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May 6, 2020

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Mumbai – 400 051

Dear Sir/Madam,

# Sub: Postal Ballot Notice dated April 30, 2020

Pursuant to Regulation 30 read with Schedule III of Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015 we are enclosing herewith the Postal Ballot Notice dated April 30, 2020, as sent to the Members on their registered Email address, seeking approval for the following Special Businesses as set out in the said Postal Ballot Notice:

1. To increase the limits of borrowing by the Board of Directors of the Company under Section 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013; and

2. To seek approval under Section 180(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 *inter alia* for creation of mortgage or charge on the assets, properties or undertaking(s) of the Company.

The e-voting period commences on Thursday, May 7, 2020 (9:00 hours IST) and ends

on Friday, June 5, 2020 (17:00 hours IST).

The said information is also being made available on the website of the Company i.e. <u>www.bluestarindia.com</u>

This is for your information and records.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully. For Blue Star Limited Vijay Devadiga **Company Secretary** 

Encl: a/a

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#### BLUE STAR LIMITED

CIN: L28920MH1949PLC006870 Registered Office: Kasturi Buildings, Mohan T Advani Chowk, Jamshedji Tata Road, Mumbai 400 020. Tel: +91 22 6665 4000, +91 22 6654 4000; Fax: +91 22 6665 4151 Website: www.bluestarindia.com; Email: investorrelations@bluestarindia.com

#### POSTAL BALLOT NOTICE

Dear Member(s),

**NOTICE** is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of Section 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with Rule 20 and Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 ("the **Rules**"), Regulation 44 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), General Circular No.14/2020 dated April 8, 2020 and General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 (the "MCA Circulars") and any other applicable laws and regulations, to transact the below mentioned proposed special businesses by the members of the Blue Star Limited ("the Company") by passing resolutions through postal ballot ("Postal Ballot") only through remote e-voting.

In view of the current extraordinary circumstances due to COVID-19 pandemic requiring social distancing, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India (the "MCA") in terms of the MCA Circulars, has advised the companies to take all decisions requiring members' approval, other than items of ordinary business or business where any person has a right to be heard, through the mechanism of postal ballot / e-voting in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Rules made thereunder, without holding a general meeting that requires physical presence of members at a common venue. MCA has clarified that for companies that are required to provide e-voting facility under the Act, while they are transacting any business(es) only by postal ballot up to June 30, 2020 or till further orders, whichever is earlier, the requirements provided in Rule 20 of the Rules as well as the framework provided in the MCA Circulars will be applicable mutatis mutandis. Further, the Company will send Postal Ballot Notice by email to all its members who have registered their email addresses with the Company or depository / depository participants and the communication of assent / dissent of the members will only take place through the remote e-voting system. This Postal Ballot is accordingly being initiated in compliance with the MCA Circulars.

Hence, in compliance with the requirements of the MCA Circulars, hard copy of Postal Ballot Notice along with Postal Ballot Forms and pre-paid business reply envelope will not be sent to the members for this Postal Ballot and members are required to communicate their assent or dissent through the remote e-voting system only.

The Board of Directors of the Company now propose to obtain the consent of the members by way of Postal Ballot for the matters as considered in the Resolutions





appended below. The Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Act pertaining to the said Resolutions setting out material facts and the reasons for the Resolution is also annexed.

You are requested to peruse the proposed Resolutions along with their respective Explanatory Statement and thereafter record your assent or dissent by means of remote e-voting facility provided by the Company.

#### RESOLUTIONS

# Item No. 1 - To increase the limits of borrowing by the Board of Directors of the Company under Section 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013

To consider and if thought fit, to pass, the following Resolution as a Special Resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") and rules framed thereunder (including any statutory modification(s) and re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force), and any other applicable laws and the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company, consent of the Company be and is hereby accorded to the Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the 'Board', which term shall be deemed to include any Committee thereof which the Board may hereinafter constitute to exercise its powers including the powers conferred by this Resolution) to borrow money on behalf of the Company, from time to time, from one or more of the Company's bankers, financial institutions, institutional investors, mutual funds, insurance companies, pension funds, individuals, firms, companies, body corporates, any other person or entity, by way of issue of debentures, commercial papers, long term/short term loans, suppliers' credit, securitised instruments such as floating rates notes, fixed rate notes, syndicated loans, fixed deposits, any other instruments/securities or otherwise permitted by law for the time being in force, designated in Indian or foreign currency, on such terms and conditions including creation of security by way of mortgage, charge, hypothecation, lien or pledge over the movable or immovable assets, properties, undertaking(s) or part thereof, any sum or sums of monies which together with the monies already borrowed by the Company (apart from temporary loans obtained or to be obtained from the Company's bankers in the ordinary course of business) may exceed the aggregate paid-up share capital of the Company, free reserves (that is to say reserves not set apart for any specific purpose) and securities premium of the Company provided that the total amount so borrowed by the Board within the meaning of Section 180(1)(c) of the Act shall not at any time exceed Rs 1500 crores (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred Crores Only) or the limits so prescribed under Section 180(1)(c) of the Act, whichever is higher."

"**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board be and is hereby severally authorized to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be considered necessary in this regard for and on behalf of the Company, including but not limited to, negotiating and finalizing the terms of borrowing, filing of necessary forms, returns, applications and submissions under the Act to give effect to this Resolution."





# Item No. 2 – To seek approval under Section 180(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 *inter alia* for creation of mortgage or charge on the assets, properties or undertaking(s) of the Company

To consider and if thought fit, to pass, the following Resolution as a Special Resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 180(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") and any other applicable provisions, if any of the Act, or any amendment or modifications thereof and pursuant to the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company, consent of the Company be and is hereby accorded to the Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the 'Board', which term shall be deemed to include any Committee thereof which the Board may hereinafter constitute to exercise its powers including the powers conferred by this Resolution) to sell, lease or dispose of in any manner including but not limited to mortgaging, hypothecating, pledging or in any manner creating charge on all or any part of the present and future moveable or immovable assets or properties of the Company or the whole or any part of the undertaking(s) of the Company of every nature and kind whatsoever (hereinafter referred to as the "Assets") and/or creating a floating charge on the Assets to or in favour of banks, financial institutions, investors, debenture trustees or any other lenders to secure the amount borrowed by the Company or subsidiary(ies) of the Company from time to time for the due re-payment of the principal and/or together with interest, charges, costs, expenses and all other monies payable by the Company in respect of the said borrowings provided that the aggregate indebtedness so secured by the Assets do not at any time exceed the value of limits approved under Section 180(1)(c) of the Act."

"**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board be and is hereby severally authorized to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be considered necessary in this regard for and on behalf of the Company, including but not limited to, negotiating and finalizing the terms of sale, lease, creation of security or any other dispositions, filing of necessary forms, returns, applications, submissions under the Act."

# By Order of the Board of Directors

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Vijay Devadiga Company Secretary Membership No.: A11028

Date : April 30, 2020 Place : Mumbai

**BLUE STAR LIMITED** 





## NOTES:

- 1. The Postal Ballot Notice is being sent by email to all the Members, whose names appear on the Register of Members/List of Beneficial Owners as received from National Securities Depository Limited ('NSDL') and Central Depository Services (India) Limited ('CDSL') as on May 1, 2020 (the 'cut-off date') and who have registered their email addresses in respect of electronic holdings with the Depository through the concerned Depository Participants and in respect of physical holdings with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, Link Intime India Private Limited ("RTA").
- 2. The voting shall be reckoned in proportion to a Member's share of voting rights on the paid-up share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date. Any recipient of the Postal Ballot Notice who was not a Member of the Company as on the cut-off date should treat this Postal Ballot Notice for information purpose only.
- 3. Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act and Rules framed thereunder and the SEBI Listing Regulations, the Company can serve notices, annual reports and other communication through electronic mode to those Members who have registered their e-mail addresses either with the Depository Participant(s) or the Company. Members who have not registered their e-mail addresses with the Company can now register the same by sending an e-mail to the RTA on rnt.helpdesk@linkintime.co.in. Members holding shares in demat form are requested to register their e-mail addresses with their Depository Participant(s) only.
- 4. Resolutions, if passed by the Members through postal ballot are deemed to have been duly passed on the last date specified for the e-voting i.e. June 5, 2020 in terms of Secretarial Standard 2 on General Meetings ("SS-2") issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India .
- 5. A member cannot exercise his vote by proxy on Postal Ballot.
- 6. As required by Rule 20 and Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 read with the MCA Circulars and the SEBI Listing Regulations, the details pertaining to this Postal Ballot will be published in one English national daily newspaper circulating throughout India (in English language) and one regional daily newspaper circulating in Maharashtra (in vernacular language, i.e. Marathi).
- 7. In case of any query/grievance in connection with the Postal Ballot including evoting, Members may contact NSDL by e-mail at <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u> or the Company Secretary at the contact details given hereinabove or at <u>investorrelations@bluestarindia.com</u>.
- 8. The Postal Ballot Notice is also placed on the website of the Company <u>www.bluestarindia.com</u> and website of NSDL <u>www.evoting.nsdl.com</u>.





- 9. The Board has appointed Mr Bharat Upadhyay (Membership No. FCS 5436), failing him Mr N L Bhatia (Membership No. FCS 1176) and failing him Mr Bhaskar Upadhyay (Membership No. FCS 8663) of M/s N L Bhatia & Associates, Practicing Company Secretaries, as the Scrutinizer to conduct the Postal Ballot and remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner. After completion of scrutiny of the votes, the Scrutinizer will submit his Report to the Chairman, Managing Director or Company Secretary of the Company. The results of the voting conducted through postal ballot (through the remote e-voting process) will be announced by the Chairman/Company Secretary on or before June 7, 2020.
- 10. The results of the postal ballot will be placed on the Company's website at www.bluestarindia.com and on the website of NSDL at www.evoting.nsdl.com and will also be intimated to the Stock Exchanges where the shares of the Company are listed i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited, in accordance with the provisions of SEBI Listing Regulations. In the event that the national lockdown on account of COVID-19 situation is eased off and the Company's offices are open for business, the Company will also display the results of the postal ballot at its registered office.
- 11. The last date specified by the Company for remote e-voting shall be the date on which the Resolution shall be deemed to have been passed, if approved by the requisite majority.

#### VOTING THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS

In compliance with provisions of Sections 108, 110 and other applicable provisions of the Act read with Rules framed thereunder, Regulation 44 of the SEBI Listing Regulations and SS-2, the Company is pleased to provide e-voting facility to all its members, to enable them to cast their vote electronically instead of dispatching the physical Postal Ballot form by post. The Company has engaged the services of NSDL for the purpose of providing e-voting facility to all its members.

The instruction for e-voting are as under:

The e-voting period commences on Thursday, May 7, 2020 (9:00 hours IST) and ends on Friday, June 5, 2020 (17:00 hours IST). During this period the Members of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in demat form, as on the cut-off date i.e. May 1, 2020, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter and the voting shall not be allowed beyond the said date and time.

The details of the process and manner for remote e-voting are explained as mentioned below:

Step 1: Log-in to NSDL e-voting system at https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/ Step 2: Cast your vote electronically on NSDL e-voting system. Details on Step 1 is mentioned below:

How to Log-in to NSDL e-voting website?





1. Visit the e-voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL:

https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/ either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile.

- 2. Once the home page of e-voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholders' section.
- 3. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID, your Password and a Verification Code as shown on the screen.

Alternatively, if you are registered for NSDL eservices i.e. IDEAS, you can login at https://eservices.nsdl.com/ with your existing IDEAS login. Once you login 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 electronically.

4. Your User ID details are given below:

Manner of holding shares i.e. Demat (NSDL or CDSL) or Physical	Your User ID is:
a) For Members who hold shares in demat account with NSDL.	8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digit Client ID For example if your DP ID is IN300*** and Client ID is 12***** then your user ID is IN300***12*****
b) For Members who hold shares in demat account with CDSL.	16 Digit Beneficiary ID For example if your Beneficiary ID is 12************* then your user ID is 12*********
c) For Members holding shares in physical form.	EVEN followed by Folio Number registered with the Company For example if folio number is 001*** and EVEN is 101456 then user ID is 101456001***

- 5. Your password details are given below:
  - a) If you are already registered for e-voting, then you can use your existing password to login and cast your vote.
  - b) If you are using NSDL e-voting system for the first time, you will need to retrieve the 'initial password' which was communicated to you by NSDL. Once you retrieve your 'initial password', you need to enter the 'initial password' and the system will force you to change your password.
  - 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 or folio number for shares held in physical form. The .pdf file contains your 'User ID' and your 'initial password'.

- 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 www.evoting.nsdl.com.
  - b) "**Physical User Reset Password?**" (If you are holding shares in physical mode) option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com.
  - c) If you are still unable to get the password by aforesaid two options, you can send a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in mentioning your demat account number/folio number, your PAN, your name and your registered address.
  - d) 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.

## Details on Step 2 is given below:

How to cast your vote electronically on NSDL e-voting system?

- 1. After successful login at Step 1, you will be able to see the Home page of evoting. Click on e-voting. Then, click on Active Voting Cycles.
- After clicking on Active Voting Cycles, you will be able to see all the companies "EVEN" in which you are holding shares and whose voting cycle is in active status.
- 3. Select "EVEN" of company for which you wish to cast your vote.
- 4. Now you are ready for e-voting as the Voting page opens.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Upon confirmation, the message "Vote cast successfully" will be displayed.
- 7. You can also take the printout of the votes cast by you by clicking on the print option on the confirmation page.
- 8. Once you confirm your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.

#### In case of members who have not registered their email address:

On account of threat posed by COVID-19 and in terms of the MCA Circulars, the Company will send Postal Ballot Notice in electronic form only and hard copy of Postal Ballot Notice along with Postal Ballot forms and pre-paid business envelope will not be sent to the members for this Postal Ballot. Accordingly, the communication of the assent or dissent of the members would take place through the remote e-voting





system only. Therefore, those members who have not yet registered their email address are requested to get their email addresses registered by following the procedure given below:

(i) In light of the MCA Circulars, members who have not registered their email address and in consequence could not receive the postal ballot/ e-voting notice may temporarily get their email registered with the Company's RTA, Link Intime India Private Limited, by clicking the link: https://linkintime.co.in/EmailReg/email register.html and following the registration

process as guided thereafter. Post successful registration of the email, the members would get soft copy of the notice and the procedure for e-voting along with the User ID and the Password to enable e-voting for this Postal Ballot. In case of any queries, members may write to rnt.helpdesk@linkintime.co.in

(ii) It is clarified that for permanent registration of email address, the members are however requested to register their email address, in respect of electronic holdings with the Depository through the concerned Depository Participants and in respect of physical holdings with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, Link Intime India Private Limited.

#### **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 navnitlb@nlba.in with a copy marked to <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u>.
- 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 "Forgot User Details/Password?" or "Physical User Reset Password?" option available on <u>www.evoting.nsdl.com</u> 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 www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on toll free no.: 1800-222-990 or contact Ms Pallavi Mhatre, Assistant Manager, National Securities Depository Limited, Trade World, 'A' Wing, 4th Floor, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Parel, Mumbai-400 at the designated e-mail address: Lower 013 pallavid@nsdl.co.in/evoting@nsdl.co.in or at telephone no. +91 22 2499 4544, who will also address grievance connected with e-voting.





# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 102 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013

## <u>ITEM NO. 1</u>

The nationwide lockdown effective March 25, 2020 due to the outbreak of COVID-19 has caused market and business disruption requiring the Company to reevaluate its need for future funding arrangements. It is anticipated that the Company's working capital cycle may get lengthened in the short and medium term. In addition, the Company will need to maintain adequate liquidity on its balance sheet for general corporate purposes. Further, the Company is also expected to incur capital expenditure in the normal course of its business to support its growth and expansion plans. Therefore, it is important for the Company to put in place appropriate and adequate financing arrangements in order to manage the emerging and future operating requirements.

Considering the urgency of the situation, the Management has evaluated various feasible financing options. Pursuant to Section 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act"), the Board can borrow up to threshold limit of paid up capital, free reserves and securities premium account. This limit excludes the temporary loans obtained from the Company's bankers in the ordinary course of business repayable on demand or within six months from the date of the loan such as short-term, cash credit arrangements, the discounting of bills and the issue of other short-term loans of a seasonal character, not being loans raised for the purpose of incurring capital expenditure. Beyond the aforesaid threshold limit, Board can borrow only with the approval of members by way of a special resolution.

In the backdrop of the context of the situation caused by the COVID-19, the Company may need to raise borrowings from time to time, which may be in excess of the limits specified under Section 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013 in order to ensure seamless business continuity, to adequately support its business operations and to support associated growth and expansion opportunities.

It is therefore considered necessary to seek the approval of the members by way of Special Resolution to enhance the Company's borrowing limits within the meaning of Section 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013 to Rs 1500 crores (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred Crores only), or the value of limits specified under section 180(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013, whichever is higher.

The Board commends the Special Resolution as set out in Item No. 1 of the Notice for approval of the Members.

None of the Directors/Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives are in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the Resolution set out at Item No. 1 of the Notice.





#### <u>ITEM NO. 2</u>

The Company may be required to create security by way of charge, mortgage, hypothecation or pledge of the moveable or immovable assets or properties of the Company or the whole or any part of the undertaking(s) of the Company (hereinafter referred to as the "Assets") in favour of the lenders as per the terms agreed with them in the course of borrowing of funds from time to time to support the business operations, general corporate purposes and capital expenditure.

As per the provisions of Section 180(1)(a) of the Act, consent of members by way of Special Resolution is required to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the Assets of the Company. The approval of the members shall be required to enable disposition; or creation of security over the Assets as stated above in favour of the lenders to secure the borrowings of the Company to the extent of the approved borrowing limits under Section 180(1)(c) as covered in agenda Item no. 1.

The Board commends the Special Resolution as set out in Item No. 2 of the Notice for approval of the Members.

None of the Directors/Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives are in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the Resolution set out at Item No. 2 of the Notice.

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#### By Order of the Board of Directors

Vijay Devadiga Company Secretary Membership No.: A11028

Date : April 30, 2020 Place : Mumbai