



ESAB/BSE/2018

13 August, 2018

BSE Limited,  
Phiroze JeeJeebhoy Towers,  
Dalal Street, Mumbai 400001

**SCRIP CODE 500133**

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Submission of information pursuant to Regulation 30 of Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015**

In compliance with Regulation 30 of Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015, we are sending herewith a copy of the Chairman's statement and proceedings of the 31st Annual General Meeting of our Company held on 9 August, 2018 at Chennai.

Kindly bring this to the attention of members and investors.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,  
**For ESAB India Limited**

**S. Venkatakrishnan**  
**Company Secretary**

Encl: As above

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## **Ladies and Gentlemen**

Good Morning to you all and it is my pleasure to welcome you to the thirty first Annual General Meeting of our Company.

The Annual reports have been with you for a while and with your permission I take them as read.

The financial year 2017-18 ended on a satisfactory note taking into account the business environment and volatilities. We ended the financial year on a satisfactory note given the context of stagnancy in relevant manufacturing segments and volatilities driven by some significant changes in the business environment that we operated in. Key policy initiatives including GST were introduced during the financial year. It is our expectation that GST would help the organized segment and ensure greater transparency in businesses overall.

Given this backdrop, we are pleased to inform members that the Company grew about 6% in terms of sales and about 16% growth in Profits before exceptional items and tax. The Company made good progress in terms of product launches and expansion of reach through channel partners. We expect to have gained market shares in value terms as our growth has come in a market which saw decline in broad indicators on industrial production.

Commodity prices especially Steel were at high levels through the period. Our ability to pass on all input cost increases were limited by market conditions. However, the Company's continuing focus on costs and productivity helped counter some of the input cost increases. Your Company continued to right size its operations with product transfers on capacities and headcount rationalization across locations.

Your Company progressed further from a small base on shared services and R&D operations which also brought in valuable foreign exchange. We continue to see opportunities to scale up and generate employment opportunities.

We are cautiously optimistic on the outlook for the current financial year. There is published data on growth in the first quarter in the economy though this needs to be seen in the context of base effect. A significantly weaker rupee, soaring fuel costs and currently unclear effects of tariff barriers globally are risks that are to be dealt with. We see a moderate revival in the investment cycle and it has to be seen if it is sustainable or due to the effect of short term capacity lag.

With Inflation numbers trending upwards with liquidity tightening interest rates have already shown an upward bias in the past few months. With the recent RBI policy it is widely predicted further increases are likely in respect of interest rates. This is likely to add as a potential risk & stress in the business environment. Your company is addressing these risks with a robust working capital management in place.

Further, volatilities in commodity prices, project execution delays at customer end, exchange rate fluctuations and an increasingly complex tax and compliance environment are risks that need to be addressed or managed during the rest of the financial year.

The Company intends to continue working closely with its parent company and its affiliates to achieve global standards on operations.

We believe that we are well positioned with a strong balance sheet to handle short and medium term challenges.

Our success has been the built on the tireless pursuits of your Company's operating team and we would like to thank them for all their efforts during the year gone by.

I would like to thank the Company's customers who have continued to show immense faith in us. We would like to thank all our suppliers, bankers and other stakeholders for their engagement with the Company and for all their support.

We would like to thank our Shareholders for continuing to support the Company in all its endeavors.

Thank you.

**Chairman**

**P.S. This does not purport to be a record of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting.**

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ESAB INDIA LIMITED HELD ON THURSDAY THE 9 AUGUST, 2018, AT THE P OBUL REDDY HALL, VANI MAHAL, 103 G N ROAD, T. NAGAR, CHENNAI 600 017 AT 10.00 A.M.**

TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 10.00 A.M.

TIME OF CONCLUSION : 10.35 A.M.

**PRESENT:**

K Vaidyanathan, Independent Director

Rohit Gambhir, Managing Director

Sudhir Chand, Independent Director

Sabitha Rao, Independent Director

S.Venkatakrishnan, Company Secretary

B.Mohan, Chief Financial Officer

472 Members in person representing 1,13,75,107 equity shares

Were present at the meeting.

Proposed by Mr S Venkatakrishnan, Company Secretary all those present in the hall observed one minute silence as a mark of respect to Dr Kalaingar Karunanithi, Former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu who had passed away on 7 August, 2018.

Mr S Venkatakrishnan, Company Secretary welcomed the shareholders to the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company.

S Venkatakrishnan, as member and representative of M/s Exelvia Group India BV (Holding 36.41% of the equity shares) proposed that Mr. K Vaidyanathan to Chair the meeting since Mr. Daniel A Pryor Chairman of the Board could not attend the meeting due to personal reasons. Mr. R Giridharagopalan, (DP / Client ID IN 302269 / 10925610) a member seconded the resolution.

Mr. K Vaidyanathan, Chairman of the Audit Committee occupied the chair and conducted the proceedings of the General Meeting.

1. Chairman declared that the requisite quorum was present at the meeting and that the meeting was in order to commence the official business.

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2. The Chairman informed the Members that statutory registers under the Companies Act, which includes Register of Directors, their shareholding, etc. Statutory Auditor's Report, Secretarial Auditor's Report as prescribed under the Act, are available for inspection.
3. The Chairman introduced the other members of the Board who were present at the meeting to the Members. The Chairman explained the absence of Mr. Daniel A Pryor, Chairman of the Board and Mr. Vikram Tandon, Independent Director, who could not attend the meeting due to personal reasons and had expressed their regret in not being able to attend the meeting.
4. The Chairman also informed the Members of the presence of representatives M/s. S R Batliboi & Associates, LLP, Chennai the Statutory Auditors and Mr. V Mahesh and Associates, Chennai, Practising Company Secretaries at the meeting.
5. The Chairman of the Meeting informed the members the queries from shareholders would be answered by himself, as Chairman of the Audit, Nomination & Remuneration Committee of the Board.
6. The Chairman also brought to the attention of the Members that the report of the Statutory Auditor and the Secretarial Auditor were unqualified and had no observations.
7. The Chairman further brought to the attention of the Members that there were no adverse qualifications or remarks in the report of the Statutory Auditors and the Secretarial Auditor.
8. The Chairman then took the permission of the Members present to take the notice, the explanatory statement and the Auditors Report as read. The Members present at the meeting concurred with this request.
9. Thereafter, the Chairman read out his statement to the Members, copies of which were distributed to the Members present at the Meeting.
10. The Chairman then took up the business mentioned in the notice in seriatim.

**RESOLUTION NO.1/31<sup>st</sup> AGM-2018**

**ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS**

Mr. N V Raman, (DP & Client ID IN 301549 17890771) a member, proposed the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

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**RESOLVED THAT** the audited balance sheet as at 31 March, 2018 and the Profit and Loss account of the company for the financial year ended on that date, together with the Directors' Report, the Statutory Auditors' Report and the Secretarial Auditor's Report thereon as presented to the meeting be and the same are hereby approved and adopted.

Mr. A Karthick (DP & Client ID 1601430104404050), a member, seconded the resolution.

Chairman invited the members who desired additional information /clarification on the accounts, operations of the Company and all the other resolution placed before the Members and requested them to come forward with their questions. Thereafter, some of the members sought clarifications, raised queries on the products, financials, dividend recommended and spoke on other related issues.

Mr. K Vaidyanathan, Chairman of Meeting, answered all the queries raised by the members who attended in person.

The Company had earlier offered remote e-voting for all the resolutions. The Company also offered the shareholders present physically at the meeting the option of voting on resolutions through ballot paper. The Members who attended the meeting in person were given Ballot Paper for exercising their voting option.

The combined results of the said remote e-voting and the ballot process were as follows:

**REMOTE E-VOTING & BALLOT PAPER AT THE AGM**

No. of Members and votes in Favour of the Resolution			No. of Members and votes Against the Resolution			Invalid votes	
No. of Members	No. of votes cast in favour	% of votes	No. of Mem bers	No. of Votes	% of votes	No. of Mem bers	Total No. of votes
72	13398563	99.99	Nil	Nil	Nil	5	27

The combined results of the Remote e-voting and the ballot paper voting offered at the Annual General Meeting was also proposed to be announced to the Stock Exchanges, to be put up on the Notice Board of the Company at its registered office and be uploaded in the Company's website on 10 August, 2018. The resolution was passed with the requisite majority.

**RESOLUTION NO.2/31<sup>st</sup> AGM-2018**

**APPROVING THE DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2018**

Ms. V Kalaiselvi (DP & Client ID IN 300484 18203202) a member proposed the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

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**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the recommendations of the directors, a dividend of 10% for the financial year ended 31 March, 2018 i.e. Re.1 per share of Rs. 10/- each, absorbing a total sum of Rs. Rs.1,85,57,102/- (inclusive of dividend distribution tax) be and is hereby declared on 1,53,93,020 equity shares of Rs.10/- each fully paid up and that the same be paid to the shareholders, whose name appear in the register of members of the company as on 2 August, 2018 (close of business hours) in case of shares held in electronic form and in respect of shares held in physical form.

Mr. S U Naveen Kumar (DP & Client ID IN301549 32323187) a member seconded the resolution.

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70	13398403	99.99	1	150	0.001	5	27

1 shareholder abstained from voting on this resolution.

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#### **RESOLUTION NO.3/31<sup>st</sup> AGM-2018**

#### **RE-APPOINTMENT OF MR ROHIT GAMBHIR, AS A DIRECTOR LIABLE TO RETIRE BY ROTATION**

Ms. H S Indu, (DP & Client ID IN301313 21803285) a Member, proposed the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

**RESOLVED THAT** Mr. Rohit Gambhir, having Director Identification Number 06686250 who retires by rotation and being eligible for re-appointment be and is hereby re-appointed as a Director of the Company.

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Parida (DP & Client ID IN302902 47619194), seconded the same.

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No. of Members	No. of votes cast in favour	% of votes	No. of Members	No. of Votes	% of votes	No. of Members	Total No. of votes
69	13398343	99.99	3	220	0.0016	5	27

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#### **RESOLUTION NO.4/31<sup>st</sup> AGM-2018**

#### **RATIFICATION OF REMUNERATION TO COST AUDITORS**

Mr. Arun Kumar.D (DP & Client ID IN300484 17830162) a member, proposed, the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

**RESOLVED THAT** the remuneration of Rs.5,50,000/- (Rupees five lakhs fifty thousand only), in addition to reimbursement of travel and out-of-pocket expenses, payable to M/s. Geeyes & Co., Practising Cost Accountants, Chennai holding Firm Registration No.000044 allotted by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India, who was appointed as Cost Auditor of the Company for the Financial Year ending 31.3.2019 as recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 30 May, 2018. In terms of Section 148 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 be and is hereby ratified.

Mr. S Nageswaran (DP & Client ID 301313 21590456) member, seconded the same.

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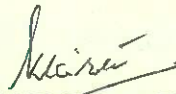
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69	13398463	99.99	3	100	0.0001	5	27

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Based on the instructions from Mr K Vaidyanathan, Chairman of the Meeting, Mr S Venkatakrisnan, Company Secretary, explained the process of Ballot voting to the shareholders and requested them to vote on the ballot paper and the ballot process was conducted and scrutinized by the team from M/s. V Mahesh & Associates, the Practicing Secretaries.

Mr. K Vaidyanathan, Chairman of the meeting thanked the shareholders for their active participation in the annual general meeting and declared the meeting as closed.



**CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING**

Chennai

9 August, 2018

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