

Recommendations of the Committee of Independent Directors (IDC) on the Open Offer to the Shareholders of the Target Company under Regulation 26(7) of SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011

28 February 2012
ESAB India Limited
Open Offer made by Colfax Corporation under Regulations 3(1), 4 and 5(1) to acquire 26% of the shares of ESAB India Limited.
Offer Price: Rs 550.10 per equity share
Mode of payment: Cash
Acquirer – Colfax Corporation, USA PAC: 1. Colfax UK Holdings Ltd 2. Exelvia Group India B.V. 3. ESAB Holdings Ltd
HSBC Securities and Capital Markets (India) Private Limited SEBI Registration Number: INM000010353
Mr. K. Vaidyanathan Mr. P. Mallick Mr. V. Tandon Mr. S. N. Talwar Mr. S. Chand
Mr. S. N. Talwar holds 1,440 shares of ESAB India Limited. No other director has any other relationship or interest in the Company.
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this Committee and the acquirer
The members of this Committee do not hold any share/other securities of the acquirer

Recommendation on the Open offer, as to whether the offer is fair and reasonable	The Committee of Independent Directors of the Target Company have perused the letter of offer and other documents as released by HSBC Securities and Capital Markets (India) Private Limited as Manager to the offer on behalf of Colfax Corporation, USA. Based on the independent advice received from Grant Thornton India, Hari Bhakti & Co. and PKF Sridhar and Santhanam and based on their judgement, the Independent Committee of Directors are of the opinion that the price of Rs. 550.10 offered by Colfax is in line with the guidelines prescribed by SEBI under SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011.
Summary of reasons for recommendation	The opinions received from the independent advisors are available in the website of the Company – www. esabindia.com under the head - Investor Information for the information of the shareholders.
Details of Independent Advisors, if any.	Hari Bhakti & Co. Grant Thornton India PKF Sridhar and Santhanam
Any other matter(s) to be highlighted	None

"To the best of our knowledge and belief, after making proper enquiry, the information contained in or accompanying this statement is, in all material respect, true and correct and not misleading, whether by omission of any information or otherwise, and includes all the information required to be disclosed by the TC under the Takeover Code."

Signature of the Authorised Signatory

K. Vaidyanathan Director

P. Mallick Director V. Tandon

Director

S. N. Talwar

S. Chand Director

Place: Chennai

Date: 28 February 2012