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July 23, 2018

The BSE Limited
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Dear Sir,

Sub: Filing of Public Announcement for the Buy Back of 29,63,000 equity shares of face value of Rs.2/- at a price of Rs.675/- aggregating to a maximum amount of Rs.20,000.25 Lakhs by Kaveri Seed Company Limited through Tender Offer using Stock Exchange Acquisition Window Mechanism.

We are pleased to inform you that we have been appointed as the Merchant Banker for the Buy-Back offer of M/s Kaveri Seed Company Limited. Please find enclosed the following documents in connection with the above:-

- 1. Public Announcement dated July 21, 2018 published in all India editions of Financial Express (English) and Jansatta (Hindi) and Nava Telangana - Telugu (Hyderabad edition) on July 23, 2018.
- 2. A CD containing the soft copy of the Public Announcement in PDF Format along with a certificate certifying the soft copy details.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For KARVY INVESTOR SERVICES LIMITED

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## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE ATTENTION OF EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS/BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF EQUITY SHARES OF KAVERI SEED COMPANY LIMITED FOR BUYBACK OF EQUITY SHARES THROUGH TENDER OFFER

This Public Announcement (the "Public Announcement") is being made pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 8(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 1998, as amended (including any statutory modifications or re-enactments that may be introduced (the "Buyback Regulations") and contains the disclosures as specified in Part A of Schedule II to the Buyback

OFFER FOR BUYBACK OF UP TO 29,63,000 (TWENTY NINE LAKH SIXTY THREE THOUSAND ONLY) FULLY PAID UP EQUITY SHARES OF THE FACE VALUE OF ₹ 2 (RUPEES TWO ONLY) EACH AT A PRICE OF ₹ 675 (RUPEES SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE ONLY) PER FULLY PAID UP EQUITY SHARE ON A PROPORTIONATE BASIS THROUGH THE TENDER OFFER ROUTE.

#### DETAILS OF THE BUYBACK OFFER AND OFFER PRICE

- 1.1. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Kaveri Seed Company (the "Company") passed a resolution on Thursday, May 24, 2018 (the "Board Meeting") to approve the proposal for buyback of equity shares of the Company and sought approval of its shareholders, by a special resolution, through postal ballot notice dated Thursday, May 24, 2018, the results of which were announced on Thursday July 19, 2018. Through the postal ballot, the shareholders of the Company have approved, by way of special resolution, the buyback (the "Buyback") for up to 29,63,000 (Twenty Nine Lakhs and Sixty Three Thousand Only) fully paid-up Equity Shares (representing 4.48% of the total number of outstanding equity shares in the paid-up share capital of the Company) of face value ₹ 2 each ("Shares" or "Equity Shares") from all the existing shareholders/beneficial owners of Equity Shares of the Company as on the Record Date (i.e. as on Friday, August 03, 2018) ("Equity Shareholders") on a proportionate basis, through the tender offer route (the "Buyback"), at a price of ₹ 675.00 (Rupees Six Hundred and Seventy Five Only) per Equity Share (the "Buyback Price") payable in cash, for an aggregate maximum amount of ₹ 2,000,025,000 (Rupees Two Hundred Crores and Twenty Five Thousand Only) excluding the transaction costs viz. brokerage, applicable taxes such as securities transaction tax, goods and service tax, SEBI Turnover fees, stamp duty, etc. (the "**Buyback Size**").
- 1.2. The Buyback is in accordance with the provisions contained in Article 75 of the Article of Association of the Company, Section 68, 69 and 70 and all other applicable provisions, if any of the Companies Act, 2013, as amended (the "Companies Act"), the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 (as amended) (the "Share Capital Rules") to the extent applicable, (including any statutory modifications or re-enactments that may be introduced), and the provisions contained in the Buyback Regulations and subject to approvals, permissions and sanctions of Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), Registrar of Companies, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana at Hyderabad (the "ROC" and/or other authorities, institutions or bodies, as may be applicable and subject to such conditions and modifications as may be prescribed or imposed by the appropriate authorities while granting such approvals, permissions and sanctions which may be agreed to by the Board. The Buyback is subject to approvals as may be necessary, from time to time from statutory authorities including but nol limited to BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE") (BSE and NSE collectively referred as, "Stock Exchanges"), where the Equity Shares of the Company are listed.
- 1.3. In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, the Buyback Size is ₹ 2,000,025,000 (Rupees Two Hundred Crores and Twenty Five Thousand Only), which represents 20,24% and 20,42% of the aggregate of the fully paid-up equity share capital and free reserves (including securities premium) as per the standalone and consolidated audited accounts of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2018, respectively (the last audited financial statements available as on the date of the Board Meeting approving the buyback) and is within the statutory limits of 25% of the aggregate of the fully paid-up equity share capital and free reserves (including securities premium) as per the last standalone audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2018. Further, under the Companies Act, the number of equity shares that can be bought back in any financial year cannot exceed 25% of the total paid-up equity share capital of the company in that financial year. The Company proposes to buy-back up to 29,63,000 (Twenty Nine Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Only) Equity Shares representing 4.48% of the total paid up equity share capital of the Company as at March 31, 2018, the same is within the aforesaid limit. Post Buyback, the debt-equity ratio of the Company will be less than 2:1, as prescribed by Section 68 of the 2013 Act, assuming full acceptance by the Shareholders
- 1.4. The Buyback Price has been arrived at after considering various factors such as the average closing prices of the Equity Shares of the Company on BSE and NSE, the net worth of the Company and the impact of the Buyback on the key financial ratios of the Company. The closing market price of the Equity Shares as on the date of intimation of the date of the Board meeting for considering the Buyback, being May 14, 2018 was ₹ 503.50 and ₹ 505.50 on BSE and NSE respectively, and the Buyback Price of ₹ 675.00 (Rupees Six Hundred and Seventy Five Only) per Equity Share represents a premium of 34.06% and 33.53% over the closing price of the Equity Shares on BSE and NSE, respectively and a premium of 31.25% and 31.24% over the average closing prices of the Company's Equity Shares on BSE and NSE respectively for 6 months preceding the date of intimation to BSE and NSE for the Board Meeting to consider the proposal of the Buyback, being May 14, 2018 and 32.82% and 32.81% over the average closing prices of the Company's equity shares on BSE and NSE respectively for 2 weeks preceding the date of intimation to BSE and NSE for the Board Meeting to consider the proposal of the Buyback.
- 1.5. The Buyback shall be on a proportionate basis from all the Equity Shareholders of the Company as of the Record Date being Friday, August 03, 2018, through the "Tender Offer" route, as prescribed under Regulation 4(1) (a) of the Buyback Regulations. Additionally, the Buyback shall be, subject to applicable laws, facilitated by tendering of Equity Shares by such Shareholders and settlement of the same, through the stock exchange mechanism as specified by SEBI in the circular bearing number CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated 13 April 2015 and CFD/DCR2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated 9 December 2016 (the "SEBI Circular"). Please see paragraph 10 below for details regarding Record Date and share entitlement for tender in the Buyback. For the purpose of this Buyback, BSE would be the Designated Stock Exchange
- 1.6. In terms of Buy-back regulations, under the tender offer process, members of the promoter and promoter group have the option to participate in the Buy-back. In this regard, the promoters and members of promoter group of the company, have informed the company, vide their letters dated May 25, 2018 regarding their intention to participate in the Buy-back and tender upto 15,00,000 (Fifteen lakhs only) equity shares or such lower number of shares as required to comply with the Buyback Regulations. The extent of its participation in the Buyback has been detailed in paragraph 4 of this Public Announcement.
- 1.7. Pursuant to the proposed Buyback and depending on the response to the Buyback, the voting rights of the promoter and promoter group in the Company may change from the existing 54.79% holding in the total equity capital and voting rights of the Company. The promoter and promoter group of the Company are already in control over the Company and therefore such change in voting rights of the promoter and promoter group will not result in any change in control over the Company.

- 2.1. Buyback will be beneficial to the Company and its Equity Shareholders, inter-alia, for the following reasons:
- The Buyback will help the Company to return surplus cash to its members, holding equity shares and tendering under the Buyback, broadly in proportion to their shareholding, thereby, enhancing the overall return to the members
- The Buyback, which is being implemented through the Tender Offer route as prescribed under the Buyback Regulations, would involve allocation of higher of number of shares as per their entitlement or 15% of the number of shares to be bought back, reserved for the small shareholders. The Company believes that this reservation for small shareholders would benefit a large number of public shareholders, who would get classified as "small shareholder"
- The Buyback may help in improving return on equity, by reduction in the equity base, thereby leading to long term increase in shareholders' value:
- The Buyback gives an option to the members holding equity shares of the Company, who can choose to participate and get cash in lieu of equity shares to be accepted under the Buyback offer or they may choose not to participate and enjoy a resultant increase in their percentage shareholding, post the Buyback offer, without additional investment.
- Optimizes the capital structure.
- 2.2. After considering the above mentioned factors and benefits to the Equity Shareholders, the Board of Directors decided to recommend Buy-back of up to 29,63,000 (Twenty Nine Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Only) Equity Shares of  $\stackrel{7}{\scriptstyle <}$  2 each (representing 4.48% of the total number of the equity share capital of the Company as at March 31, 2018) at the Buyback Price i.e., ₹ 675 per Equity Share aggregating to ₹ 2,000,025,000 (Rupees Two Hundred Crores and Twenty Five Thousand Only).
- DETAILS OF PROMOTERS' SHAREHOLDING AND INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
- 3.1. The aggregate shareholding of the Promoters and members of Promoter Group and the persons who are in control of the Company, as on the date of the Board Meeting at which the Buyback was approved and the date of postal ballot notice i.e., May 24, 2018 is given below:

Sr. No.	Name of Shareholder	No. of Equity Shares held	Percentage (%) of Issued Equity Share Capital
1	Venkata Bhaskar Rao Gundavaram (HUF)	1,08,19,018	16.37
2	Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	58,05,735	8.78
3	Vanaja Devi Gundavaram	1,51,83,341	22.97
4	Pawan Gundavaram	24,14,890	3.65
5	Vamsheedhar Chennamaneni	10,58,087	1.60
6	Mithunchand Chennamaneni	9,28,895	1.41
	Total	3,62,09,966	54.79

- 3.2. No equity shares or other specified securities of the Company were either purchased or sold by any of the persons mentioned at 3.1 above, during the period of six months preceding the date of the Board Meeting at which the Board recommended the proposal for Buyback and from that date till the date of postal ballot notice i.e., May 24, 2018 for Buyback.
- INTENTION OF THE PROMOTERS / PERSON IN CONTROL OF THE COMPANY TO TENDER EQUITY SHARES FOR BUY-BACK INDICATING THE NUMBER OF SHARES, DETAILS OF ACQUISITION WITH DATES AND PRICE.
- In terms of the Buyback Regulations, under the Tender Offer, the members of the Promoters and Promoter Group of the Company have an option to participate in the Buyback. In this regard the Promoters and members of Promoter group have expressed their intention to participate in the Buyback vide their letters dated May 25, 2018 and they may tender up to an aggregate maximum of 15,00,000 Equity Shares or such lower number of Equity Shares in accordance with the provisions of the Buyback Regulations

Sr. No	Name of Shareholder	Maximum number of shares which may be Tendered
1	Venkata Bhaskar Rao Gundavaram (HUF)	4,48,178
2	Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	2,40,502
3	Vanaja Devi Gundavaram	6,28,971
4	Pawan Gundavaram	1,00,037
5	Vamsheedhar Chennamaneni	43,832
6	Mithunchand Chennamaneni	38,480
	Total	15,00,000

The details of the date and price of acquisition of the Equity Shares that the Promoters intend to tender

Venkata Bhaskar Rao Gundavaram (HUF)							
Date	No. of Shares	Nature of Transaction	Nominal Value (In ₹)	Issue Price / Transfer Price (In ₹)	Cumulative No. Shares		
26.07.2006	5,79,000	Purchase	57,90,000	10.00	5,79,000		
04.08.2006	5,79,000	Bonus Issue	57,90,000	NA	11,58,000		
20.09.2006	11,58,000	Rights Issue	1,15,80,000	10.00	23,16,000		
28.01.2013	(67,871)	Market sale	6,78,710	1,402.00	22,48,129		
Split of	1,12,40,645						
03.08.2017	(4,21,627)	Buyback of Shares	8,43,254	675.00	1,08,19,018		

Date	No. of Shares	Nature of Transaction	Nominal Value (In ₹)	Issue Price / Transfer Price (In ₹)	Cumulative No. Shares
27.08.1986	100	Subscription to Memorandum	1,000	10.00	100
26.02.1991	12,400	Allotment	1,24,000	10.00	12,500
29.03.1996	44,000	Allotment	4,40,000	10.00	56,500
27.06.2005	3,90,000	Allotment	39,00,000	10.00	4,46,500
23.06.2006	6,50,000	Allotment	65,00,000	10.00	10,96,500
26.07.2006	1,43,500	Purchase	14,35,000	50.00	12,40,000
29.07.2006	(3,00,000)	Sale	30,00,000	50.00	9,40,000
01.08.2006	(71,000)	Sale	7,10,000	50.00	8,69,000
01.08.2006	(5,79,000)	Sale	57,90,000	10.00	2,90,000
04.08.2006	2,90,000	Bonus	29,00,000	NA	5,80,000
20.09.2006	5,80,000	Rights	58,00,000	10.00	11,60,000
20.09.2006	1,70,400	Acquisition of Agritek	17,04,000	NA	13,30,400
20.09.2006	(82,400)	Gift to C.Vamsheedhar and C.Mithunchand	8,24,000	NA	12,48,000
12.08.2009	45,852	Market Purchase	4,58,520	229.17	12,93,852
22.08.2009	43,401	Market Purchase	4,34,010	214.89	13,37,253
09.09.2009	21,145	Market Purchase	2,11,450	220.80	13,58,398
22.09.2009	48,000	Market Purchase	4,80,000	222.62	14,06,398
26.03.2011	(50,000)	Gift	5,00,000	NA	13,56,398
26.03.2011	(50,000)	Gift	5,00,000	NA	13,06,398
13.07.2012	(50,000)	Gift	5,00,000	NA	12,56,398
13.07.2012	(50,000)	Gift	5,00,000	NA	12,06,398
Split of	Each equity	share of ₹10 each int	o Five equity	shares of ₹2 Each	60,31,990
03.08.2017	(2,26,255)	Buyback of Shares	4,52,510	675.00	58,05,735

Date	No. of	Nature of	Nominal	Issue Price / Transfer	Cumulative
Date	Shares	transaction	Value (In ₹)	Price (In ₹)	No. Shares
27.08.1986	100	Subscription to Memorandum	1,000	10.00	100
26.02.1991	8,900	Allotment	89,000	10.00	9,000
29.03.1996	30,000	Allotment	3,00,000	10.00	39,000
27.06.2005	5,95,000	Allotment	59,50,000	10.00	6,34,000
26.07.2006	(97,000)	Sale	9,70,000	50.00	5,37,000
04.08.2006	5,37,000	Bonus issue	53,70,000	NA	10,74,000
20.09.2006	10,74,000	Rights	1,07,40,000	10.00	21,48,000
20.09.2006	74,600	Acquisition of Agritek	7,46,000	NA	22,22,600
Split of	shares of ₹2 Each	1,11,13,000			
09.07.2014	(31,62,552)	Market sale	63,25,104	836.15	79,50,448
03.11.2014	73,20,000	Gift	1,46,40,000	NA	1,52,70,448
24.08.2015	4,19,865	Market purchase	8,39,730	426.63	1,56,90,313
26.08.2015	84,737	Market purchase	1,69,474	472.31	1,57,75,050
03.08.2017	(5,91,709)	Buyback of Shares	11,83,418	675.00	1,51,83,341

Date	No. of Shares	Nature of Transaction	Nominal Value (In ₹)	Issue Price / Transfer Price (In ₹)	Cumulative No. Shares
26.02.1991	2,000	Allotment	20,000	10.00	2,000
29.03.1996	12,500	Allotment	1,25,000	10.00	14,500
27.06.2005	99,000	Allotment	9,90,000	10.00	1,13,500
26.07.2006	(14,500)	Sale	1,45,000	50.00	99,000
04.08.2006	99,000	Bonus issue	9,90,000	NA	1,98,000
20.09.2006	1,98,000	Rights	19,80,000	10.00	3,96,000
20.09.2006	1,05,800	Acquisition of Agritek	10,58,000	NA	5,01,800
Split of	25,09,000				
03.08.2017	(94,110)	Buyback of Shares	1,88,220	675.00	24,14,890

Date	No. of Shares	Nature of Transaction	Nominal Value (In ₹)	Issue Price / Transfer Price (In ₹)	Cumulative No. Shares
20.09.2006	77,600	Acquisition of Agritek	7,76,000	NA	77,600
20.09.2009	22,400	Gift from Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	2,24,000	NA	1,00,00
03.05.2010	2,060	Off Market Purchase	20,600	300.00	1,02,06
02.04.2011	44,135	Market Purchase	4,41,350	386.60	1,46,19
26.07.2011	6,000	Off Market Purchase	60,000	330.00	1,52,19
26.03.2011	50,000	Gift From Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	5,00,000	NA	2,02,19
13.10.2011	57,138	Market Purchase	5,71,380	440.72	2,59,33
13.07.2012	50,000	Gift From Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	5,00,000	NA	3,09,33
07.03.2013	5,000	Market Purchase	50,000	1,355.00	3,14,33
22.07.2013	(39,682)	Market sale	3,96,820	1,590.00	2,74,65
Split of	Each equity	share of ₹10 each int	o Five equity	shares of ₹2 Each	13,73,25
10.06.2014	(50,000)	Market sale	1,00,000	658.93	13,23,25
23.06.2015	(2,23,935)	Market sale	4,47,870	806.70	10,99,32
03.08.2017	(41.233)	Buyback of Shares	82,466	675.00	10.58.08

Date	No. of Shares	Nature of Transaction	Nominal Value (In ₹)	Issue Price / Transfer Price (In ₹)	Cumulative No. Shares
26.07.2006	4,000	Gift received from Raghupathi Rao Rangineni	40,000	NA	4,000
04.08.2006	4,000	Bonus	40,000	NA	8,000
20.09.2006	8,000	Rights	80,000	10.00	16,000
20.09.2006	60,000	Gift received from Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	6,00,000	NA	76,000
10.12.2009	3,000	Market Purchase	30,000	211.31	79,000
03.05.2010	1,175	Market purchase	11,750	300.00	80,175
02.04.2011	22,614	Market purchase	2,26,140	333.57	1,02,789
26.07.2011	6,500	Market purchase	65,000	330.00	1,09,289
13.10.2011	5,200	Market purchase	52,000	479.00	1,14,489
26.03.2011	50,000	Gift from Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	5,00,000	NA	1,64,489
19.01.2012	60,000	Market purchase	6,00,000	474.00	2,24,489
13.07.2012	50,000	Gift from Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	5,00,000	NA	2,74,489
28.01.2013	70,800	Market purchase	7,08,000	1402.00	3,45,289
07.03.2013	(2,512)	Market sale	25,120	1295.00	3,42,777
28.03.2013	(1,553)	Market sale	15,530	1198.00	3,41,224
02.08.2013	(22,245)	Market sale	2,22,450	1534.64	3,18,979
Split of	Each equity	share of ₹10 each int	o Five equity	shares of ₹2 Each	15,94,895
10.06.2014	(6,66,000)	Market sale	13,32,000	654.00	9,28,895

- 5. The Board confirms that there are no defaults subsisting in the repayment of deposits accepted either before or after the commencement of the Companies Act, interest payment thereon, redemption of debentures or preference shares or payment of dividend to any shareholder, or repayment of any term loan or interest payable thereon to any financial institution or banking company
- The Board has confirmed on the date of the Board Meeting (i.e. dated May 24 2018 ) that it has made a full enquiry into the affairs and prospects of the Company and that it has formed the
- immediately following the date of the Board Meeting held on May 24, 2018, and the date on which the results of postal ballot approving the buyback are declared, there will be no grounds on which the Company could be found unable to pay its debts;
- as regards the Company's prospects for the year immediately following the date of the Board Meeting convened for approving the Buy-back i.e., May 24, 2018 and the date on which the results of postal ballot approving the Buyback are declared, having regard to their intentions with respect to the management of Company's business during that year and to the amount and character of the financial

- resources, which will, in the Board's view, be available to the Company during that year, the Company will be able to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due and will not be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from the date of the Board Meeting or as the case may be within a period of one year from the date on which the results of postal ballot will be declared, as the case may be; and informing its opinion as aforesaid, the Board has taken into account the liabilities (including
- prospective and contingent liabilities) as if the Company were being wound up under the provisions of the Companies Act.. THE TEXT OF THE REPORT DATED MAY 24, 2018 RECEIVED FROM M. BHASKARA RAO & CO,
- CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, STATUTORY AUDITORS OF THE COMPANY, ADDRESSED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY IS REPRODUCED BELOW:

### Quote

The Board of Directors

Kaveri Seed Company Limited 513-B, 5th Floor, Minerva Complex, SD Road, Secunderabad 500 003, Telangana

Statutory Auditor's report in respect of the proposed Buy-back of equity shares of Kaveri Seed Company Limited ("the Company") in terms of the clause (xi) of Part A of Schedule II of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy Back of Securities) Regulations, 1998 (as amended) ["SEBI Buyback Regulations"] 1. This report is issued in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 24 May,

- 2018. The Board of Directors of Kaveri Seed Company Limited have approved a proposed buyback of equity shares by the Company at its meeting held on 24 May 2018, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 68, 69 and 70 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') and the SEBI Buyback
- 2. We have been requested by the Management of the Company to provide a report on the accompanying Statement of permissible capital payment (including premium) in 'Annexure A' as at 31 March 2018 (hereinafter referred together as the "Statement"). This statement is prepared by the management, based on the audited standalone and consolidated financial statements of the Company as at and for the year ended on 31 March 2018, which we have initialled for identification purposes only.

### Management's Responsibility for the Statement

The preparation of the Statement in accordance with Section 68 (2)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013 and the compliance with the SEBI Buyback Regulations, is the responsibility of the Management of the Company, including the computation of the amount of the permissible capital payment the preparation and maintenance of all accounting and other relevant supporting records and documents and making full enquiry into the affairs and prospects of the Company and forming an opinion that the Company will not be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from that date. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Statement and applying an appropriate basis of preparation; and making estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances

#### Auditors' Responsibility

- Pursuant to the requirements of the SEBI Buyback Regulations, it is our responsibility to provide
- a. whether we have inquired into the state of affairs of the Company in relation to the audited standalone and consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 March 2018;
- b. if the amount of permissible capital payment for the proposed Buy-back of equity shares as stated in Annexure A, has been properly determined in accordance with Section 68(2) (c) of the Act based on the audited standalone and consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 March 2018; and
- c. if the Board of Directors in their meeting dated 24 May 2018, have formed the opinion as specified in clause (x) of Part A of Schedule II to the SEBI Buyback Regulations, on reasonable grounds and that the Company will not, having regard to its state of affairs, be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from that date.
- The standalone and consolidated financial statements referred to in paragraph 4 above, have been audited by us, on which we have issued an unmodified audit opinion in our report dated 24 May, 2018 we conducted our audit of the standalone and consolidated financial statements in accordance with the standards on auditing and other applicable pronouncements issued by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material
- We conducted our examination of the Statement in accordance with the Guidance Note on Reports or Certificates for Special Purposes, issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. The Guidance Note requires that we comply with the ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.
- We have complied with the relevant requirements of the Standard on Quality Control (SQC) 1, Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements

- 8. Based on inquiries conducted and our examination referred to in paragraph 6 above, we report that: a. we have inquired into the state of affairs of the Company in relation to its audited standalone and consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 March 2018:
  - b. the amount of permissible capital payment (including premium) for the proposed buy back of equity shares as computed in the Statement attached herewith is, in our view properly determined in accordance with Section 68(2) (c) of the Act. The amounts of share capital and free reserves have been extracted from the audited standalone and consolidated financial statements of the Company as at and for the year ended 31 March, 2018 and
  - c. the Board of Directors of the Company, in their meeting held on May 24, 2018 have formed their opinion as specified in clause (x) of Part A of Schedule II to the SEBI Buyback Regulations on reasonable grounds and that the Company, having regard to its state of affairs, will not be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from the date of passing the resolution by the Board of Directors i.e. 24 May 2018

### Restriction on Use

9. This report is issued at the request of the Company solely for use of the Company (i) in connection with the proposed buy-back of equity shares of the Company in pursuance to the provisions of Sections 68 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI Buyback Regulations, (ii) to enable the Board of Directors of the Company to include in the public announcement, draft letter of offer, letter of offer and other documents pertaining to buy-back to be sent to the shareholders of the Company or filed with (a) the Registrar of Companies, Securities and Exchange Board of India, stock exchanges, public shareholders and any other regulatory authority as per applicable law and (b) the Central Depository Services (India) Limited, National Securities Depository Limited and (iii) for providing to the managers, each for the purpose of extinguishment of equity shares and may not be suitable for any other purpose.

> FOR M. Bhaskara Rao & Co., Chartered Accountants Firm Registration No: 000459S

> M.V.Ramana Murthy

Hyderabad, May 24, 2018

Membership No.206439

## Annexure A

Statement of determination of the maximum amount of permissible capital payment for buyback of Equity Shares in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Regulations (the "State

	Am	ount (Rs. In Lakhs)
Particulars	Standalone	Consolidated
Paid up equity share capital as on March 31, 2018 (A)	1321.84	1321.84
Free Reserves as on March 31, 2018		
Securities Premium Account		
General Reserves	1000.00	1002.00
Retained Earnings	96492.00	95610.16
Total Free Reserves (B)	97492.00	96612.16
Total (A+B)	98813.84	97934.00
Maximum amount permissible for the Buy-back i.e. 25% of total paid-up equity capital and free reserves	24703.46	24483.50
Amount proposed for Buyback, not exceeding	20000.25	20000.25

For Kaveri Seed Company Limited

G. V. Bhaskar Rao Chairman and Managing Director

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- 8. PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY TO BE ADOPTED FOR THE BUYBACK 8.1 Process
- The Buyback Offer is open to all Equity Shareholders holding Equity Shares as on Record Date i.e. August 03, 2018 in physical form ("Physical Shares") and beneficial owners holding Equity Shares in dematerialised form ("Demat Shares") (herein after referred to as the "Eligible Sellers"). (b) The Buyback Offer will be implemented by the Company through the Stock Exchange mechanism, as provided under the Buyback Regulations and circular no CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated April
- . 13, 2015 and circular no CFD/DCR2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated December 09, 2016, issued by Securities and Exchange Board of India and in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the Companies Act and the Buyback Regulations and as may be determined by the Board (including the committee/ persons authorized to complete the formalities of the Buyback) and on such terms and conditions as may be permitted by law from time to time.
- For the implementation of the Buyback Offer, the Company has appointed "Karvy Stock Broking Limited" as the registered broker ("Company's Broker") through whom the purchases and settlements on account of the Buyback Offer would be made by the Company. The contact details of the Company's Broker are as follows:

### Karvy Stock Broking Limited.

Karvy Millennium, Plot No. 31, Financial District, Gachibowli, Hyderabad - 500 032, Tel No. +91 40 33216775, Fax No. +91 40 23311968

Email: service@karvy.com, Website: www.karvyonline.com, Contact Person: Mr. G Suresh Kumar.

- (d) The Company shall request BSE to provide a separate acquisition window to facilitate placing of sell orders by Eligible Shareholders who wish to tender their Equity Shares in the Buyback. The details of the platform will be as specified by BSE from time to time. In case Eligible Sellers registered stock broker is not registered with BSE, Eligible Seller may approach Company's Broker to place its bid.
- (e) At the beginning of the tendering period, the order for buying Equity Shares shall be placed by the Company through the Company's Broker, During the tendering period, the order for selling the Equity shares will be placed by the Eligible Sellers through their respective stock brokers ("Seller Member") during normal trading hours of the secondary market. In the tendering process, the Company's Broker may also process the orders received from the Equity Shareholders. The Selling Member can enter orders for demat as well as physical shares.
- The reporting requirements for Non-Resident Shareholders under Reserve Bank of India, Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, as amended and any other rules, regulations, guidelines, for remittance of funds, shall be made by the Eligible Seller and/or the Seller Member through which the Equity Shareholder places the bid.
- Modification / cancellation of orders and multiple bids from a single Eligible Seller will be allowed during the tendering period of the Buyback offer, Multiple bids made by single Eligible Seller for selling the Equity Shares shall be clubbed and considered as "one" bid for the purposes of acceptance.
- (h) The cumulative quantity tendered shall be made available on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com) throughout the trading sessions and will be updated at specific intervals during the tendering period.
- 8.2 Procedure to be followed by Eliqible Shareholders holding Equity Shares in the dematerialised form:
- Eligible Sellers who desire to tender their Equity Shares in the electronic/dematerialized form under the Buyback would have to do so through their respective Seller Member by giving the details of Equity Shares they intend to tender under the Buyback.
- The Seller Member would be required to place an order/bid on behalf of the Eligible Sellers who wish to tender Equity Shares in the Buyback using the Acquisition Window of BSE. Before placing the bid, the Eligible Seller would be required to transfer the tendered Equity Shares to the special account of Indian Clearing Corporation Limited (the "ICCL"), by using the early pay in mechanism as prescribed by the BSE or the ICCL prior to placing the bid by the Seller Member. The details of the early pay-in account will be intimated in the circular to be issued by the BSE or ICCL in this regard.
- Upon placing the order, the Seller Member shall provide transaction registration slip ("TRS") generated by the stock exchange bidding system to the Equity Shareholder. TRS will contain details of order submitted like bid ID No., DP ID, client ID, no. of Equity Shares tendered, etc.

#### 8.3 Procedure to be followed by Equity Shareholders holding Equity Shares in the Physical form:

- Equity Shareholders who are holding physical Equity Shares and intend to participate in the Buyback will be required to approach the Seller Member along with the complete set of documents for verification procedures to be carried out including the (i) original share certificate(s), (ii) valid Form SH 4 (transfer form) duly filled and signed by the Eligible Seller (in same order and as per the specimen signatures registered with the Company) and duly witnessed at the appropriate place authorizing the transfer in favour of the Company, (iii) self-attested copy of the Eligible Seller's PAN Card, and (iv) any other relevant documents such as power of attorney, corporate authorization (including board resolution/ specimen signature), notarized copy of death certificate and succession certificate or probated will, if the original shareholder has deceased, etc., as applicable. In addition, if the address of the Equity Shareholder has undergone a change from the address registered in the register of members of the Company, the Equity Shareholders would be required to submit a self-attested copy of address proof consisting of any one of the following documents: valid Aadhar Card, Voter Identity Card or Passport.
- Based on these documents, the concerned Seller Member shall place a bid on behalf of the Eligible Seller holding Equity Shares in physical form and who wish to tender Equity Shares in the Buyback, using the acquisition window of BSE. Upon placing the bid, the Seller Member shall provide a TRS generated by the exchange bidding system to the Eligible Seller. TRS will contain the details of order submitted like folio no., certificate no., distinctive no., no. of Equity Shares tendered etc.
- The Seller Member/Eligible Seller has to deliver the original share certificate(s) and documents (as mentioned above) along with TRS generated by exchange bidding system upon placing of bid, either by registered post or courier or hand delivery to the registrar to the Buyback i.e. Karvy Computershare Private Limited ("Registrar") (at the address mentioned at Clause 12 below within 2 (two) days of bidding by Seller Member. The envelope should be super-scribed as "KSCL - Buyback Offer 2018". One copy of the TRS will be retained by Registrar and it will provide acknowledgement of the same to the Seller Member/Equity Shareholder.
- Eligible Seller holding physical Equity Shares should note that physical Equity Shares will not be accepted unless the complete sets of documents are submitted. Acceptance of the physical Equity Shares for the Buyback shall be subject to verification as per the Buyback Regulations and any further directions issued in this regard. The Registrar will verify such bids based on the documents submitted on a daily basis and till such time BSE shall display such bids as 'unconfirmed physical bids'. Once the Registrar confirms the bids, it will be treated as 'Confirmed Bids'

#### METHOD OF SETTLEMENT

#### Upon finalization of the basis of acceptance as per Buyback Regulations:

- The settlement of trades shall be carried out in the manner similar to settlement of trades in the secondary market and as intimated by the Clearing Corporation from time to time
- The Company will pay the consideration to the Company's Broker on or before the pay-in date for settlement as per the secondary market mechanism. For Equity Shares accepted under the Buyback,

- the eligible Shareholder will receive funds pay-out in their settlement bank account attached with Depository Account from the Clearing Corporation. If bank account details of any Shareholder are not available or if the fund transfer instruction is rejected by the Reserve Bank of India or relevant bank, due to any reasons, then the amount payable to the eligible Shareholders will be transferred to the concerned Shareholder Broker for onward transfer to such eligible Shareholder. In case of physical shares, the Clearing Corporation will release the funds to the Shareholder Broker as per the secondary market mechanism. The Shareholder Broker / custodian participants would pay the consideration to their respective clients. The payment of consideration to all Shareholders validly participating in the Buyback will be made in INR.
- The Equity Shares bought back in the demat form would be transferred directly to the escrow account of the Company (the "Demat Escrow Account") provided it is indicated by the Company's Broker or it will be transferred by the Company's Broker to the Demat Escrow Account on receipt of the Equity Shares from the clearing and settlement mechanism of BSE
- Excess demat Equity Shares or unaccepted demat Equity Shares, if any tendered by the Shareholders would be returned to the respective Shareholder Broker by Clearing Corporation in payout. If the Share transfer instruction is rejected in the depository system, due to any issue, then such Shares will be transferred to the Shareholder Broker depository pool account for onward transfer to the Shareholder. In case of custodian participant orders, excess demat shares or unaccepted demat Shares, if any, will be returned to the respective custodian participant depository pool account. The Shareholder Broker / custodian participants would return these unaccepted shares to their respective clients on whose behalf the bids have been placed. Any excess physical Equity Shares pursuant to proportionate acceptance/rejection will be returned to the concerned Shareholders directly by Registrar to the Buyback Offer.
- Shareholder Broker will issue contract notes and pay the consideration for the Equity Shares accepted under the Buyback and return the balance unaccepted demat Equity Shares to their respective clients. Company Broker would also issue a contract note to the Company for the Equity Shares accepted under the Buyback
- Shareholders who intend to participate in the Buyback should consult their respective Shareholder Broker for payment to them of any cost, charges and expenses (including brokerage) that may be levied by the Shareholder Broker upon the selling Shareholders for tendering Equity Shares in the Buyback (secondary market transaction). The Buyback consideration received by the selling Shareholders from their respective Shareholder Broker, in respect of accepted Equity Shares, could be net of such costs, charges and expenses (including brokerage) and the Company accepts no responsibility to bear or pay such additional cost, charges and expenses (including brokerage) incurred solely by the selling
- The Equity Shares lying to the credit of the Demat Escrow Account and the Equity Shares bought back and accepted in physical form will be extinguished in the manner and following the procedure prescribed in the Buyback Regulations.

#### 10. RECORD DATE AND SHAREHOLDER'S ENTITLEMENT

- 10.1 As required under the Buyback Regulations, the Company has announced the record date (the "Record Date") of August 03, 2018 for the purpose of determining the entitlement and the names of the shareholders, who are eligible to participate in the Buyback Offer.
- 10.2 The Equity Shares to be bought back as a part of this Buyback Offer is divided into two categories:
  - · Reserved category for Small Shareholders: and
  - · General category for all other shareholders.
- 10.3 As defined in Regulation 2(1) (la) of the Buyback Regulations, a 'small shareholder' means a shareholder of a listed company, who holds shares or other specified securities whose market value, on the basis of closing price of shares or other specified securities, on the recognised stock exchange in which highest trading volume in respect of such security, as on record date is not more than ₹ 2,00,000. (Rupees Two Lakh Only).
- 10.4 In accordance with the proviso to Regulation 6 of the Buyback Regulations, 15% (Fifteen per cent) of the number of Equity Shares which the Company proposes to Buyback, or number of Equity Shares entitled as per shareholding of small shareholders, whichever is higher shall be reserved for the small shareholders as part of this Buyback.
- 10.5 On the basis of share holdings as on the Record Date, the Company will determine the entitlement of each shareholder to tender their Equity Shares in the Buyback. This entitlement for each shareholder will be calculated based on the number of Equity Shares held by the respective Eligible Seller as on the Record Date and the ratio of Buyback applicable in the category to which such shareholder belongs.
- 10.6 In order to ensure that the same Eligible Seller with multiple demat accounts/folios do not receive a higher entitlement under the Small Shareholder category, the Equity Shares held by such Eligible Seller with a common Permanent Account Number ("PAN") shall be clubbed together for determining the category (Small Shareholder or General) and entitlement under the Buyback. In case of joint shareholding, the Equity Shares held in cases where the sequence of the PANs of the joint shareholders is identical shall be clubbed together. In case of Eligible Sellers holding physical shares, where the sequence of PANs is identical and where the PANs of all joint shareholders are not available, the Registrar will check the sequence of the names of the joint holders and club together the Equity Shares held in such cases where the sequence of the PANs and name of joint shareholders are identical. The shareholding of institutional investors like mutual funds, insurance companies, foreign institutional investors/ foreign portfolio investors etc. with common PAN are not proposed to be clubbed together for determining their entitlement and will be considered separately, where these Equity Shares are held for different schemes/ subaccounts and have a different demat account nomenclature based on information prepared by the Registrar as per the shareholder records received from the depositories. Further, the Equity Shares

- held under the category of "clearing members" or "corporate body margin account" or "corporate body broker" as per the beneficial position data as on Record Date with common PAN are not proposed to be clubbed together for determining their entitlement and will be considered separately, where these Equity Shares are assumed to be held on behalf of clients.
- 10.7 Shareholder's participation in the Buyback shall be voluntary. Eligible Sellers can choose to participate and get cash in lieu of Equity Shares to be accepted under the Buyback or they may choose not to participate and enjoy a resultant increase in their percentage shareholding in the Company post Buyback without additional investment. Further, Equity Shareholders of the Company shall have the option of tendering additional Equity Shares (over and above their entitlement) and participate in the shortfall due to non-participation by some other Equity Shareholders, if any.
- 10.8 The maximum tender under the Buyback by any Eligible Sellers of the Company cannot exceed the number of Equity Shares held by such Eliqible Sellers of the Company as on the Record Date.
- 10.9 The Equity Shares tendered as per the entitlement by the Eligible Sellers of the Company as well as additional Equity Shares tendered, if any, will be accepted as per the procedure laid down in Buyback
- 10.10 Detailed instructions for participation in the Buyback (tender of Equity Shares in the Buyback) as well as the relevant time table will be included in the Letter of Offer which will be sent in due course to the Equity Shareholders as on the Record Date.

#### 11. COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Investors may contact for any clarification or to address their grievances, if any, during office hours i.e. 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on all working days except Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

#### Mr G Vijay Kumar,

Chief Financial Officer & Compliance Officer

Kaveri Seed Company Limited

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#### 12. REGISTRAR TO THE BUYBACK OFFER AND INVESTOR SERVICE CENTRE

In case of any gueries related to buy-back, Equity shareholders may contact the Registrar to the Buyback, during the office hours i.e., between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on all working days (Monday to Friday) at the following address:



#### Karvy Computershare Private Limited

"Karvy Selenium Tower B'

Plot no. 31 & 32, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Gachibowli, Hyderabad – 500 032. India.

Tel.: +91 40 67162222; Fax: +91 40 23431551

Contact Person: Mr. M. Muralikrishna

Email: kaveriseed.buyback@karvy.com Website: www.karvycomputershare.com

SEBI Registration No.: INR000000221

Validity Period: Permanent (unless suspended or cancelled by SEBI)

#### 13. MANAGER TO THE BUYBACK

## INVESTMENT BANKING

#### Karvy Investor Services Limited

Karvy House, 46, Avenue 4, Street No.1, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad – 500034, Telangana

Tel.: +91 40-23428774/23312454; Fax: +91 40-23374714/23311968 Email: cmg@karvv.com Website: www.karvvinvestmentbanking.com

Contact Person: Mr. M. P. Naidu / Mr. K. Santhosh Kumar

SEBI Registration No.: INM000008365

#### 14. DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY

As per Regulation 19(1)(a) of the Buyback Regulations, the Board of Directors of the Company accepts responsibility for all the information contained in this Public Announcement or any other information, advertisement, circular, brochure, publicity material which may be issued in regard to the Buyback and confirms that such document contains true, factual and material information and does not contain any misleading information.

> For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of kaveri seed company limited

> > Mr C Mithunchand

Mr G V Bhaskar Rao

Chairman & Managing Director (DIN: 00892232)

Whole Time Director (DIN: 00764906)

Mr V R S Murti Company Secretary Membership. No. ACS3566

Date: July 21, 2018 Place: Hyderabad