

NOTICE OF 37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the 37th Annual General Meeting of the Members of **BLACK BOX LIMITED** (Formerly known as AGC NETWORKS LIMITED) ("the Company") will be held on **Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 10:30 A.M. Indian Standard Time (IST)** through Video Conferencing ("VC") to transact the following business(s):

ORDINARY BUSINESS:

- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements (including the Consolidated Financial Statements) of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2023 along with the Reports of Board Directors and Auditors thereon.
- 2. To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Anshuman Ruia (DIN: 00008501), Executive Director of the Company who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

3. Re-appointment of Mr. Dilip Thakkar (DIN:00007339) as an Independent Director of the Company

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 framed thereunder and the applicable provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (including any statutory modification(s) or amendment(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force) and pursuant to the recommendations made by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company to the Members, Mr. Dilip Thakkar (DIN:00007339), who was appointed by the Members of the Company at their 33rd Annual General Meeting held on August 1, 2018 as an Independent Director on the Board of Company to hold office for period of 5 years and who is eligible for being re-appointed as an Independent Director and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing under Section 160 of the Act proposing his candidature for the office of Director, be and is hereby re-appointed as an Independent Director of the Company to hold office for a second term of five consecutive years commencing from August 1, 2023 and his office shall not be liable to retirement by rotation."

4. Continuation of appointment of Mr. Anshuman Ruia (DIN: 00008501), Executive Director of the Company on "office or place of profit" in Black Box Technologies LLC, Dubai

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 Section 188 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 (including any statutory modification(s) or amendment(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force), based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Audit Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company, consent of the shareholders be and is hereby given for continuation of appointment of Mr. Anshuman Ruia (DIN: 00008501) on "office or place of profit" as Executive Director of Black Box Technologies LLC (BBTL), Dubai, Step-down Subsidiary of the Company, without any change in existing terms and conditions of his appointment (including remuneration) as determined under the employment agreement executed by and between Mr. Anshuman Ruia and BBTL at the time of such appointment.



RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Mrs. Mahua Mukherjee (DIN: 08107320), Executive Director, Mr. Deepak Kumar Bansal (DIN: 07495199), CFO & Executive Director and Mr. Aditya Goswami, Company Secretary & Compliance Officer of the Company, be and are hereby severally authorized to file any form, application, return, disclosure and other necessary documents with the Registrar of Companies or any other regulatory or statutory authority as may be required and to do all such acts, deed and things as may be necessary or incidental to give effect to the aforesaid resolution."

5. Approval of raising of funds by issuance of securities upto ₹ 1,500 Crores

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

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to and in accordance with the applicable provisions of Sections 23, 41, 42, 62, 71 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules framed thereunder, including the Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014 and the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014, including any amendment(s) thereto or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force (collectively the "Companies Act"), all other applicable laws, rules and regulations, the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, and the rules and regulations made thereunder, including the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-Debt Instruments) Rules, 2019, each as amended from time to time (collectively "FEMA"), the relevant provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, applicable provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "SEBI ICDR Regulations"), the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), the listing agreements entered into by the Company with the BSE Limited ("BSE"), National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", and together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges") where the equity shares of the Company of face value of ₹2/- each ("Equity Shares") are listed and such other statutes, clarifications, rules, regulations, circulars, notifications, guidelines, if any, as may be applicable, as amended from time to time issued by the Government of India ("GOI"), the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA"), the Reserve Bank of India ("RBI"), BSE, NSE, Registrar of Companies ("RoC"), the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") and any other appropriate governmental or regulatory authority and subject to all other approval(s), consent(s), permission(s) and / or sanction(s) as may be required from various regulatory and statutory authorities, including the GOI, the RBI, SEBI, MCA, RoC and the Stock Exchanges (hereinafter singly or collectively referred to as "Appropriate Authorities"), and subject to such terms, conditions and modifications as may be prescribed by any of the Appropriate Authorities while granting such approval(s), consent(s), permission(s) and/or sanction(s), which may be agreed to by the Board of Directors of the Company (hereinafter referred to as the "Board", which term shall be deemed to mean and include any duly constituted committee thereof for the time being exercising the powers conferred by the Board), the approval of the members of the Company be and is hereby accorded to create, offer, issue and allot (including with provisions on firm and/or competitive basis, or such part of issue and for such categories of persons as may be permitted) such number of Securities (as defined hereinafter), for cash, with or without green shoe option, by way of an issue of equity shares/ preference shares or by way of an issue of any instrument or security including by way of a composite issue of non-convertible debentures and warrants entitling the warrant holder(s) to apply for equity shares, issue of Global Depository Receipts ("GDRs"), American Depository Receipts ("ADRs"), Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds ("FCCBs"), fully convertible debentures/partly convertible debentures/non-convertible debentures, preference shares convertible into equity shares, and/or any other financial instruments convertible into equity shares (including warrants, or otherwise, in registered or bearer form) and/or any security convertible into equity shares with or without voting/special rights and/or securities linked to equity shares and/or securities with or without detachable warrants with right exercisable by the warrant holders to convert or subscribe to equity shares (all of which are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Securities") or any combination of Securities, with or without premium, in one or more tranches, whether Rupee denominated or denominated in foreign currency, in one or more foreign markets and/or domestic market, by way of one or more public and / or private and/or right offer, and/or on

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preferential allotment basis including Qualified Institutions Placement ("QIP"), private placement basis or any combination thereof, and/or any other permitted modes through issue of prospectus and /or placement document and/or an offer document or other permissible/requisite documents/writings/ circulars/memoranda in such a manner, to any eligible person, including Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs") as defined under the SEBI ICDR Regulations in accordance with Chapter VI of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, or otherwise, foreign/ resident investors (whether institutions, incorporated bodies, mutual funds, individuals or otherwise), venture capital funds (foreign or Indian), alternate investment funds, foreign institutional investors, foreign portfolio investors, qualified foreign investors, Indian and/or multilateral financial institutions, mutual funds, insurance companies, non-resident Indians, stabilizing agents, pension funds and/or any other category of persons or entities who are authorised to invest in the Securities of the Company as per extant regulations/quidelines or any combination of the above as may be deemed appropriate by the Board in its absolute discretion and, whether they be holders of equity shares of the Company or not (collectively called the "Investors"), for an aggregate amount not exceeding ₹ 1,500 Crores (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred Crores Only) or equivalent thereof, in one or more foreign currency and/or Indian rupees, through public offer(s) or private placement(s) or a combination thereof at such time or times, at such price or prices, at a permissible discount or premium to market price or prices permitted under applicable laws, with authority to retain over subscription up to such percentage as may be permitted under applicable regulations, in such manner and on such terms and conditions including the discretion to determine the categories of Investors to whom the offer, issue and allotment of Securities shall be made to the exclusion of others, in such manner, including allotment to stabilising agent in terms of green shoe option, if any, exercised by the Company, security, rate of interest etc. as may be deemed appropriate by the Board and where necessary in consultation with the book running lead manager(s) to be appointed for the Issue ("Lead Manager(s)") and/or underwriters and/or stabilising agent and/or other advisors or otherwise on such terms and conditions, including issue of Securities as fully or partly paid, making of calls and manner of appropriation of application money or call money, in respect of different class(es) of investor(s) and/or in respect of different Securities, deciding of other terms and conditions like, without limitation, the total number of Securities to be issued, face value, fixing book closure terms if any, determining the categories of Investors to whom the offer, number of Equity Shares to be allotted on conversion/ redemption/ extinguishment of debt(s), rights attached to the warrants, terms of issue, period of conversion, fixing of record date or book closure terms if any, issue and allotment considering the prevailing market conditions and other relevant factors and wherever necessary in consultation with lead manager(s) and/or underwriter(s) and/or other advisor(s) appointed and / or to be appointed by the Company (the "Issue"), as the Board may in its absolute discretion decide, in each case subject to applicable laws and on such terms and conditions as may be determined and deemed appropriate by the Board in its absolute discretion and without requiring any further approval or consent from the members at the time of such issue and allotment considering the prevailing market conditions and other relevant factors in consultation with the merchant banker(s) to be appointed by the Company' so as to enable the Company to list its Securities on any stock exchange in India or overseas jurisdictions.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT in the event that Securities are offered to QIBs through a QIP in terms of Chapter VI of the SEBI ICDR Regulations (hereinafter referred to as "**Eligible Securities**" within the meaning rendered to such term under Regulation 171(a) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations), the following shall apply:

- the allotment of Securities shall only be made to qualified institutional buyers as defined in the SEBI ICDR Regulations ("QIBs");
- 2. the Eligible Securities to be so created, offered, issued, and allotted, shall be subject to the provisions of the memorandum of association and articles of association of the Company;
- 3. the Eligible Securities, or any combination thereof, in one or more tranches as may be decided by the Board and subject to applicable laws, will be allotted within 365 days from the date of passing of the special resolution of the shareholders of the Company or such other time as may be allowed under the SEBI ICDR





Regulations, at a price which is not less than the price determined in accordance with Regulation 176(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations (the "QIP Floor Price"), with the authority to the Board, in consultation with the book running lead managers may offer a discount of not more than 5% (five percent) on the QIP Floor Price or such other discount as may be permitted under SEBI ICDR Regulations to the QIP Floor Price;

- 4. the Equity Shares issued and allotted under the Issue or allotted upon conversion of the equity linked instruments issued in QIP shall rank pari passu in all respects including with respect to entitlement to dividend, voting rights or otherwise with the existing Equity Shares of the Company in all respects;
- 5. the number and/or price of the Eligible Securities or the underlying Equity Shares issued on conversion of Eligible Securities convertible into Equity Shares shall be appropriately adjusted for corporate actions such as bonus issue, rights issue, stock split, merger, demerger, transfer of undertaking, sale of division, reclassification of equity shares into other securities, issue of equity shares by way of capitalisation of profit or reserves, or any such capital or corporate restructuring;
- 6. the Eligible Securities (excluding warrants) under the QIP shall be issued and allotted as fully paid up securities:
- 7. the tenure of the convertible or exchangeable Eligible Securities issued through the QIP shall not exceed sixty months from the date of allotment;
- 8. the "**relevant date**" for the purpose of pricing of Equity Shares to be issued, shall be the date of the meeting in which the Board or the committee of directors authorized by the Board decides to open the proposed QIP;
- 9. in case of allotment of eligible convertible securities, the "relevant date" for the purpose of pricing of such convertible securities shall be the date of the meeting in which the Board or the committee of directors authorized by the Board decides to open the proposed QIP, or the date on which the holders of the eligible convertible securities are entitled to apply for Equity Shares, as decided by the Board;
- 10. no single allottee shall be allotted more than 50% of the QIP size and the minimum number of allottees shall be in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations;
- 11. no allotment shall be made, either directly or indirectly, to any QIB who is a promoter, or any person related to the promoters of the Company;
- 12. the Equity Shares and/ or other securities convertible into or exchangeable into Equity Shares (including warrants or otherwise) allotted in a QIP shall not be eligible for sale by the respective allottees, for a period of one year from the date of allotment, except on a recognized stock exchange or except as may be permitted from time to time by the SEBI ICDR Regulations; and
- 13. Any subsequent QIP shall not be undertaken until the expiry of two weeks from the date of the prior QIP made pursuant to this special resolution.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT, in pursuance of the resolutions above:

- 1. the Equity Shares and/ or other securities convertible into or exchangeable into Equity Shares (including warrants or otherwise) to be so created, offered, issued and allotted, shall be subject to the provisions of the memorandum and articles of association of the Company; and
- 2. the Equity Shares created, offered, issue or allotted by the Company shall rank pari passu in all respects with the existing Equity Shares of the Company, in all respects.

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RESOLVED FURTHER THAT in the event of issue of GDRs/ADRs, the pricing shall be determined in compliance with principles and provisions set out in Companies (Issue of Global Depository Receipts) Rules, 2014, the Depository Receipts Scheme, 2014, the Framework for issue of Depository Receipts notified by SEBI vide circular dated October 10, 2019, and other applicable laws.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board be and is hereby authorised to enter into any arrangement with any agencies or bodies for the issue of GDRs and/or ADRs represented by underlying equity shares in the share capital of the Company with such features and attributes as are prevalent in international/domestic capital markets for instruments of this nature and to provide for the tradability and free transferability thereof in accordance with market practices as per the domestic and/or international practice and regulations and under the norms and practices prevalent in the domestic/international capital markets and subject to applicable laws and regulations and the Articles of Association of the Company.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT for the purpose of giving effect to the above resolutions, the Board or a committee thereof be and is hereby authorised on behalf of the Company to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things including but not limited to finalization and approval of preliminary placement documents and placement documents, determining the form and manner of the Issue, including the number of Securities to be allotted, issue price, date of the opening and closing of the Issue, or execution of various transaction documents, as the Board may in its absolute discretion deem fit and to settle all questions, difficulties or doubts that may arise in regard to the issue, offer or allotment of Equity Shares and/ or other securities convertible into or exchangeable into Equity Shares (including warrants or otherwise) and utilization of the proceeds as it may in its absolute discretion deem fit.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT for the purpose of giving effect to the above, the Board, or a duly authorized committee, in consultation with the Lead Manager(s), advisors and/or other intermediaries as may be appointed in relation to the Issue, is authorized to take all actions and do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as it may, in its absolute discretion, deem necessary, desirable or expedient for the Issue and listing thereof with the Stock Exchanges or otherwise as may be required in relation to the Issue and to resolve and settle all questions and difficulties that may arise in the Issue, including finalization of the number of Securities to be issued in each tranche thereof, form, terms and timing of the Issue, utilization of Issue proceeds, to enter into and execute (and amend from time to time, as may be deemed appropriate by the Board in its sole discretion (subject to the conditions set forth in the resolutions herein), all such arrangements/ agreements with any Lead Managers, placement agents, managers, underwriters, lawyers, advisors, guarantors, depositories, custodians, registrars, Statutory Auditors and all such agencies and intermediaries as may be involved or concerned in the Issue, including any amendments or supplements thereto, as necessary or appropriate and to remunerate all such agencies including by way of payment of commissions, brokerage, fees or the like and also to reimburse them out of pocket expenses incurred by them, and to finalize, approve and issue any document(s) or agreements including, but not limited, to placement documents, and filing such documents (in draft or final form) with any Indian or foreign regulatory authority or Stock Exchanges, sign all deeds, documents and writings, settle all questions, difficulties or doubts that may arise in regard to the Issue and other related, incidental or ancillary matters as the Board may deem fit at its absolute discretion, to make such other applications to concerned statutory or regulatory authorities as may be required in relation to the Issue and to agree to such conditions or modifications that may be imposed by any relevant authority or that may otherwise be deemed fit or proper by the Board or a duly authorised committee and to do all acts, deeds, matters and things in connection therewith and incidental thereto as the Board or a duly authorised committee in its absolute discretion deems fit and to settle any questions, difficulties or doubts that may arise in relation to any of the aforesaid or otherwise in relation to the Issue.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT in respect of the Issue, the Board or any duly authorised committee be and is hereby authorised to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as it may in its sole and absolute discretion consider



necessary, desirable or appropriate, including submitting the relevant application to the Stock Exchange(s) for obtaining in-principle approvals, listing of the Securities, filing of requisite documents/making declarations with the MCA, RoC, RBI, SEBI and any other statutory/regulatory authority(ies), and any other deed(s), document(s), declaration(s) as may be required under the applicable laws.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Ms. Walker Chandiok & Co., being the Statutory Auditors of the Company are duly appointed and authorised to provide financial statements and certifications as may be required by the Company and/or the Lead Managers from time to time in relation to the Issue.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board or a duly authorised committee thereof be and is hereby authorised to delegate all or any of the powers herein conferred to any Director(s) or Officer(s) of the Company and to generally do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be required in connection with the aforesaid resolutions, including making necessary filings with the Stock Exchange(s) and statutory / regulatory authorities and execution of any deeds and documents for and on behalf of the Company and to represent the Company before any governmental authorities, to give effect to this resolution."

By Order of the Board of Directors For Black Box Limited (Formerly known as AGC Networks Limited)

Aditya Goswami Company Secretary & Compliance Officer Membership No. A27365

Place: Navi Mumbai Date: August 12, 2023

Registered Office:-

501, 5th Floor, Building No.9, Airoli Knowledge Park, MIDC Industrial Area, Airoli, Navi Mumbai - 400 708 www.blackbox.com

NOTES

- 1. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") vide its General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020 and 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, followed by General Circular Nos. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, No. 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, No. 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, No. 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, No. 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021, General Circular No. 10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, General Circular No. 19/2021 dated December 8, 2021, No. 21/2021 dated December 14, 2021, General Circular No. 02/2022 dated May 5, 2022 and General Circular No. 10/2022 dated December 28, 2022 (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") has permitted the holding of the Annual General Meeting through Video Conferencing ("VC") or through Other Audio-Visual Means ("OAVM"), without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue.
- 2. Pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, "the Act", a Member entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf and the proxy need not be a Member of the Company. However, since this AGM is being held through VC pursuant to the said relevant Circulars, physical attendance of Members has been dispensed with. Accordingly, the facility for appointment of proxies by the Members will not be available for this AGM and hence the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip are not annexed to this Notice.
- 3. The relevant Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102(1) of the Act, setting out the material facts concerning special business(s) as set out above in Item No. 3, 4 and 5 is annexed as **Annexure I** hereto. The relevant details required to be disclosed in respect to Directors seeking appointment/re-appointment at this AGM pursuant to Regulation 36(3) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, "(LODR Regulations or Listing Regulations)". Secretarial Standards on General Meeting ("**\$5-2**")

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issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and other applicable provisions of the Act, have been provided in **Annexure II** to this Notice.

- 4. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Act 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 in terms of the aforesaid MCA Circulars the Company is providing facility of remote e-Voting 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 National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) 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 NSDL.
- 5. Pursuant to the MCA Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, 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 and participate there at and cast their votes through e-voting. Institutional and Corporate Shareholders (i.e. other than individuals / HUF, NRI, etc.) are required to send a scanned copy (PDF/JPG Format) of its Board or governing body Resolution/Authorization etc., authorizing its representative to attend the AGM through VC on its behalf and to vote through remote e-voting. The said Resolution/Authorization shall be sent to the Scrutinizer by email through its registered email address to skjaincs1944@gmail.com with a copy marked to evoting@nsdl.co.in on or before September 24, 2023.
- 6. Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act and Secretarial Standard on General Meetings (SS-2) in conjunction with the relevant Circulars, the Register of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel and their shareholding, maintained in accordance with Section 170 of the Act and Register of Contracts or Arrangements in which Directors are interested, maintained in accordance with Section 189 of the Act ("Statutory Registers") will be available for inspection by the members at the website of NSDL https://www.evoting.nsdl.com during the AGM.
- 7. M/s. Datamatics Business Solutions Limited ("Datamatics") is the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent ("RTA") of the Company. All members and investors are hereby advised to contact Datamatics Business Solutions at the below mentioned contact details for any assistance, request or instruction regarding transfer or transmission of shares, dematerialization of shares, change/updation of residential address/email address/contact number, non-receipt of annual report, dividend payments or any other query/grievance relating to the shares of the Company:

M/s. Datamatics Business Solutions Limited Plot No. B-5, Part B, Cross Lane, MIDC, Andheri (East), Mumbai – 400093 Tel: +91 22 6671 2001 to 6671 2006

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- 8. The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from **Wednesday**, **September 20, 2023 till Tuesday, September 26, 2023** (both days inclusive) for the purpose of this AGM.
- 9. As per Regulation 40 of SEBI Listing Regulations, as amended, securities of listed companies can be transferred only in dematerialized form with effect from, April 1, 2019, except in case of request received for transmission or transposition of securities. In view of this and to eliminate all risks associated with physical shares and for ease of portfolio management, members holding shares in physical form are requested to consider converting their holdings to dematerialized form. Members can contact the Company or Datamatics Business Solutions Limited, Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company for assistance in this regard.
- 10. To support the 'Green Initiative', Members who have not yet registered their email addresses are requested to register the same with their DPs in case the shares are held by them in electronic form and with Datamatics in case the shares are held by them in physical form.



- 11. Members are requested to intimate changes, if any, pertaining to their name, postal address, email address, telephone/ mobile numbers, Permanent Account Number (PAN), mandates, nominations, power of attorney, bank details such as, name of the bank and branch details, bank account number, MICR code, IFSC code, etc., to their DPs (in case the shares are held by them in electronic form) as well as to Datamatics in **Form no. ISR-1** quoting their folio number and enclosing the self-attested supporting document.
- 12. As per the provisions of Section 72 of the Act, the facility for making nomination is available for the Members in respect of the shares held by them. Members who have not yet registered their nomination are requested to register the same by submitting Form No. SH-13. Members are requested to submit the said details to their DP in case the shares are held by them in electronic form and to Datamatics in case the shares are held in physical form.
- 13. Members holding shares in physical form, in identical order of names, in more than one folio are requested to send the details of such folios together with the share certificates to Datamatics, for consolidating their holdings in one folio. A consolidated share certificate will be issued to such Members after making requisite changes.
- 14. In case of joint holders, the Member whose name appears as the first holder in the order of names as per the Register of Members of the Company will be entitled to vote at the AGM.
- 15. Members who wish to seek any information with regard to the Company's Annual Report FY2023, Financial Statements (Standalone and Consolidated) alongwith the Directors' Report and Auditors' Report thereon or any matter to be placed at the AGM, are requested to address their query(ies) to the Company Secretary of the Company through email on investors@blackbox.com well in advance, i.e. at least 10 days before the Meeting. This will enable the Management to keep the information readily available at the Meeting.
- 16. Members who would like to express their views/ ask questions as a speaker at the Meeting may preregister themselves by sending a request from their registered email address mentioning their names, DP ID and Client ID/folio number, PAN, and mobile number at investors@blackbox.com between Monday, September 18, 2023 (9:00 a.m. IST) and Friday, September 22, 2023 (5:00 p.m. IST). Only those Members who have pre-registered themselves as a speaker on the dedicated email id i.e. investors@blackbox.com will be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the AGM.
 - When a pre-registered speaker is invited to speak at the meeting but he / she does not respond, the next speaker will be invited to speak. Accordingly, all speakers are requested to get connected to a device with a video/ camera along with good Internet speed. The Company reserves the right to restrict the number of questions and number of speakers, as appropriate, for smooth conduct of the AGM.
- 17. Members are requested to note that, dividends if not encashed for a consecutive period of 7 years from the date of transfer to Unpaid Dividend Account of the Company, are liable to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund ("IEPF"). The shares in respect of such unclaimed dividends are also liable to be transferred to the demat account of the IEPF Authority. In view of this, the Company has transferred all the unpaid Dividends and relevant shares to the IEPF authority. The Members, whose unclaimed dividends/shares have been transferred to IEPF, may claim the same by making an online application to the IEPF Authority in e-Form No. IEPF-5 available on www.iepf.gov.in.

Members are further informed that the Company has been facing technical difficulty in submission of E-verification Report with IEPF authority. There were several claims which were received by the Company and e-verifications could not be submitted with IEPF Authority due to the said technical difficulty which lead to rejection of all such

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claims from IEPF authority. In the interest of shareholders, the Company had initially filed verification report in physical form to overcome the challenge being faced while submission of E-verification report. However, IEPF did not consider the verification report in physical mode and all such claims were also rejected. We have made sincere efforts to get this issue resolved as early as possible. However, till date no solution has been provided by IEPF authority. The Company is engaging with Ministry of Corporate Affairs to get the issue resolved and will update all the shareholders suitably.

- 18. In compliance with the aforesaid MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular dated May 12, 2020 read with Circular dated May 13, 2022, Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report FY2022-23 is being sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depositories. Members may note that the Notice and Annual Report FY2022-23 will also be available on the Company's website https://www.blackbox.com/en-in/investors, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and The National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively, and on the website of NSDL https://www.evoting.nsdl.com
- 19. Members attending the AGM through VC / OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Act.
- 20. At the 33rd AGM held on September 26, 2019 the Members approved re-appointment of M/s. Walker Chandiok & Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants (ICAI Registration No. 001076N/N500013) as Statutory Auditors of the Company to hold office for a period of Five (5) Years from the conclusion of the 33rd AGM till the conclusion of the 38th AGM of the Company.
- 21. The Scrutinizer will submit his report to the Chairman of the Company ("the Chairman") or to any other person authorized by the Chairman after the completion of the scrutiny of the e-voting (votes cast during the AGM and votes cast through remote e-voting), within 2 working days from the date of AGM. The result declared along with the Scrutinizer's report shall be communicated to the stock exchanges, NSDL and RTA, and will also be displayed on the Company's Website at www.blackbox.com.
- 22. Since the AGM will be held through VC, the Route Map is not annexed with this Notice.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR E-VOTING AND JOINING THE AGM THROUGH VC

In compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Act, read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, and Regulation 44 of the SEBI Listing Regulations, the Members are provided with the facility to cast their vote electronically, through the e-voting services provided by NSDL, on all the resolutions set forth in this Notice.

The remote e-voting period commences at 9:00 AM (IST) on Saturday, September 23, 2023 and ends at 5:00 PM (IST) on Monday, September 25, 2023. During this period members of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date (record date) of Tuesday, September 19, 2023 may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter.

The Members can join the AGM in the VC mode during the period commencing from 15 minutes before the scheduled time of the AGM and ending at 15 minutes after the scheduled time of AGM, by following the procedure given hereinunder. The facility of participation at the AGM through VC will be made available for 1,000 Members only on first come first served basis. However, this shall not include 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, Authorised Representatives of Auditors etc. who will be allowed to attend the AGM without restriction on account of first come first served basis.



Those Members, who will be present in the AGM through VC 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 during the AGM. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend/participate in the AGM through VC but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again. The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to their shares in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date.

Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after sending of the Notice and holding shares as of the cut-off date, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in. However, if he/she is already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting then he/she can use his/her existing User ID and password for casting the vote.

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	Login Method	
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL.	1.	Existing IDeAS user can visit the e-Services website of NSDL Viz. https://eservices.nsdl.com 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 https://eservices.nsdl.com . 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: https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/ 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.

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Type of shareholders	Login Method		
	After successful authentication, you will be redirected to NSDL De wherein you can see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting provider i.e. NSDL and you will be redirected to e-Voting website casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtu voting during the meeting.		
	4.	4. Shareholders/Members can also download NSDL Mobile App " NSDL Spec facility by scanning the QR code mentioned below for seamless voting experie	
		NSDL Mobile App is available on App Store Google Play	
Shareholders holding user id and password. Option will be made available to reach e-V securities in demat without any further authentication. The URL for users to login to Easi,		Existing users who have opted for Easi / Easiest, they can login through their user id and password. Option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any further authentication. The URL for users to login to Easi / Easiest are https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/home/login or www.cdslindia.com and click on New System Myeasi.	
	2.	After successful login of Easi/Easiest the user will be also able to see the E Voting Menu. The Menu will have links of e-Voting service provider i.e. NSDL. Click on NSDL to cast your vote.	
	3.	If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/Registration/EasiRegistration	
	4.	Alternatively, the user can directly access e-Voting page by providing demat Account Number and PAN No. from a link in www.cdslindia.com 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 provided links for the respective ESP i.e. NSDL where the e-Voting is in progress.	
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 evoting@nsdl.co.in or call at toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30
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

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?

- 1. Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/ either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile.
- 2. Once the home page of e-Voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under '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 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:

	nner of holding shares i.e. Demat (NSDL or SL) 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 user your existing password to login and cast your vote.

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- 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.
- 6. If you are unable to retrieve or have not received the "Initial password" or have forgotten your password:
 - a) Click on "Forgot User Details/Password?" (If you are holding shares in your demat account with NSDL or CDSL) option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com.
 - b) **Physical User Reset Password?"** (If you are holding shares in physical mode) option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com.
 - c) If you are still unable to get the password by aforesaid two options, you can send a request at evoting@ nsdl.co.in mentioning your demat account number/folio number, your PAN, your name and your registered address 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 and join General Meeting on NSDL e-Voting system.

How to cast your vote electronically and join General Meeting 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 and General Meeting is in active status.
- 2. Select "EVEN" of company 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" link placed under "Join Meeting".
- 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 SHAREHOLDERS

- 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.
- 2. In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30 or send a request to Mr. Anubhav Saxena at evoting@nsdl.co.in

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:

- 1. 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 investors@blackbox.com
- 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 investors@blackbox.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 evoting@nsdl.co.in 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.

THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS FOR E-VOTING ON THE DAY OF THE AGM ARE AS UNDER:-

- 1. The procedure for e-Voting on the day of the AGM 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 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. However, they will not be eligible to vote at the AGM.
- 4. 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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INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS FOR ATTENDING THE AGM THROUGH VC ARE AS UNDER:

- I. Member will be provided with a facility to attend the AGM through VC through the NSDL e-Voting system. Members may access by following the steps mentioned above for **Access to NSDL e-Voting system**. After successful login, you can see link of "**VC link**" placed under "**Join meeting**" menu against company name. You are requested to click on VC link placed under Join General Meeting menu. The link for VC will be available in Shareholder/Member login where the EVEN of Company will be displayed. 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.
- 2. Members are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops for better experience.
- 3. Further Members will be required to allow Camera and use Internet with a good speed to avoid any disturbance during the meeting.
- 4. 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.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Board of Director has appointed M/S S. K. Jain & Co., Practicing Company Secretaries, (Membership No. FCS 1473 CP No 3076) has appointed as the Scrutinizer to the e-voting process, (including voting through Ballot forms received from Members) and remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.

The Scrutinizer shall, immediately after the conclusion of voting at the AGM, will first count the votes cast at the meeting and thereafter unblock the votes cast through remote e-voting in the presence of at least two witnesses not in the employment of the Company and shall make, not later than two days of the conclusion of the AGM, a Scrutinizer's report of the total votes cast in favour or against, if any, to the Chairman or to a person authorised by the Chairman in writing, who shall countersign the same and declare the result of the voting forthwith.

The Scrutinizer shall submit his report to the Chairman who shall declare the results of the voting. The result declared alongwith the Scrutinizer Report shall be placed on the Company website www.blackbox.com and on the website of NDSL immediately after the declaration of result by the Chairman or by a person duly authorized by him in writing. The results shall also be forwarded to NSE and BSE, where the equity shares of the Company are listed.



Annexure I

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 102 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013

Item No. 3

Mr. Dilip Thakkar was appointed as Independent Director of the Company for a period of 5 (Five) Years by the shareholders of the Company at 32nd AGM held on August 1, 2018.

The Board of Directors at their Meeting held on August 12, 2023, based on recommendation from Nomination and Remuneration Committee, have proposed re-appointment of Mr. Dilip Thakkar as an Independent Director of the Company for a second term of 5 (Five) years subject to shareholder's approval. A Notice has been received from Mr. Thakkar proposing his candidature for the office of Independent Director of the Company for a period of 5 (Five) years. Brief resume of Mr. Thakkar, nature of his expertise in specific functional areas is provided in the **Annexure II** to this Notice.

The Board considers that the re-appointment of Mr. Thakkar as an Independent Director would be of immense benefit to the Company. Accordingly, the Board of Directors recommends his appointment for a second term of 5 (Five) years w.e.f August 01, 2023 and his period of office shall not be liable to retirement by rotation being an Independent Director. Mr. Thakkar has completed the age of 86 years and as per the Regulation 17(1)(A) of SEBI (LODR) (Amendment) Regulation, 2018 the Company needs to obtain approval of members by way of Special Resolution for re-appointment of Mr. Thakkar as Independent Director. Though Mr. Thakkar is senior in age, he is very efficient and capable to perform his duties and the Board is of the view that he is one of the most suited personality to act as Director of the Company.

Accordingly, the Board recommends the resolution as set out at Item No. 3 of this Notice, for the approval of the members as a **Special Resolution**.

Except Mr. Thakkar being appointee and his relatives, none of the other Directors or Key Managerial Personnel or any relative of any of the other Directors/ Key Managerial Personnel of the Company are, in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in resolution as set out at Item No. 3 of the accompanying Notice.

Item No. 4

Black Box Technologies LLC (BBTL), Dubai, Step-down Subsidiary of the Company had appointed Mr. Anshuman Ruia, as Executive Director of BBTL w.e.f. November 24, 2021 at a remuneration of AED 3,675,000 (Three Million Six Hundreds and Seventy Five Thousand United Arab Dirhams) payable annually.

Such appointment being material, in terms of Section 188 (1) (f) of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") read with Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Rules, 2014 and in pursuance of Regulation 23 (2) of SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015, at the time of such appointment the Company had obtained approval of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee, the Board and Shareholders of the Company for a period of 2 (Two) years effective from November 24, 2021.

The existing approval from Shareholders of the Company is going to expire in November 2023. Accordingly, it is proposed to obtain approval of shareholders beyond November 2023 on same terms and condition of original appointment without any change in remuneration payable to Mr. Ruia. His appointment in BBTL will continue to be regulated as per the terms of Employment agreement executed between Mr. Ruia and BBTL at the time of appointment.

The Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and the Board of Directors have approved such continuation of his appointment on "office or place of profit" to support the organic and inorganic growth plans, global expansion programs under the leadership of Mr. Ruia.

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Given below is a statement of disclosures as required under the Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Rules, 2014:

- 1. Name of the related party: Mr. Anshuman Ruia
- 2. Name of the director or key managerial personnel who is related, if any: None
- 3. Nature of relationship: Executive Director of the Company
- 4. Nature, material terms, monetary value and particulars of the contract or arrangement: **Appointment of Mr. Anshuman Ruia as Executive Director of Black Box Technologies LLC at an annual fixed salary of AED 3,675,000 payable proportionately per month**.
- 5. Any other information relevant or important for the members to take a decision on the proposed resolution: The aforesaid appointment will be regulated as per the terms and conditions mentioned in the employment agreement executed between Mr. Anshuman Ruia and BBTL.

Accordingly, the Board recommends the resolution as set out at Item No. 4 of this Notice, for the approval of the members as a **Special Resolution**.

Except Mr. Ruia being the Related Party and his relatives, none of the other Directors or Key Managerial Personnel or any relative of any of the other Directors/ Key Managerial Personnel of the Company are, in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in resolution as set out at Item No. 4 of the accompanying Notice.

Item No. 5

The Company, with a view to capitalize on available growth opportunities, continues to evaluate avenues for organic and inorganic growth. The proceeds from the Issue will be utilized for augmenting long term cash resources, funding the organic or inorganic growth opportunities in the area of the Company's operations and adjacencies, making investments in companies including in subsidiaries or otherwise (either through debt or equity or any convertible securities), growing existing businesses or entering into new businesses in line with the strategy of the Company, pre-payment and / or repayment of outstanding borrowings, or for any other general purposes as may be permissible under the applicable law and approved by the Board of directors of the Company or a duly constituted committee of the Board.

In line with the above, the Company proposes to raise funds by way of one or more public and / or private offerings, through equity/ equity/ linked instruments/debentures/preference shares including on Preferential allotment basis, Private Placement basis, Qualified Institutions Placement ("QIP"), Rights Offer, Global Depository Receipts ('GDRs"), American Depository Receipts ("ADRs"), Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds ("FCCBs") fully convertible debentures/partly convertible debentures/non-convertible debentures, preference shares convertible into Equity Shares, and/or any other financial instruments convertible into Equity Shares (including warrants, or otherwise, in registered or bearer form) and/or any security convertible into Equity Shares with or without voting/special rights and/or securities linked to Equity Shares and/or securities with or without detachable warrants with right exercisable by the warrant holders to convert or subscribe to Equity Shares etc. or any combination thereof to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs") as defined under the SEBI ICDR Regulations in accordance with Chapter VIII of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, or otherwise, foreign/resident investors (whether institutions, incorporated bodies, mutual funds, individuals or otherwise), venture capital funds (foreign or Indian), alternate investment funds, foreign institutional investors, foreign portfolio investors, qualified foreign investors, Indian and/or multilateral financial institutions, mutual funds, insurance companies, non-resident Indians, stabilizing agents, pension funds and/ or any other categories of investors up to an amount not exceeding ₹ 1,500 Crores (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred Crores Only) as deemed appropriate by the Board, subject to applicable laws, in terms of (a) the SEBI



ICDR Regulations; (b) applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the applicable rules made thereunder (including the Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014 and the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014), each including any amendment(s), statutory modification(s), or re-enactment(s) thereof ("Companies Act"); and (c) other applicable law (the "Issue").

Accordingly, the Board, at its meeting held on August 12, 2023, subject to the approval of the members of the Company, approved the issuance of Securities at such price and on such terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate by the Board or a duly authorised committee of the Board, taking into consideration market conditions and other relevant factors and wherever necessary, in consultation with the book running lead manager and/or other advisor(s) appointed in relation to the Issue, in accordance with applicable laws, and subject to regulatory approvals (as necessary). The Securities allotted will be listed and traded on stock exchange(s) where Equity Shares are currently listed, subject to obtaining necessary approvals. The offer, issue, allotment of the Securities shall be subject to obtaining of regulatory approvals, if any by the Company.

Pursuant to Sections 23, 42, 71 and 62 of the Companies Act, 2013, as amended read with applicable rules notified thereunder, including Rule 14 of Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014, as amended and the SEBI ICDR Regulations, a company offering or making an invitation to subscribe to Securities is required to obtain prior approval of the shareholders by way of a special resolution.

In terms of Section 62(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013, shares may be issued to persons who are not the existing shareholders of a company, if the Company is authorised by a special resolution passed by its members. Therefore, consent of the members is being sought for passing the special resolution, pursuant to applicable provisions of the Companies Act and other applicable law. The Securities offered, issued, and allotted by the Company pursuant to the Issue in terms of the resolution would be subject to the provisions of the memorandum of association and articles of association of the Company and any Equity Shares and/ or other securities convertible into or exchangeable into Equity Shares (including warrants or otherwise) that may be created, offered, issued and allotted by the Company shall rank, in all respects, pari-passu with the existing Equity Shares of the Company.

The pricing of the Securities shall be determined in accordance with the relevant provisions of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, the Companies Act, and any other applicable law. In the event that Securities are issued through a QIP, the resolution enables the Board or its duly constituted committee, in accordance with applicable law and in consultation with the Lead Managers/ placement agents/ underwriters or any such other intermediary, to offer a discount of not more than 5% or such percentage as may be permitted under applicable law on the floor price determined in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations.

In the event that Equity Shares are issued through a QIP, the 'relevant date' for the purpose of the pricing of the Equity Shares to be issued and allotted in the proposed QIP shall be decided in accordance with the applicable provisions of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, which shall be either the date of the meeting in which the Board / its duly constituted committee decides to open the QIP, as decided by the Board, which shall be subsequent to receipt of members' approval in terms of provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidelines in relation to the proposed issue of the Equity Shares. Further, in the event that eligible convertible securities are issued through a QIP, the "relevant date" for the purpose of pricing of such convertible securities shall be the date of the meeting in which the Board or the committee of directors authorized by the Board decides to open the proposed QIP, or the date on which the holders of the eligible convertible securities are entitled to apply for Equity Shares

As and when the Board does take a decision on matters on which it has discretion (subject to the compliance with the conditions set forth herein), necessary disclosures will be made to the stock exchanges as may be required under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended.



The resolution proposed is an enabling resolution and the exact price, proportion and timing of the issue of the Securities in one or more tranches and the remaining detailed terms and conditions for the fund raising, including issuance of Securities through the Issue will be decided by the Board or its duly constituted committee, in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, in consultation with book running lead managers and/or other advisor(s) appointed in relation to the Issue and such other authorities and agencies as may be required to be consulted by the Company.

Further, the Company is yet to identify the investor(s) and decide the quantum of Equity Shares to be issued to them. Hence, the details of the proposed allottees, percentage of their post – Issue shareholding and the shareholding pattern of the Company are not provided. The proposal, therefore, seeks to confer upon the Board or its duly constituted committee the absolute discretion and adequate flexibility to determine the terms of the Issue, including but not limited to the identification of the proposed investors in the Issue and quantum of Equity Shares to be issued and allotted to each such investor, in accordance with the provisions of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, the Companies Act, 2013, the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the regulations made thereunder, including the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) Rules, 2019, the Consolidated FDI Policy issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India from time to time, each as amended, and other applicable law.

The approval of the members is being sought to enable the Board or its duly constituted committee, to decide on the Issue, to the extent and in the manner stated in the special resolution, as set out in Item no. 5 of this notice, without the need for any fresh approval from the members of the Company in this regard.

Pursuant to the above, the Company may, in one or more tranches, issue and allot Equity Shares and/ or other eligible Securities on such date as may be determined by the Board but not later than 365 days from the date of passing of the resolution or such other period as may be permitted under applicable law. The aforesaid issue of Securities will be subject to receipt of requisite approvals from appropriate authorities, as may be applicable.

In the event that such issuance of Securities is undertaken by way of a QIP, the allotment of Securities shall be completed within a period of 365 days from passing the special resolution by the members of the Company. Further, the Equity Shares offered, issued, and allotted by the Company pursuant to any such QIP in terms of the resolution would be subject to the provisions of the memorandum of association and articles of association of the Company .Further, the Promoters will not participate in the Issue.

Equity Shares, proposed to be issued, shall in all respects, rank pari passu with the existing Equity Shares of the Company.

Accordingly, the Board recommends the resolution as set out at Item No. 5 of the notice for the approval of the members as a **Special Resolution**.

None of the Directors/Key Managerial Personnel of the Company/their relatives are, in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the said resolution as set out at Item No. 5 of the accompanying Notice.



Annexure II

DETAILS OF THE DIRECTOR(S) SEEKING APPOINTMENT/ RE-APPOINTMENT IN FORTHCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

[Pursuant to regulation 36(3) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015]

Name of Director	Mr. Dilip Thakkar	Mr. Anshuman Ruia
Date of Birth	October 1, 1936	March 11, 1971
Date of first appointment	February 8, 2018	September 10, 2020
Expertise in specific functional areas; Qualifications and Brief Resume/ Profile	private companies as a Director. He is a	Mr. Ruia is part of the second generation of the Ruia family that founded Essar. Mr. Ruia is known for his financial expertise and project execution skills that have been invaluable in Essar's value creation journey. His contribution to Essar's value creation includes his involvement in the construction of the 20 million tons Essar Oil refinery in Vadinar, which is one of India's most advanced refineries; his involvement in construction of Essar's coalbased and gas-based power plants in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha and his oversee of Aegis, Essar's erstwhile BPO business, which expanded more than tenfold within a short span of time. The refinery was acquired by Rosneft and the Trafigura-UCP consortium in a landmark \$12.9 billion transaction which was the largest FDI in India's Energy sector. Also, in 2014 and 2017, the Aegis business was monetised in two tranches at a value almost 20 times the amount invested in the business. He was also responsible for the Power business' entry into the transmission segment and is also involved in the Ports business where he is driving higher efficiencies and developing an international footprint. Mr. Ruia is a strong believer in adopting a modular approach in project management and he has ensured that these assets of national importance were completed within committed timelines. Mr. Ruia has always been a trenchant advocate for business turnaround and growth by taking bold decisions. Mr. Ruia is presently leading Essar's investment in asset-light, new age businesses in the technology and fintech domains.

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		Mr. Ruia's deep knowledge of finance and corporate structure has earned him the respect of his peers. He is a member of the Young Presidents Organisation (YPO). He is a passionate connoisseur of music and a keen table tennis player.
Remuneration last drawn	NIL	NIL
Name/s of other Listed Companies	Indo Count Industries Limited	None
in which Directorship held	Premier Limited	
Name/s of other Listed Companies in which the Director holds membership in the Committees	Indo Count Industries Limited	None
Name/s of Listed entities in which director has resigned in the past three years	Poddar Housing and Development Limited Walchandnagar Industries Limited	None
Shareholding in the Company	NIL	NIL
Relationship between the Directors inter-se	Unrelated, except being on the Board of Black Box Limited	Unrelated, except being on the Board of Black Box Limited
Skill and capabilities required for the role and manner in which requirements are met (applicable in case of Independent Directors pursuant to Regulation 36(3) (f) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015)	Experience of serving on the board of companies belonging to various industries/ sectors (including public companies), to develop insights about maintaining board and management accountability, protecting shareholder interests and observing appropriate governance practices. Mr. Thakkar has vast experience of serving on the Board of various renowned listed entities as Independent Director for more than 2 decades. His expertise in Taxation and Foreign Exchange Regulations provide valuable inputs in various outbound transaction and help Company in avoiding any compliance related shortcomings.	