<b>Present value of obligation as at the beginning of the year</b>	36.31	34.14
Interest cost	2.72	2.39
Current service cost	3.22	2.83

Past service cost	0.00	0.00
Benefits paid (if any)	(0.30)	(0.23)
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(1.64)	(2.82)
<b>Present value of obligation as at the end of the year</b>	<b>40.31</b>	<b>36.31</b>

**The amount recognised in the Balance Sheet is as follows:**

Present value of the obligation at the end of the period	40.31	36.31
Fair value of plan assets at the end of period	0.00	0.00
Net liability/(asset) recognised in Balance Sheet and related analysis	40.31	36.31
Funded Status-Surplus/(Deficit)	(40.31)	(36.31)

**Amount recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss**

Interest cost	2.72	2.39
Current Service cost	3.22	2.83
Past service cost	0.00	0.00
Expected return on plan asset	0.00	0.00
Expenses recognised in Statement of Profit and Loss	5.94	5.22

**Amounts recognised in the statement of other comprehensive income (OCI) are as follows**

Cumulative unrecognised Actuarial gain/(loss)-Opening b/f	(11.54)	(8.72)
Actuarial (gain)/loss-obligation	(1.64)	(2.82)
Actuarial (gain)/loss-plan assets	0.00	0.00
Total Actuarial (gain)/loss	(1.64)	(2.82)
Cumulative Actuarial (gain)/loss c/f	(13.18)	(11.54)

**Net interest (income)/ cost recognised in Statement of Profit and Loss**

Interest cost on defined benefit obligation	2.72	2.39
Interest income on plan assets	0.00	0.00
Net interest cost/(income)	2.72	2.39

**Benefits valued**

Normal retirement age	58 years
Salary	Last drawn qualifying Salary
Vesting period	3 Years of Service
Benefits on normal retirement	15/26 x Salary x Past Service (Years)
Benefits on early exit due to death and disability	As above except that no vesting conditions apply
Limit	Rs 20.00 lakh

**Current liability (Expected pay-out in next year as per Schedule III of Companies Act, 2013)**

Current liability	23.65	22.79
Non-current liability	16.67	13.52
Total liability	40.31	36.31



<b>Sensitivity analysis</b>	<b><u>2023-24</u></b>	<b><u>2022-23</u></b>	<b><u>2023-24</u></b>	<b><u>2022-23</u></b>
Significant Actuarial assumptions for the determination of the defined benefit obligation are discount rate and expected salary increase rate. Effect of change in mortality rate is negligible. The result of sensitivity analysis are given below: -				
Defined benefit obligation (base)			Rs 40.32 lakh	Rs 36.31 lakh
Salary			7%	7%
Salary increase rate			7.25%	7.50%
Discount rate				
Liability with X % increase in discount rate	Change 3%	Change 2%	39.17	35.44
Liability with X % decrease in discount rate	Change 3%	Change 3%	41.61	37.28
Liability with X % increase in salary growth rate	Change 3%	Change 3%	41.60	37.28
Liability with X % decrease in salary growth rate	Change 3%	Change 2%	39.16	35.43
Liability with X % increase in withdrawal rate	Change 0%	Change 0%	40.31	36.31
Liability with X % decrease in withdrawal rate	Change 0%	Change 0%	40.32	36.30

### **C) Other long term benefit plan**

#### **Compensated absences**

Valuation in respect of compensated absences has been carried out by independent actuary as at the balance sheet date. In accordance with the standard, the disclosure relating to the Company's compensated absences plan are provided below: -

**The changes in the present value of defined benefit obligation representing reconciliation of opening and closing balances thereof are as follows: -**

	<b><u>2023-24</u></b>	<b><u>2022-23</u></b>
	Rs./lakh	Rs./lakh
<b>Present value of obligation as at the beginning of the year</b>	1.68	6.58
Interest cost	0.12	0.46
Current service cost	0.67	0.90
Past service cost	0.00	0.00
Benefits paid (if any)	(0.61)	(0.52)
Actuarial gain/(loss)	0.02	(5.74)
<b>Present value of obligation as at the end of the year</b>	<b>1.88</b>	<b>1.68</b>

#### **The amount recognised in the Balance Sheet is as follows:**

Present value of the obligation at the end of the period	1.88	1.68
Fair value of plan assets at the end of period	0.00	0.00
Net liability/(asset) recognised in Balance Sheet and related analysis	1.88	1.68
Funded Status-Surplus/(Deficit)	(1.88)	(1.68)

#### **Amount recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss**

Interest cost	0.12	0.46
Current Service cost	0.67	0.90
Past service cost	0.00	0.00
Expected return on plan asset	0.00	0.00

Expenses recognised in Statement of Profit and Loss	0.79	1.36
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**Amounts recognised in the statement of other comprehensive income (OCI) are as follows**

Cumulative unrecognised Actuarial gain/(loss)-Opening b/f	(8.48)	(2.74)
Actuarial (gain)/loss-obligation	0.02	(5.74)
Actuarial (gain)/loss-plan assets	0.00	0.00
Total Actuarial (gain)/loss	0.02	(5.74)
Cumulative Actuarial (gain)/loss c/f	(8.46)	(8.48)

**Benefits valued**

Normal retirement age	58 years
Salary	As per Rules of the Company
Benefits on normal retirement	1/30 x Salary x No of Leaves
Benefits on early exit due to death and disability	As above subject to rules of the Company
Limit	As above subject to rules of the Company

**Current liability (Expected pay-out in next year as per Schedule III of Companies Act, 2013)**

Current liability	0.30	0.38
Non-current liability	1.58	1.30
Total liability	1.88	1.68

**Sensitivity analysis**

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
Significant Actuarial assumptions for the determination of the defined benefit obligation are discount rate and expected salary increase rate. Effect of change in mortality rate is negligible. The result of sensitivity analysis are given below:-				
Defined benefit obligation (base)			Rs. 1.68 lakh	Rs. 6.58 lakh
Salary				
Salary increase rate			7%	7%
Discount rate			7.25%	7.50%
Liability with X % increase in discount rate	Change 6%	Change 5%	1.78	1.59
Liability with X % decrease in discount rate	Change 6%	Change 6%	2.00	1.77
Liability with X % increase in salary growth rate	Change 6%	Change 6%	2.00	1.77
Liability with X % decrease in salary growth rate	Change 6%	Change 5%	1.78	1.59
Liability with X % increase in withdrawal rate	Change 0%	Change 0%	1.88	1.67
Liability with X % decrease in withdrawal rate	Change 0%	Change 0%	1.88	1.67

**34. Income-tax:**  
(i) *Current Tax:*

In view of unabsorbed depreciation and accumulated business losses, the Company does not expect any income-tax liability during the current financial year.

(ii) *Deferred Tax:*

The Company has deferred tax asset on account of unabsorbed business losses/depreciation/ allowances /impairment provisions as given below. However, management of the Company is not sure that the future taxable profit may be available to set off deferred tax assets due to continuous operating losses. Accordingly, management of the Company has decided not to recognise deferred tax assets till the time there is reasonable probability of future taxable income.

Break-up of Deferred Tax Assets:

	<u>2023-24</u> Rs./lakh	<u>2022-23</u> Rs./lakh
<b>Deferred tax liability</b>		
Related to property, plant and equipment's	218.00	323.94
	<b>218.00</b>	<b>323.94</b>
<b>Deferred tax assets</b>		
Carry forward of losses	675.36	926.39
Tax allowances u/s 43B/ 40(a)(ia)	28.23	124.26
Allowance for expected credit loss and impairment provision for advances	172.74	141.15
	<b>876.33</b>	<b>1,191.80</b>
	<b>658.33</b>	<b>867.86</b>

Significant management judgement has been considered in determining the provision of income tax, deferred tax assets and liabilities and recoverability of deferred tax assets. The recoverability of deferred tax assets is based on estimate of the future taxable income for the period over which deferred tax assets will be recovered.

35. **Contingent liabilities and commitments:**

	<u>2023-24</u> Rs./lakh	<u>2022-23</u> Rs./lakh
<b>A Contingent Liabilities</b>		
a) Letters of credit and bank guarantees outstanding	129.90	52.77
<i>b) Claims against the Company not acknowledged as debt</i>		
(i) Various appeals filed by the Company against demand of excise-duty on its lamination papers for the years 2008-09 to 2017-18, the Custom, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) had allowed partial relief to the Company but confirmed demands aggregating Rs. 1114.64 lakhs (subject to Input Tax Credit) excluding interest and penalties. Company's application for rectification of apparent mistake in the said Appellate Order has been dismissed by the CESTAT. Company on the basis of legal advice, filed appeal before the Supreme Court of India.	1114.64	338.25
(ii) The Income-tax Assessing Officer has passed assessment orders for the AY 2017-18 and AY 2018-19 and has raised income-tax demands of Rs 510.44 lakh against the Company. Company has filed appeals before the Income-tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) against the said demands.	510.44	0.00

No provision is made in the books for above liabilities pending outcome of appeal proceedings.

(iii) Legal case against the company filed by suppliers, traders and employees (excluding interest where the amount is unascertainable)	60.41	186.26
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**B Commitments**

a) Estimated amount of capital expenditure commitments (net of advances)	0.00	0.00
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**36. Related party disclosures:**

(As required under Accounting Standard Ind-AS 24 on Related Party Disclosures)

(i) List of related parties:

Key management persons.

Directors	Mr GRK Raju, Mr GPK Raju and Mrs. I.V.Sujani.
Company Secretary	Mrs. Shilpa Soni (upto 21/10/2023) and Mr. Siddheshwar Kadane (w.e.f 07/12/2023)
Relatives of key management persons.	Mrs G Jayalakshmi, Mr P Srinivas Raju, Mrs. Sitarama, Mrs. Srilakshmi vegesna Raju, Mr. G.V.S.Raju, Mr. G. S.N.Raju.
Associates- Companies/ firms in which key management persons are having control/ substantial interest.	Vesar Furnitek Pvt Ltd., Venkataa Subbaraju Energy Limited, Vesar Supra Investment Pvt Ltd, Western Bio Systems India Pvt Ltd, Jisnu Infra Ventures Pvt Ltd.

Related party relationships are as identified by the Company and are relied upon by the auditors.

(ii) Related party transactions:

<u>Nature of transaction</u>	<u>2023-24</u> Rs./lakh	<u>2022-23</u> Rs./lakh
<i>Transactions with key management persons-</i>		
Deposits received	0.00	0.00
Deposits repaid	275.56	0.00
Deposit outstanding	1,188.37	1,463.93
Remuneration paid	86.34	78.24
Contribution to PF	0.35	0.37
Directors' sitting fee	2.30	2.00
Sale of land	0.00	365.95
Interest paid	0.00	121.17
Rent paid	25.79	25.20
Reimbursement of office maintenance expenses	0.00	0.97
Rent deposits given	3.60	3.60
<i>Transactions with relatives of key management persons-</i>		
Sale of goods	2.53	2.10
<i>Transactions with associates -</i>		
Purchases of goods	88.66	82.51
Purchases of capital assets	0.00	0.00
Labour charges	60.70	57.95
Interest paid	0.00	67.42
Advance taken	0.00	0.00
Advance repaid	0.00	0.40
Advance received against land sale during the year	1,000.00	0.00

Advance against land sale at year end	1,245.16	245.16
Inter corporate deposit taken	0.00	70.00
Repayment of inter-corporate deposit	617.80	72.76
Inter-corporate deposit outstanding	0.00	617.80

**37. Segment Results:**

The Company has two reportable segments, namely, Eco Build (Particle Boards) and Eco Energy (Bio Systems). Select financial information relating to these segments is given below.

	<b><u>2023-24</u></b>	<b><u>2022-23</u></b>
	<b>Rs./lakh</b>	<b>Rs./lakh</b>
<i>Revenue:</i>		
Eco Build (Particle Boards)	1,011.72	2,266.93
Eco Energy (Bio Systems)	1,963.87	1,592.92
Total	2,975.59	3,859.85
<i>Profit before interest and tax:</i>		
Eco Build (Particle Boards)	(703.10)	(471.53)
Eco Energy (Bio Systems)	294.49	189.51
Others	(236.28)	201.32
Total	(644.89)	(80.70)
Less: Interest	74.21	233.62
Profit before tax	(719.10)	(314.32)
<i>Capital employed:</i>		
Segment assets less segment liabilities		
Eco Build (Particle Boards)	(183.15)	836.24
Eco Energy (Bio Systems)	1,502.02	1,207.53
Total	1,318.87	2,043.77

**38. Consumption of imported/ indigenous items:**

	<b><u>2023-24</u></b>		<b><u>2022-23</u></b>	
	Rs. in Lakh	<u>% to total</u>	Rs. in Lakh	<u>% to total</u>
<i>Materials-</i>				
Indigenous materials consumed	1656.53	100.00%	1868.99	100.00%
Imported materials consumed	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%
	<u>1656.53</u>		<u>1868.99</u>	
<i>Stores &amp; spares-</i>				
Indigenous items consumed	53.07	100.00%	171.32	98.51%
Imported items consumed	0.00	0.00%	2.59	1.49%
	<u>53.07</u>		<u>173.91</u>	

**39. FOB Value of exports**

	<b><u>2023-24</u></b>	<b><u>2022-23</u></b>
	Rs. in Lakh	Rs. in Lakh
Sale of goods	5.16	1,365.24

**40. CIF Value of Imports:**

	<b><u>2023-24</u></b>	<b><u>2022-23</u></b>
	Rs. in Lakh	Rs. in Lakh
Capital goods	0.00	0.00
Consumables and Stores & spares	0.00	0.00
Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>



**41. Earnings and Expenditure in Foreign Currency:**

	<u>2023-24</u> Rs. in Lakh	<u>2022-23</u> Rs. in Lakh
Earning in foreign currency	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditure in foreign currency (on payment basis)</u>		
Consultancy charges paid	0.00	175.71

**42.**

Sr. No	Analytical Ratio	Numerator	Denominator or				Reason for variation
				<u>2023-24</u>	2022-23	% of variation	
1	Current ratio	Current assets	Current liabilities	0.85	1.47	42%	Due to increase in liability
2	Debt equity ratio	Total borrowing	Total equity	1.16	1.22	5%	Refer Note (a) below
3	Debt service coverage ratio	Profit after tax excluding exceptional items + Finance Cost + Depreciation and amortisation	Interest & lease payments	-4.47	-0.68	-557%	Refer Note (b) below
4	Return on equity ratio	Profit after tax	Average shareholders' equity	-43%	-18%	-144%	Refer Note (c) below
5	Inventory turnover ratio	Cost of Materials consumed + Changes in inventory + Consumption of Stores and spares	Average inventory	1.28	1.37	7%	NA
6	Trade receivable turnover ratio	Revenue from operations for trailing 12 months (Excluding financial services)	Average gross trade receivable (Excluding financial charges)	3.87	6.05	36%	Refer Note (d) below
7	Trade payable turnover ratio	Average trade payable	Total expenses	0.28	0.20	-39%	Refer Note (e) below
8	Net capital turnover ratio	Revenue from operations for trailing 12 months (Excluding financial services)	Average working capital	14.91	7.37	-102%	Refer Note (f) below

9	Net profit ratio	Profit after tax	Revenue from operations for trailing 12 months (Excluding financial services)	-0.24	-0.08	-200%	Refer Note (g) below
10	Return on capital employed ratio	Earnings before interest and tax	Capital employed	-0.25	-0.07	-264%	Refer Note (h) below
11	Return on investment ratio	Net gain/(loss) on sale of investment		0	0	0%	NA

Notes: -

- (a) Improvement in debt equity ratio is due to reduction in total borrowings during the year.
- (b) Debt service coverage ratio is reduced due to losses incurred during the year.
- (c) Return on equity ratio is reduced due to losses incurred during the year.
- (d) Trade receivable turnover improved due to better collection of trade receivables.
- (e) Trade payable turnover increase due to decrease in purchase and increase in payables.
- (f) Net capital turnover ratio is improved due to reduction in average working capital.
- (g) Net profit ratio is decrease due to losses incurred during the year with corresponding decrease in turnover.
- (h) Return on capital employed is reduced due to losses incurred during the year.

#### 43. Other Notes

##### **(i) Details of Benami Properties**

The Company does not own any benami property neither any proceedings are initiated or pending against the Company under the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988

##### **(ii) Borrowings secured against current assets**

The Company has fund based borrowings from banks or financial institutions on the basis of security of current assets. It has filed quarterly returns or statements of current assets with banks or financial institutions. The Returns for first three quarters are tallied with respect to value of inventory, Receivables, Bank borrowing for Working capital and Sundry creditors. However, returns are not matching with respect to other current assets and other current liabilities. Company is yet to file the return for the fourth quarter.

##### **(iii) Wilful defaulter**

The Company has not been declared as wilful defaulter by any bank or financial institution or other lender.

##### **(iv) Relationship with Struck off Companies**

As per the information available with the Company, the Company has not entered into any transactions with companies struck-off under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 or section 560 of the Companies Act, 1956

##### **(v) Registration of charges with ROC**

There are two charges totalling to INR 356.81 lakh created in favour of banks which are pending for satisfaction. There are no outstanding dues to these banks and satisfaction of these charges is pending due to technical issues which are being sorted out by the Company.

**(vi) Utilisation of Borrowed funds and share premium**

The Company has not advanced or loaned or invested funds to any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities (Intermediaries) nor has it received any fund from any person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities (Funding Party).

**(vii) Details of Crypto-Currency or Virtual Currency**

The Company has not traded or invested in Crypto-Currency or Virtual Currency during the financial year.

**(viii) Audit trail (edit log)**

The Company has not used an accounting software which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility up to 27/02/2024.

The company has used an accounting software for maintaining its books of accounts which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility w.e.f. 28/02/2024. The same has operated thereafter for all relevant transactions recorded in the software.

Further, the Company take care of the audit trail (edit log) feature is not tempered with and preserving of audit trail by the Company as per statutory requirement for record retention.

44. Balances of debtors, advances and creditors are subject to confirmation.
45. Previous year figures are reclassified/ regrouped, where required, to conform with current year presentation.

As per our report of even date

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