# PILANI INVESTMENT AND INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED

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3rd September, 2024

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Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East)
Mumbai – 400 051

Manager (Listing)
BSE Ltd.
Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers
Dalal Street,
Mumbai-400 001

Sub: Notice of the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company as required under Regulation 34(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

Ref: Scrip Code: NSE: PILANIINVS :: BSE: 539883 :: ISIN: INE417C01014

Dear Sirs,

Further to our intimation dated 19th August, 2024, please find enclosed herewith Notice of the 77th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company to be held through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio-Visual Means ("OAVM") on **Friday, 27th September, 2024 at 3.00 P.M.** (IST). AGM of the Company is being held through VC / OAVM in accordance with the relevant circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India and Securities and Exchange Board of India. The Notice for the 77th AGM of the Company is being sent electronically to those shareholders whose email IDs are registered with the Company / Registrar and Share Transfer Agent and the Depositories. The aforesaid Notice is also being made available on the website of the Company for being downloaded.

You are requested to kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For Pilani Investment and Industries Corporation Limited

## **Company Secretary**

Encl: As above

## Cc:

National Securities Depository Ltd.	Central Depository Services (India) Ltd.	Niche Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
Trade World, A Wing, 4th Floor,	Marathon Futurex, A Wing,	3A, Auckland Place,
Kamala Mills Compound,	25th Floor, NM Joshi Marg,	7 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Room No- 7A and 7B
Lower Parel,	Lower Parel,	Kolkata- 700017
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# **Pilani Investment and Industries Corporation Limited**

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# **Notice of the Annual General Meeting**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of **PILANI INVESTMENT AND INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED** will be held on **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 3.00 P.M.** IST through Video Conferencing ("VC")/ Other Audio -Visual Means ("OAVM") facility, to transact, with or without modification(s) the following business:

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements of the Company (including Audited Consolidated Financial Statements) for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024, together with the Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.
- 2. To declare dividend on Equity Shares for the year ended 31st March, 2024.
- **3.** To appoint a Director in place of Shri A. V. Jalan (DIN: 01455782) who retires from office by rotation, but being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.
- 4. Appointment of M/s. Maheshwari & Associates, Chartered Accountants, (ICAI Firm Registration No. 311008E) as a Joint Statutory Auditor and to fix their remuneration

"RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of Sections 139, 141, 142 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, and in accordance with the Guidelines for Appointment of Statutory Auditors issued by the Reserve Bank of India vide Circular No. RBI/2021-22/25-Ref. No.DoS.CO.ARG/ SEC.01/08.91.001/2021-22 dated April 27, 2021 ("RBI Guidelines"), approval of the Members of the Company, be and is hereby accorded for the appointment of M/s. Maheshwari & Associates. Chartered Accountants (ICAI Firm Registration No. 311008E), as the Joint Statutory Auditor of the Company with effect from the conclusion of the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting to hold office till conclusion of the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company, at such remuneration and out of pocket expenses, as may be mutually agreed between the Board of Directors of the Company and the Statutory Auditors, on the basis of the recommendation of the Audit Committee."

"RESOLVED FURTHER that the Board, including the Audit Committee of the Board or any other person(s) authorised by the Board or Audit Committee in this regard, be and are hereby severally authorised on behalf of the Company, to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as they may, in their absolute discretion deem necessary or desirable for such purpose and with the power to the Board to settle all questions, difficulties or doubts that may arise in the regard to the implementation of the aforesaid Resolution, including but not limited to negotiating, finalising, amending, signing, delivering, executing the terms of appointment, including any contract or document in this regard, without being required to seek any further consent or approval of the Members of the Company."

5. Appointment of M/s. Agrawal Subodh & Co., Chartered Accountants, (ICAI Firm Registration No. 319260E) as a Joint Statutory Auditor and to fix their remuneration

#### PILANI INVESTMENT AND INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED

#### **Notice** (Contd.)

"RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of Sections 139, 141, 142 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, and in accordance with the Guidelines for Appointment of Statutory Auditors issued by the Reserve Bank of India vide Circular No. RBI/2021-22/25-Ref. No.DoS.CO.ARG/ SEC.01/08.91.001/2021-22 dated April 27, 2021 ("RBI Guidelines"), approval of the Members of the Company, be and is hereby accorded for the appointment of M/s. Agrawal Subodh & Co., Chartered Accountants (ICAI Firm Registration No. 319260E), as the Joint Statutory Auditor of the Company with effect from the conclusion of the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting to hold office till conclusion of the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company, at such remuneration and out of pocket expenses, as may be mutually agreed between the Board of Directors of the Company and the Statutory Auditors, on the basis of the recommendation of the Audit Committee."

"RESOLVED FURTHER that the Board, including the Audit Committee of the Board or any other person(s) authorised by the Board or Audit Committee in this regard, be and are hereby severally authorised on behalf of the Company, to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as they may, in their absolute discretion deem necessary or desirable for such purpose and with the power to the Board to settle all questions, difficulties or doubts that may arise in the regard to the implementation of the aforesaid Resolution, including but not limited to negotiating, finalising, amending, signing, delivering, executing the terms of appointment, including any contract or document in this regard, without being required to seek any further consent or approval of the Members of the Company."

**Registered Office:** 

Birla Building 9/1, R. N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata – 700001 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 By Order of the Board

R. S. Kashyap Company Secretary FCS- 8588

#### **NOTES:**

- 1. In accordance with the circulars issued by the MCA and SEBI, the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company (hereinafter referred to as "AGM") is being conducted through Video Conferencing ("VC") or Other Audio-Visual Means ("OAVM") without the physical presence of the members at a common venue.
  - Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL") will be providing facility for remote e-voting, participation in the AGM through VC/ OAVM and e-voting during the AGM.
- 2. A proxy is allowed to be appointed under Section 105 of the Companies Act, 2013 to attend and vote at the general meeting on behalf of a member who is not able to attend personally. Since the AGM will be conducted through VC / OAVM, there is no requirement of appointment of proxies. Hence, Proxy Form and Attendance Slip including Route Map are not annexed to this Notice.
- 3. The attendance of the Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of ascertaining the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- 4. Institutional / Corporate Shareholders (i.e. other than individuals / HUF, NRI, etc.) are required to send a scanned copy (PDF/JPG Format) of its Board or governing body Resolution/Authorization etc., authorizing its representative to attend the AGM through VC/OAVM and vote on its behalf. The said Resolution/Authorization shall be sent to the Company at pilani@pilaniinvestment.com and to the Scrutiniser at sdalmiya.associates@gmail.com by email through registered email address with a copy marked to helpdesk. evoting@cdslindia.com latest by 5.00 p.m. on Thursday, 26th September, 2024.
- 5. In compliance with the aforesaid MCA and SEBI Circulars, Notice of the 77<sup>th</sup> AGM along with the Annual Report 2023-24 is being sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depositories. Members may note that the Notice and Annual Report 2023-24 will also be available on the Company's website www.pilaniinvestment.com and on the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively, and on the website of Central Depository Services (India) Limited at www. evotingindia.com.
- 6. Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Equity Shares of the Company will remain closed from Saturday, 21st September, 2024 to Friday, 27th September, 2024 (both days inclusive).
- 7. a. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 124 of the Companies Act, 2013, the unpaid/unclaimed dividend for and upto the financial year 2015 2016 has been transferred by the Company to the Investor Education and Protection Fund ("IEPF") established by the Central Government. Further, pursuant to the provisions of Investor Education and Protection Fund (Uploading of information regarding unpaid and unclaimed amounts lying with Companies) Rules, 2012, the company has uploaded the details of unpaid and unclaimed dividend lying with the Company on the website of the Company (www. pilaniinvestment. com) and also on the website of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
  - b. In terms of the provisions of Section 124(5) of the Companies Act, 2013, dividend which remain unpaid/unclaimed for a period of seven years from the date of declaration will be transferred to the IEPF.
    - Further, in terms of the provisions of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 ("IEPF Rules"), as amended from time to time, equity shares in respect of which dividends have not been paid or claimed for seven consecutive years or more from the date of declaration are required to be transferred to IEPF Authority.

Shareholders, who have so far not encashed their dividend relating to the financial year 2016-17 are requested to do so, by writing to the Secretarial Department at the Registered Office of the Company or to the RTA, failing which the dividend and the equity shares relating thereto will be transferred to the IEPF and the IEPF Authority respectively.

In compliance with the aforesaid Rules, the Company has already transferred equity shares in respect of which dividend has not been paid or claimed by the shareholder for seven consecutive years, to the Demat Account of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority, after providing necessary intimations to the relevant shareholders.

c. We give below the details of dividends paid by the Company and their respective due dates of transfer to such fund of the Central Government, if they remain unencashed:-

Dividend for the financial year ended	Date of declaration of Dividend	Last date for claiming unpaid Dividend
31st March, 2017	24th August, 2017	23rd September, 2024
31st March, 2018	14th September, 2018	13th October, 2025
31st March, 2019	25th September, 2019	24th October, 2026
31st March, 2020	11th September, 2020	10th October, 2027
31st March, 2021	16th September, 2021	15th October, 2028
31st March, 2022	9th September, 2022	8th October, 2029
31st March, 2023	5th September, 2023	4th October, 2030

- 8. a. Members who are holding Shares in identical order of names in more than one Folio is requested to apply to the Company or its RTA alongwith the relevant Share Certificate for consolidation of such folios in one folio.
  - b. Members are also requested to notify change in address, if any, immediately to the company at its Registered Office or its RTA by quoting their Registered Folio Number(s) in respect of their physical shares and to their Depository Participants in respect of their electronic share account.
  - c. As per Regulation 40 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, securities of listed companies can be transferred only in dematerialized form with effect from 1st April, 2019, 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, members holding shares in physical form are requested to consider converting their holdings to dematerialized form. Members can contact the Company or Company's Registrar and Transfer Agents ("RTA"), Niche Technologies Private Limited for assistance in this regard.
- 9. The Company has sent individual letters to all the Members holding shares of the Company in physical form for furnishing their PAN, KYC details and Nomination pursuant to SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD\_RTAMB/P/CIR/2021/655 dated November 3, 2021. The aforesaid communication is also available on the website of the Company.
- 10. Members may please note that SEBI vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD\_RTAMB/P/CIR/2022/8 dated January 25, 2022 has mandated the Listed Companies to issue securities in demat form only while processing service requests viz. Issue of duplicate securities certificate; claim from Unclaimed Suspense Account; Renewal/ Exchange of securities certificates; Endorsement; Sub-division/splitting of securities

certificates; Consolidation of securities certificates/folios; Transmission and Transposition. Accordingly, Shareholders are requested to make service requests by submitting a duly filled and signed Form ISR – 4, the format of which is available on the Company's website. Members holding equity shares of the Company in physical form are requested to kindly get their equity shares converted into demat/electronic form to get inherent benefits of dematerialisation and also considering that physical transfer of equity shares/ issuance of equity shares in physical form have been disallowed by SEBI.

11. Members are requested to submit their PAN, KYC and nomination details immediately.

# 12. THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHAREHOLDERS FOR REMOTE E-VOTING AND E-VOTING DURING AGM AND JOINING MEETING THROUGH VC/OAVM ARE AS UNDER:

In compliance with provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended by the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2015 and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation 2015, the Company is pleased to provide members facility to exercise their right to vote on resolutions proposed to be considered at the 77th AGM by electronic means and the business may be transacted through e-Voting Services. The facility of casting the votes by the members using an electronic voting system ("remote e-Voting") from a place other than venue of the AGM will be provided by Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL).

- (i) The voting period commences on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 9.00 A.M IST and ends on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 5.00 P.M. IST. During this period shareholders' of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date (record date) of Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- (ii) Shareholders who have already voted prior to the meeting date would not be entitled to vote at the meeting venue.
- (iii) Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated 9th December, 2020, under Regulation 44 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, listed entities are required to provide remote e-voting facility to its shareholders, in respect of all shareholders' resolutions. However, it has been observed that the participation by the public non-institutional shareholders/retail shareholders is at a negligible level.

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

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

(iv) In terms of SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated 9th 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.

Pursuant to above said SEBI Circular, Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meetings for Individual shareholders holding securities in Demat mode is given below:

Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode	1) Users who have opted for CDSL's 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 URL for users to login to Easi / Easiest are https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/home/login or visit www.cdslindia.com and click on Login icon and select New System Myeasi.
with CDSL	2) After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e-Voting option for eligible companies where the evoting is in progress as per the information provided by company. On clicking the evoting option, the user will be able to see 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 is also links provided to access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers i.e. CDSL/NSDL/KARVY/LINKINTIME, so that the user can visit the e-Voting service providers' website directly.
	3) If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/Registration/EasiRegistration
	4) Alternatively, the user can directly access e-Voting page by providing Demat Account Number and PAN No. from a e-Voting link available on www. cdslindia.com home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile & Email as recorded in the Demat Account. After successful authentication, user will be able to see the e-Voting option where the evoting is in progress and also able to directly access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers.

Type of	Type of Login Method	
shareholders	Logiii Metilod	
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	1) If you are already registered for NSDL IDeAS facility, please visit the e-Services website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://eservices.nsdl.com either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Services is launched, click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under 'IDeAS' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting services. Click on "Access to e-Voting" under e-Voting services and you will be able to see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name and you will be re-directed to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.	
	2) If the user is not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is available at https://eservices.nsdl.com. Select "Register Online for IDeAS "Portal or click at https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp	
	3) Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following 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 hold with NSDL), Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen. After successful authentication, you will be redirected to NSDL Depository site wherein you can see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting	
Individual Shareholders (holding securities in demat mode) login through their Depository Participants	You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account through your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-Voting facility. After Successful login, you will be able to see e-Voting option. Once you click on e-Voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL/ CDSL Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see e-Voting feature. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.	

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

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

Login type	Helpdesk details
Individual Shareholders	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk
holding securities in	by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at
Demat mode with <b>CDSL</b>	toll free number 1800 22 55 33.
Individual Shareholders	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk
holding securities in	by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or call at toll free no.: 1800
Demat mode with <b>NSDL</b>	1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30

- (v) Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meeting for shareholders other than individual shareholders holding in Demat form & physical shareholders.
  - 1) The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website www.evotingindia.com.
  - 2) Click on "Shareholders" module.
  - 3) Now enter your User ID
    - a. For CDSL: 16 digits beneficiary ID,
    - b. For NSDL: 8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digits Client ID,
    - Shareholders holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company.
  - 4) Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.
  - 5) If you are holding shares in demat form and had logged on to www.evotingindia.com and voted on an earlier e-voting of any company, then your existing password is to be used.
  - 6) If you are a first-time user follow the steps given below:

	For Shareholders holding shares in Demat Form other than individual and Physical Form
PAN	<ul> <li>Enter your 10 digit alpha-numeric *PAN issued by Income Tax Department (Applicable for both demat shareholders as well as physical shareholders)</li> <li>Shareholders who have not updated their PAN with the Company/ Depository Participant are requested to use the sequence number sent by Company/RTA or contact Company/RTA.</li> </ul>

	by Company/RTA or contact Company/RTA.
	For Shareholders holding shares in Demat Form other than individual
	and Physical Form
Dividend Bank Details	Enter the Dividend Bank Details or Date of Birth (in dd/mm/yyyy format) as recorded in your demat account or in the company records in order to login.
OR Date of Birth (DOB)	If both the details are not recorded with the depository or company, please enter the member id / folio number in the Dividend Bank details field as mentioned in instruction (v).

- (vi) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.
- (vii) Shareholders holding shares in physical form will then directly reach the Company selection screen. However, shareholders holding shares in demat form will now reach 'Password Creation' menu wherein they are required to mandatorily enter their login password in the new password field. Kindly note that this password is to be also used by the demat holders for voting for resolutions of any other company on which they are eligible to vote, provided that company opts for e-voting through CDSL platform. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential.
- (viii) For shareholders holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-voting on the resolutions contained in this Notice.
- (ix) Click on the EVSN for the relevant Company i.e "PILANI INVESTMENT AND INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED" on which you choose to vote.
- (x) On the voting page, you will see "RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION" and against the same the option "YES/NO" for voting. Select the option YES or NO as desired. The option YES implies that you assent to the Resolution and option NO implies that you dissent to the Resolution.
- (xi) Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- (xii) After selecting the resolution, you have decided to vote on, click on "SUBMIT". A confirmation box will be displayed. If you wish to confirm your vote, click on "OK", else to change your vote, click on "CANCEL" and accordingly modify your vote.
- (xiii) Once you "CONFIRM" your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.
- (xiv) You can also take a print of the votes cast by clicking on "Click here to print" option on the Voting page.
- (xv) If a demat account holder has forgotten the login password then Enter the User ID and the image verification code and click on Forgot Password & enter the details as prompted by the system.
- (xvi) Facility for Non Individual Shareholders and Custodians –Remote Voting
  - Non-Individual shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) and Custodians are required to log on to www.evotingindia.com and register themselves in the "Corporates" module.
  - A scanned copy of the Registration Form bearing the stamp and sign of the entity should be emailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com.
  - After receiving the login details a Compliance User should be created using the admin login and password. The Compliance User would be able to link the account(s) for which they wish to vote on.
  - The list of accounts linked in the login should be mailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com and on approval of the accounts they would be able to cast their vote.
  - A scanned copy of the Board Resolution and Power of Attorney (POA) which they have issued in favour of the Custodian, if any, should be uploaded in PDF format in the system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.
  - · Alternatively Non Individual shareholders are required to send the relevant Board Resolution/

Authority letter etc. together with attested specimen signature of the duly authorized signatory who are authorized to vote, to the Scrutinizer and to the Company at the email addresses viz; sdalmiya.associates@gmail.com and pilani@pilaniinvestment.com latest by 5.00 p.m on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, if they have voted from individual tab & not uploaded same in the CDSL e-voting system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.

# PROCESS FOR THOSE SHAREHOLDERS WHOSE EMAIL/MOBILE NO. ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE COMPANY/ DEPOSITORIES:

- (i) For Physical shareholders- please provide necessary details like 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 Company/RTA email id.
- (ii) For Demat shareholders Please update your email id & mobile no. with your respective Depository Participant (DP)
- (iii) For Individual Demat shareholders Please update your email id & mobile no. with your respective Depository Participant (DP) which is mandatory while e-Voting & joining virtual meetings through Depository.

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHAREHOLDERS ATTENDING THE AGM/EGM THROUGH VC/OAVM & E-VOTING DURING MEETING ARE AS UNDER:

- (i) The procedure for attending meeting & e-Voting on the day of the AGM/ EGM is same as the instructions mentioned above for Remote e-voting.
- (ii) The link for VC/OAVM to attend meeting will be available where the EVSN of Company will be displayed after successful login as per the instructions mentioned above for Remote e-voting.
- (iii) Shareholders who have voted through Remote e-Voting will be eligible to attend the meeting. However, they will not be eligible to vote at the AGM/EGM. Shareholders may access the same at https://www.evotingindia.com under shareholders/members login by using the remote e-Voting credentials. The link for VC/OAVM will be available in shareholder/members login where the EVSN of Company will be displayed.
- (iv) Shareholders are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops / IPads for better experience.
- (v) Further shareholders will be required to allow Camera and use Internet with a good speed to avoid any disturbance during the meeting.
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) Shareholders who would like to express their views/ask questions during the meeting may register themselves as a speaker by sending their request in advance atleast 10 days prior to meeting i.e. latest by 5.00 p.m. of Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, mentioning their name, demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at pilani@pilaniiinvestment.com. The shareholders who do not wish to speak during the AGM but have queries may send their queries in advance 10 days prior to meeting i.e. latest by 5.00 p.m. of Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, mentioning their name, demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at pilani@pilaniinvestment.com. These queries will be replied to by the company suitably at the AGM.

- (viii) Those shareholders who have registered themselves as a speaker will only be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the meeting. The Company reserves the right to restrict the number of speakers depending on the availability of time for the AGM.
- (ix) Only those shareholders, who are present in the AGM/EGM 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 available during the EGM/AGM.
- (x) If any Votes are cast by the shareholders through the e-voting available during the EGM/AGM and if the same shareholders have not participated in the meeting through VC/OAVM facility, then the votes cast by such shareholders shall be considered invalid as the facility of e-voting during the meeting is available only to the shareholders attending the meeting.
  - If you have any queries or issues regarding attending AGM and e-Voting from the CDSL e-Voting System, you can write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at toll free number 1800 22 55 33.
  - All grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager, (CDSL) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai 400013 or send an email to helpdesk. evoting@cdslindia.com or call at toll free number 1800 22 55 33.
- 13. The voting rights of shareholders shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date of Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. A person who is not a member as on cut off date should treat this notice for information purpose only.
- 14. The notice of the Annual General Meeting along with Annual Report 2023-24 will be sent to the members, whose names appear in the register of members / beneficial owners position list provided by depositories as at closing hours of business on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024.
- 15. The shareholders shall have one vote per equity share held by them as on the cut-off date of Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. The facility of e-voting would be provided once for every folio / client id, irrespective of the number of joint holders.
- 16. Investors who became members of the Company subsequent to the dispatch of the Notice / Email and holds the shares as on the cut-off date i.e Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024 are requested to send the email communication to the Company at pilani@pilaniinvestment.com by mentioning their Folio No. / DP ID and Client ID to obtain the Login-ID and Password for e-voting.
- 17. Smt. Shweta Dalmiya of M/s S. Dalmiya & Associates, Company Secretaries (Certificate of Practice Number 19603) has been appointed as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the remote e-voting process and voting at the AGM in a fair and transparent manner. The Scrutinizer will submit, within two working days of conclusion of the AGM a consolidated Scrutinizer's Report of the total votes cast in favour or against, if any, to the Chairman of the Company or a person authorized by him/her in writing, who shall countersign the same and declare the result of the voting forthwith.
- 18. The Results declared along with the Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the Company's website www. pilaniinvestment.com and on the website of CDSL. The same will be communicated to the listed stock exchanges viz. National Stock Exchange of India Limited and BSE Limited and a copy would also be displayed at the Notice Board of the Company.

- 19. The place of meeting held by VC/OAVM will be deemed to be the Registered Office address of the Company.
- 20. Brief resume of Director seeking re-appointment at the Meeting alongwith details of his other Directorships and shareholding in the Company pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Secretarial Standards:

Shri A. V. Jalan (DIN: 01455782) aged 48 years is a B.Com (Hons.) from St. Xaviers College, Kolkata and has completed Management course on Marketing and Corporate Finance from London School of Economics, U.K. He has been involved in Management of several manufacturing companies since 1998 and is having rich experience in Business Administration. He is the Director of Mangalam Cement Ltd, Vidula Consultancy Services Ltd and various other private limited companies. He is not acting as the Chairman/Member of any Committee of Directors of other public limited Companies except being a member of Audit Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee of Pilani Investment and Industries Corporation Limited. Pursuant to Regulation 26 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015 only two Committee viz. Audit Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee have been considered. He is not related to any other Director/ KMP of the Company. He had attended two out of four Board Meetings held during the FY 2023-24. During the FY 2023-24 he was paid Rs. 2.20 Lakhs towards sitting fees. He was initially appointed as the Director of the Company on 30.10.2008. Shri A. V. Jalan does not hold any Equity Share in the Company. Shri A. V. Jalan is not related to any other Director of the Company.

The aforesaid may also be regarded as disclosure under Regulation 36 (3) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Secretarial Standard-2 on General Meetings.

- 21. During the AGM, Members may access the scanned copy of Register of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel and their Shareholding maintained under Section 170 of the Act and the Registers of Contracts and Arrangements in which Directors are interested maintained under Section 189 of the Act.
- 22. To support the 'Green Initiative', Members who have not yet registered their email addresses are requested to register the same with their DPs in case the shares are held by them in electronic form and with RTA/ Company in case the shares are held by them in physical form.

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

#### ITEM NOS. 4 and 5

This explanatory statement is in terms of Regulation 36(5) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, however the same is strictly not required as per Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013.

M/s Kothari & Co., Chartered Accountants were initially appointed as the Statutory Auditors of the Company with effect from 10th December, 2021 upto the conclusion of the 75th Annual General Meeting of the Company that was held in the year 2022. Further, upon the recommendations of the Board of Directors, the Shareholders of the Company at the 75th Annual General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 approved the re-appointment of M/s Kothari & Co., Chartered Accountants as the Statutory Auditors of the Company for another period of two years up to the conclusion of the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in the year 2024. In view of the aforesaid and as per the RBI Guidelines M/S Kothari & Co., Chartered Accountants would be completing their tenure as the Statutory Auditors of the Company post conclusion of the 77th Annual General Meeting to be held on 27th September, 2024.

The Reserve Bank of India ("RBI") has vide its Circular No. RBI/2021-22/25 Ref. No. DoS.CO.ARG SEC.01/08.91.001/2021-22 dated April 27, 2021 issued Guidelines for Appointment of Statutory Central Auditors ("SCAs")/Statutory Auditors ("SAs") of Commercial Banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks), Urban Co-operative Banks ("UCBs") and Non-Banking Financial Companies ("NBFCs") (including Housing Finance Companies) ("RBI Circular/Guidelines"). The aforesaid Guidelines specify various requirements relating to appointment/reappointment of auditors, including in respect of tenure of auditors, mandatory rotation and cool off periods. Further, in order to protect the independence of the auditors/audit firms, the tenure for appointment of said auditors/audit firms is required to be 3(three) years. In terms of the aforementioned RBI Guidelines, for entities having asset size of Rs. 15,000 crore and above as at the end of previous year, the statutory audit should be conducted under the joint audit of a minimum of two audit firms. The asset size of the Company as at 31st March 2024 exceeded Rs. 15,000 crore and hence, the statutory audit of the Company for FY 2024-25 onwards is required to be conducted under the joint audit, by a minimum of two Joint Statutory Auditors.

In order to comply with the requirements of the RBI Guidelines, the Board of Directors, based on the recommendations of the Audit Committee, had on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 recommended the appointment of M/s. Maheshwari & Associates, Chartered Accountants, (ICAI Firm Registration Number: 311008E) and M/s. Agrawal Subodh & Co., Chartered Accountants, (ICAI Firm Registration Number: 319260E) as the Joint Statutory Auditors of the Company subject to approval of the Members. The Board of Directors recommends for approval of members the appointment of M/s. Maheshwari & Associates, Chartered Accountants, (ICAI Firm Registration Number: 311008E) and M/s. Agrawal Subodh & Co., Chartered Accountants, (ICAI Firm Registration Number: 319260E) as the Joint Statutory Auditors with effect from conclusion of the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting till the conclusion of the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in the year 2027.

The newly recommended Joint Statutory Auditors have confirmed that their appointment, if made, will be within the limit specified under the Act and RBI Guidelines. They have also confirmed that they are not disqualified to be appointed as Statutory Auditors in terms of the provisions of the Section 141 of the Act and the provisions of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 and the RBI Guidelines.

Pursuant to Regulation 36 (5) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the following details are mentioned below for the information of Members:

Proposed audit fee payable to auditors	The fees to be paid to M/s Maheshwari & Associates, Chartered Accountants (ICAl Firm Registration Number : 311008E) and M/s Agrawal Subodh & Co., Chartered Accountants (ICAl Firm Registration Number : 319260E) towards joint statutory audit for the financial year 2024-25 shall be as fixed by the Board of Directors within the aggregate amount of Rs. 12 lakhs with authority to Board to make changes as it may deem fit for the balance term.
Terms of appointment	The terms of appointment of M/s Maheshwari & Associates, Chartered Accountants (ICAI Firm Registration No: 311008E) and M/s Agrawal Subodh & Co., Chartered Accountants (ICAI Firm Registration No: 319260E) will be for a consecutive period of three years with effect from the conclusion of the 77th Annual General Meeting up to the conclusion of the 80th Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2027.
Material change in fee payable	The fee paid to the outgoing Statutory Auditors was Rs. 4 lakhs only but now there would be Joint Statutory Auditors and as such the fee payable be commensurate to the size of operations of the Company to be shared between the Joint Statutory Auditors.

# Basis of recommendation and auditor Credentials

The Audit Committee and the Board, based on the credentials of the firm and partners, asset size of the Company and eligibility criteria prescribed under the Act and RBI Guidelines recommends the appointment of M/s Maheshwari & Associates, Chartered Accountants (ICAI Firm Registration No: 311008E) and M/s Agrawal Subodh & Co., Chartered Accountants (ICAI Firm Registration No: 319260E) as the Joint Statutory Auditors of the Company.

The brief profile of the Joint Statutory Auditors are as under:

## M/s Maheshwari & Associates, Chartered Accountants

M/s Maheshwari & Associates was set up in 1976 and has since experienced exponential growth through its services. The firm's vision is conceptualized by likeminded professionals and managed by an able team of Fifteen partners who, in turn, are supported by dedicated managers and assistants. The firm is headquartered in the cultural capital of India –Kolkata with branches at Bangalore, Chennai and Mumbai. The executive team of the firm provides real world solutions to complex business issues through their expertise, while adhering to committed timelines. Their services extend to areas of Audit & Assurance, Risk & Advisory, Tax & Regulatory, Virtual CFO services, Forensic & Compliance, Due Diligence & Outsourcing and Process & Re engineering Solutions. Over the years, the firm has gained in-depth experience in providing a multitude of services to a number of reputed Banks & Companies, both in the private & public sector. Their vast knowledge domain encompasses various industries, which includes Banking, NBFC, Agro-based, Power, Consumer Durables, Airlines, Infrastructure, Coal, Housing Finance, Textiles and FMCG.

# M/s Agrawal Subodh & Co., Chartered Accountants

M/s Agrawal Subodh & Co. are a leading firm of Chartered Accountants with more than 34 years of experience. Established in 1990 and headquartered in Kolkata, they have a branch office in Delhi and several associates across various cities in India. They are a full services firm with 9 partners and 50 staff members providing comprehensive professional services in the areas of Accounting, Assurance and Consultancy as their core business lines for domestic and global businesses of medium to large size. They also specialize in providing end to end solutions in the areas of Insolvency, Company Law Matters, IFRS Convergence, IND AS conversion, Transfer Pricing, Risk and Transaction Advisory.

None of the Directors/Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives are concerned or interested, financially or otherwise in the resolutions, except to the extent of their shareholding, if any, in the Company. The Board recommends the resolutions set forth in Item No. 4 and 5 of the notice for approval of the members.

**Registered Office:** 

By Order of the Board

Birla Building 9/1, R. N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata – 700001 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

R. S. Kashyap Company Secretary FCS- 8588