

Date: 17-05-2022

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| BSE Limited,                      | The National Stock Exchange of India Limited, |
| Department of Corporate Services, | The Listing Department,                       |
| Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers,        | Bandra Kurla Complex,                         |
| Dalal Street,                     | Mumbai- 400 051.                              |
| Mumbai- 400001.                   | Scrip Symbol- HOMEFIRST                       |
| Scrip Code- 543259                |   |

### Subject: Notice of the 13th Annual General Meeting of the Company

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to inform you that the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company is scheduled to be held on Friday, June 10, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. IST through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio-Visual Means ("OAVM") in accordance with the circulars and notifications issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") to transact the businesses, as set forth in the Notice convening the AGM.

The Notice of the AGM is available on the website of the Company at:

https://homefirstindia.com/files/NoticeofAGM\_2022.pdf

Request you to kindly take the above on record and disseminate the same on your website.

### For Home First Finance Company India Limited

Shreyans Bachhawat Company Secretary and Compliance Officer ACS NO: 26700

### **NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ("AGM") OF THE MEMBERS OF HOME FIRST FINANCE COMPANY INDIA LIMITED ("THE COMPANY") IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022 AT 02:00 P.M. INDIAN STANDARD TIME ("IST") THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ("VC") /OTHER AUDIO-VISUAL MEANS ("OAVM") FACILITY TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES:

### Ordinary Business:

1. To receive, consider and adopt:

The Audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Profit and Loss and Cash Flow Statement with notes forming part thereof, the Directors' Report (along with all the annexures) and Auditor's Report for the financial year ended March 31, 2022.

### Special Businesses:

2. To consider and approve the retirement of Mr. Vishal Gupta as Nominee Director of Bessemer India Capital II Holdings Ltd.

To consider and if thought fit, to pass, with or without modification(s), the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Section 152 of the Companies Act, 2013 and relevant rules framed thereunder, including any modification(s) thereto or re-enactment(s) thereof, Mr. Vishal Vijay Gupta, Nominee Director (DIN: 01913013) of Bessemer India Capital II Holdings Ltd, who retires by means of rotation at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, does not offer himself for re-appointment be not re-appointed as a Director of the Company and the vacancy so caused on the Board, be not filled up at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

3. To approve the increase in borrowing powers in excess of the Paid-up Share Capital, Free Reserves and Securities Premium of the Company pursuant to Section 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013.

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

"RESOLVED THAT in supersession of the earlier resolution passed by the Members of the Company at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 180(1)(c) and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force) and as per the applicable directions / guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India ("RBI") or National Housing Bank ("NHB") and the relevant provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company and all other applicable rules, laws and acts (if any) and subject to all other requisite approvals, permissions and sanctions and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by any of the concerned authorities (if any), the consent of the Members of the Company be and is hereby accorded to the Board of Directors of the Company (hereinafter referred to as the "the Board" which term shall be deemed to include any Committee of the Board constituted / to be constituted / reconstituted by the Board to exercise its powers, including the powers conferred upon by this resolution) for borrowing from time to time, as they may think fit for the purpose of the business of the Company, any sum or sums of money not exceeding ₹7,500 crore (Rupees Seven Thousand Five Hundred Crore only) (including the money(ies) already borrowed by the Company) in Indian Rupees or in any equivalent foreign currency(ies) on such terms and conditions as the Board may deem fit, whether the same may be secured or unsecured whether domestic or international, and if secured, whether by way of charge, by way of mortgage or hypothecation, pledge or otherwise in any way whatsoever, on, over or in any respect of all, or any of the Company's assets and effects

or properties including stock in trade (receivables), notwithstanding that the money to be borrowed together with the money(ies) already borrowed by the Company (apart from the temporary loans obtained from the Company's Bankers in the ordinary course of business) and remaining un-discharged at any given time, exceed the aggregate, for the time being, of the paid up share capital of the Company and its free reserves, that is to say, reserves not set apart for any specific purpose, and securities premium provided that the total borrowing limit shall be within the limits prescribed under the RBI Master Directions.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorized for borrowing from time to time, as it may think fit, any sum or sums of money not exceeding ₹7,500 crore (Rupees Seven Thousand Five Hundred crore only) in Indian Rupees or equivalent thereof in any foreign currency(ies) in aggregate (including the money(ies) already borrowed by the Company) on such terms and conditions as the Board may deem fit, by way of loans, or in any other form whatsoever, or issue of Bonds and/or Non-Convertible Debentures or other Securities or Term Loans, Cash Credit facilities External Commercial Borrowings or other facilities in form of debt in the nature of Debentures, Commercial Papers and the like to Bank(s), Financial or other Institution(s), Mutual Fund(s), Non- Resident Indians (NRIs), Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) or any other person(s), body(ies) corporate, etc., whether Securities holder of the Company or not.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** for the purpose of giving effect to the aforesaid resolution, the Board be and is hereby authorised to delegate all or any of the powers conferred on it by or under this resolution to any Committee of Directors of the Company and the Board or the Committee of Directors be and is hereby authorized to arrange or finalise the terms and conditions of all such borrowings, from time to time, viz. terms as to interest, repayment, security or otherwise as it may deem fit and to sign and execute all such documents, agreements and writings and do all

such acts, deeds and things, as it may in its absolute discretion deem necessary, proper or desirable and to settle any question, difficulty or doubt that may arise in this regard."

 To approve creation of charges on the assets of the Company under Section 180(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 to secure the borrowings made/to be made under section 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013.

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

"RESOLVED THAT in supersession of the earlier resolution passed by the Members of the Company at the  $10^{\mbox{\tiny th}}$  Annual General Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 180(1)(a) and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force) and as per the directions/guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India ("RBI") or National Housing Bank ("NHB") and relevant provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company, and all other applicable rules, laws and acts (if any) and subject to all other requisite approvals, permissions and sanctions and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by any of the concerned authorities (if any), the consent of the Members of the Company be and is hereby accorded to the Board of Directors of the Company (hereinafter referred to as the "the Board" which term shall be deemed to include any Committee of the Board, constituted/ to be constituted / reconstituted to exercise its powers including the powers conferred by this resolution) to create charge by way of mortgage(s) and/or hypothecation and/or lien or otherwise on any of movable and / or immovable properties / assets of the Company including receivables in the form of book debts, wherever situated both present and future and / or on whole or substantially the whole of the undertaking of the Company or where the Company owns more than one undertaking, of the whole or substantially the whole of any such

undertaking(s) wherever situated, on such terms and conditions at such time(s) and in such form and manner, and with such ranking in terms of priority, as the Board in its absolute discretion thinks fit, to or in favor of any bank(s) or Financial or other Institution(s), Mutual Fund(s), Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) or Security Trustee(s) or body(ies) corporate or person(s), whether Securities holders of the Company or not, to secure the borrowing facility together with interest, cost, charges and expenses thereon for amount not exceeding ₹7,500 crore (Rupees Seven Thousand Five Hundred Crore only) at any point of time (including the money(ies) already borrowed by the Company).

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the securities to be created by the Company as aforesaid may rank exclusive/prior/pari-passu/subsequent with/to the hypothecation/mortgages/lien and/or charges already created or to be created by the Company as may be agreed to between the concerned parties.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** for the purpose of giving effect to the aforesaid resolution, the Board of Directors be and is hereby authorised to delegate all or any of the powers conferred on it by or under this resolution to any Committee of Directors of the Company and to do all such acts, deeds and things, as it may in its absolute discretion deem necessary, proper or desirable and to settle any question, difficulty or doubt that may arise in this regard.

By order of the Board of Directors, For Home First Finance Company India Limited

Shreyans Bachhawat Company Secretary & Compliance Officer Mem No: A26700 Date: May 17, 2022 Place: Mumbai

#### **Registered & Corporate Office Address:**

511, Acme Plaza, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400059. CIN: L65990MH2010PLC240703 Tel: 022 6694 0386 E-mail: <u>corporate@homefirstindia.com</u> Website: <u>www.homefirstindia.com</u>

### Notes:

- In view of the current extraordinary circums-1 tances due to COVID-19 pandemic requiring social distancing, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India (the "MCA") vide its General Circular No. 20/2020 dated 5th May, 2020, Circular No. 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021, General Circular No. 21/2021 December 14, 2021 and General Circular No 2/2022 dated May 5, 2022 read together with General Circular Nos. 14/2020 & 17/2020 dated 8th April, 2020 and 13th April, 2020, respectively, (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars"), and the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/ CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated 12th May, 2020 and SEBI/HO/CFD /CMD2/ CIR/P/2021/11 dated January 15, 2021, permitted the holding of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) through Video Conferencing ('VC')/Other Audio Visual Means ('OAVM'), without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue. The deemed venue for the AGM shall be the registered office of the Company. Since, the AGM will be held through VC, the route map, and attendance slip are also not annexed to this Notice.
- 2. Further pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended) and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing **Obligations & Disclosure Requirements)** Regulations, 2015 (as amended), Secretarial Standards on General Meetings (SS-2) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and the MCA and SEBI Circulars, the Company is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) through Video Conferencing ('VC')/Other Audio-Visual Means ('OAVM'), without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue. For the said purpose the Company has engaged the services of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) for conducting AGM through VC/OAVM. Further, NSDL has also been engaged for facilitating e-voting to enable the members to cast their votes electronically using remote e-

voting system as well as e-voting during the AGM. The procedure for participating in the meeting through VC/OAVM is explained in the notes below.

- 3. The Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") setting out material facts relating to the special business(es) to be transacted at the AGM is annexed hereto. The Board of Directors, at its meeting held on May 3, 2022 considered that the Special business under item no. 2, 3 and 4 being unavoidable, be transacted at the AGM.
- All documents referred to in the Notice will be available for electronic inspection without any fee by the members from the date of circulation of this Notice up to the date of AGM, i.e. June 10, 2022. Members seeking to inspect such documents can send an email to <u>corporate</u> @homefirstindia.com.
- 5. The Register of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel and their shareholding, maintained under Section 170 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act"), the Register of Contracts or Arrangements in which the directors are interested, maintained under Section 189 of the Act and the Certificate from the Secretarial Auditors pursuant to Regulation 13 of the SEBI (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021, will be available electronically for inspection by the members during the AGM.

Further, members seeking any information with regard to the accounts or any other matter to be placed at the AGM, are requested to write to the Company from their registered email address, mentioning their name, DP ID and Client ID number and mobile number, at least 48 hours in advance before the commencement of the Meeting i.e. latest by June 8, 2022, 02.00 P.M. IST through email to <u>corporate@homefirstindia.</u> <u>com</u>. Such questions shall be taken up during the meeting or replied by the Company suitably.

- 6. In terms of the MCA circulars since the physical attendance of Members has been dispensed with, there is no requirement of appointment of proxies. Accordingly, the facility of appointing proxies by Members under Section 105 of the Companies Act, 2013 will not be available for the AGM. However, in pursuance of Section 113 of the Act, representatives of the Members may be appointed for the purpose of voting through remote e-voting, participation in the AGM through VC/OAVM and e-voting during the AGM. Corporate Members intending to appoint their representatives are requested to send a scanned certified copy of the board resolution authorizing their representatives to corporate@homefirst india.com with a copy marked to mail@aashish bhatt.com and evoting@nsdl.co.in.
- 7. Pursuant to the abovementioned Circulars, the Company will send the Annual Report for the FY22 and AGM notice in electronic form only. The Notice of AGM and Annual report for the FY22 are also placed on the website of the Company i.e. <u>www.homefirstindia.com</u> and the website of National Securities Depository Limited i.e. <u>www.evoting.nsdl.com</u> and at the relevant sections of the websites of the stock exchanges on which the shares of the Company are listed i.e. BSE Ltd. (<u>www.bseindia.com</u>) and National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (<u>www.nseindia.com</u>).
- The Notice is being sent to all the Members/ Beneficiaries electronically, whose names appear on the Register of Members/Record of Depositories as on Friday, May 13, 2022 in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rules made thereunder and MCA and SEBI Circulars.
- 9. The facility for electronic voting system, shall also be made available during the AGM. The Members attending the AGM, who have not cast their votes through remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be able to exercise their voting rights during the AGM. The Members who have already casted their votes through remote e-voting may attend the meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their votes again at the AGM.

- 10. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the shareholder, the shareholder shall not be allowed to change it subsequently. There will be one e-vote for every Client ID irrespective of the number of joint holders. Voting Rights shall be reckoned on the paid-up value of shares registered in the name of the Member(s) as on the cut-off date and any person who is not a member as on that date should treat this Notice for information purposes only.
- 11. Members may join the AGM through VC/OAVM Facility by following the procedure as mentioned below which shall be kept open for the Members from 01:30 P.M. (IST) i.e. 30 minutes before the time scheduled to start the AGM and the Company may close the window for joining the VC/OAVM facility, 15 minutes after the scheduled time to start the AGM. The facility of participation at the General Meeting through VC/OAVM will be made available for at least 1000 members on first come first served basis. However, the said restriction on account of first come first served principle shall not be applicable on large shareholders (shareholders holding 2% or more shareholding), promoters, institutional investors, Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, the Chairpersons of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders' Relationship Committee, Auditors, etc.
- 12. The attendance of the Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- 13. Members who would like to express their views or ask questions during the AGM may register themselves as speaker by sending their request from their registered email address mentioning their name, DP ID and client ID, No. of shares, PAN, mobile number at <u>corporate@-homefirst</u> <u>india.com</u> till June 3, 2022 Only those Members who have registered themselves as a speaker will be allowed to express their views, ask questions during the AGM.

The Company reserves the right to restrict the number of speakers as well as the speaking time depending upon the availability of time at the AGM.

- 14. Shareholders who would like to express their views/have questions may send their questions in advance mentioning their name demat account number, email id, mobile number at <u>corporate@ homefirstindia.com</u>. The same will be replied by the company suitably.
- 15. The Board of Directors have appointed Mr. Aashish K Bhatt (Certificate of Practice no.7023) Designated Partner of M/s Bhatt & Associates, Company Secretaries LLP as the Scrutiniser to scrutinize the remote e-voting process and voting through electronic voting system at the AGM in a fair and transparent manner.
- 16. The Scrutiniser will, after the conclusion of evoting at the AGM, scrutinise the votes cast at the AGM and votes cast through remote e-voting, make a consolidated Scrutiniser's Report and submit the same to the Chairman or a person authorised by him in writing, who shall countersign the same and declare voting results (consolidated) within two working days from the conclusion of the AGM. The voting results along with the consolidated Scrutiniser's Report, will be placed on the website of the Company (www.homefirstindia.com) and the website of NSDL (www.nsdl.com) immediately after the declaration of result by the Chairman and in his absence, any Director/officer of the Company authorised by the Chairman and the same will also be communicated to BSE Limited and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited. It shall also be displayed on the Notice Board at the Registered Office and the Corporate office of the Company.
- 17. In order promote optimum utilization of natural resources responsibly, we request shareholders to update their contact details including e-mail address, mandates, nominations, power of attorney, Company details covering name of the Company and branch details, Company account number, MICR code, IFSC code, etc. with their depository participants and with RTA to enable the Company to send all the communications

electronically including Annual Report, Notices, Circulars, etc.

- 18. The Securities and Exchange Board of India has mandated the submission of the Permanent Account Number (PAN) by every participant in the securities market. Members holding shares in electronic form are, therefore, requested to submit the PAN details to their Depository Participants with whom they are maintaining their demat accounts.
- Members are requested to notify the change in address if any, with Pin Code numbers immediately to the RTA i.e. Kfin Technologies Limited, Selenium Building, Tower B, Plot No 31 & 32, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad, Telegana- 500 0032. Tel No: +91 40- 6716 2222, Website: www.kfintech.com.
- 20. Non-Resident Indian Members are requested to inform RTA of the Company any change in their residential status on return to India for permanent settlement, particulars of their Company account maintained in India with complete name, branch account type, account number and address of Company with pin code number, if not furnished earlier. Members holding shares in electronic form may contact their respective Depository Participants for availing this facility.
- 21. Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes Member of the Company after the Company sends the Notice of the AGM by e-mail and holds shares as on the cut-off date i.e. on June 3, 2022, may obtain the User ID and password by sending a request to e-mail address <u>evoting@</u> <u>nsdl.co.in</u>. However, if he/she is already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting then he/she can use his/her existing user ID and password for casting his/her vote. In the case of forgot password, the same can be reset by using "Forgot User Details/Password?" option available on <u>www.evoting.nsdl.com</u>.
- 22. In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on toll free no.: 18001020990 and 1800224430 or send a request

at evoting@nsdl.co.in. or contact Mr. Amit Vishal, Senior Manager or Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Manager, National Securities Depository Ltd., Trade World, 'A' Wing, 4th Floor, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400 013, at the designated e-mail IDs: evoting@ nsdl.co.in or AmitV@nsdl.co.in or pallavid@ nsdl.co.in or at telephone nos.:+91-22-24994360 or +91-9920264780 or +91-22-24994545 who will also address the grievances connected with the voting by electronic means. Members may also write to the Company Secretary at the Company's e-mail address corporate@homefirstindia.com.

### THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS FOR REMOTE E-VOTING AND ATTENDING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ARE AS UNDER:-

The remote e-voting period begins on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 09:00 A.M. and ends on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter. The Members, whose names appear in the Register of Members / Beneficial Owners as on the record date (cut-off date) i.e. Friday June 3, 2022, may cast their vote electronically. The voting right of shareholders shall be in proportion to their share in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date.

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

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

<u>Step 1: Access to NSDL e-Voting system</u>

### <u>A) Login method for e-Voting and joining</u> virtual meeting for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode

In terms of SEBI circular dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are advised to update their mobile number and email Id in their demat accounts in order to access e-Voting facility.

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

| Type of shareholders  | Login Method  |
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| Individual Shareholders<br>holding securities in<br>demat mode with NSDL. | <ol> <li>Existing IDeAS user can visit the e-Services website of NSDL Viz.<br/>https://eservices.nsdl.com either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. On the e-Services home page click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under 'IDeAS' section , this will prompt you to enter your existing User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting services under Value added services. Click on "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 i.e. NSDL and you will be re-directed to e-Voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting &amp; voting during the meeting.</li> <li>If you are 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/ 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</li> </ol> |

| Type of shareholders   | Login Method   |  |
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| Individual Shareholders<br>holding securities in<br>demat mode with NSDL.  | 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 i.e. NSDL and you will be redirected to e-Voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.<br>Shareholders/Members can also download NSDL Mobile App "NSDL Speede" facility by scanning the QR code mentioned below for seamless voting experience.  |  |
| Individual Shareholders<br>holding securities in<br>demat mode with CDSL   | <ol> <li>Existing users who have opted for Easi / Easiest, they can login through their user id<br/>and password. Option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any<br/>further authentication. The URL for users to login to Easi / Easiest are<br/>https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/home/login or www.cdslindia.com and click on<br/>New System Myeasi.</li> <li>After successful login of Easi/Easiest the user will be also able to see the E Voting<br/>Menu. The Menu will have links of e-Voting service provider i.e. NSDL. Click on<br/>NSDL to castyour vote.</li> <li>If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at<br/>https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/Registration/EasiRegistration</li> <li>Alternatively, the user can directly access e-Voting page by providing demat<br/>Account Number and PAN No. from a link in www.cdslindia.com home page. The<br/>system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile &amp; Email as<br/>recorded in the demat Account. After successful authentication, user will be<br/>provided links for the respective ESP i.e. NSDL where the e-Voting is in progress.</li> </ol> |  |
| Individual Shareholders<br>(holding securities in<br>demat mode) login<br>through their depository<br>participants | You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account through your<br>Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-Voting facility upon logging in,<br>you will be able to see e-Voting option. Click on e-Voting option, you will be redirected to<br>NSDL/CDSL Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see e-<br>Voting feature. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider i.e. NSDL and you<br>will be redirected to e-Voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote<br>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.

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

| Lc   | ogin Type   | Helpdesk Datails   |   |
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|  | dividual Shareholders holding securities in<br>mat mode with NSDL   | helpdesk by send   | any technical issue in login can contact NSDL<br>ding a request at <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u> or call at toll<br>20 990 and 1800 22 44 30  |
| Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with CDSL |   | Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at <u>helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com</u> or contact at 022- 23058738 or 022-23058542-43 |   |
| B)   | <ol> <li>Login Method for e-Voting and joining virtual</li> <li>meeting for shareholders other than Individual<br/>shareholders holding securities in demat mode.</li> </ol>                          |  | A new screen will open. You will have to enter your<br>User ID, your Password/OTP and a Verification<br>Code as shown on the screen.  |
| <u>Hov</u>   | How to Log-in to NSDL e-Voting website?   |  | Alternatively, if you are registered for NSDL eservices i.e. IDEAS, you can log-in at <u>https://eservices.nsdl.com/</u> with your existing IDEAS login. Once you log-in to NSDL eservices after using your log-in credentials, click on e-Voting and you can proceed to Step 2 i.e. Cast your vote |
| 1.   | <ul> <li>Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web<br/>browser by typing the following URL: <u>https://www<br/>.evoting.nsdl.com/</u> either on a Personal<br/>Computer or on a mobile.</li> </ul> |  |   |
| 2.   | Once the home page of e-Voting sys  | tem is   | electronically.   |

- 2. Once the home page of e-Voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholder/Member' section.
- 4. Your User ID details are given below :

system will force you to change your password.

|   | anner of holding shares i.e. Demat<br>SDL or CDSL)   | Your User II  | ) is:   |  |
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| <ul><li>a) For Members who hold shares in demat account with NSDL.</li><li>b) For Members who hold shares in demat account with CDSL.</li></ul> |  | <ul> <li>8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digit Client ID</li> <li>For example if your DP ID is IN300*** and Client ID is 12***** then your user ID is IN300***12*****.</li> <li>16 Digit Beneficiary ID</li> <li>For example if your Beneficiary ID is 12****** then your user ID is 12************************************</li></ul> |   |  |
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| a)  | If you are already registered for e-Voting, then you can use your existing password to login and |   | password' which was communicated to you<br>Once you retrieve your 'initial password', yo<br>need to enter the 'initial password' and th |  |

cast your vote.

- c) How to retrieve your 'initial password'?
- (I) If your email ID is registered in your demat account or with the company, your 'initial password' is communicated to you on your email ID. Trace the email sent to you from NSDL from your mailbox. Open the email and open the attachment i.e. a .pdf file. Open the .pdf file. The password to open the .pdf file is your 8 digit client ID for NSDL account, last 8 digits of client ID for CDSL account. The .pdf file contains your 'User ID' and your 'initial password'.
- (ii) If your email ID is not registered, please follow steps mentioned below in process for those shareholders whose email ids are not registered
- 6. If you are unable to retrieve or have not received the " Initial password" or have forgotten your password:
- a) Click on "Forgot User Details/Password?"(If you are holding shares in your demat account with NSDL or CDSL) option available on <u>www.evoting.</u> <u>nsdl.com.</u>
- b) If you are still unable to get the password by aforesaid option, you can send a request at <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u> mentioning your demat account number, your PAN, your name and your registered address etc.
- c) Members can also use the OTP (One Time Password) based login for casting the votes on the e-Voting system of NSDL.
- 7. After entering your password, tick on Agree to "Terms and Conditions" by selecting on the check box.
- 8. Now, you will have to click on "Login" button.
- 9. After you click on the "Login" button, Home page of e-Voting will open.

<u>Step 2: Cast your vote electronically and join General</u> <u>Meeting on NSDL e-Voting system.</u>

<u>How to cast your vote electronically and join General</u> <u>Meeting on NSDL e-Voting system?</u>

- 1. After successful login at Step 1, you will be able to see all the companies "EVEN" in which you are holding shares and whose voting cycle and General Meeting is in active status.
- Select "EVEN" of company for which you wish to cast your vote during the remote e-Voting period and casting your vote during the General Meeting. For joining virtual meeting, you need to click on "VC/OAVM" link placed under "Join Meeting".
- 3. Now you are ready for e-Voting as the Voting page opens.
- Cast your vote by selecting appropriate options i.e. assent or dissent, verify/modify the number of shares for which you wish to cast your vote and click on "Submit" and also "Confirm" when prompted.
- 5. Upon confirmation, the message "Vote cast successfully" will be displayed.
- 6. You can also take the printout of the votes cast by you by clicking on the print option on the confirmation page.
- 7. Once you confirm your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.

### **General Guidelines for shareholders**

- Institutional shareholders (i.e. other than individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) are required to send scanned copy (PDF/JPG Format) of the relevant Board Resolution/ Authority letter etc. with attested specimen signature of the duly authorized signatory(ies) who are authorized to vote, to the Scrutinizer by e-mail to <u>aashish@</u> <u>aashishbhatt.in</u> with a copy marked to <u>evoting</u> <u>@nsdl.co.in</u>. Institutional shareholders (i.e. other than individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) can also upload their Board Resolution / Power of Attorney / Authority Letter etc. by clicking on "Upload Board Resolution / Authority Letter" displayed under "e-Voting" tab in their login.
- 2. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential. Login to

the e-voting website will be disabled upon five unsuccessful attempts to key in the correct password. In such an event, you will need to go through the "<u>Forgot User Details/Password?</u>" available on www.evoting.nsdl.com to reset the password.

3. In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of <u>www.evoting.nsdl.com</u> or call on toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30 or send a request to Ms. Pallavi Mhatre at <u>evoting@</u> <u>nsdl.co.in</u>

Process for those shareholders whose email ids are not registered with the depositories for procuring user id and password and registration of e mail ids for e-voting for the resolutions set out in this notice:

- In case shares are held in demat mode, please provide DPID-CLID (16 digit DPID + CLID or 16 digit beneficiary ID), Name, client master or copy of Consolidated Account statement, PAN (selfattested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) to corporate@homefirstindia.com. If you are an Individual shareholder holding securities in demat mode, you are requested to refer to the login method explained at step 1 (A) i.e. Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meeting for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode.
- Alternatively shareholder/members may send a request to <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u> for procuring user id and password for e-voting by providing above mentioned documents.
- 3. In terms of SEBI circular dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are required to update their mobile number and

email ID correctly in their demat account in order to access e-Voting facility.

### THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS FOR e-VOTING ON THE DAY OF THE AGM ARE AS UNDER:-

- 1. The procedure for e-Voting on the day of the AGM is same as the instructions mentioned above for remote e-voting.
- Only those Members, who will be present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and have not casted their vote on the Resolutions through remote e-Voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-Voting system during the AGM.
- Members who have voted through Remote e-Voting will be eligible to attend the AGM. However, they will not be eligible to vote during the AGM.
- 4. The details of the person who may be contacted for any grievances connected with the facility for e-Voting on the day of the AGM shall be the same person mentioned for Remote e-voting.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS FOR ATTENDING THE AGM THROUGH VC/OAVM ARE AS UNDER:

- Member will be provided with a facility to attend 1. the AGM through VC/OAVM through the NSDL e-Voting system. Members may access by following the steps mentioned above for Access to NSDL e-Voting system. After successful login, you can see link of "VC/OAVM link" placed under "Join **meeting**" menu against company name. You are requested to click on VC/OAVM link placed under Join General Meeting menu. The link for VC/OAVM will be available in Member login where the EVEN of Company will be displayed. Please note that the members who do not have the User ID and Password for e-Voting or have forgotten the User ID and Password may retrieve the same by following the remote e-Voting instructions mentioned in the notice to avoid last minute rush.
- 2. Members are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops for better experience.

- 3. Further Members will be required to allow Camera and use Internet with a good speed to avoid any disturbance during the meeting.
- 4. Please note that participants connecting through 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.

# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 102(1) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 ("the Act")

The following Explanatory Statement, pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act"), sets out all material facts relating to the business mentioned in the accompanying Notice dated May 17, 2022:

### Item No. 2:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 152(7) of the Act and in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, Mr. Vishal Gupta (DIN: 01913013), Nominee Director of Bessemer India Capital Holdings II Ltd ("Bessemer") appointed on February 28, 2018, is liable to retire by rotation at the ensuing Annual General Meeting. Mr. Vishal Vijay Gupta has expressed his opinion indicated to the Company that he intends proposes to retire from his directorship and therefore is not seeking re-appointment at the AGM. The Company has also received an intimation from Bessemer that it giving their consent to retire Mr. Vishal Gupta as their Nominee and does not intend to nominate any other Director to fill up the vacancy.

The Board of Directors of the Company ("Board") at its meeting held on May 3, 2022 placed on record the appreciation for the invaluable inputs in the area of information technology development, digital platforms partnerships and in shaping the growth strategy of the Company during his tenure as a Nominee Director and accordingly, the Board does not propose to fill the vacancy caused due to his retirement at this Annual General Meeting.

Further as per Section 152(7) of the Companies Act, 2013, the members shall expressly resolve not to fill the vacancy caused by such retirement at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Board recommends the Ordinary Resolution as set out in item no.2 for approval of the Members of the Company.

Except Mr. Gupta, None of the Directors or Key Managerial Personnel of the Company or their relatives is/are in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the resolution set out in item no.2 of the accompanying Notice.

#### Item No. 3 & 4:

At the 10th Annual General Meeting of the Company held on lune 12, 2019, the members in terms of the provisions of Section 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013, had granted their approval by way of a Special Resolution to the Board of Directors, to borrow from time to time, such amounts as they may deem necessary for the purpose of business of the Company, not exceeding ₹5,000 Crores (Rupees Five Thousand Crores only) over and above the then paid-up share capital and free reserves of the Company (reserves not set apart for any specific purpose) and in terms of provisions of Section 180(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 to mortgage and/or create a charge on any of the moveable and/or immoveable properties and/or the whole or any part of undertaking(s) of the Company to secure its borrowings up to the limits of Section 180(1)(c).

In terms of provisions of Section 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013, the Board of Directors of the Company cannot, except with the consent of the Members in a general meeting, by means of a Special Resolution, borrow money(ies) where the money to be borrowed, together with the money already borrowed (apart from temporary loans obtained from the Company's bankers in the ordinary course of business), in excess of the aggregate of the paid-up share capital, free reserves and securities premium.

As at March 31, 2022, the outstanding borrowings of the Company stood at ₹3,467 Crores (Rupees Three Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty-Seven Crore). In contemplation of business expansion and in order to fulfil the loan disbursements in the future, the Board may have to resort to multiple financing alternatives, the amount of which is expected to exceed the approved existing borrowing limit of ₹5,000 Crores (Rupees Five Thousand Crores only).

Taking into account the increased fund requirements, as well as the enabling provisions of Section 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013, the approval of the Members for item no. 3 of the notice is being sought by means of a Special Resolution, as the borrowing limit of ₹7,500 Crore (Rupees Seven Thousand Five Hundred only).

In accordance to above, the said borrowings by way of loan or issue of securities may be required to be secured by way of charge through lien / hypothecation / mortgage over all or any part of the movable and / or immovable asset of the Company and as per the provisions of Section 180(1)(a) of the Act, the mortgage or charge on all or any part of the movable and /or immovable asset of the Company, may be deemed as disposal of the whole, or substantially the whole, of the undertaking of the Company and hence the approval of the Members of the Company is required by way of a Special Resolution as set out at Item No.4 of the Notice.

### By order of the Board of Directors, For Home First Finance Company India Limited

Shreyans Bachhawat Company Secretary & Compliance Officer Mem No: A26700 Date: May 17, 2022 Place: Mumbai

### **Registered & Corporate Office Address:**

511, Acme Plaza, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400059. CIN: L65990MH2010PLC240703 Tel: 022 6694 0386 E-mail: <u>corporate@homefirstindia.com</u> Website: <u>www.homefirstindia.com</u> As per Section 180(1)(a) and 180(1)(c) and other applicable provisions of the Act, approval of the Members is being sought by way of passing Special Resolution. Hence, the Board recommends passing of the enabling Special Resolutions set out at item No. 3 and 4 of the Notice.

None of the Directors or Key Managerial Personnel of the Company or their relatives is/are in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the resolutions set out at Item No. 3 and 4 of the accompanying Notice.