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September 18, 2020

The Secretary,
Bombay Stock Exchange Limited
P J Towers, 25th Floor, Dalal Street,
Mumbai- 400001

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Chairman's Speech at the 81st Annual General Meeting

Please find enclosed herewith the Chairman's Speech delivered at the 81st Annual General Meeting of the Company held today i.e. September 18, 2020 through Video Conferencing / Other Audio Video Means.

Kindly take the above on record.

Yours faithfully,
For MODERN SHARES AND STOCKBROKERS LIMITED



Anil S Manghnani
Whole Time Director

DIN No: 00012806

Encl : as above

I welcome you all to the 81st Annual General Meeting of your Company.

The Financial year 2019-20 was a good one till we had the sharp fall in February/March this year due to the globe collapse on account of Coronavirus. While we have seen a gradual recovery over the last 5 months, there still remains a concern as far as the economy and GDP is concerned.

Another key question remains the development of a Vaccine and the elimination of the Virus itself. In addition, everyone is wondering when businesses will be able to function at full capacity with all staff in attendance. There remains doubt as to when employment will pick up again and what will be the new norm for business in general when normalcy is restored in the next few months.

The rally last year prior to Covid 19 was largely on account of few stocks mainly in the large cap names. The broader market was in a downward trajectory since February 2018. It is only post this year's collapse that we have seen a broad based recovery in the markets. In addition, while we have seen a sharp fall in GDP in the first quarter of this fiscal year. To be honest the economy has been slowing down for the past two years. It will be fair to say that the Virus was the final nail in the coffin.

The positive way to look at this is that the economy hit rock bottom in the last quarter and from now on things can only get better. It will be fair to say the stock market is today way ahead of the economy but the overall global liquidity due to the continuous QE is fueling stock markets worldwide.

While Covid has led to many industries struggling, we have also seen many companies perform rather successfully with the Work from Home concept and may have thus found a new working strategy for the future.

I would like to add that the government on its part is trying to help the economy and businesses in these troubled times. They have announced certain measures to make capital available and have allowed for delayed interest payments. RBI on its part has reduced rates which should help bring down overall interest burden.

We do expect certain changes in Business operations post Coronavirus. We can expect companies to downsize both in terms of people and space. Some may even continue to have staff work from home as it has in certain cases proved more cost effective and the performance has not suffered. These are interesting and challenging times ahead for businesses in general.

Your own company has had a difficult last year and in the ongoing year challenges remain. We have been able to operate through the lockdown as we are part of the essential commodities category. We have seen a loss in the first quarter of this fiscal; however we should be able to break even and possibly see some good results. Our efforts are on to see through these difficult times with limited damage to both the top line and the bottom line numbers.

The Company's operations resulted in a Net Loss of Rs. 38.76 lakhs as against a Net Loss of Rs. 52.04 lakhs in the previous year after adjustment of actuarial difference of other net comprehensive income of Rs.1.59 lakhs (previous year of Rs.0.81 lakhs) accounted for previous financial years on implementation of IND AS requirements adopted by the company and after providing for depreciation of Rs. 9.32 lakhs (previous year Rs. 4.78 lakhs).

Looking to the scenario of consecrating the resources for future adversities your Board of Directors have decided not to recommended any dividend this year given the performance and the current uncertainties due to the lockdowns.

I express my sincere thanks to the shareholders for their faith and confidence shown in the Company and also take this opportunity to thank all employees of the Company for the good work and co-operation. In addition I also appreciate the contribution my colleagues on the Board for their constant support and valuable guidance.

Stay healthy and safe and thank you once again Ladies and Gentlemen.

Chairman
(Ashok Tikamdas Kukreja)
DIN 00463526
Mumbai

Note : This does not purport to be a record of the proceedings of the 81st Annual General Meeting of the Company