

#### **BIRLASOFT LIMITED**

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#### **Postal Ballot Notice**

# Pursuant to Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014

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 together with Rule 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (the "Management Rules"), (including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force) and any other applicable provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder, read with the General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, read with other relevant circulars, including General Circular No. 09/2023 dated September 25, 2023 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") and Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/167 dated October 7, 2023 ("SEBI Circular"), and Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, ("SEBI LODR") and other applicable provisions, if any, of the SEBI LODR, for the time being in force and as amended from time to time and Secretarial Standard on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India ("SS-2"), that the Special Resolutions as set out in this Postal Ballot Notice ("Notice") are proposed to be passed by way of Postal Ballot by voting through electronic means only ("e-voting"/"remote e-voting").

An Explanatory Statement pursuant to Sections 102, 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Act, pertaining to the said resolutions setting out the material facts and the reasons thereof is annexed to the Notice, for your consideration.

Pursuant to Rule 22(5) of the Management Rules, Mr. Jayavant Bhave - Proprietor of J. B. Bhave & Co. Company Secretaries (Membership No. – F4266), has been appointed as the "Scrutinizer", to scrutinize the e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.

The remote e-voting period commences from 09.00 a.m. (IST) on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, and ends at 05.00 p.m. (IST) on Thursday, January 18, 2024. Members are requested to peruse the proposed resolutions along with the explanatory statement, carefully read the instructions in the Notes to this Notice and cast their vote electronically by indicating Assent (For) or Dissent (Against) for the said Resolutions not later than 05:00 p.m. (IST) on Thursday, January 18, 2024 (the last day to cast vote electronically).

Upon completion of the scrutiny of e-voting, the Scrutinizer will submit a report to the Chairman (the "Chairman") or to any other person of the Company duly authorised by the Chairman in this regard, who shall countersign the same. The result of e-voting shall be intimated to BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited, where the Company's equity shares are listed within a period of 2 working days (not exceeding 3 days) from the conclusion of the e-voting. The results would also be uploaded on the websites of the Company at <a href="www.birlasoft.com">www.birlasoft.com</a>, the stock exchanges at <a href="www.bseindia.com">www.nseindia.com</a> and National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") at <a href="www.evoting.nsdl.com">www.evoting.nsdl.com</a>.

The resolutions, if passed by the requisite majority, shall be deemed to have been passed on Thursday, January 18, 2024, i.e. the last date specified for e-voting.

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

1. Appointment of Ms. Satyavati Berera (DIN: 05002709) as an Independent Director of the Company for a term of 5 (five) years

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without modification(s), the following resolution as a **Special Resolution**:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Sections 149, 150, 152 read with Schedule IV and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act"), and the Rules made thereunder, applicable provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the "SEBI LODR"), (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force), in accordance with the Articles of Association and the Nomination and Remuneration Policy of the Company, based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and approval of the Board of Directors, Ms. Satyavati Berera (DIN: 05002709), who was appointed by the Board of Directors as an Additional (Independent) Director of the Company, with effect from October 31, 2023, in terms of Section 161 of the Act, in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing from a Member under Section 160 of the Act proposing her candidature for the office of Director, and who has submitted a declaration that she meets the criteria of independence prescribed under Section 149 (6) of the Act and Regulation 16 (1) (b) of the SEBI LODR and being eligible for appointment under the provisions of the Act and the Rules framed thereunder and the SEBI LODR, be and is hereby appointed as an Independent Director of the Company, not liable to retire by rotation, to hold office for a term of 5 (five) consecutive years commencing from October 31, 2023 upto October 30, 2028.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** any one Director, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief People Officer and the Company Secretary of the Company, be and are hereby severally authorized to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be usual and expedient to implement this decision."

2. Appointment of Ms. Nidhi Killawala (DIN: 05182060) as an Independent Director of the Company for a term of 5 (five) years

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without modification(s), the following resolution as a **Special Resolution**:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Sections 149, 150, 152 read with Schedule IV and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act"), and the Rules made thereunder, applicable provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the "SEBI LODR"), (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force), in accordance with the Articles of Association and the Nomination and Remuneration Policy of the Company, based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and approval of the Board of Directors, Ms. Nidhi Killawala (DIN: 05182060), who was appointed by the Board of Directors as an Additional (Independent) Director of the Company, with effect from December 15, 2023, in terms of Section 161 of the Act, in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing from a Member under Section 160 of the Act proposing her candidature for the office of Director, and who has submitted a declaration that she meets the criteria of independence prescribed under Section 149 (6) of the Act and Regulation 16 (1) (b) of the SEBI LODR and being eligible for appointment under the provisions of the Act and the Rules framed thereunder and the SEBI LODR, be and is hereby appointed as an Independent Director of the Company, not liable to retire by rotation, to hold office for a term of 5 (five) consecutive years commencing from December 15, 2023 upto December 14, 2028.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** any one Director, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief People Officer and the Company Secretary of the Company, be and are hereby severally authorized to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be usual and expedient to implement this decision."

By order of the Board of Directors For **Birlasoft Limited** 

Sneha Padve Company Secretary

December 15, 2023

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#### Notes:

- 1. The Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 read with Section 110 of the Act setting out material facts pertaining to the resolutions, is annexed hereto for your consideration and forms part of this Notice.
- 2. The relevant details, pursuant to the provisions of SEBI LODR and SS-2, in respect of Director seeking appointment are also annexed hereto.
- 3. The Notice is being sent to all the Members, whose names appear on the Register of Members/ List of Beneficial Owners as on Friday, December 15, 2023, as received from National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") and Central Depository Services (India) Limited (collectively referred to as "Depositories"). In compliance with MCA Circulars, the Notice is being sent to Members only in electronic form to the e-mail addresses registered with their Depository Participants (in case of electronic shareholding)/the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent (in case of physical shareholding). Physical copies of the Notice are not being sent to the Members for this Postal Ballot. Therefore, those Members who have not yet registered their e-mail addresses are requested to get their e-mail addresses registered by following the procedure given below in e-voting instructions.
- 4. The Notice is also available on the website of the Company at <a href="www.birlasoft.com">www.birlasoft.com</a>, on the website of stock exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at <a href="www.bseindia.com">www.bseindia.com</a> and <a href="www.nseindia.com">www.nseindia.com</a> respectively and on the website of the NSDL i.e. <a href="www.evoting.nsdl.com">www.evoting.nsdl.com</a>.
- 5. In compliance with the provisions of Sections 108 and 110 of the Act, read with the Management Rules and Regulation 44 of SEBI LODR, the Company is offering e-voting facility to all the Members of the Company to enable them to cast their votes electronically. The Company has engaged the services of NSDL to provide e-voting facility to its Members. The instructions for e-voting are annexed to this Notice.
- 6. The voting rights of the Members shall be in proportion to their holding of Equity Shares with the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on Friday, December 15, 2023 ("Cut-Off date"). Only those Members whose names are recorded in the Register of Members of the Company or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the Cut-Off date will be entitled to cast their votes by e-voting. A person who is not a Member as on the Cut-Off date should treat this Notice for information purposes only.
- 7. Facility to exercise vote by Postal Ballot by voting through electronic means will be available during the following period:
  - Commencement of voting: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 09:00 am (IST) End of voting: Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 05:00 pm (IST) (both days inclusive).
  - The facility for voting through electronic means will be disabled for voting by NSDL upon expiry of the aforesaid voting period.
- 8. All the relevant documents referred to in this Notice and explanatory statement shall be available for inspection by the Members through electronic mode up to the last date specified for e-voting. The Members may write to the Company at <a href="mailto:secretarial@birlasoft.com">secretarial@birlasoft.com</a> in this regard.
- 9. A Member cannot exercise his/her vote through proxy on postal ballot. However, corporate and institutional Members shall be entitled to vote through their authorized representatives.

- Corporate and institutional Members are requested to provide a proof of authorization (board resolution/authority letter/power attorney, etc.) in favour of their authorised representatives to the scrutinizer through e-mail to <a href="mailto:jbbhave@gmail.com">jbbhave@gmail.com</a> with a copy marked to <a href="mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in">evoting@nsdl.co.in</a>.
- 10. Members are advised to update their PAN, KYC (Address, Email ID, Mobile Number, Bank Account Details, Specimen Signature, etc.) and Nomination details, as mandated by SEBI vide its circular no SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2023/37 dated March 16, 2023:
  - Members holding shares in physical form: to the Company's RTA Link Intime India Private Limited, in prescribed Form ISR 1 and other forms as per instructions mentioned in the form. The Company has already sent requisite communication to the members for furnishing these details. The formats can be downloaded from RTA's website <a href="www.linkintime.co.in">www.linkintime.co.in</a> > Resources > Downloads > KYC > Formats for KYC and such formats are also available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.birlasoft.com/company/investors/policies-reports-filings#Shareholders-info">https://www.birlasoft.com/company/investors/policies-reports-filings#Shareholders-info</a>.
  - <u>Members holding shares in dematerialized form:</u> to their respective DPs as per the procedure prescribed by them.
- 11. Members may note that SEBI vide circular dated January 25, 2022 has mandated the listed companies to issue securities in dematerialized form only while processing service requests, viz., issue of duplicate securities certificate; claim from unclaimed suspense account; renewal/exchange of securities certificate; endorsement; subdivision/splitting of securities certificate; consolidation of securities certificates/folios; transmission and transposition. Accordingly, members are requested to make service requests by submitting the forms in the specified formats, which are available on the website of the Company at <a href="https://www.birlasoft.com/company/investors/policies-reportsfilings#Shareholders-info">https://www.birlasoft.com/company/investors/policies-reportsfilings#Shareholders-info</a> and also available on the website of the RTA at <a href="https://linkintime.co.in/downloads.html">https://linkintime.co.in/downloads.html</a>. It may be noted that any service request can be processed only after the folio is KYC Compliant.
- 12. Further, SEBI vide notification dated January 24, 2022 has amended Regulation 40 of SEBI LODR and has mandated that all requests for transfer of securities including transmission and transposition requests shall be processed only in dematerialized form. In view of the same and to eliminate all risks associated with physical shares and avail various benefits of dematerialization, members are therefore advised to dematerialize the shares held by them in physical form.
- 13. Members are also informed that pursuant to Circular No. SEBI/HO/OIAE/OIAE\_IAD-1/P/CIR/2023/131 dated July 31, 2023, read with a Corrigendum No. SEBI/HO/OIAE/OIAE\_IAD-1/P/CIR/2023/135 dated August 4, 2023, and further a master circular no. SEBI/HO/OIAE/OIAE\_IAD-1/P/CIR/2023/145 dated August 11, 2023, SEBI has introduced a common Online Dispute Resolution ("ODR") mechanism to facilitate online resolution of all kinds of disputes arising in the Indian securities market. Members can access the SEBI Circulars on the website of SEBI at <a href="https://www.sebi.gov.in/">https://www.sebi.gov.in/</a> and the same are also available on the website of the Company at <a href="https://www.birlasoft.com/company/investors/policies-reports-filings#Shareholders-info">https://www.birlasoft.com/company/investors/policies-reports-filings#Shareholders-info</a>.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING BY MEMBERS**

#### 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 for individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode.

In terms of SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 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 e-mail 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	Login Method		
Individual shareholders	1.	Existing <b>IDeAS</b> user can visit the e-Services website of NSDL viz.	
holding securities in		https://eservices.nsdl.com either on a Personal Computer or on a	
demat mode with NSDL		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 <b>e-voting service provider i.e. NSDL</b> and you will be re-directed to e-voting website of NSDL	
		for casting your vote during the remote e-voting period.	
	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	
		https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp	
	3.	Visit the e-voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing	
		the following URL: <a href="https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/">https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/</a> 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 held with NSDL), Password/OTP and a	
		Verification Code as shown on the screen. After successful	
		authentication, you will be re-directed 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 re-directed to e-	
		voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote evoting period.	
	4	Shareholders/Members can also download NSDL Mobile App	
	⊸.	"NSDL Speed-e" facility by scanning the QR code mentioned	
		below for seamless voting experience.	

## **NSDL** Mobile App is available on Google Play App Store Individual shareholders Users who have opted for CDSL Easi/Easiest facility, can login holding securities in through their existing User ID and Password. Option will be made demat mode with CDSL available to reach e-voting page without any further authentication. The users to login to Easi/Easiest facility are requested to visit CDSL website www.cdslindia.com and click on login icon & New System Myeasi Tab and then use your existing Myeasi username & password. 2. After successful login the Easi/Easiest user will be able to see the e-voting option for eligible companies where the e-voting is in progress. On clicking the e-voting option, the user will be able to see e-voting page of the e-voting service provider for casting their vote during the remote e-voting period. Additionally, there are 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. 3. If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at CDSL website www.cdslindia.com, click on login & New System Myeasi Tab and then click on registration option. 4. Alternatively, the user can directly access e-voting page by providing demat account number and PAN from a link on www.cdslindia.com home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered mobile number & e-mail as recorded in the demat account. After successful authentication, user will be able to see the e-voting option where the e-voting is in progress and will also be able to directly access the system of all e-voting Service Providers. Individual shareholders You can also login using the login credentials of your demat (holding securities in account through your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-voting facility. Upon logging in, you will be able demat mode) login through their to see e-voting option. Click on e-voting option, you will be redepository participants directed to NSDL/CDSL Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see the e-voting feature. 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.

**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	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact
securities in demat mode with NSDL	NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at <a href="mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in">evoting@nsdl.co.in</a>
	or call at toll free no.: 022 - 4886 7000 and 022 - 2499 7000.
Individual shareholders holding	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact
securities in demat mode with CDSL	CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at
	helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at toll free no.:
	1800 22 55 33

B) Login method for e-voting 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?

- 1. Visit the e-voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: <a href="https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/">https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/</a> 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 'Shareholder/Member' section.
- 3. 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 e-Services i.e. IDeAS, you can login at <a href="https://eservices.nsdl.com/">https://eservices.nsdl.com/</a> with your existing IDeAS login. Once you login to NSDL e-Services after using your login 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 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***

- 5. Password details for shareholders other than individual shareholders 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. 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 e-mail ID is registered in your demat account or with the company, your 'initial password' is communicated to you on your e-mail ID. Trace the e-mail sent to you from NSDL from your mailbox. Open the e-mail 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 e-mail ID is not registered, please follow steps mentioned below in **process for those** shareholders whose e-mail IDs are not registered.
- 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 <a href="https://www.evoting.nsdl.com">www.evoting.nsdl.com</a>.
  - 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 <a href="mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in">evoting@nsdl.co.in</a> 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.
- 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.

#### Step 2: Cast your vote electronically on NSDL e-voting system.

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

- 1. 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 is in active status.
- 2. Select "EVEN" of company for which you wish to cast your vote during the remote e-voting period.
- 3. Now you are ready for e-voting as the voting page opens.

- 4. 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 members:**

- 1. 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 <a href="mailto:jbbhave@gmail.com">jbbhave@gmail.com</a> with a copy marked to <a href="mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in">evoting@nsdl.co.in</a>. 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.
- 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 <a href="www.evoting.nsdl.com">www.evoting.nsdl.com</a> or call on toll free no.: 022 4886 7000 and 022 2499 7000 or send a request at <a href="evoting@nsdl.co.in">evoting@nsdl.co.in</a> or contact Mr. Amit Vishal at National Securities Depository Limited, Trade World, 'A' Wing, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400013, at the designated e-mail IDs: <a href="evoting@nsdl.co.in">evoting@nsdl.co.in</a>.

Process for those shareholders whose e-mail IDs are not registered with the depositories for procuring User ID and Password and registration of e-mail IDs for e-voting for the resolution set out in this notice:

- In case shares are held in physical mode please provide Folio No., Name of Member, 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 e-mail to <a href="mailto:pune@linkintime.co.in">pune@linkintime.co.in</a>.
- 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 <a href="mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in">evoting@nsdl.co.in</a>. If you are an individual shareholder 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 for individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode.
- 3. Alternatively, shareholder/members may send a request to <a href="mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in">evoting@nsdl.co.in</a> 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 e-mail ID correctly in their demat account in order to access e-voting facility.

By order of the Board of Directors For **Birlasoft Limited** 

Sneha Padve Company Secretary

December 15, 2023

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#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

#### [Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the Act and SEBI LODR]

#### Item No.: 1

The Board of Directors (the "Board"), on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (the "NRC") had approved the appointment of Ms. Satyavati Berera (DIN: 05002709) as an Additional (Independent) Director of the Company, for a period of 5 (five) years commencing from October 31, 2023 upto October 30, 2028, subject to approval of the Members by way of special resolution.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 161 of the Act, Ms. Berera will hold office upto the date of the ensuing Annual General Meeting. However, in terms of Regulation 17(1)(c) of SEBI LODR, approval of members of the Company is required to be obtained for appointment of a Director, at the next general meeting or within a time period of three months from the date of appointment, whichever is earlier. Therefore, the approval of members is being sought for the aforesaid appointment of Ms. Berera, through this Postal Ballot.

The Company has received a notice in writing from a Member, in terms of Section 160 of the Act, proposing the appointment of Ms. Berera as a Director of the Company.

The Company has received, inter alia, the following consents, declarations and confirmations from Ms. Berera with regard to the proposed appointment:

- a. Consent to act as Director of the Company, in Form DIR-2, in terms of Section 152 of the Act.
- b. Declaration that she is not disqualified from being appointed as Director in terms of Section 164 of the Act.
- c. Declaration that she meets the criteria of independence prescribed under the Act and the SEBI LODR.
- d. Declaration that she is not debarred from holding the office of Director by virtue of any order of the SEBI or any other such authority.
- e. Confirmation that she is not aware of any circumstance or situation, which exists or may be reasonably anticipated, that could impair or impact her ability to discharge her duties as an Independent Director of the Company.
- f. Confirmation that she has complied with Rule 6(1) and 6(2) of the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014, with respect to Independent Directors' databank.

In the opinion of the NRC and the Board, Ms. Berera fulfils the conditions of independence as specified in the Act, the Rules thereunder and the SEBI LODR, and is independent of the Management.

Further, in the opinion of the NRC and the Board, Ms. Berera possess the requisite skills and capabilities required for the role of an Independent Director of the Company, considering her qualifications, rich experience and expertise. A brief profile of Ms. Berera, alongwith additional details as required under Regulation 36 of SEBI LODR and SS-2, is given in Annexure to this Notice.

In conformity with the Company's Nomination and Remuneration Policy, Ms. Berera will be entitled to receive remuneration by way of sitting fees for attending the meetings of the Board and Committees thereof of which membership, if any, is held by her, reimbursement of expenses for participation in the meetings and also commission on an annual basis, of such sum as may be recommended by the NRC and approved by the Board, subject to the overall limits as specified under the Act and the Rules framed thereunder. The terms and conditions of Ms. Berera's appointment are available for inspection by the Members in the manner provided in the Notes to this Notice. The same is also available on the Company's website.

Ms. Berera is not related to any other Director or Key Managerial Personnel of the Company or relatives of the Directors or Key Managerial Personnel.

Except Ms. Berera and her relatives, none of the other Directors, Key Managerial Personnel or any of their respective relatives are, in any way, concerned or interested, whether financially or otherwise, in this resolution.

The Board of Directors recommends the Special Resolution for approval of Members of the Company, as set out at Item No. 1 of the Notice.

#### Item No. 2

The Board of Directors (the "Board"), on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (the "NRC") had approved the appointment of Ms. Nidhi Killawala (DIN: 05182060) as an Additional (Independent) Director of the Company, for a period of 5 (five) years commencing from December 15, 2023 upto December 14, 2028, subject to approval of the Members by way of special resolution.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 161 of the Act, Ms. Killawala will hold office upto the date of the ensuing Annual General Meeting. However, in terms of Regulation 17(1)(c) of SEBI LODR, approval of members of the Company is required to be obtained for appointment of a Director, at the next general meeting or within a time period of three months from the date of appointment, whichever is earlier. Therefore, the approval of members is being sought for the aforesaid appointment of Ms. Killawala, through this Postal Ballot.

The Company has received a notice in writing from a Member, in terms of Section 160 of the Act, proposing the appointment of Ms. Killawala as a Director of the Company.

The Company has received, inter alia, the following consents, declarations and confirmations from Ms. Killawala with regard to the proposed appointment:

- a. Consent to act as Director of the Company, in Form DIR-2, in terms of Section 152 of the Act.
- b. Declaration that she is not disqualified from being appointed as Director in terms of Section 164 of the Act
- c. Declaration that she meets the criteria of independence prescribed under the Act and the SEBI LODR.
- d. Declaration that she is not debarred from holding the office of Director by virtue of any order of the SEBI or any other such authority.
- e. Confirmation that she is not aware of any circumstance or situation, which exists or may be reasonably anticipated, that could impair or impact her ability to discharge her duties as an Independent Director of the Company.
- f. Confirmation that she has complied with Rule 6(1) and 6(2) of the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014, with respect to Independent Directors' databank.

In the opinion of the NRC and the Board, Ms. Killawala fulfils the conditions of independence as specified in the Act, the Rules thereunder and the SEBI LODR, and is independent of the Management.

Further, in the opinion of the NRC and the Board, Ms. Killawala possess the requisite skills and capabilities required for the role of an Independent Director of the Company, considering her qualifications and expertise. A brief profile of Ms. Killawala, alongwith additional details as required under Regulation 36 of SEBI LODR and SS-2, is given in Annexure to this Notice.

In conformity with the Company's Nomination and Remuneration Policy, Ms. Killawala will be entitled to receive remuneration by way of sitting fees for attending the meetings of the Board and Committees thereof of which membership, if any, is held by her, reimbursement of expenses for

participation in the meetings and also commission on an annual basis, of such sum as may be recommended by the NRC and approved by the Board, subject to the overall limits as specified under the Act and the Rules framed thereunder. The terms and conditions of Ms. Killawala's appointment are available for inspection by the Members in the manner provided in the Notes to this Notice. The same is also available on the Company's website.

Ms. Killawala is not related to any other Director or Key Managerial Personnel of the Company or relatives of the Directors or Key Managerial Personnel.

Except Ms. Killawala and her relatives, none of the other Directors, Key Managerial Personnel or any of their respective relatives are, in any way, concerned or interested, whether financially or otherwise, in this resolution.

The Board of Directors recommends the Special Resolution for approval of Members of the Company, as set out at Item No. 2 of the Notice.

For any queries, clarifications or grievances related to the postal ballot process, electronic voting process, etc. Members may contact the following:

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By order of the Board of Directors For **Birlasoft Limited** 

Sneha Padve Company Secretary

## December 15, 2023

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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON DIRECTOR SEEKING APPOINTMENT

# Details of Director seeking appointment pursuant to Regulation 36 of SEBI LODR and SS-2

Name	Satyavati Berera	Nidhi Killawala
Director Identification	05002709	05182060
Number		
Age	63 years	34 years
Qualification	Economics Graduate from Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University and a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).	B. A., LL. B, (Hons.) from the National Law School Of India University, Bangalore.
Experience	40+ years	11+ years
Nature of expertise in specific functional areas	She qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1984 and subsequently became a Partner in 1995 with Price Waterhouse. Before becoming the COO in 2016, she played key leadership roles at the firm. She was the Consulting Leader of the firm from 2013 to 2015 while also serving as the Managing Partner for the firm's North region. She served as an Audit Partner from 1995 to 2005 and thereafter led the Risk Advisory services for the firm from 2005 to 2013. She served on the India Leadership Team from 2011 to 2022.	Her expertise includes advising clients on corporate and commercial transactions such as mergers and acquisitions, private equity, venture capital, foreign investment laws and general corporate law advisory.
Brief resume of the Director	Ms. Satyavati is the former Chief	Ms. Nidhi Killawala holds
	Operating Officer ("COO") of PwC India and has superannuated from the firm in March 2023 after 40+ years of managing diverse portfolios. She is an Economics Graduate from Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University, and a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).  She qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1984, joined Price Waterhouse and subsequently became a Partner in 1995 with Price Waterhouse. Before becoming the COO of PWC India in 2016, she played key	B. A., LL. B, (Hons.) from the National Law School Of India University, Bangalore and is a Partner in the Corporate and Commercial practice group of Khaitan & Co. Her expertise includes advising clients on corporate and commercial transactions such as mergers and acquisitions, private equity, venture capital, foreign investment laws and general corporate law advisory.
	leadership roles at the firm. She served as an Audit Partner from 1995 to 2005 and thereafter led the Risk Advisory services for	

	the firm from 2005 to 2013. She was the Consulting Leader of the firm from 2013 to 2015 while also serving as the Managing Partner for the firm's North region. She served on the India Leadership Team from 2011 to 2022.	
Date of first appointment	October 31, 2023	December 15, 2023
Terms and conditions of appointment	It is proposed to appoint Ms. Satyavati Berera as a Non- Executive (Independent) Director of the Company, not liable to retire by rotation, for a period of 5 (five) years, with effect from October 31, 2023.	It is proposed to appoint Ms. Nidhi Killawala as a Non- Executive (Independent) Director of the Company, not liable to retire by rotation, for a period of 5 (five) years, with effect from December 15, 2023.
	Terms and conditions of appointment are in accordance with the Nomination and Remuneration Policy. The same is available for inspection by the members and is also provided on the Company's website i.e. <a href="https://www.birlasoft.com">www.birlasoft.com</a> .	Terms and conditions of appointment are in accordance with the Nomination and Remuneration Policy. The same is available for inspection by the members and is also provided on the Company's website i.e. <a href="https://www.birlasoft.com">www.birlasoft.com</a> .
Remuneration last drawn	Not applicable	Not applicable
Remuneration proposed to be given	The Independent Director shall be entitled to receive remuneration by way of sitting fees for attending the meetings of the Board and Committees thereof, reimbursement of expenses for participation in the meetings and also commission on an annual basis of such sum as may be recommended by the NRC and approved by the Board, subject to the overall limits as specified under the Act and the Rules framed thereunder.	The Independent Director shall be entitled to receive remuneration by way of sitting fees for attending the meetings of the Board and Committees thereof, reimbursement of expenses for participation in the meetings and also commission on an annual basis of such sum as may be recommended by the NRC and approved by the Board, subject to the overall limits as specified under the Act and the Rules framed thereunder.
Number of Board meetings of the Company attended during the year  Listed entities in which the person holds the directorship and the membership of Committees of the board along with listed entities from which the person has resigned in the past three years	1. Dabur India Limited  1. CRD Connections India Deicate  1. CRD Connecti	Not applicable  Nil
Directorships held in other Companies/Branches	CDP Operations India Private     Limited	Nil

Memberships/Chairmanships	Nil	Nil
of committees of other		
Companies		
Number of shares held in the	Nil	Nil
Company		
Relationship with other	Nil	Nil
Directors and Key		
Managerial Personnel or		
their respective relatives		