

# **Merino Industries Limited**

CIN: U51909WB1965PLC026556

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## NOTICE

## TO THE MEMBERS,

NOTICE is hereby given that the 55th Annual General Meeting of the members of Merino Industries Limited will be held on Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020 at 11-30 a.m. through Video Conference (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) facility at the Registered Office at 5, Alexandra Court, 60/1, Chowringhee Road, Kolkata-700020 to transact the following items of business:

### AS ORDINARY BUSINESS:

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31st March, 2020 together with the Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon;
- 2. To receive, consider and adopt the audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31st March, 2020;
- 3. To confirm the declaration and payment of first and second Interim Dividend on equity shares for the financial year ended 31st March, 2020;
- 4. To appoint a Director in place of Shri Nripen Kumar Dugar (DIN: 00127790), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.
- 5. To appoint a Director in place of Shri Madhusudan Lohia (DIN: 00063278), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.
- 6. To appoint a Director in place of Ms. Ruchira Lohia (DIN: 00127797), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers herself for re-appointment.
- 7. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration and in this regard to consider and pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of section 139 and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules framed thereunder as amended from time to time M/s. Singhi & Company, Chartered Accountants (Firm Registration No. 302049E), be and are hereby appointed as auditors of the Company to hold office from the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting (AGM) till the conclusion of the 57th AGM of the Company to be held in the year 2022, at such remuneration plus service tax and out-of-pocket expenses etc. as may be agreed between the Board of Directors of the Company and the Auditors."

### **AS SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

8. To approve the remuneration of the Cost Auditors for the financial year ending on 31st March, 2021 and in this regard 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 all other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force), M/s. Basu, Banerjee, Chakraborty, Chattopadhyay & Co., Cost Accountants (Firm Registration No. 000206) of 42-B, Shibtala Street, P.O. Uttarpara, Dist. Hooghly, PIN: 712258 appointed by the Board of Directors to conduct the audit of the cost records relating to the applicable products of the Company for the financial year ending on 31st March, 2021, be paid a remuneration of Rs. 82,500/- plus out of pocket expenses and the Board of Directors be and is hereby authorised to do all acts and take all steps as may be necessary to ensure due compliance to the enactments in this regard for the time being in force to give effect to this resolution."

9. To give authority to the Board of Directors for making donation to charitable and other funds not directly related to the business of the Company and in this regard to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 181 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013, authority be and is hereby given to the Board of Directors of the Company to contribute to bonafide and charitable funds (including corpus) upto the limit of Rs.10,00,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Crore only) during the financial year 2020-2021 notwithstanding that such amount in the financial year may exceed five percent of the average net profits for the three preceding financial years of the Company."

By order of the Board For Merino Industries Limited

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Vinamrata Agrawal COMPANY SECRETARY Membership No: ACS 28125

Place: Kolkata

Date: 25th August, 2020

## Regd. Office:

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## NOTES:

- 1. Pursuant to the Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the facility to appoint proxy to attend and cast vote for the members is not available for this AGM. 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.
- 2. In view of the massive outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing is to be a pre-requisite and pursuant to the Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, physical attendance of the Members at the AGM venue is not required. Hence, Members have to attend and participate in the ensuing AGM though VC/OAVM.
- 3. Those Shareholders having their shares in physical mode and whose email IDs are not registered, are requested to register their email ID with Messrs. C B Management Services (P) Limited, P-22, Bondel Road, Kolkata 700 019, the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (R&STA) of the Company at rta@cbmsl.com, by providing their Name as registered with the R&STA, Address, email ID, PAN, DPID/Client ID or Folio Number and Number of shares held by them. The shareholders having their shares in DEMAT mode are requested to update their email ids with their DP.
- 4. Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL") will be providing facility for voting through remote e-Voting, for participation in the 55th AGM through VC/OAVM Facility and e-Voting during the 55th AGM.
- 5. Members may join the 55th AGM through VC/OAVM Facility by following the procedure as mentioned below which shall be kept open for the Members from 11-00 a.m. IST i.e. 30 minutes before the time scheduled to start the 55th AGM and the Company may close the window for joining the VC/OAVM Facility 30 minutes after the scheduled time to start the 55th AGM.
- 6. Members may note that the VC/OAVM Facility, provided by CDSL, allows participation of atleast 1,000 Members on a first-come-first-served basis. The large shareholders (i.e. shareholders holding 2% or more shareholding), promoters, institutional investors, directors, key managerial personnel, the Chairpersons of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee, auditors, etc. can attend the 55th AGM without any restriction on account of first-come-first-served principle.

- 7. The attendance of the Members attending the 55th AGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- 8. The statement setting out the material facts pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 concerning the items of special business as per the agenda items to be transacted at this Annual General Meeting is annexed hereto.
- 9. The notice convening this Annual General Meeting circulated to the members of the Company is made available on the Company's website at www.merinoindia.com. All documents referred to in the Notice calling the AGM and the Explanatory Statement are also available on the website of the Company for inspection by the Members.
- 10. 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 documents referred to in the Notice will also be available for electronic inspection without any fee by the members from the date of circulation of this Notice up to the date of AGM, i.e. 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. Members seeking to inspect such documents can send an email to vinamrataagrawal@merinoindia.com.
- 11. 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), the Company is providing facility of remote evoting to its Members in respect of the business to be transacted at the AGM. For this purpose, the Company has entered into an agreement with Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) for facilitating voting through electronic means, as the authorized agency. The facility of casting votes by a member using remote e-voting system as well as venue voting on the date of the AGM will be provided by CDSL.
- 12. In line with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, the Notice calling the AGM together with annual report has been uploaded on the website of the Company at www.merinoindia.com. The Notice of AGM together with annual report is also available on the website of CDSL (agency for providing the Remote Voting facility) i.e. www.evotingindia.com.
- 13. AGM has been convened through VC/OAVM in compliance with applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with MCA Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020 and MCA Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020.
- 14. The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 (both days inclusive).
- 15. Members are requested to make all correspondences in connection with shares held by them by addressing letters quoting their folio numbers directly to Messrs. C B Management Services (P) Limited, P-22, Bondel Road, Kolkata 700 019, the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company.
- 16. Members are requested to notify immediately any change of address to their Depository Participants (DPs) in respect of their electronic share accounts, or to the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company in respect of their physical share folios quoting their Folio Number(s) with a self-attested copy of address proof, i.e. Voter Identity Card, Aadhaar Card, Electric / Telephone (BSNL) Bill or Driving License or Passport. Members are also requested to kindly inform their Bank Account details to Messrs. C B Management Services (P) Limited, the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company.
- 17. Members who are holding shares in identical order of names in more than one folio are requested to send to the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company the details of such folios together with the share certificates for consolidating their holdings in one folio. The share certificates will be returned to the members after making requisite changes thereon.
- 18. Members who have not registered their e-mail addresses so far are requested to register their e-mail address for receiving all communication including Annual Report, Notices, Circulars, etc. from the Company electronically.
- 19. Members holding shares in dematerialized mode are requested to intimate the changes pertaining to their bank account details, NECS mandates, email addresses, nominations, change of addresses, change of names etc. if any, to their Depository Participant (DP) only before 4th September, 2020. Any such changes effected by the DPs will automatically reflect in the Company's subsequent records.

- 20. Members are requested to intimate beforehand to the Company their queries, if any, regarding the accounts/notice at least ten days before the meeting to enable the management to keep the information required readily available at the meeting.
- 21. The Equity Shares of the Company are in the depository set up by the National Securities Depository Limited and Central Depository Services (India) Limited. The shares of the Company are in the dematerialization list with ISIN No. INE662B01017.
- 22. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 124 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules framed thereunder the dividend for the year 2012-2013, which remained unpaid or unclaimed for a period of 7 years, transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund established by the Central Government. Any unpaid or unclaimed dividend for the year 2013-2014 onwards will be deposited with the Investor Education and Protection Fund established by the Central Government as per the table given hereunder:

Financial Year	Date of declaration	Due date of transfer to Unpaid	Due date of lodging claim with the	Due date for transfer to Investor Education
	of Dividend	<b>Dividend Account</b>	Company	& Protection Fund
2013-2014	11.11.2013	18.12.2013	17.11.2020	17.12.2020
2014-2015	08.08.2014	15.09.2014	14.08.2021	14.09.2021
2015-2016	07.08.2015	14.09.2015	13.08.2022	13.09.2022
2016-2017	27.08.2016	04.10.2016	03.09.2023	03.10.2023
2017-2018	25.09.2017	02.11.2017	01.10.2024	01.11.2024
2018-2019	14.09.2018	22.10.2018	21.09.2025	21.10.2025
2019-2020	23.09.2019	30.10.2019	29.09.2026	29.10.2026
	23.03.2020	29.04.2020	28.03.2027	28.04.2027

Details of the unpaid/unclaimed dividend are also uploaded on the website of the Company at www.merinoindia.com. Members who have not encashed Interim Dividend 2013 or any subsequent dividend declared by the Company, are advised to write to the Company immediately along with relevant Folio No. or DP ID and Client ID, duly discharged, or to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent to facilitate payment of the dividend.

- 23. Pursuant to Finance Act, 2020, dividend income will be taxable in the hands of the shareholders w.e.f. 1st April 2020 and the Company is required to deduct tax at source ("TDS") from dividend paid to the Members at prescribed rates in the Income Tax Act, 1961 ("the IT Act"). No tax will be deducted on payment of dividend to the resident individual shareholders if the total dividend does not exceed Rs.5000/-. In general, to enable compliance with TDS requirements, Members are requested to complete and / or update their Residential Status, PAN, Category as per the IT Act with their Depository Participants or in case shares are held in physical form, with the Company by sending email to the Company's email address for updation at merinokol@merinoindia.com.
- 24. The dividend/s, if any, approved by the Members or declared by the Board of Directors of the Company from time to time, will be paid as per the mandate registered with the Company or with their respective Depository Participants.
- 25. Further, in order to receive dividend/s in a timely manner, Members holding shares in physical form who have not updated their mandate for receiving the dividends directly in their bank accounts through Electronic Clearing Service or any other means ("Electronic Bank Mandate"), can register their Electronic Bank Mandate to receive dividends directly into their bank account electronically or any other means, by sending scanned copy of the following details/documents by email to reach the Company's email address merinokol@merinoindia.com.
  - a. a signed request letter mentioning your name, folio number, complete address and following details relating to bank account in which the dividend is to be received:
    - i) Name and Branch of Bank and Bank Account type;
    - ii) Bank Account Number allotted by your bank after implementation of Core Banking Solutions;
    - iii) 11 digit IFSC Code;
  - b. self attested scanned copy of cancelled cheque bearing the name of the Member or first holder, in case shares are held jointly;
  - c. self attested scanned copy of the PAN Card; and
  - d. self attested scanned copy of any document (such as AADHAR Card, Driving Licence, Election Identity Card, Passport) in support of the address of the Member as registered with the Company.

For the Members holding shares in demat form, please update your Electronic Bank Mandate through your Depository Participant/s.

- 26. In the event the Company is unable to pay the dividend to any Member directly in their bank accounts through Electronic Clearing Service or any other means, due to non-registration of the Electronic Bank Mandate, the Company shall dispatch the dividend warrant/ Bankers' cheque/ demand draft to such Member, at the earliest once the normalcy is restored.
- 27. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Government of India, has by its Circular Nos. 17 / 2011 and 18 / 2011, dated April 21, 2011 and April 29, 2011 respectively, permitted companies to send official documents to the shareholders electronically as a part of its green initiatives in corporate governance. Recognizing the spirit of the circular issued by the MCA, the Notice convening the General Meeting will be sent to the e-mail addresses as provided by the shareholders, recorded with their depositories.

#### 28. Voting through electronic means:

In compliance with provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, the Company is pleased to provide members facility to exercise their right to vote at this Annual General Meeting by electronic means and the business may be transacted through e-Voting Services provided by Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL):

## The instructions for shareholders voting electronically are as under:

- (i) The voting period begins on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 (9:00 a.m.) and ends on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 (5:00 p.m.). During this period shareholders of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date of 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL thereafter and once the votes on a resolution is cast by the shareholder, the shareholder shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- (ii) The facility for voting will also be made available during the meeting, and those shareholders present in the meeting through VC facility, who have not cast their vote on the resolutions through remote evoting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through the e-voting system at the meeting.
- (iii) Shareholders who have already voted prior to the meeting date would not be entitled to vote at the meeting venue.
- (iv) The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website www.evotingindia.com.
- (v) Click on Shareholders.
- (vi) Now Enter your User ID
  - a. For CDSL: 16 digits beneficiary ID,
  - b. For NSDL: 8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digits Client ID,
  - c. Members holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company.
- (vii) Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.
- (viii) If you are holding shares in demat form and had logged on to www.evotingindia.com and voted on an earlier voting of any company, then your existing password is to be used.
- (ix) If you are a first time user follow the steps given below:

	For Members holding shares in Demat Form and Physical Form		
PAN	Enter your 10-digit alpha-numeric *PAN issued by Income Tax Department		
	(Applicable for both demat shareholders as well as physical shareholders)		

	• Members who have not updated their PAN with the Company/Depository Participant are requested to use the first two letters of their name and the 8 digits of the sequence number in the PAN field.	
	• In case the sequence number is less than 8 digits enter the applicable number of 0's before the number after the first two characters of the name in CAPITAL letters. Eg. If your name is Ramesh Kumar with sequence number 1 then enter RA00000001 in the PAN field.	
Dividend Bank Details OR Date of Birth	Enter the Dividend Bank Details or Date of Birth (in dd/mm/yyyy format) as recorded in your demat account or in the company records for the said demat account or in the company records in order to login.	
(DOB)	* If both the details are not recorded with the depository or company please enter the member id / folio number in the Dividend Bank details field as mentioned in instruction (vi).	

- (x) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.
- (xi) Members holding shares in physical form will then directly reach the Company selection screen. However, members holding shares in demat form will now reach 'Password Creation' menu wherein they are required to mandatorily enter their login password in the new password field. Kindly note that this password is to be also used by the demat holders for voting for resolutions of any other company on which they are eligible to vote, provided that company opts for e-voting through CDSL platform. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential.
- (xii) For Members holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-voting on the resolution contained in this Notice.
- (xiii) Click on the EVSN for the relevant MERINO INDUSTRIES LIMITED on which you choose to vote.
- (xiv) On the voting page, you will see "RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION" and against the same the option "YES/NO" for voting. Select the option YES or NO as desired. The option YES implies that you assent to the Resolution and option NO implies that you dissent to the Resolution.
- (xv) Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- (xvi) After selecting the resolution you have decided to vote on, click on "SUBMIT". A confirmation box will be displayed. If you wish to confirm your vote, click on "OK", else to change your vote, click on "CANCEL" and accordingly modify your vote.
- (xvii) Once you "CONFIRM" your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.
- (xviii) You can also take a print of the votes cast by clicking on "Click here to print" option on the Voting page.
- (xix) If a demat account holder has forgotten the login password then Enter the User ID and the image verification code and click on Forgot Password & enter the details as prompted by the system.

## (xx) Note for Non - Individual Shareholders and Custodians

- Non-Individual shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) and Custodian are required to log on to www.evotingindia.com and register themselves as Corporates.
- A scanned copy of the Registration Form bearing the stamp and sign of the entity should be emailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com.
- After receiving the login details a compliance user should be created using the admin login and password. The Compliance user would be able to link the account(s) for which they wish to vote on.
- The list of accounts linked in the login should be mailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com and on approval of the accounts they would be able to cast their vote.
- A scanned copy of the Board Resolution and Power of Attorney (POA) which they have issued in favour of the Custodian, if any, should be uploaded in PDF format in the system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.

- (xxi) In case you have any queries or issues regarding e-voting, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www.evotingindia.com, under help section or write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com. You may also contact Mr. Arghya Majumder, Assistant Manager Business Development, Central Depository Services (India) Limited, Unit No. A-1(II) & (III), Block-A, 1st Floor, 22, Abanindranath Thakur Sarani, Kolkata-700016 or at Toll Free No. 1800-22-5533
- 29. The e-voting period commences on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 (9:00 a.m.) and ends on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 (5:00 p.m.). During this period shareholders of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form may cast their vote electronically.
- 30. The voting rights of shareholders shall be in proportion to their shares in the paid up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date of 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020.
- 31. Ms. Priti Agarwal, Partner of M/s A L & Associates, Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No. ACS 26513 and Certificate of practice No. 9937) has been appointed as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting process including the remote e-voting in a fair and transparent manner.
- 32. The Scrutinizer shall within a period not exceeding three (3) working days from the conclusion of the evoting period unblock the votes cast through remote e-voting, after counting the votes cast at the Annual General Meeting in the presence of atleast two (2) witnesses not in the employment of the Company and make a consolidated Scrutinizer's Report of the votes cast in favour or against, if any and forward to the Chairman of the Meeting.
- 33. The Results on Resolutions shall be declared after the Annual General Meeting of the Company and the Resolutions will be deemed to be passed on the date of the Annual General Meeting subject to receipt of the requisite number of the votes in favour of the Resolutions.
- 34. The consolidated Results declared along with the Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the Company's website www.merinoindia.com and on the website of CDSL within three (3) days of passing of the resolutions at the Annual General Meeting of the Company.

## THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS FOR E-VOTING ON THE DAY OF THE AGM (VENUE VOTING) ARE AS UNDER:

- 1. The procedure for Venue Voting is same as the instructions mentioned above for remote e-voting.
- 2. Only those Members/ shareholders, who will be present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and have not casted 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.
- 3. Members who have voted through Remote E-Voting will be eligible to attend the AGM and participate thereat. However, they will not be eligible to vote at the AGM. In case any Member who had voted through Remote E-voting, casts his vote again at the Venue Voting, then the Votes cast at the venue voting shall be considered as Invalid.
- 4. Members are requested to follow the instructions, if any, provided during the currency of the AGM for Venue Voting.
- 5. The details of the person who may be contacted for any grievances connected with the facility for e-voting (venue voting) shall be the same person mentioned for Remote e-voting.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS FOR ATTENDING THE AGM THROUGH VC/OAVM ARE AS UNDER:

## (VENUE VOTING TO BE HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020)

- 1. Members whose email IDs are already registered with the Company and who are desirous to attend the AGM through VC/OAVM can apply at vinamrataagrawal@merinoindia.com or at merinokol@merinoindia.com requesting for participation in the AGM, by giving their name as registered in the records of the Company, DPID/Client ID or Folio Number and the Registered email ID.
- 2. The facility of joining the AGM through VC/OAVM will be opened 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of the AGM and will be available for members on a first come first served basis.
- 3. Members who are desirous of attending the AGM through VC/OAVM and whose email IDs are not registered with the company, may get their email IDs registered with the Registrar and Share Transfer

Agent by sending an email to rta@cbmsl.com, with the following credentials:

- i. Name registered as per the records of the company
- ii. DPID-Client ID/ Folio Number
- iii. Email ID to be registered for attending the Meeting.
- 4. Members may send the above mentioned request at point no (3) latest by Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020. In case of joint holding, the credentials of the first named holder shall be accepted.
- 5. Members who are desirous of attending the AGM may send their request by 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020. On successful registration with the Company, the invitation to join the AGM will be sent to the Members on their registered email IDs latest by 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020. This will be done on first come first served basis, of atleast 1000 members.
- 6. Members may attend the AGM, by following the invitation link sent to their registered email ID. Members will be able to locate Meeting ID/ Password/ and JOIN MEETING tab. By Clicking on JOIN MEETING they will be redirected to Meeting Room via browser or by running Temporary Application. In order to join the Meeting, follow the step and provide the required details (mentioned above Meeting Id/Password/Email Address) and Join the Meeting. Members are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops for better experience.
- 7. In case of Android/iPhone connection, Participants will be required to download and Install the appropriate application as given in the mail to them. Application may be downloaded from Google Play Store/ App Store.
- 8. Further Members will be required to allow Camera and use Internet audio settings as and when asked while setting up the meeting on Mobile App.
- 9. Please note that Participants Connecting from Mobile Devices or Tablets or through Laptop connecting via Mobile Hotspot may experience Audio/Video loss due to Fluctuation in their respective network. It is therefore recommended to use Stable Wi-Fi or LAN Connection to mitigate any kind of aforesaid glitches.
- 10. The helpline number for joining the Meeting through Electronic Mode will be provided in the Meeting Invitation which will be sent to the eligible applicants.
- 11. Institutional Shareholders are encouraged to participate at the AGM through VC/OAVM and vote thereat.

## OTHER INFORMATION:

- (A) Only those shareholders of the Company who are holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date (i.e. Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020), shall be entitled to cast their vote either through remote e- voting or through venue voting through VC/OAVM at the AGM, as the case may be. Any person who is not a Member as on the cut-off date should treat this Notice for information purposes only.
- (B) The remote e-voting period begins on Sunday, 27th September, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. (IST) and ends on Tuesday, 29th September, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. (IST). The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.
- (C) The Members who have cast their vote by remote-evoting prior to the AGM may also attend and participate in the proceedings of the AGM through VC/OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their votes again.
- (D) The shareholders can opt for only one mode of voting i.e. remote e-voting or venue voting through VC/OAVM at the AGM. In case of voting by both the modes, vote cast through remote e-voting will be considered final and e-voting through VC/OAVM at AGM will not be considered.
- (E) The Board of Directors has appointed Ms. Priti Agarwal, Partner of M/s A L & Associates, Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No. ACS 26513 and Certificate of practice No. 9937), as Scrutinizer to scrutinize the remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM in a fair and transparent manner and to submit report thereon.
- (F) The results declared along with the Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the Company's website at www.merinoindia.com and on the website of CDSL at www.evotingindia.com immediately and on the

Notice Board of the Company at its registered office after the result is declared.

- (G) The Members holding equity shares in physical form are requested to intimate to the Registrar and Share Transfer Agents (R&STA), Messrs. C B Management Services (P) Limited, P-22, Bondel Road, Kolkata 700 019, regarding change of address, if any, at the earliest, quoting their registered folio number. Change of address in respect of shares held in dematerialized form is required to be intimated to the concerned Depository Participant.
- (H) Members holding shares in more than one folio in identical order of names are requested to write to Registrar & Share Transfer Agent enclosing their share certificates to enable them to consolidate the holdings in one folio to facilitate better service.
- (I) As per the MCA General Circular 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, the Notice of the AGM has been sent through electronic mode to only those Members whose email IDs are registered with the Company/Depository participant. Further, updation if any, will be provided on the website of the Company at www.merinoindia.com.

## STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 102 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2013 RELATING TO SPECIAL BUSINESS SET OUT IN THE ANNEXED NOTICE

### **RELATING TO ITEM NO. 7**

M/s. Singhi & Company, Chartered Accountants (Firm Registration No. 302049E), are the statutory auditors of the Company since 2012-13, appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company held on 29.09.2012 for a term of 3 (three) years and further re-appointed at the AGM held in 2015 for another term of 5 years and they will complete the said term of their appointment in 2020. Further As per the provisions of section 139 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules framed thereunder, it is required to appoint or re-appoint an audit firm as auditors for not more than 2 (two) terms of 5 (five) consecutive years. The Rules of rotation applies to your company based on the paid-up capital criteria.

In view of the above and based on the recommendations of the Audit Committee, the Board of Directors, has at its meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, proposed the appointment of M/s. Singhi & Company, being eligible for such appointment, as the statutory auditors of the Company for a further period of 2 (two) years to hold office from the conclusion of the 55<sup>th</sup> AGM till the conclusion of the 57<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company to be held in the year 2022.

None of the Directors / Key Managerial Personnel of the Company / their relatives is in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the resolution set out in Item No. 7 of the Notice.

The Board commends the Ordinary Resolution set out at Item No. 7 of the Notice for approval by the shareholders.

## RELATING TO ITEM NO. 8

The Board, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, has approved the appointment and remuneration of M/s. Basu, Banerjee, Chakraborty, Chattopadhyay & Co., Cost Accountants (Firm Registration No. 000206) of 42-B, Shibtala Street, P.O. Uttarpara, Dist. Hooghly, PIN: 712258 to conduct the audit of the cost records of the Company relating to the applicable products for the financial year ending 31st March, 2021 at a remuneration of Rs. 82,500/- plus out of pocket expenses. In accordance with the provisions of Section 148 of the Act read with the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, the remuneration payable to the Cost Auditors is required to be fixed by the shareholders of the Company. Accordingly, their consent is sought for passing an Ordinary Resolution as set out in Item No. 8 of the Notice for fixation of the remuneration payable to the Cost Auditors for the financial year ending 31st March, 2021.

None of the Directors / Key Managerial Personnel of the Company / their relatives is in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the resolution set out in Item No. 8 of the Notice.

The Board recommends the Ordinary Resolution set out at Item No. 8 of the Notice for approval by the shareholders.

#### **RELATING TO ITEM NO. 9**

The Company is authorized to contribute to bonafide and charitable funds in terms of Section 181 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the Act).

As per the Act, the Board can contribute to bonafide charitable and other funds and prior permission of shareholders in a general meeting shall be required only if the aggregate contributions in any Financial Year exceed five percent of the Company's average net profits for the three preceding financial years.

Subject to the approval of the shareholders, the Board has plans to donate upto a maximum limit of Rs.10,00,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Crore only) during the Financial Year 2020-21, which exceeds the above limit. The donation would be channelized mainly towards contributions (including corpus) to group managed / other Trust(s) and also to such other Trust(s) as the Board would deem fit. The primary objectives of donations would include eradicating hunger, poverty, promoting preventive health care, sanitation, education, gender equality, empowerment of women, ensuring environmental sustainability, protection of national heritage, undertaking training to promote rural sports, establish, maintain and grant aid to hospitals etc., prime minister's national relief fund or PM CARES Fund and also various other public charitable activities.

As such, the Board recommends passing the resolution.

All the Whole-time Promoter Directors, who also fall under the category of KMP are directly or indirectly interested or concerned, financially or otherwise in the resolution, as substantial donations will be made to the Trust(s) in which they are directly or indirectly concerned and interested to the extent the contribution made to these trusts.

However, none of Shri Nripen Kumar Dugar, Whole-time Director and KMP and Ms. Vinamrata Agrawal, Company Secretary also falling under the category of KMP and Dr. Gautam Bhattacharjee, Shri Sisir Kumar Chakrabarti and Shri Bama Prasad Mukhopadhyay, Independent Directors, including their relatives, are in any way concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the resolution set out in Item No. 9 of the Notice.

The above item of special business to be transacted at this meeting of the company does not relate to or affect any other company.

## Route Map and Prominent Landmark of AGM Venue and Attendance Slip.

In view of the extraordinary circumstances due to COVID-19 pandemic prevailing in the country, MCA vide its Circular No. 14/2020 had clarified that social distancing is a pre-requisite in the current scenario and in reference to clarifications/ Guidance on applicability of Secretarial Standards on General Meetings (SS-2) dated April 15, 2020, the Company will hold the AGM through VC/OAVM, without the physical presence of the Members at the Registered Office of the Company at 5, Alexandra Court, 60/1, Chowringhee Road, Kolkata-700020. In view of the directions from MCA, the Meeting is being convened through VC/OAVM and physical presence of the Members are not required at the venue and that the proceedings of the AGM conducted shall be deemed to be made at this venue.



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#### **Ballot Form**

No.

Registered Folio No.	DP ID No.	Client ID No.	No. of shares held

Name and address of the sole/ First named shareholder

Joint Holder's Name (if any)

I/We hereby exercise my/our vote in respect of the Resolutions to be passed in the AGM for the businesses stated in the Notice of the Company dated  $25^{th}$  August, 2020 by sending my/our assent or dissent to the said resolutions by placing a tick ( $\sqrt{}$ ) mark in the appropriate box below:

Item No.	Description	No. of shares Held	I/We assent to the resolution (For)	I/We dissent to the resolution (Against)
1.	Consideration and adoption of the Audited Financial Statement, Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors for the year ended 31st March, 2020			
2.	Consideration and adoption of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March, 2020			
3.	Confirmation of the declaration and payment of first and second Interim Dividend on equity shares for the financial year ended 31st March, 2020			
4.	Approval for re-appointment of Shri Nripen Kumar Dugar (DIN: 00127790) who retires by rotation			
5.	Approval for re-appointment of Shri Madhusudan Lohia (DIN: 00063278) who retires by rotation			
6.	Approval for re-appointment of Ms. Ruchira Lohia (DIN: 00127797) who retires by rotation			
7.	Approval for appointment of Auditors and to fix their remuneration			
8.	Approval for payment of the remuneration of the Cost Auditors for the financial year ending on 31st March, 2021			
9.	Approval to give authority for making donation to charitable and other funds not directly related to the business of the Company			

Date:	
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Place:	

## Note:

- (1) Please read the instructions carefully before exercising your vote.
- (2) The remote e-voting particulars are set out below:

REMOTE E-VOTING PARTICULARS			
Commencement of remote e-voting	End of remote e-voting		
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.	Tuesday, 29th September, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.		

EVSN	USER ID	PAN / SEQUENCE NO.
(E-voting Sequence No.)		
200826062		

Please read the instructions mentioned in the Notice dated 25th August, 2020 before availing remote e-voting facilities.