

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixty-Fourth Annual General Meeting of CEAT Limited will be held on **Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 3:00 p.m**. Indian Standard Time ('IST') through Video Conferencing ('VC') / Other Audio-Visual Means ('OAVM') to transact the following business:

## **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt:
- a. the Audited Standalone Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2023, together with the Reports of the Board of Directors and the Auditors thereon; and
- b. the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2023, together with the Report of the Auditors thereon.
- To declare dividend of ₹ 12/- (Rupees Twelve) per equity share of face value of ₹ 10/- each for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2023.
- To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Pierre Cohade, Nonexecutive Non-independent Director (DIN: 00468035), who retires by rotation, in terms of Section 152(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.

### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

4. To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Section 148 and any other applicable provisions, if any of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rules made thereunder (including any amendment(s), modification(s) or variation(s) thereto), the remuneration of ₹ 3,75,000/- (Rupees Three Lacs Seventy Five Thousand only) plus applicable taxes and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, payable to M/s D. C. Dave & Co., Cost Accountants (Firm Registration No. 000611) appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held May 4, 2023 on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, as Cost Auditors of the Company for conducting the audit of the cost records of the Company for the Financial Year ending March 31, 2024, be and is hereby ratified and confirmed.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to take all such actions and to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be considered necessary, desirable and expedient for giving effect to this Resolution."

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

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Sections 23, 42, 71 and any other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder (including any amendment, modification or variations thereto) and applicable provisions of any other laws, rules, regulations, guidelines, circulars, if any, prescribed by the Government of India, Reserve Bank of India, the Securities and Exchange Board of India, as amended from time to time and subject to the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and such sanctions, approvals or permissions as may be required from regulatory authorities from time to time, approval of the Members be and is hereby accorded to the Board of Directors of the Company ('the Board' which expression shall also include a Committee thereof, for the time being exercising the powers conferred on it by the Board by this resolution) for making offer(s) or invitation(s) to subscribe secured / unsecured, non-convertible debentures / bonds or such other securities ('debt securities') through private placement basis in one or more series / tranches, for an amount not exceeding ₹ 5,00,00,000 (Rupees Five Hundred Crore only) at such price or on such terms and conditions as the Board may from time to time determine and consider proper and beneficial to the Company including listing of such debt securities with Stock Exchange(s), size and time of issue, issue price, tenure, interest rate, premium / discount, consideration, utilisation of the issue proceeds and all matters connected with or incidental thereto.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to take all such actions and to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be considered necessary, desirable and expedient for giving effect to this Resolution."

Under the Authority of the Board of Directors

Place: Mumbai Date: May 4, 2023

### **CEAT Limited**

CIN: L25100MH1958PLC011041 Registered Office: 463, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai 400 030 Vallari Gupte Company Secretary and Compliance Officer (M. No. FCS-5770)











# **NOTES:**

- 1. Pursuant to the General Circulars 10/2022, 2/2022, 21/2021 and other circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ('MCA') (collectively referred to as 'MCA Circulars'), the companies are permitted to conduct the Annual General Meeting ('AGM') during the calendar year 2023 through Video Conferencing ('VC') or Other Audio Visual Means ('OAVM'), dispensing the requirement of physical presence of the Members at the meeting venue. In compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act'), SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('the SEBI Listing Regulations') and MCA Circulars, the AGM of the Company is being held through VC / OAVM and the proceedings of which shall be deemed to be conducted at the Registered Office of the Company at 463, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai 400 030. The detailed procedure for participating in the meeting through VC / OAVM is appended herewith and also available at the Company's website www.ceat.com
- 2. As this AGM is being held through VC / OAVM pursuant to the MCA Circulars, physical attendance of Members has been dispensed with and the attendance of the Members attending the AGM through VC / OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Act. As such, the facility for the appointment of proxies by the Members will not be available for the AGM and hence the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip including route map are not appended to this Notice. However, the Body Corporates are entitled to appoint authorised representatives to attend the AGM through VC / OAVM and participate thereat and cast their votes through e-voting.

In case of joint holders, the Member whose name appears as the first holder in the order of the names as per the Register of Members of the Company and attending the meeting will be entitled to vote on the resolutions.

- Brief Details of the Directors, who are seeking reappointment, are provided in the Notice as provided under Regulation 36(3) of the SEBI Listing Regulations and Secretarial Standard – 2 on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India ('ICSI').
- 4. The Explanatory Statement setting out material facts, pursuant to Section 102 of the Act, which sets out details relating to the Item Nos. 4 to 5 to be taken at the AGM is appended hereto.
- 5. The Register of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel and their shareholding, maintained under Section 170 of the Act and the Register of Contracts or Arrangements in which the Directors are interested, maintained under Section 189 of the Act, will be available electronically for inspection by the Members during the AGM. All the documents referred to in the Notice and Explanatory Statement, shall be available for inspection through electronic mode by the Members, in accordance with the applicable statutory requirements basis the request being sent on agm@ceat.com
- The Company has engaged the services of National Securities Depository Limited ('NSDL'), as the authorised agency for conducting the AGM through VC / OAVM and providing remote e-voting and e-voting facility for / during

the AGM of the Company. The instructions for participation by Members are given in the subsequent paragraphs.

- 7. To prevent fraudulent transactions, Members are advised to exercise due diligence and notify the Company; any change in address or demise of any Member as soon as possible. Members are also advised not to leave their demat account(s) dormant for long period. Periodic statement of holdings should be obtained from the concerned Depository Participant ('DP') and holdings should be verified from time to time.
- 8. In any case, Members holding shares in the same name or in the same order of names, under different folios are requested to consolidate their shareholding into single folio by submitting the original share certificate along with the Amalgamation Form to the Company's RTA viz. TSR Consultants Private Limited ('RTA') at C-101, 1st Floor, 247 Park, Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai 400 083 to help us serve you better.
- 9. SEBI vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOP1/ CIR/P/2018/73 dated April 20, 2018, has mandated that for making dividend payments, companies whose securities are listed on the Stock Exchanges shall use permissible modes for electronic remittance of dividend. Further, pursuant to MCA General Circular 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, companies are directed to credit the dividend directly to the bank accounts of the Members using Electronic Clearing Services. Therefore:
  - A. Members holding shares in the demat mode are requested to intimate all changes pertaining to their bank details such as bank account number, name of the bank and complete bank account details viz core banking A/c no., type and branch, MICR code and IFSC code, mandates, nominations, power of attorney, change of address, change of name, email ID, contact numbers etc. to their DP. Changes intimated to the DP will then be automatically reflected in the Company's records.
  - B. Members holding shares in physical form are requested to intimate such changes to the Company's RTA by submission of a Service Request Form ISR-1 duly filled and signed by the Member together with the supporting documents as stated therein.
  - C. Subject to the provisions of Section 126 of the Act, dividend on equity shares, if declared at the AGM, will be credited / dispatched on or before **Thursday**, **August 3, 2023,** as under:
  - D. to all those beneficial owners holding shares in electronic form, as per the beneficial ownership data made available to the Company by National Securities Depository Limited ('NSDL') and the Central Depository Services (India) Limited ('CDSL') as of the end of the day of Tuesday, June 20, 2023; and
  - E. to all those Shareholders holding shares in physical form, whose names stand registered in the Company's Register of Members as Members on the end of the day on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Pursuant to Finance Act, 2020, dividend income is taxable in the hands of certain shareholders effective April 1, 2020 and the Company is required to deduct tax at source / withholding tax from dividend paid to such Members at the prescribed rates. A detailed communication to the Members in this regard is available on the Company's website. The Members may please refer to the same and comply to ensure appropriate deduction of tax and in any case update Residential status, PAN, Category of holding, etc. with their DP or in case shares are held in physical form, with the Company's RTA. Members may refer to the provisions under the Income Tax Act, 1961, for detailed information on the tax deduction on dividend.

- 10. As per the SEBI Listing Regulations, the Company shall use any electronic mode of payment approved by the Reserve Bank of India for making payment to the Members. Where the dividend cannot be paid through electronic mode, the same will be paid by warrants with bank account details printed thereon. In case of non-availability of bank account details, address of the Members will be printed on the warrants.
- 11. SEBI has mandated the submission of Permanent Account Number ('PAN') by every participant in the securities market. Members holding shares in electronic form are therefore requested to submit the PAN to their DPs and Members holding shares in physical form can submit their PAN details to the Company's RTA.

SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/MIRSD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2023/37 dated March 16, 2023 read together with SEBI Circular(s) SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD RTAMB/P/ CIR/2021/655 dated November 3, 2021, SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD RTAMB/P/ CIR/2021/687 dated December 14, 2021, mandates all the listed companies to record the valid PAN, Address with PIN code, Email ID, Mobile Number, Bank Account Details, Specimen Signature and Nomination by holders of physical securities. Members were requested to ensure the above details are updated with the RTA before April 1, 2023, since folios for which the above details are not available thereafter shall be marked frozen and the RTA shall not be able to process any service requests or complaints received from the holder(s) / claimant(s), till PAN, KYC Details and Nomination documents/details are updated. Accordingly, requisite communication has been sent to the Members holding shares in physical form to update the requisite KYC details.

12. The Members may further note that through SEBI Notification dated January 24, 2022, read with SEBI Circular dated January 25, 2022, the listed companies are required to issue the securities in dematerialised form only while processing the requests for Issue of duplicate securities certificate, Claim from Unclaimed Suspense Account, Renewal / Exchange of securities certificate, Endorsement, Sub-division Splitting of securities certificate, Consolidation of securities certificates/ folios, Transmission, Transposition. Also, in view of the Regulation 40 of the SEBI Listing Regulations, as amended with effect from January 24, 2022, securities of listed companies can now be transferred only in the demat mode. Members holding shares in physical form are therefore requested to convert their holdings into the demat mode to avoid loss of shares or fraudulent transactions and avail better investor servicing.

- 13. Pursuant to Section 72 of the Act, Members holding shares in physical form are advised to file nomination in the prescribed Form SH-13 with the Company's RTA. In respect of shares held in electronic form, the Members may please contact their respective DP.
- 14. In terms of Section 124(5) and 124(6) of the Act, dividend amount and the corresponding shares for the financial year ended March 31, 2016, remaining unclaimed for a period of 7 (seven) years were transferred in May 2023 to the Investor Education and Protection Fund ('IEPF') established by the Central Government.
- 15. Members who have not claimed dividends in respect of the financial year 2016-17 and onwards are requested to approach the Company / Company's RTA, for claiming the same as early as possible, to avoid the transfer of the relevant shares to the demat account of the IEPF Authority.

The shares once transferred to IEPF Account including dividends and other benefits accruing thereon can be claimed from IEPF Authority after following the procedure prescribed under the IEPF Rules and no claim shall lie against the Company. For the purpose of claiming transferred shares, a separate application can be made to the IEPF Authority by following the prescribed procedure as detailed on the website of IEPF Authority viz. <a href="http://www.iepf.gov.in/">http://www.iepf.gov.in/</a>

 The term 'Members' has been used to denote Shareholders of CEAT Limited.

### 17. ELECTRONIC DISPATCH OF ANNUAL REPORT AND PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION OF EMAIL ID FOR OBTAINING COPY OF ANNUAL REPORT AND FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE:

In compliance with the applicable Circulars issued by MCA and SEBI, Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report of FY 2022-23 is being sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose email IDs are registered with the Company / Depositories. Members may note that the Notice and Annual Report of FY 2022-23 will also be available on the Company's website <u>www.ceat.com</u> under 'Annual Reports' tab, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at <u>www.bseindia.com</u> and <u>www.nseindia.com</u> respectively and also on the website of National Securities Depository Limited ('NSDL') i.e. <u>www.evoting.nsdl.com</u>.

# **REGISTRATION OF EMAIL ID:**

### i) FOR MEMBERS HOLDING PHYSICAL SHARES:

The Members of the Company holding equity shares of the Company in physical form and who have not registered their email ID may get their email IDs registered with Company's RTA by submitting Investor Service Request Form (Form ISR1) duly filled and signed as per the specimen signature registered with the Company along with self-attested ID Proof and address proof and supporting mentioned thereon. The Investor Service Request form can be downloaded from website of the RTA <u>https://www.tcplindia.co.in</u> -> Investor Services ->Download ->Forms -> Formats for KYC.









# ii) FOR MEMBERS HOLDING SHARES IN DEMAT MODE:

The Members holding shares in demat mode are requested to register their email IDs, with the respective DP by following the procedure prescribed by the concerned DP.

For more details on Members' matters, please refer to the 'General Shareholder Information' section included in the Corporate Governance Report.

# **18. PARTICIPATION AT THE AGM AND VOTING**

## A. The details of the process and manner for participating in the AGM through VC / OAVM are explained herein below:

i. Members will be provided with a facility to attend the AGM through VC / OAVM through the NSDL e-voting system. Members may access the same by following the steps mentioned for 'Access to NSDL e-voting system'. After successful login by following the given procedure, Members can see link of 'VC / OAVM link' placed under 'Join meeting' menu against Company name. Members are requested to click on VC / OAVM link placed under Join Meeting menu.

The link for VC / OAVM will be available in Shareholder / Member login where the **EVEN of the Company 124120** will be displayed.

- ii. 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.
- iii. The Members can join the AGM in the VC / OAVM mode 30 minutes before the scheduled commencement time of the Meeting and window for joining the Meeting shall be kept open throughout the proceedings of the AGM.
- iv. Members are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops / IPads connected through broadband for a better experience. Further Members will be required to allow Camera and use internet with a good speed to avoid any disturbance during the meeting. Please note that Members connecting from mobile devices or tablets or through laptop via mobile hotspot may experience Audio / Video loss due to fluctuation in their respective network connections. It is therefore recommended to use stable Wi-Fi or LAN connection to mitigate any kind of aforesaid glitches.
- v. Members who would like to express their views / ask questions during the AGM may register themselves as a speaker by sending the request from their registered email ID mentioning their Name, DP ID and Client ID / folio number, PAN, mobile number at <u>agm@ceat.com</u> from 9.00 a.m. (IST) on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 till 5.00 p.m. (IST) on Friday, June 30, 2023. Those

Members who have registered themselves as a speaker will only be allowed to express their views / ask questions during the AGM. The Company reserves the right to restrict the number of speakers depending on the availability of time at the AGM.

- vi. The Members who do not wish to speak during the AGM but have queries on Financial Statements or any other matter to be placed at the AGM may send the same latest by Saturday, July 1, 2023, mentioning their Name, DP ID and Client ID / folio number, PAN, mobile number at agm@ceat. com. These queries will be replied suitably either at the AGM or by an email.
- vii. Institutional / Corporate Members are required to send scanned copy (PDF / JPG Format) of the relevant Board Resolution, whereby the Authorised Representative has been appointed to attend the AGM through VC / OAVM on its behalf and to vote through e-voting during the AGM pursuant to Section 113 of the Act. The said resolution / authorisation shall be sent through the registered email ID to the Scrutinizer's email ID: <u>ceat.scrutinizer@gmail.com</u> with a copy marked to evoting@nsdl.co.in. 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.
- viii. Members who need assistance before or during the AGM with respect to use of technology, can:
  - Send a request at <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u> or use Tel. no.: 022 - 4886 7000 / and 022 -2499 7000; or
  - Contact Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Senior Manager, NSDL at the designated email ID: <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u> or
  - Contact Ms. Sarita Mote, Assistant Manager, NSDL at the designated email ID: <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u>
- ix. Members attending the AGM through VC / OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Act.

# B. Remote e-voting and Voting at AGM:

i. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended) and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015 (as amended), and the Circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs dated April 08, 2020, April 13, 2020 and May 05, 2020 the Company is providing facility of remote e-Voting to its Members in respect of the business to be transacted at the EGM/ AGM. For this purpose, the Company has entered into an agreement with National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) for facilitating voting through electronic means, as the authorised agency. The facility of casting votes by a member using remote e-Voting system as well as venue voting on the date of the EGM/ AGM will be provided by NSDL.

- ii. In line with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ('MCA') Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, the Notice calling the EGM/ AGM has been uploaded on the website of the Company at <u>www.ceat.com</u>. The Notice can also be accessed from the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at <u>www.bseindia.com</u> and <u>www.nseindia.com</u> respectively and the EGM/ AGM Notice is also available on the website of NSDL (agency for providing the Remote e-Voting facility) i.e. <u>www.evoting.nsdl.com</u>.
- iii. The Members who have cast their vote by remove e-voting prior to the AGM, may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote on such resolution again at the AGM.
- iv. A person whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the cut-off date i.e. Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

Any person holding shares in physical form and non-individual shareholders, who acquire shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after the notice is sent through e-mail and holding shares as on the cut-off date i.e. Wednesday, June 28, 2023, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in. However, if you are already registered with NSDL for remove e-voting, then you can use your existing user ID and password for casting your vote. If you forget your password, you can reset your password by using 'Forgot User Details / Password' or 'Physical User Reset Password' option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on Tel. no. 022 - 4886 7000 and 022 - 2499 7000. In case of Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after sending of the Notice and holding shares as on the cut-off date i.e. Wednesday, June 28, 2023, may follow steps mentioned in the Notice of the AGM under 'Access to NSDL e-voting system'.

- v. The Company has appointed Mr. P. N. Parikh (FCS 327, CP 1228), or failing him Mr. Mitesh Dhabliwala (FCS 8331, CP 9511) or failing him Ms. Sarvari Shah (FCS 9697, CP 11717) of Parikh & Associates, Practising Company Secretaries, to act as the Scrutinizer, to the remote e-voting process and e-voting at the AGM in a fair and transparent manner.
- vi. The Scrutinizer shall, immediately after the conclusion of voting at the AGM, unblock the votes cast through remote e-voting (votes cast during the AGM and votes cast through remote e-voting) and make, not later than two working days of conclusion of the AGM, a consolidated Scrutinizer's Report of the total votes cast in favour or against, if any, to the Chairman or a person authorised by him in writing, who shall countersign the same.
- vii. Pursuant to Regulation 44 of the SEBI Listing Regulations as amended, the voting results will be declared within two working days from the conclusion of the AGM. The results declared along with the Scrutinizer's Report shall be uploaded on the website of the Company <u>www.ceat.com</u> and the website of NSDL e-voting i.e. <u>www.nsdl.com</u> and communicated to the Stock Exchanges where the shares of the Company are listed. The resolutions shall be deemed to be passed at the AGM of the Company.

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

The remote e-voting period begins on **Sunday, July 2, 2023, at 9:00 A.M**. and ends on **Tuesday, July 4, 2023 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. Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 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, being i.e. Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

### The Details of the process and manner for remote e-voting and joining the AGM are explained herein below:

# 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:









# Step 1: Access to NSDL e-Voting system

# A) Login method for e-Voting and joining 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	L	OGIN METHOD
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL.	1.	Existing IDeAS user can visit the e-Services website of NSDL Viz. <u>https://eservices.</u> <u>nsdl.com</u> 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 & voting during the meeting.
	2.	If you are not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is available at <a href="https://eservices.nsdl.com">https://eservices.nsdl.com</a> . Select "Register Online for IDeAS Portal" or click at <a href="https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp">https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp</a>
	3.	Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: <u>https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/</u> 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 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.
	4.	Shareholders/Members can also download NSDL Mobile App "NSDL Speede" facility by scanning the QR code mentioned below for seamless voting experience.
		NSDL Mobile App is available on
		📫 App Store 🛛 ≽ Google Play
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with CDSL	1.	Users who have opted for CDSL Easi / Easiest facility, can login through their existing user id and password. Option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any further authentication. The users to login Easi /Easiest are requested to visit CDSL website <u>www.cdslindia.com</u> and click on login icon & New System Myeasi Tab and then user your existing my easi username & password.
	2.	After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e-Voting option for eligible companies where the evoting is in progress as per the information provided by company. On clicking the evoting option, the user will be able to see e-Voting page of the e-Voting service provider for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting. Additionally, there is also links provided to access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers, so that the user can visit the e-Voting service providers' website directly.

Type of shareholders	LOGIN METHOD		
	<ol> <li>If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at CDSL website <u>www.cdslindia.com</u> and click on login &amp; New System Myeasi Tab and then click on registration option.</li> </ol>		
	4. Alternatively, the user can directly access e-Voting page by providing Demat Account Number and PAN No. from a e-Voting link available on <u>www.cdslindia.com</u> home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile & Email as recorded in the Demat Account. After successful authentication, user will be able to see the e-Voting option where the evoting is in progress and also able to directly access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers.		
Individual Shareholders (holding securities in demat mode) login through their depository participants	You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account through your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-Voting facility. upon logging in, you will be able to see e-Voting option. Click on e-Voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL/CDSL Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see e-Voting feature. 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.		

**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.

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

Login type	HELPDESK DETAILS
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u> or call at 022 - 4886 7000 and 022 - 2499 7000
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 helpdesk. <u>evoting@cdslindia.com</u> or contact at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33

### B) Login Method for e-Voting and joining virtual meeting for shareholders other than Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode and shareholders holding securities in physical mode.

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

- Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: <u>https://www.evoting.nsdl.</u> <u>com/</u> 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, your Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen.

Alternatively, if you are registered for NSDL eservices i.e. IDEAS, you can log-in at https://eservices.nsdl. com/ 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 electronically.

4. Your User ID details are given below :

	olding shares i.e. L 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*****.	
<ul> <li>For Members who hold shares in demat account with CDSL.</li> </ul>	16 Digit Beneficiary ID	
	For example if your Beneficiary ID is 12**************** then your user ID is 12**********	
<ul> <li>For Members holding shares in Physical Form.</li> </ul>	EVEN Number followed by Folio Number registered with the company	
	For example if folio number is 001*** and EVEN is 101456 then user ID is 101456001***	









- 1. Password details for shareholders other than Individual shareholders are given below:
  - a) If you are already registered for e-Voting, then you can user 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. 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'.
    - (ii) If your email ID is not registered, please follow steps mentioned below in process for those shareholders whose email ids are not registered.
- 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.nsdl.com</u>.
  - Physical User Reset Password?" (If you are holding shares in physical mode) option available on <u>www.evoting.nsdl.com</u>.
  - c) If you are still unable to get the password by aforesaid two options, you can send a request at <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u> mentioning your demat account number/folio number, your PAN, your name and your registered address etc.
  - d) Members can also use the OTP (One Time Password) based login for casting the votes on the e-Voting system of NSDL.
- 3. After entering your password, tick on Agree to "Terms and Conditions" by selecting on the check box.
- 4. Now, you will have to click on "Login" button.
- 5. After you click on the "Login" button, Home page of e-Voting will open.

## Step 2: Cast your vote electronically and join General Meeting on NSDL e-Voting system.

# How to cast your vote electronically and join General Meeting on NSDL e-Voting system?

- 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 CEAT Limited 124120 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>ceat.scrutinizer@gmail.com</u> with a copy marked to <u>evoting@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 "Forgot User Details/Password?" or "Physical User Reset Password?" option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com to reset the password.
- 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.: 022 - 4886 7000 and 022 - 2499 7000 or send a request to Ms.Pallavi Mhatre, Senior Manager, NSDL or Ms. Sarita Mote, Assistant Manager, NSDL at <u>evoting@nsdl.co.in</u>

- C) 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 physical mode please provide Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to <u>agm@ceat.com</u>.
- 2. 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 (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) to agm@ceat.com. If you are an Individual shareholders 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.
- 3. 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.

4. 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.

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

- i. The procedure for e-voting on the day of the AGM is same as the instructions mentioned above for remote e-voting.
- ii. Only those Members, who will be present in the meeting through VC/OAVM facility and have not cast 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 in the AGM.
- iii. Members who have voted through remote e-voting will be eligible to attend the AGM. However, they will not be eligible to vote at the AGM.
- iv. 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.







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# Annexure to the Notice

# Item No. 3 of the Notice:

As regards the re-appointment of Mr. Pierre Cohade (DIN: 00468035) referred to in Item no. 3 of the Notice, following necessary disclosures are made for the information of the Members.

# **Profile of Mr. Pierre Cohade**

Mr. Cohade, 61, a native of Barcelonnette, France, has lived and worked globally in four continents, building and leading multi-billion dollars businesses, in many cases after turning them around. He currently serves as Non-Executive Director on the boards of Johnson Control International (NYSE: JCI), Deutsche Bank China, and CEAT (NSE: CEATLTD). He is Chairman of IMA CEO forum and a Senior Advisor to CCL China (Center for Creative Leadership). He is also Founder and Principal of Artemis Ventures, an advisory and investment firm based in Hong-Kong.

Most recently, Mr. Cohade was the CEO of Triangle Tyre, China largest private tire manufacturer. As one of the very few Western CEO of a Chinese owned business, Mr. Cohade was operating at the heart of China Inc. Between 2004 and 2011, he was the President of Goodyear Asia Pacific.

Under Mr. Cohade's leadership, Goodyear Asia Pacific earned recognition beyond its financial success, receiving numerous third-party awards for its product innovation, brand building, branded retailing network and was named China's "Employer of the Year" in 2010 and 2011.

Mr. Cohade has been on the Board of CEAT since February 1, 2018 and currently holds no other directorships in any Company registered in India. Mr. Cohade has not resigned from any of the listed entities during the last three years. Mr. Cohade is not related to any of the Directors on the Board or any Key Managerial Personnel of the Company; nor does he hold any share in the Company. Other details including the nature of expertise in specific functional areas and the number of Board Meetings attended by him are given in the Corporate Governance Report.

Mr. Pierre Cohade is not disqualified from being appointed as a Director in terms of Section 164 of the Companies Act, 2013.

None of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel of the Company or their relatives except Mr. Cohade is, in any way, concerned or interested in the resolution set out in Item No. 3 of the Notice.

The Board recommends the Ordinary Resolution as set out in Item No. 3 of the Notice for approval of the Members.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 102 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 IN RESPECT OF THE SPECIAL BUSINESS IN THE NOTICE:

The following Explanatory Statement sets out all material facts relating to the business mentioned under Item Nos. 4 to 5 of the accompanying Notice:

## Item No. 4 of the Notice:

The Companies (Cost Records and Audit) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, mandate audit of the cost accounting records of the Company in respect of certain products. Accordingly, the Board of Directors, based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, at its meeting held on May 4, 2023, appointed M/s D. C. Dave & Co., Cost Accountants (Firm Registration No. 000611) as the Cost Auditor of the Company for the financial year ending March 31, 2024 at a remuneration of ₹ 3,75,000/- (Rupees Three Lacs Seventy Five Thousand only) plus applicable taxes and out-of-pocket expenses, if any, incurred in connection with the audit. In terms of the provisions of Section 148(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, the remuneration payable to the Cost Auditor should be ratified by the Members of the Company. Accordingly, approval of the Members is sought for ratification of the remuneration payable to the Cost Auditor for the Financial Year ending March 31, 2024, as stated above.

None of the Directors or Key Managerial Personnel of the Company or their relatives is, in any way concerned or interested, whether financially or otherwise, in the resolution set out in Item No. 4 of the Notice.

The Board recommends the Ordinary Resolution as set out in Item No. 4 of the Notice for approval of the Members.

# Item No. 5 of the Notice:

Pursuant to the Sections 23, 42, 71 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 14 of the Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014 and Rule 18 of the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014, the Company is required to obtain prior approval of its Members by means of a Special Resolution for any offer or invitation to subscribe to non-convertible debentures to be made by the Company on a private placement basis. Special Resolution can be obtained once in a year for all the offer(s) or invitation(s) for such debentures during that year. In order to augment long-term resources and for general corporate purposes inter-alia, financing of the on-going capital expenditure for expansion of capacity, reduction of overall interest and finance cost as well as for general purposes including the restructuring / replacement of high cost debt, the Company intends to offer an invitation for the subscription for secured / unsecured, non-convertible debentures / bonds or such other debt securities, in one or more series / tranches on private placement basis, not exceeding ₹ 5,00,00,000/-(Rupees Five Hundred Crores only) as it may deem appropriate.

The Members of the Company had by passing a Special

Resolution at the Annual General Meeting held on June 28,

2022, granted approval to the Board to offer and issue Nonconvertible Debentures on private placement basis for an aggregate amount up to ₹ 5,00,00,00,000/- (Rupees Five Hundred Crores only) in one or more tranches, valid until June 27, 2023.

None of the Directors or Key Managerial Personnel of the Company or their relatives is, in any way concerned or interested, whether financially or otherwise, in the resolution set out in Item No.5 of the Notice.

The Board recommends the Special Resolution as set out in Item No. 5 of the Notice for approval of the Members.

Under the Authority of the Board of Directors

Vallari Gupte

Company Secretary and Compliance Officer (M. No. FCS-5770)

Place: Mumbai Date: May 4, 2023

## **CEAT Limited**

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