## **NLC India Limited**



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Phiroze JeeJeebhoy Towers,

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Sir/Madam,

Sub: Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 — Proceedings of 67<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

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The 67<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company was held on Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at 11:00 Hours IST through Video Conference (VC) or Other Audio-Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the business as set out in the Notice of the AGM.

Shri M Prasanna Kumar, Chairman and Managing Director chaired the proceedings of the meeting. The requisite quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

The Notice convening the meeting was taken as read. The Chairman during his speech addressed the Members on the Company's performance during the year 2022-23 and also on current year's performance up to June, 2023, besides the present capacity including capacity addition in Mines and Power Sector.

Members who had registered as Speakers were requested to address their queries /clarifications on the annual accounts and performance of the Company for the year 2022-23. Chairman gave detailed replies / clarifications to the Members.

D Hanumanta Raju & Co, Practising Company Secretaries, was appointed as the Scrutinizer for conducting the E-Voting Process in fair and transparent manner for the AGM.

The following business as set out in the Notice of the 67<sup>th</sup>Annual General Meeting were taken up for consideration through E-voting besides Remote E-voting facility provided.

S. No.	Subject	
ORDINARY BUSINESS		
1	To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements including	
	Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year	

	ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2023, together with the Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditor's thereon and the comments of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India.	
2	To confirm the Interim Dividend paid @15% (₹1.50 per equity share) & to approve the declaration of Final Dividend @20% (₹2.00 per equity share) for the financial year 2022-23.	
3	To appoint a Director in place of Shri K. Mohan Reddy (DIN: 09514050), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for reappointment.	
SPECIAL BUSINESS		
4	To consider the appointment of Smt. Vismita Tej (DIN: 08255194) as a Government Nominee Director of the Company.	
5	To consider the appointment of Shri Samir Swarup (DIN: 09648745) as Director (Human Resources) of the Company.	
6	To consider the appointment of Shri M. Venkatachalam (DIN: 10045337) as Director (Power) of the Company.	
7	To consider the appointment of Dr. Beela Rajesh (DIN: 02729408) as a Government Nominee Director of the Company.	
8	To consider and ratify the remuneration fixed to the Cost Auditors of the Company for the year 2023-24.	

The Members were informed that the voting results on the resolutions will be announced as stipulated in the SEBI Regulations.

The Annual General Meeting of the Company commenced at 11:00 Hours (IST) and concluded at 12:11 Hours (IST).

We request you to take on record the above proceedings of the AGM.

We are also enclosing copy of Chairman's Speech delivered at the 67<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company.

Thanking you.

**Encl.: As above** 

Yours faithfully, for NLC India Limited

Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

# Chairman's Statement at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup>September,2023

Dear Shareholders,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of your Company, The Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 together with the Auditors' Report and Comments of the C&AG and the Board's Report have already been sent to you and with that I take them as read.

## **CORE VALUES**

I am happy to share that your company has adopted enriched Core Value acronym 'N-L-C-I-L C-OM-M-I-T-S' which encapsulates NLCIL's new aspirations to broaden its horizons, to expand globally with enhanced dynamism to become a leader among the CPSEs with sustainable operations.

## **PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS-2022-23**

Now I would like to share some **Physical performance** highlights of FY 2022-23:

Your Company including its subsidiaries achieved many milestones in the year2022-23. Few of them are:

- All time highest ever power generation of 30.08 Billion Units (BU).
- > All-time highest ever renewable (green) energy power generation of 2.19 BU.
- ➤ Lignite production achieved 235.30 lakh tonnes against the target of 263.50 lakh tonnes.
- ➤ New high in Coal production of 100.26 lakh tonnes.

## **Financial Performance**

In the financial front as well, your Company during the year 2022-23, registered growth over the previous financial year as under:

- Registered a total income of ₹14,195.90 Crore with a growth rate of 33% over the last year.
- ➤ Registered a Profit after Tax of ₹1,248.24 Crore, an increase of 0.9% over the last year.
- ➤ All time highest ever other income of ₹198.75 Crore through scrap disposal.

## Performance in the Current Year 2023-24 (April 2023 to June 2023)

In the current fiscal upto 30<sup>th</sup>June,2023, your Company achieved significant performances as under:

- > Standalone power generation during this quarter was 5405 MU.
- Consolidated Power generation during this quarter was 6843 MU.
- ➤ Lignite production during this quarter was 50.48 LT.
- Coal production during this quarter was 21.04 LT.

In the financial front, during the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, the Standalone Total Income was ₹2,690 Crore as against ₹3,177 Crore in the corresponding period of the previous year. The Standalone Profit after Tax for this quarter were ₹331 Crore as against ₹506 Crore in the corresponding period of the previous year.

The Consolidated Total Income for this quarter was ₹3,428 Crore as against ₹3,966 Crore in the corresponding period of the previous year. The Profit before Tax & Profit after Tax for this quarter were ₹614 Crore and ₹414 Crore as against ₹854 Crore & ₹569 Crore compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

## **COMMERCIAL PERFORMANCE**

During the year under review, your Company had received an amount of ₹7,138.89 Crore out of the total billed value of ₹7,990.73 Crore for the FY 2022-23. In case of NTPL, total amount realized was ₹3,220.74 Crore against billedvalue of ₹3,495.70 Crore. Collection efficiency of the Company as a whole stood at 90.19%.

Further, the DISCOMs were encouraged & persuaded to avail Bill Discounting Scheme to liquidate their dues, which resulted in the realization of dues to the tune of ₹3,448.69 Crore through bill discounting from the DISCOMs.

## **POWER TRADING IN POWER EXCHANGE**

During the year 2022-23, 220.70 MU of Un-Requisitioned Surplus (URS) power was sold from thermal powerstations of your Company in different market segments of Power Exchange leading to a gross revenue addition of ₹94.64 Crore. Asper the CERC IEGC Regulation & MoP Electricity (Late Payment Surcharge and Related Matters) Rules 2022, gainsearned from sale of such URS power is being shared with the beneficiaries.

Whenever opportunity arises, your Company is continuously trading surrendered power from its thermal stations in DayAhead Market (DAM) & Real Time Market (RTM) segments of Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) based on availability of surplus lignite & technical capabilities of thermal stations.

Your Company has also traded 138.65 MU of power in FY 2022-23 as against 91.23 MU in the year 2021-22 under TradingLicense which includes sale & purchase of power for various grid connected entities.

## **DIVIDEND**

I am happy to inform you that in addition to the Interim Dividend of 15% paid during the year, the Board of Directors has recommended a final dividend of 20% for the FY2022-23. The Total dividend for the year 2022-23 including interim Dividend already paid is 35% and the same works out ₹485.32 Crore.

#### **PERFORMANCE OF SUBSIDIARIES**

**NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited (NTPL)**, the Subsidiary Company has generated 5,929.99 MU of power(excluding power surrender) as against 4,182.46 MU registered in the year 2021-22. For FY 2022-23, NTPL has already paid Interim Dividend of 5% and declared Final Dividend of 2.5%

**Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Limited (NUPPL)**, the Subsidiary Company's Ghatampur Thermal Power Project (GTPP) is progressing towards commissioning of Unit-I in this financial year. The delay in execution of the Project was mainly due to the slow progress of works in Balance of Plant (BOP) Package (GA3), as the Package Contractor is under financial stress. Further, because of lockdown during the period of Covid-19 pandemic, Inter-State Migrant Labours (ISML) returned to their native places besides the inadequacy of skilled man power and disturbances in supply chains distributions during that period contributed to the delay in the progress of the project.

NUPPL has signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) for supplying 75% of the Power from the plant. In line with the revised power allocation by Ministry of Power, GoI, PPA for 492.72 MW power (24.88%) has been signed with APDCL on 13th June, 2023.

To meet the rising power demand in India driven by economic growth, your Company will commence operation of itsfirst super-critical coal-based thermal power plant in the near future. The plant has a total capacity of 1,980 MW (3  $\times$  660 MW). It is designed to be sustainable, ensuring a lower carbon footprint, lower air pollution and systems to promote water conservation.

Ghatampur Thermal Power Project (GTPP) is based on super critical technology thus will achieve high efficiency resulting in less coal consumption and low emission. We are also incorporating Flue Gas Desulphurization (FGD) and SCR systems in the project thus reducing the SOx and NOx emissions below the MoEF&CC mandated norms. The project is being brought out in a manner that in spite of being fossil fuel based power generation, it takes care of the environment to the best possible way.

The coal supply for the GTPP is linked to Pachwara South Coal Block (PSCB) which is in advance stage of obtaining necessary clearances/approvals for commencement of mining operations. Based on the Company's request, CEA had recommended Coal India Limited (CIL) to supply 0.99 MT (0.33 MT for each unit) coal to GTPP to facilitate commissioningactivities, trial run & achieving COD etc. The remaining quantity of Coal is expected to be supplied from the Talabira II& III OCP Mine belonging to your Company till commencement of operation of PSCB. Standing Linkage Committee(Long-Term) on

16th June, 2023, recommended bridge linkage of 2.64 MT operational coal for FY 2023-24 from CoalIndia Limited. Coal India Ltd (CIL) on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023, extended bridge linkage coal of 3.526 MMT for FY 2023-24.

**Coal Lignite Urja Vikas Private Limited (CLUVPL),** a Joint Venture between your Company & Coal India Limited has been awarded with the Project Management Consultancy Contract by South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) for developing 40MW Solar Power Project at Bishrampur and Bhatgaon locations of SECL in the State of Chhattisgarh. Presently the project activities are in progress.

**NLC INDIA Renewable Limited (NIRL)**—During the current financial year, Your Company has incorporated NLC India Renewables Limited, as its Wholly owned Subsidiary for take over the existing renewable assets of the Company and consolidate all its Renewable Assets under its Asset Monetization Plan after getting the approval of Government and other statutory bodies.

## **SECTOR SCENARIO**

The Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) initiative stands tall as a symbol of success, achieving universal household electrification, covering every village and district in the country. This ambitious program has provided electricity connections to 2.86 crore unelectrified households since September 25, 2017, both in rural and urban areas. The International Energy Agency (IEA) has called this the fastest expansion of access anywhere in the world in the history of power. The availability of power in both rural and urban areas has significantly increased.

The power generation of India during 2022-23 was 1624.465 BU as compared to 1491.859 BU generated during 2021-22, representing a growth of about 8.87%. The electricity generation target (Including RE) for the year 2023-24 has been fixed as 1750 Billion Unit (BU). i.e. growth of around 7.2% over actual generation of 1624.158 BU for the previous year (2022-23). The remarkable growth of solar and wind energy capacity has cemented India's position as a global leader in renewable energy adoption. Today, India stands 4th globally in Renewable Energy Installed Capacity, with 43% of its total installed electricity capacity coming from non-fossil energy sources.

India has been heavily reliant on coal, being home to the world's fourth-largest reserves and ranking asthe second-largest producer and consumer of the resource. Coal plays a pivotal role in India's energy mix, catering toapproximately 70% of the country's power production.

Despite the steady significance of coal, India is witnessing a shift in its energy mix. As per the Draft NITI Aayog Report(Nov '21), the share of coal in the energy mix is predicted to decline from 72% at present to 52% by 2030, 43% by 2035 and 34% by 2040 due to the increased penetration of renewable energy sources. While coal remains a significant contributor to India's energy supply, an increasing commitment towards reducing carbon emissions and combating climate change has driven a paradigm shift. The focus is moving away from further exploitation of coal reserves towards a more balanced and sustainable energy portfolio.

## **OUTLOOK**

Currently your Company operates four open cast Lignite Mines with an aggregate capacity of 30.10 MTPA. Mine IA Expansion Project is being implemented to expand Mine IA from 3.0 MTPA to 7.0 MTPA at a cost ₹709.06 Crore. After restructuring of Neyveli Mines and commissioning of Mine - III, the aggregate lignite mining capacity is expected to reach 55.35 MTPA by the FY2030

In the Coal Sector, presently your Company operates an open cast coal mine of capacity 20MTPA at Talabira, in the State of Odisha and through NUPPL, its Subsidiary, your Company is developing the Pachwara South Coal Block in the State of Jharkhand, with a capacity of 9 MTPA. At the recently-concluded Commercial Coal Block Auction on 01.08.2023 by Ministry of Coal under 17th trancheof Auction under CMSP Act, your Company won the bid for North Dhadu (Western Part) Coal Mine in Latehar District of Jharkhand @ 6% revenue sharing. The coal mine forms part of the North Karanpura coal field and it is having anarea of 5.33 sq. km. It is fully explored having a geological reserve of 435 MT of G12 grade. Tentative capacity of the coal mine is 3 MTPA. The coal will be sold to the potential consumers located in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand.

Your Company has intended to enter into commercial mining of coal, with a planned addition of 13 MT, thereby envisaging an aggregate mining capacity of 45MTPA in the Coal Sector.

The total Power Generating capacity of your Company as on 31<sup>st</sup>March, 2023, including Wind and Solar Power Generation is 5061.06 MW and including the capacity of NTPL, the Subsidiary Company, the total Power Generating capacity as whole is 6,061.06 MW.

Looking ahead, in keeping with its Corporate Plan your Company (including Subsidiaries) aims to raise its total thermalpower generating capacity to 11,140 MW and the renewable power generating capacity to 6,031 MW by 2030.

Your Company has been awarded with a work order for providing consultancy services to Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (UPRVUNL) for selection of MDO, supervision & monitoring of exploration and other site activities for its Saharpur Jamarpani Coal Block in Jharkhand.

## **CARING FOR ENVIRONMENT**

India is transforming from an energy economy driven byfossil fuels to one that is driven by Renewable sources. Renewableenergy sources have started contributing to India's energy demand. In support to the Government's target for setting up of 500 GW of Renewable Energy capacity of India by 2030, your Company is on the path and secure many Projects and signed MoUs for Renewables energy.

Recently, Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) floated tender under Governments Waste Land Policy for installation of 800 MW Solar power project with Greenshoe option at GSECL Solar Park, Khavda, Gujarat. Your Company won 600 MW (300 MWthrough competitive bidding and an additional 300 MW through the Greenshoe option) Solar Project at Khavda, Gujarat from GSECL Solar Park.

Your Company through its Wholly owned Subsidiary, NIRL has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL) for establishing 1000 MW Solar Power Project in Assam through JV Mode. Required approvals for formation of the Joint Venture Company is under process and expected shortly.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES & CONCERNS**

As diversification strategy, your Company has also ventured into implementation of OB to M-Sand, Lignite to Methanol projects, Battery storage & Green Hydrogen. Further, EV Charging stations, Lignite to diesel, IGCC Technology projects are being taken up on Pilot Scale under Clean Energy.

The total Capital Expenditure for Mining, Power Generation and diversification businesses has been projected to be ₹82,174 crore during FY 2023-30.

In line with the 'Lignite Gasification', the ambitious project of our Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision under Atma Nirbhar Bharat to achieve a target of 100MT Coal Gasification by 2030, M/s Engineers India Ltd is engaged as Project Management Consultant for setting up 1200Tonnes Per Day (0.40MTPA) Lignite to Methanol project at a cost of ₹4394.40 Crore in Neyveli.

The need for continuous acquiring land for the existing and new mining projects are causing concern in the light of stiff resistance by the land owners and the demand for increase in the compensation and also for employment. Fulfilment of stringent environment norms prescribed by the Government from time to time, increase the cost of generation affecting the competitiveness of the power tariff.

Due to non availability of requisite land for expansion of mines, operations was affected during the financial year 2022-23. However with the support of Central and State Government the issue have been settled amicably and the critical land for expansion of Mines is under progress. It is expected that the Power Generation and Lignite production will be at full capacity during the current financial year.

## **SAFETY**

Your Company gives utmost importance for Safety and Safety has been embedded in all its operations. Recently, Tripartite Meeting on Safety has been conducted successfully with participation of Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), NLCIL Management and the Union Representatives of NLCIL.

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

Your Company, as a socially responsible corporate citizen, continues to carry out developmental works in the surrounding villages, right from its inception, focusing onthe socio economic development of the operating regions for achieving inclusive &sustainable growth. The amount spent by your Company for the year 2022-23 towards CSR projects is ₹43.07crore.

Your Company believes in ethical governance and sustainable practices. As a good Corporate Citizen, your Company adheres to the Corporate Governance requirements and compliances of the same have been detailed in the report of Directors, which is a part of the Annual Report sent to Members of the Company.

## **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

I am pleased to share that your Company has been honored with many awards out of those some are as follow:

- TPS-I Expansion conferred with CBIP award 2022 for Best Performing Thermal Power Station in the country.
- TPS-II received the Best Performing Unit award in the category of IPP Lignite Between 125 to 250 MW inrecognition of outstanding achievements in exceptional unit performance, efficiency and reliability from Councilof Enviro Excellence.
- Mine II has been bestowed with the most prestigious "NATIONAL SAFETY AWARD 2021" for lowest injury frequency rate per million cubic meter output.
- Mine II bagged Green Tech Environment Award 2023 Winner under Environmental Preservation category.
- Four Mines were rated as "5 STAR" and one Mine was rated as "4 STAR" by Ministry of Coal for the outstanding performance for the FY 2020-21 & 2021-22.
- GeM Portal ranked NLCIL as No.1 for 'Timely payments' and No.2 for 'Overall ranking' among Top 20 CPSEs in GeM procurement.
- Barsingsar Project has been selected as Winner under Leading Project of the Year Category for Greentech Intl. Leadership Awards 2023.
- NNTPS bagged the prestigious award of "Winner- Best Performing Unit" in the category of IPP Lignite – above 250MW organized by Council of Enviro Excellence (CEE) in the virtual event held on 14<sup>th</sup>March, 2023 for National Power Plant Awards Year 2023.
- TPS-II Expansion has bagged "Occupational Health and Safety Award Gold Award" for Occupational Health and Safety from sustainable development foundation in Nov-22 at Goa.
- Barsingsar Thermal Power Station has been awarded as winner for 100% Fly ash utilization by Mission Energy Foundation during the FY 2022-23.
- Conferred with first prize for the 'Swachhata Pakhwada' among Coal PSUs from Ministry of Coal/GoI for outstanding work in Cleanliness activities.

#### **INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

The Industrial Relations scenario in the Company remained peaceful, cordial during the Financial Year 2022-23.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, NITI Aayog, DPE, DIPAM, CERC, CEA, C&AG, State Governments and Union Territories, Joint Venture Partners, Investors, DISCOMs, Auditors,

Bankers, Vendors and other stake holders who have provided significant support.

I wish to place on record my appreciation and thanks to the Members on the Board of the Company and the Subsidiary Companies and all employees including contract workmen for their dedication to your Company's development and continued growth. I am also thankful to the Shareholders for their continued trust in the management of the company.

Thank you,

M PRASANNA KUMAR CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR

Place: Neyveli Date: 26.09.2023