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Department of Listing, P. J. Towers, Dalal Street, Mumbai – 400 001. National Stock Exchange of India Limited (Symbol: WELSPUNIND, Series EQ)

Exchange Plaza, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Buyback of equity shares by Welspun India Limited ("Company") – Board Resolution

At the meeting of the board of directors ("Board") of the Company held on May 14, 2021, the Board has approved a proposal for the buyback of not exceeding 1,66,66,666 (One Crore Sixty Six Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Six) fully paid-up equity shares of face value Re.1/- each representing 1.66% of the total number of fully paid-up equity shares in the paid-up share capital of the Company from the shareholders of the Company at a price of Rs. 120/- (Rupees One Hundred Twenty only) per equity share (the "Buyback Offer Price") payable in cash for an aggregate consideration not exceeding Rs. 200.00 Crore (Rupees Two Hundred Crore only) (the "Buyback Offer Size") representing 6.36% & 6.04% of the aggregate of the fully paid-up equity share capital and free reserves (including securities premium) as per the audited standalone and consolidated financial statements of the Company, respectively for the financial year ended March 31, 2021 (the last audited standalone and consolidated financial statements available as on the date of Board meeting recommending the proposal of the Buyback) in terms of Sections 68, 69, 70 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy Back of Securities) Regulations, 2018, as amended ("Buyback Regulations") ("Buyback").

In compliance with Regulation 5(vii) of the Buyback Regulations, we are enclosing herewith a copy of the board resolution passed at the meeting of the Board on May 14, 2021.

The Company will provide relevant updates in relation to the Buyback as per applicable law in due course.

Thanking you,

For Welspun India Limited

**Shashikant Thorat** Company Secretary

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Encl: as above

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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WELSPUN INDIA LIMITED COMMENCED ON FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021 AT 11:00 AM AND CONCLUDED AT 02:45 PM HELD VIRTUALLY THROUGH MICROSOFT TEAMS SOFTWARE

# **Buyback of Equity shares**

"RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company and the provisions of Sections 68, 69, 70 and 110 and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act"), the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 (the "Share Capital Rules"), , including any amendments, statutory modifications or reenactments thereof, for the time being in force and in compliance of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018 ("Buyback Regulations"), the Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident outside India) Regulations, 2017, as amended and subject to approval of the lenders and such other approvals, permissions and sanctions as may be necessary and subject to any modifications and conditions, if any, as may be prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), Registrar of Companies, Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli ("ROC") and/ or other appropriate authorities or bodies corporate which the Board of Directors of the Company (hereinafter referred to as the "Board", which expression includes any committee constituted by the Board to exercise its powers, including the powers conferred by this resolution) agreed and subject to such conditions and modifications as may be prescribed or imposed by such lenders, government, regulatory or statutory authorities, the consent of the Board be and is hereby accorded for buyback of upto 1,66,66,666 (One Crore Sixty Six Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Six) fully paid up equity shares of the face value of Re. 1/- (Rupee One Only) each (hereinafter referred to as the "Equity Shares" or "Shares") at a price of Rs. 120/- (Rupees One Hundred and Twenty Only) per fully paid up Equity Share payable in cash ("Buyback **Price**") for a maximum amount not exceeding Rs. 200 Crore (Rupees Two Hundred Crore Only) ("Buyback Size"), representing 6.36% & 6.04% of the paid-up equity share capital and free reserves (including securities premium account) of the Company on audited standalone and consolidated basis, respectively as on March 31, 2021, being within the 10% limit of paid-up up share capital and free reserves (including securities premium account) of the Company, out of free reserves and / or surplus and/ or the securities premium account of the Company or such other source as may be permitted by the Buyback Regulation or the Act, from the shareholders of the Company, as on record date i.e. May 26, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the "the Record Date"), on a proportionate basis through "Tender Offer" route as prescribed under the Buyback Regulations (the "Buyback").

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Buyback Size does not include any expenses incurred or to be incurred for the Buyback like filing fees payable to the Securities and Exchange Board of India, brokerage, applicable taxes (such as income tax, buyback taxes, securities transaction tax, stamp duty and goods and service tax), advisors' fees, public announcement publication expenses, printing and dispatch expenses and other incidental and related expenses.

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**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** as required by Regulation 6 of the Buyback Regulations, the Company shall buyback Equity Shares from the shareholders on a proportionate basis under the Tender Offer, provided that 15% of the number of Equity Shares which the Company proposes to buyback or number of Equity Shares entitled as per the shareholding of small shareholders at the Record Date, whichever is higher, shall be reserved for small shareholders, as defined in the Buyback Regulations.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** all of the shareholders of the Company who hold Equity Shares as on the Record Date shall be eligible to participate in the Buyback including promoters, promoter group and persons in control of the Company who hold Equity Shares of the Company.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Company shall implement the Buyback using the "Mechanism for acquisition of shares through Stock Exchange" notified by SEBI vide circular CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated April 13, 2015, read with the circulars issued in relation thereto, including circular CFD/DCR2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated December 9, 2016, including any further amendments thereof and the Company shall approach the Stock Exchange(s), as may be required, for facilitating the same.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Buyback from non-resident shareholders, Overseas Corporate Bodies (OCB's), Foreign Institutional Investors, Foreign Portfolio Investors and shareholders of foreign nationality, if any, shall be subject to such approvals, if and to the extent necessary or required from concerned authorities including approvals from the Reserve Bank of India ("**RBI**") under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and rules and regulations framed there under, if any.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Buyback would be subject to the condition of maintaining minimum public shareholding requirements as specified in Regulation 38 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015 (as amended) (the "**Listing Regulations**").

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Company has complied and shall continue to comply with Section 70 of the Act, wherein:

- (a) It shall not directly or indirectly purchase its own shares:
  - (i) through a subsidiary company including its own subsidiary companies, if any; or
  - (ii) through any investment company or group of investment companies.
- (b) There are no defaults subsisting in the repayment of deposits or interest payment thereon, redemption of debentures or interest payment thereon or redemption of preference shares or payment of dividend due to any shareholder, or repayment of any term loans or interest payable thereon to any financial institution or banking company, in the last three years; and
- (c) The Company is in compliance with the provisions of Sections 92, 123, 127 and 129 of the Act.

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**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the proposed Buyback be implemented from the existing shareholders including the promoter(s) and promoter group of the Company (as have been disclosed under the shareholding pattern filings made by the Company from time to time under the Listing Regulations and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeover) Regulations 2011 ("**SEBI Takeover Regulations**"), from its free reserves and/or surplus and/or securities premium account of the Company or such other sources or by such mechanisms as may be permitted by law, and on such terms and conditions as the Board may decide from time to time, and in the absolute discretion of the Board, as it may deem fit.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** nothing contained hereinabove shall confer any right on the part of any shareholder to offer, or any obligation on the part of the Company or the Board to buyback any shares and/or impair any power of the Company or the Board to terminate any process in relation to such Buyback if so permissible by law.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the draft of the Declaration of Solvency prepared in the prescribed form and supporting affidavit and other documents, placed before the meeting be and are hereby approved and that any two from Mr. Rajesh Mandawewala, Managing Director, Ms. Dipali Goenka, CEO and Joint Managing Director and Mr. Balkrishan Goenka, Chairman and Non-executive Non-Independent Director, be and are hereby jointly and severally authorized to sign the same, for and on behalf of the Board and file the same with the ROC and SEBI in accordance with the applicable laws.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** a Buyback Committee comprising of Mr. Rajesh Mandawewala, Managing Director, Ms. Dipali Goenka, CEO and Joint Managing Director and Mr. Balkrishan Goenka, Chairman of the Company be and is hereby constituted and the powers of the Board in respect of Buyback be delegated to the Committee ("**Buyback Committee**") and each member of the Buyback Committee be and is hereby severally authorized to do all such acts, deeds and things as may be necessary, expedient or proper with regard to the implementation of the Buyback, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. The initiating of all necessary actions for preparation and issue of public announcement, draft letter of offer, letter of offer and related documents;
- 2. The preparation, finalization and filing of public announcement, draft letter of offer, letter of offer, related documents and also the certificates for declaration of solvency and other filings with the SEBI, ROC, the stock exchanges and other appropriate authority(ies), if any;
- 3. Finalizing the terms of Buyback such as the entitlement ratio, the schedule of activities for Buyback including finalizing the date of opening and closing of Buyback, the timeframe for completion of the Buyback;
- 4. The appointment of printers, advertisement agency, and other advisors, consultants or representatives and settlement of the remuneration for all such intermediaries/ agencies/ persons, including by the advisory fees, payment of commission, brokerage, fee, charges etc. and enter into agreements/ letters in respect thereof;
- 5. The making of all applications to the appropriate authorities for their requisite approvals;

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- 6. Earmarking and making arrangements for adequate sources of funds for the purpose of the Buyback;
- 7. The opening, operation and closure of cash escrow account and special account in accordance with the escrow agreement to be executed by the Company in this regard;
- 8. The opening, operation and closure of demat escrow account in accordance with the escrow agreement to be executed by the Company with the depository participant;
- 9. To settle all such questions, difficulties or doubts that may arise in relation to the implementation of the Buyback;
- 10. To make all applications to the appropriate authority(ies) for their requisite approvals including for approvals as may be required from the RBI under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the rules and regulations framed there under, if any;
- 11. To sign the documents as may be necessary with regard to the Buyback and use the common seal of the Company on relevant documents required to be executed for the Buyback and to initiate all necessary actions for preparation and issue of various documents and such other undertakings, agreements, papers, documents and correspondence as may be necessary for the implementation of the Buyback to the SEBI, RBI, ROC, stock exchanges, depositories and/or other appropriate authorities;
- 12. To decide on designated stock exchange;
- 13. To deal with stock exchanges (including their clearing corporations), and to sign, execute, and deliver such documents as may be necessary or desirable in connection with implementing the Buyback using the "Mechanism for acquisition of shares through Stock Exchange" notified by SEBI vide circular CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated April 13, 2015, read with the circulars issued in relation thereto, including circular CFD/DCR2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated December 9, 2016, including any further amendments thereof;
- 14. Extinguishment of dematerialized share and physical destruction of share certificates and certificates of extinguishment required to be filed in connection with the Buyback on behalf of the Board;
- 15. To do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as it may in its absolute discretion, deem necessary, expedient, usual or proper; and/or
- 16. Sign, execute and deliver such documents as may be necessary or desirable in connection with or incidental to the Buyback.
- 17. to do all such acts as it may, in its absolute discretion deem necessary, expedient or proper for the implementation of the Buyback.

The Company Secretary shall act as the Secretary to the Buyback Committee.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Buyback Committee be and is hereby authorised to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as it may, in its absolute discretion deem necessary, expedient or proper, to be in the best interest of the shareholders for the implementation of the Buyback, including but not limited to carrying out incidental documentation as also to make applications to the appropriate authorities for their approvals and to initiate all necessary actions for preparation and issue of various documents, opening of accounts including public announcement, letter of offer, extinguishment of share certificates and 'Certificate of Extinguishment' required to be filed in connection with the Buyback on behalf of the Board and

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such other undertakings, agreements, papers, documents and correspondence as may be necessary for the implementation of the Buyback to the SEBI, RBI, BSE Limited, National Stock Exchange of India Limited, ROC, depositories and/or other authorities.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the quorum for a meeting of the Buyback Committee shall be presence of any two members and the Buyback Committee may regulate its own proceedings and meet as often as required, to discharge its functions.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Buyback Committee shall have the power and authority to delegate all or any of the authorities conferred upon it to any officer(s) and/or representatives of the Company, in order to give effect to the aforesaid resolutions and to revoke and substitute such delegation / sub-delegation of authority from time to time.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution, the Buyback Committee be and is hereby authorized to accept and make any alteration(s), modification(s) to the terms and conditions as it may deem necessary, concerning any aspect of the Buyback, in accordance with the statutory requirements as well as to give such directions as may be necessary or desirable, to settle any questions, difficulties or doubts that may arise and generally, to do all acts, deeds, matters and things as it may, in its absolute discretion deem necessary, expedient, usual or proper in relation to or in connection with or for matters consequential to the Buyback without seeking any further consent or approval of the shareholders or otherwise to the end and intent that they shall be deemed to have given their approval thereto expressly by the authority of this resolution.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** in compliance with Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulation 2018, DAM Capital Advisors Limited ("DAM Capital"), Merchant Bankers be and are hereby appointed as the Manager to the BuyBack and also the Company broker for the proposed buyback transaction at such remuneration as mutually agreed with DAM Capital.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** in compliance with Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations 2018, Link Intime India Private Limited be appointed as the Registrar for the proposed buyback transaction at such remuneration as mutually agreed.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the projections of the Company placed before the Board are approved and as required by Clause (x) of Schedule I under Regulation 5(iv)(b) of the Buyback Regulation, the Board confirms that it has made a full enquiry into the affairs and prospects of the Company and has formed the opinion:

- 1. That immediately following the date of this Board meeting, there will be no grounds on which the Company can be found unable to pay its debts.
- 2. That as regards the Company's prospects for the year immediately following the date of this Board meeting and having regard to the Board's intentions with respect to the management of the Company's business during that year and to the amount and character of the financial

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resources, which will, in the Board's view, be available to the Company during that year, the Company will be able to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due and will not be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from the date of this board meeting and within a period of one year from the date of this Board Meeting.

3. In forming its opinion aforesaid, the Board has taken into account the liabilities as if the Company were being wound up under the provisions of the Act and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (including prospective and contingent liabilities).

### **RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board hereby confirms that:

- 1. All the equity shares for Buyback are fully paid-up;
- 2. The Company shall not issue and allot any Equity Shares including by way of bonus or convert any outstanding employee stock ownership plans /outstanding instruments into Equity Shares, till the date of payment to shareholders for shares bought back under this Buyback;
- 3. The Company, as per provisions of Section 68(8) of the Companies Act 2013, shall not make a further issue of the same kind of shares or other securities including allotment of new shares under clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 62 or other specified securities within a period of six months from completion of buyback except by way of a bonus issue or in the discharge of subsisting obligations such as conversion of warrants, stock option schemes, sweat equity or conversion of preference shares or debentures into equity shares;
- 4. The Company, as per provisions of 24(i)(f) of Buyback Regulations, shall not raise further capital for a period of one year from the date of completion of payment to shareholders under this buyback except in discharge of its subsisting obligations;
- 5. The Company shall not Buyback locked-in Equity Shares and non-transferable Equity Shares till the pendency of the lock-in or till the Equity Shares become transferable;
- 6. The Company shall not Buyback its shares from any person through negotiated deal whether on or off the stock exchanges or through spot transactions or through any private arrangement in the implementation of the Buyback;
- 7. There are no defaults subsisting in the repayment of deposits or interest payment thereon, redemption of debentures or interest payment thereon or redemption of preference shares or payment of dividend due to any shareholder, or repayment of any term loans or interest payable thereon to any financial institutions or banking companies;
- 8. Funds borrowed from banks and financial institutions will not be used for the Buyback;
- 9. The maximum amount of the Buyback i.e. Rs. 200 Crore (Rupees Two Hundred Crore only) does not exceed 6.36% & 6.04% of the aggregate paid-up Equity Share capital and free reserves (including securities premium account) of the Company as per latest audited balance sheet as on March 31, 2021 on standalone and consolidated, basis;
- 10. The maximum number of shares proposed to be purchased under the Buyback shall not exceed 0.81% of the total number of fully paid up Equity Shares in the fully paid-up Equity Share capital as per the audited balance sheet as on March 31, 2021;
- 11. The Company shall not make any offer of buyback within a period of one year reckoned from the date of closure of the Buyback Period;
- 12. The Buyback shall not result in delisting of the Equity Shares from the Stock Exchanges;

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- 13. There is no pendency of any scheme of amalgamation or compromise or arrangement pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, as on date; and
- 14. That the ratio of the aggregate of secured and unsecured debts owed by the Company shall not be more than twice the paid-up equity share capital and free reserves (including securities premium account) after the Buyback."

"RESOLVED THAT approval of the Board be and is hereby accorded for fixing [Wednesday], May 26, 2021 as the Record Date for ascertaining the eligibility of the Shareholders to participate in the Buyback of equity shares of the Company."

"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Company shall maintain a register of shares bought back wherein details of equity shares bought back, consideration paid for the equity shares bought back, date of cancellation of equity shares and date of extinguishing and physically destroying of equity shares and such other particulars as may be prescribed, shall be entered and that the Company Secretary of the Company be and is hereby authorised to authenticate the entries made in the said register."

"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Company Secretary, be and is hereby severally authorized to file necessary e-forms with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs / ROC, SEBI, stock exchanges and other statutory authority and to do all such acts, deeds and things as may be necessary to give effect to the above resolutions."

## **Compliance Officer for the purpose of Buyback**

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** in terms of the Buyback Regulations, Shashikant Thorat, Company Secretary, be and is hereby appointed as the Compliance Officer for the Buyback.

Certified True Copy For Welspun India Limited

**Shashikant Thorat Company Secretary** 

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