# APL 74th Annual Report 2022-2023

# **APL METALS LIMITED**

(Formerly known as Associated Pigments Limited)

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(CIN: L 24224WB1948PLC017455) (Formerly Associated Pigments Limited) Registered Office : 18/1A, Hindustan Road, Kolkata -700029, E-mail: aplcalcutta@rediffmail.com; Website: www.aplmetalsltd.com Telephone : 033 2465 2433/34; Fax : 033 2465 0925

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya (DIN-00019420)- Chairman and Managing Director
Mr. Rajendra Sahay (DIN-02633026) - Independent Director
Mr. Prakash Kumar Damani (DIN-01166790) – Director – Non-Executive
Mr. Om Prakash Saxena (DIN-01059659) –Independent Director
Mr. Rahul Damani (DIN-05216197) - Director - Non-Executive (Ceased w.e.f 13.02.2023)
Mr. Raghav Bajoria (DIN-08713745)- Director – Non-Executive
Mrs. Harsha Sharma (DIN-09255202) - Independent Woman Director
Mr. Kumud Kumar Dubey (DIN-07733333) – Independent Director (Ceased w.e.f 10.11.2022)

#### **KEY MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL (KMP)**

#### **REGISTRAR & SHARE TRANSFER AGENTS**

1.	Mr Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya,	M/S Niche Technologies Private Limited
	Chairman, Managing Director and CEO	3A, Auckland Place, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor,
2.	Mr. Rajnish Gambhir,	Room No. 7A & 7B, Kolkata - 700017
	Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer	Phones: (033) 2280 6616/6617/6618(3 Lines)
3.	Mr. Ram Narayan Prajapati (FCS-1889)	Email-Id : nichetechpl@nichetechpl.com
	Company Secretary	Website : https://www.nichetechpl.com

#### BANKER

#### **FACTORIES**

1. Indian Bank, Erstwhile Allahabad Bank Mid Corporate Branch, Mission Raw 14, Indian Exchange Place, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Kolkata - 700 001 2. Axis Bank, SME Department , 1, Shakespeare Sarani, AC Market, Kolkata-700071	2.	Panskura-(Mouza-Kanakpur, P.O-Purba Medinipur West Bengal Pin-721139 B.T. Road-260, B.T. Road, Sukchar, Kolkata-700115 Malwan (Fatehpur), U.P-Plot No-B4 & 5, UPSIDC Industrial Area, Malwan, Fatehpur (U.P) Pin -212664
STATUTORY AUDITORS	INTERNAL AUDITORS	
VPC & ASSOCIATES (FRN-313203E) Chartered Accountants, Kolkata		JSGA & Associates , (FRN-016078C) Chartered Accountants, , Kolkata

#### SECRETARIAL AUDITOR

Rinku Gupta & Associates, (CP No9248)	
Chartered Accounts, Kolkata. (w.e.f.) 29-05-2023	

#### COST AUDITOR

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Gupta & Associates, (CP No9248)	B. Saha & Associates, ( FRN-100104)
ered Accounts, Kolkata. (w.e.f.) 29-05-2023	Cost Accountants, Kolkata

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# NOTICE OF 74<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Notice is hereby given that **74**<sup>th</sup> **Annual General Meeting** of the Members of the Company will be held on Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2023 at 12.30 P.M IST through Video Conferencing ("VC")/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the following business:

# **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

### To consider and if thought fit, to pass each of the following Resolutions separately as :-

1. Ordinary Resolution to receive, consider and adopt the Financial Statements for FY 2022-23.

"**RESOLVED THAT** the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31st March, 2023 along with Notes and Report of Auditors and Directors thereon be and are hereby received, considered and adopted."

2. <u>Ordinary Resolution to re-appoint Mr. Raghav Bajoria (DlN: 08713745) as a retiring director</u>

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to Section 152 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, Mr. Raghav Bajoria (DlN: 08713745), who retires by rotation, and is eligible for re- appointment, be and is hereby re-appointed as a director liable to retire by rotation".

### SPECIAL BUSINESS

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

3. Ordinary Resolution to appoint Mr. Rahul Damani (DIN: 05216197) as Director, liable to retire by rotation

"**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee ("NRC"), applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act") and the Rules made thereunder (including any statutory modifications or re-enactments thereof, for the time being in force) and the Articles of Association of the Company, **Mr. Rahul Damani (DIN: 05216197)**, who was appointed as an Additional Director of the Company by the Board of Directors with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 and holds office till the date of this Annual General Meeting in terms of Section 161 of the Act and who is eligible for appointment and has consented to act as a Director of the Company and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing from a Member under section 160(1) of the Act proposing his candidature for the office of Director of the Company, be and is hereby appointed as a Director of the Company, liable to retire by rotation."

# 4. <u>Special Resolution to appoint Mr Varun Daga (DIN-06770822)</u> as an Independent <u>Director of the Company.</u>

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Sections 149, 150, 152 read with Schedule IV and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014 (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force), <u>Mr Varun</u> **Daga (DIN-06770822)**, whose appointment was recommended by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and who was appointed as an Additional Director in the capacity of Independent Director of the Company by the Board of Directors effective from 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 and holds office till the date of this Annual General Meeting in terms of Section 161 of the Companies Act, 2013 and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing from a Member proposing his candidature for the office of Director pursuant to Section 160 of the Company for a period of five years with effect from 9th August, 2023 to 8th August, 2028, and will not be liable to retire by rotation".

#### 5. <u>Ordinary Resolution to ratify the remuneration of Cost Auditors for Financial Year</u> 2023-24

"**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Section 148 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules framed thereunder, as amended from time to time, and such other permissions as may be necessary, the payment of the remuneration of Rs. 67,000/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Thousand Only) plus applicable tax and reimbursement of out of pocket expenses at actuals, to M/s. B. Saha & Associates, Cost Accountants of C-53, Sonali Park, Bansdroni , P.O.– Bansdroni, Kolkata – 700070 for conducting the cost audit for the financial year ending on **31st March**, **2024 as** approved by Board of Directors of the Company, be and is hereby ratified."

By Order of the Board For **APL Metals Limited** 

Place : Kolkata Date : 09<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

Ram Narayan Prajapati (Membership No- F1889) Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

# NOTES:

- In compliance with the circular issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (collectively referred to as 'MCA Circulars'), vide its General Circular vide Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, Circular No.17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020, and Circular No. 21/2021 dated December 14, 2021 and General Circular No. 10/2022 dated 28 December 2022. Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations"), Secretarial Standard on General Meetings ("SS-2") issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and other applicable laws, rules and regulations (including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force and as amended from time to time), the Annual General Meeting ('AGM' / 'Meeting') of the Company is being held through Video Conferencing ('VC') / Other Audio-Visual Means ('OAVM'), without the physical presence of the shareholders at a common venue. Deemed venue of the AGM shall be the Registered Office of the Company at 18/1A, Hindustan Road, Kolkata-700029.
- 2. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended) and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015 (as amended) and the 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 Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) for facilitating voting through electronic means, as the authorized e-Voting's agency. The facility of casting votes by a member using remote e-voting as well as the e-voting system on the date of the AGM will be provided by CDSL.
- 3. The Members can join the AGM in the VC/OAVM mode 15 minutes before and after the scheduled time of the commencement of the Meeting by following the procedure mentioned in the Notice. The facility of participation at the AGM through VC/OAVM will be made available to atleast 1000 members on first come first served basis. This will not include large Shareholders (Shareholders holding 2% or more shareholding), Promoters, Institutional Investors, Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, the Chairpersons of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee, Auditors etc. who are allowed to attend the AGM without restriction on account of first come first served basis.
- 4. The attendance of the Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of ascertaining the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- 5. Pursuant to MCA Circulars the facility to appoint proxy to attend and cast vote for the members is not available for this AGM. However, in pursuance of Section 112 and Section 113 of the Companies Act, 2013, representatives of the members such as the President of India or the Governor of a State or body corporate can attend the AGM through VC/OAVM and cast their votes through e-voting.

- 6. In line with the MCA Circulars the Notice calling the AGM has been uploaded on the website of the Company at www.aplmetalsltd.com. The Notice can also be served to Calcutta Stock Exchange for their website uploading. The AGM Notice is also disseminated on the website of CDSL (agency for providing the Remote e-Voting facility and e-voting system during the AGM i.e.www.evotingindia.com.
- 7. The AGM has been convened through VC/OAVM in compliance with applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with MCA Circulars.
- 8. SINCE THIS AGM IS BEING HELD PURSUANT TO THE MCA CIRCULARS THROUGH VC/OAVM, 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, ATTENDANCE SLIP AND ROUTE MAP OF AGM ARE NOT ANNEXED TO THIS NOTICE.
- 9. Explanatory Statement setting out material facts with respect to Special business at Item Nos. 3 to 5 in terms of Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 is enclosed and constitutes part of this Notice.
- Additional information, pursuant to Regulation 36 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Secretarial Standards on General Meetings issued by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, in respect of the Directors seeking appointment / re- appointment at this AGM are given in Annexure to the Notice of 74<sup>\*</sup> AGM.
- 11. In terms of Article-86 of the Articles of Association of the company, on recommendation of Nomination and Remuneration Committee, the Board has appointed Mr. Prakash Kumar Damani, Non-Executive director as Chairman of the Board of the company in place of Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya, Chairman cum Managing Director who has opted to step out as Chairman of the Board of the company with effect from 9<sup>a</sup> August, 2023. In terms of Article-54, the Chairman of the Board presides as Chairman of every General Meeting of the company.
- 12. M/s VPC & Associates., Chartered Accountants (ICAI Firm Registration No. 313203E) were appointed by the members as Statutory Auditors of the Company, till the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in year 2027. Pursuant to Notification issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs on 7th May, 2018 amending section 139 of the Act and the Rules framed thereunder, the mandatory requirement for ratification of appointment of Auditors by the Members at every Annual General Meeting ("AGM") has been omitted, and hence the Company is not proposing an item on ratification of appointment of Auditors at this AGM
- 13. Requisite information for the director seeking re-appointment at the Annual General Meeting such as age, qualification, experience, expertise, relationship with other directors, other directorship, remuneration are given in the Annexure to this Notice.
- 14. All documents referred in accompanying Notice and Explanatory Statement and other statutory documents will be available for Inspection in electronic mode and members

may write to the company specifying the document by mail at aplagm@aplgroupco.com

15. The Company's shares are available in demat mode. The shares of the company can be dematerialized under ISIN: INE578E01019 In terms of SEBI Circular, physical shares cannot be transferred on or after 01.04.2019. Members are requested to dematerialize the shares for operational convenience.

# 16. Mandatory furnishing of KYC details and nomination by holders of physical securities:

SEBI vide its circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD\_RTAMB/P/CIR/2021/655 dated November 3, 2021 and Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2023/37 dated March 16, 2023 has prescribed certain mandatory provisions with regard to "Common and Simplified Norms for processing investor's request by RTAs and norms for furnishing PAN, KYC details and Nomination", where the shares are held in physical mode. The said SEBI circular prescribes following norms, in case the shares are held in physical mode:

- i. Common and simplified norms for processing any service request from the holder, pertaining to the captioned items, by the RTAs.
- ii. Mandatory furnishing of PAN, KYC details and Nomination by holders of physical securities.
- iii. Freezing of folios without valid PAN, KYC details and Nomination
- iv. The Company has also uploaded the followings on the website of the Company at www.aplmetalsltd.com as per SEBI circular:
  - i. Form No. ISR-1-request for registering PAN, KYC details or changes / updation thereof.
  - ii. Form No. ISR-2-confirmation of signature of securities holder by the Banker.
  - iii. Form No. ISR-3-declaration form for opting-out of nomination by holders of physical securities in listed companies.
  - iv. Form No. SH-13-nomination form.
  - v. Form No. SH-14-cancellation or variation of nomination.

Further, the contact details of the Company and RTA are also available on the website of the Company at www.aplmetalsltd.com

- 17. The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Friday, 15th September, 2023 to Thursday, 21st September, 2023 (both days inclusive).
- 18. The voting rights of shareholders shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid up equity share capital of the Company held on the cut-off date of 14th September, 2023.

- 19. Mr. A. K. Labh, Practicing Company Secretary (FCS:4848 / CP:3238) of M/s. A. K. Labh & Co., Company Secretaries, Kolkata has been appointed as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner, whose e-mail address is **aklabhcs@gmail.com**
- 20. The Scrutinizer shall within a period not exceeding 48 hrs from the conclusion of the evoting period, unblock the votes in the presence of at least two (2) witnesses not in the employment of the Company and make a Scrutinizer's Report of the votes cast in favour or against, if any, forthwith to the Chairman of the Company.
- 21. The Results shall be declared within Two (2) Working Day of the AGM of the Company. The Results declared along with the Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the Company's website <u>www.aplmetalsltd.com</u> and on the website of CDSL within two (2) Working days of passing of the resolutions at the AGM of the Company. On receipt of requisite number of votes, the Resolutions shall be deemed to have been passed on the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 22. The instructions of Shareholders for E-Voting and joining Virtual Meetings are as under:
  - Step 1 : Access through Depositories CDSL/NSDLe-Voting system in case of individual shareholders holding shares in demat mode.

# Step 2 : Access through CDSL e-Voting system in case of shareholders holding shares in physical mode and non-individual shareholders in demat mode.

- (i) The voting period begins on Monday, the 18<sup>a</sup> September, 2023 from 09.00 A.M and ends on Wednesday, 20th September, 2023 at 5.00 P.M. During this period shareholders' of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on Thursday, 14<sup>a</sup> September, 2023 (cut-off date / record date) may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.
- (ii) Shareholders who have already voted prior to the meeting date would not be entitled to vote at the meeting venue.
- (iii) Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated 09.12.2020, under Regulation 44 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, listed entities are required to provide remote e-voting facility to its shareholders, in respect of all shareholders' resolutions. However, it has been observed that the participation by the public non-institutional shareholders/retail shareholders is at a negligible level.

Currently, there are multiple e-voting service providers (ESPs) providing e-voting facility to listed entities in India. This necessitates registration on various ESPs and maintenance of multiple user IDs and passwords by the shareholders.

In order to increase the efficiency of the voting process, pursuant to a public consultation, it has been decided to enable e-voting to **all the demat account holders**,

by way of a single login credential, through their demat accounts/ websites of Depositories/ Depository Participants. Demat account holders would be able to cast their vote without having to register again with the ESPs, thereby, not only facilitating seamless authentication but also enhancing ease and convenience of participating in e-voting process.

# Step 1 : Access through Depositories CDSL/ NSDLe-Voting system in case of individual shareholders holding shares in demat mode.

(iv) 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 email Id in their demat accounts in order to access e-Voting facility.

Pursuant to above said SEBI Circular, Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meetings for Individual shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with CDSL/NSDL is given below:

Type of shareholders		Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with CDSL	1)	Users who have opted for CDSL Easi / Easiest facility, can login through their existing user id and password. Option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any further authentication. The URL for users to login to Easi / Easiest are https://web.cdslindia.com/ myeasi/home/login or visit www.cdslindia.com and click on Login icon and select New System Myeasi.
Depository	2)	After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e- Voting option for eligible companies where the evoting is in progress as per the information provided by company. On clicking the evoting option, the user will be able to see e-Voting page of the e-Voting service provider for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting. Additionally, there is also links provided to access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers i.e. CDSL/NSDL/KARVY/LINKINTIME, 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 and 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 No. from a e-Voting link available on 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 able to see the e- Voting option where the evoting is in progress and also able to directly access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers.

Type of shareholders	Login Method	
Individual Shareholder s holding securities in demat mode with NSDL Depository	<ol> <li>If you are already registered for NSDL IDeAS facility, please visit the e-Services website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://eservices.nsdl.com either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Services is launched, click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under 'IDeAS' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting 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 name and you will be re-directed to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting &amp; voting during the meeting.</li> <li>If the user is not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is available at https://eservices.nsdl.com. Select "Register Online for</li> </ol>	
	<ul> <li>IDeAS "Portal or click at https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/ IdeasDirectReg.jsp</li> <li>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. After successful authentication, you will be redirected to NSDL Depository site wherein you can see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e- Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting &amp; voting during the meeting</li> </ul>	
Individual Shareholders (holding securities in demat mode) login through their Depository Participants	You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account thro your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-Vo facility. After Successful login, you will be able to see e-Voting option. O you click on e-Voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL/CD Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see e-Vo feature. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name and will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting du the meeting.	

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**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. CDSL and NSDL

Login type	Helpdesk details
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat modewith CDSL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33
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.: 022-4886 7000 and 022-2499 7000

# Step 2: Access through CDSL e-Voting system in case of shareholders holding shares in physical mode and non-individual shareholders in demat mode.

- (v) Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meetings for **Physical shareholders and shareholders other than individual holding in Demat form.**
- 1) The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website www.evotingindia.com.
- 2) Click on "Shareholders" module.
- 3) Now enter your User ID
  - a. For CDSL: 16 digits beneficiary ID,
  - b. For NSDL: 8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digits Client ID,
  - c. Shareholders holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company.
- 4) Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.
- 5) If you are holding shares in demat form and had logged on to www.evotingindia.com and voted on an earlier e-voting of any company, then your existing password is to be used.
- 6) If you are a first-time user follow the steps given below:

	For Physical shareholders and other than individual shareholders holding shares in Demat.
PAN	<ul> <li>Enter your 10 digit alpha-numeric *PAN issued by Income Tax Department (Applicable for both demat shareholders as well as physical shareholders)</li> <li>Shareholders who have not updated their PAN with the Company/ Depository Participant are requested to use the sequence number sent by Company/RTA or contact Company/RTA.</li> </ul>
Dividend Bank Details OR Date of Birth (DOB)	<ul> <li>Enter the Dividend Bank Details or Date of Birth (in dd/mm/yyyy format) as recorded in your demat account or in the company records in order to login.</li> <li>If both the details are not recorded with the depository or company, please enter the member id / folio number in the Dividend Bank details field.</li> </ul>

- (vi) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.
- (vii) Shareholders holding shares in physical form will then directly reach the Company selection screen. However, shareholders holding shares in demat form will now reach 'Password Creation' menu wherein they are required to mandatorily enter their login password in the new password field. Kindly note that this password is to be also used by the demat holders for voting for resolutions of any other company on which they are eligible to vote, provided that company opts for e-voting through CDSL platform. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential.
- (viii) For shareholders holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-voting on the resolutions contained in this Notice.
- (ix) Click on the EVSN for the relevant <APL METALS LIMITED> on which you choose to vote.
- (x) On the voting page, you will see "RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION" and against the same the option "YES/NO" for voting. Select the option YES or NO as desired. The option YES implies that you assent to the Resolution and option NO implies that you dissent to the Resolution.
- (xi) Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- (xii) After selecting the resolution, you have decided to vote on, click on "SUBMIT". A confirmation box will be displayed. If you wish to confirm your vote, click on "OK", else to change your vote, click on "CANCEL" and accordingly modify your vote.
- (xiii) Once you "CONFIRM" your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.
- (xiv) You can also take a print of the votes cast by clicking on "Click here to print" option on the Voting page.
- (xv) If a demat account holder has forgotten the login password then Enter the User ID and the image verification code and click on Forgot Password & enter the details as prompted by the system.
- (xvi) There is also an optional provision to upload BR/POA if any uploaded, which will be made available to scrutinizer for verification.
- (xvii) Additional Facility for Non Individual Shareholders and Custodians -For Remote Voting only.
  - Non-Individual shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) and Custodians are required to log on to www.evotingindia.com and register themselves in the "Corporates" module.
  - A scanned copy of the Registration Form bearing the stamp and sign of the entity should be emailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com.
  - After receiving the login details a Compliance User should be created using the admin login and password. The Compliance User would be able to link the account(s) for which they wish to vote on.
  - The list of accounts linked in the login should be mailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com and on approval of the accounts they would be able to cast their vote.

- It is Mandatory that, a scanned copy of the Board Resolution and Power of Attorney (POA) which they have issued in favour of the Custodian, if any, should be uploaded in PDF format in the system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.
- Alternatively Non Individual shareholders are required to send the relevant Board Resolution/ Authority letter etc. together with attested specimen signature of the duly authorized signatory who are authorized to vote, to the Scrutinizer at the email address aklabhcs@gmail.com and to the Company at the email address viz; aplagm@aplgroupco.com on or before 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. if they have voted from individual tab & not uploaded same in the CDSL e-voting system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.

#### 23. <u>INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHAREHOLDERS ATTENDING THE AGM THROUGH</u> <u>VC/OAVM & E-VOTING DURING MEETING ARE AS UNDER:</u>

- 1. The procedure for attending meeting & e-Voting on the day of the AGM is same as the instructions mentioned above for e-voting.
- 2. The link for VC/OAVM to attend meeting will be available where the EVSN of Company will be displayed after successful login as per the instructions mentioned above for e-voting.
- 3. Shareholders who have voted through Remote e-Voting will be eligible to attend the meeting. However, they will not be eligible to vote at the AGM.
- 4. Shareholders are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops / IPads for better experience.
- 5. Further shareholders will be required to allow Camera and use Internet with a good speed to avoid any disturbance during the meeting.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Shareholders who would like to express their views/ask questions during the meeting may register themselves as a speaker by sending their request in advance atleast 3 days prior to meeting, i.e., by 5:00 PM IST on or before 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 mentioning their name, demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at (company email id). The shareholders who do not wish to speak during the AGM but have queries may send their queries in advance 7 days prior to meeting mentioning their name, demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at aplagm@aplgroupco.com These queries will be replied to by the company suitably by email.
- 8. Those shareholders who have registered themselves as a speaker will only be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the meeting.
- 9. Only those shareholders, who are present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and

have not casted their vote on the Resolutions through remote e-Voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-Voting system available during the AGM.

10. If any Votes are cast by the shareholders through the e-voting available during the AGM and if the same shareholders have not participated in the meeting through VC/OAVM facility, then the votes cast by such shareholders shall be considered invalid as the facility of e-voting during the meeting is available only to the shareholders attending the meeting.

#### 24 <u>PROCESS FOR THOSE SHAREHOLDERS WHOSE EMAIL/MOBILE NO. ARE NOT</u> <u>REGISTERED WITH THE COMPANY/DEPOSITORIES.</u>

- 1. Members are requested to notify immediately any change in their address and also intimate their active Email ID to their respective Depository Participants (DP) in case the shares are held in demat form and in respect of shares held in physical form to the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company i.e. M/S Niche Technologies Private Limited, 3A, Auckland Place, 7th Floor, R.No- 7A & 7B, Kolkata- 700 017. Tel No.: (033) 2280-6616/6617/6618; e-mail id: nichetechpl@nichtechpl.com and to the Company at the email address viz; aplagm@aplgroupco.com to receive the soft copy of all communication and notice of the meeting etc. of the company.
- 2. For Physical shareholders- please provide necessary details like Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAAR (self attested scanned copy of Aadhaar Card) by email to Company at aplagm@aplgroupco.com and RTA at nichetechpl@nichetechpl.com.
- 3. For Demat shareholders -, Please update your email id, mobile no & change of Address if any with your respective Depository Participant (DP)
- 4. For Individual Demat shareholders Please update your email id & mobile no. with your respective Depository Participant (DP) which is mandatory while e-Voting & joining virtual meetings through Depository.
- 25. If you have any queries or issues regarding attending AGM & e-Voting from the CDSL e-Voting System, you can write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact attoll free no. 1800 22 55 33
- 26. All grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager, (CDSL, ) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25th Floor, MarathonFuturex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai 400013 or send an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or call toll free no. 1800 2255 33

# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 102 (1) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 ANNEXED WITH THE NOTICE OF 74<sup>°</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF APL METALS LIMTED

#### 1. Item No. 3 – Appointment of Mr. Rahul Damani (DIN: 05216197) as a Director:

The Board of Directors, based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC), appointed Mr. Rahul Damani (DIN: 05216197) as an Additional Director to hold office as Non-Executive (Non-Independent) Director on the Board of the Company with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, upto the date of this Annual General Meeting, Mr. Rahul Damani is a MBA Finance from De Montfort University UK and has more than 8 years exposure in Finance, accounting and commercial aspects. The Company has received a notice in writing from a Member under section 160(1) of the Act proposing his candidature for the office of Director of the Company and Mr. Rahul Damani, has consented to act as a Director of the Company. In accordance with the proviso to Section 160 (1), the NRC and the Board of the Company has considered and recommended to the shareholders, appointment of Mr. Rahul Damani, as a Non-Executive (Non-Independent) Director of the Company, liable to retire by rotation.

None of the other directors or Key Managerial Managerial Personnel except his relative Mr.Prakash Kumar Damani is interested or concerned, financially or otherwise, in resolution No-3.

#### 2. Item No 4 Appointment of Mr Varun Daga (DIN-06770822) as an Independent Director

In order to strengthen optimum composition of executive, non-executive in terms of Regulation-17, Mr Varun Daga, was appointed as an Additional Independent Director of the Company in terms of section 161 of the Companies Act, 2013 by the Board at their meeting held on 9<sup>a</sup> August, 2023 on recommendation of Nomination and Remuneration Committee in terms of Section 178 (1) of the Companies Act, 2013. He hold office up to the date of this Annual General Meeting . The Company has received a notice in writing under the provisions of Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013, from member to appoint him as Independent Directors for a period of Five Years with effect from 9<sup>a</sup> August, 2023, to 8<sup>a</sup> August, 2028 under Section 149 of the Companies Act, 2013. He is not liable to retire by rotation and is entitled for the Fees for each meeting of the Board /Committee and reimbursement of actual expenses for meetings of the company attended by him.

The Company has received consent from him in writing to act as director in Form DIR 2 and intimation in Form DIR 8 in terms of Companies (Appointment & Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014, to the effect that he is not disqualified under sub-section (2) of Section 164 of the Companies Act, 2013.

In the opinion of the Board, above Mr Varun Daga fulfils the conditions specified in the Act & the Rules thereunder and the Listing Regulations for appointment as an Independent Director, and he is independent of the management of the Company. The Committee and the Board are of the opinion that in view of his qualification and being from a business family, Mr Varun Daga brings with him skills, expertise and competencies which is likely to benefit the Company.

The resolution seeks approval by members for appointment of Mr Varun Daga (DIN-06770822) as Independent Director who has given declaration to the effect that he meets the criteria of independence as provided in sub-section (6) of Section 149 of the Companies Act, 2013.

In the opinion of the Board of Directors, he fulfills the criteria of independent director and is eligible for appointment as an Independent director.

None of the other Directors or Key Managerial Personnel or their relatives is interested or concerned, financially or otherwise, in the aforesaid resolution. The Board recommends the resolution for the approval of the members.

#### 3. Item No. 5- Ratification of remuneration to Cost Auditors for FY 2023-24.

The Board, on recommendation of the Audit Committee, has recommended appointment of M/s B. Saha & Co., Cost Accountants, Kolkata for the financial Year 2023-24 on remuneration of *Rs* 67,000/- (*Rupees Sixty Thousand Only*) plus applicable tax and reimbursement of out of pocket expenses at actuals for conducting Cost Audit and to report in terms of Section 148 of the Act read with Companies (Cost Records and Audit) Rules, 2014 and any amendment thereto. The remuneration of Cost Auditors is required to be ratified by shareholders of the Company under Section 148 of the Act. Hence, consent of members is sought for appointment and remuneration as set out in the Notice of the AGM.

None of the Directors or Key Managerial Personnel or their relatives is interested or concerned, financially or otherwise, in the aforesaid resolution. The Board recommends the resolution for confirmation by the members.

Place: Kolkata Dated: 09<sup>th</sup> August,2023 By Order of the Board For **APL Metals Limited** 

Ram Narayan Prajapati, Company Secretary M. No - FCS-1889

# ANNEXURE TO THE NOTICE OF $74^{TH}$ AGM

# Information relating to Directors seeking appointment/re-appointment

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# at the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

(Pursuant to Section 102 of the Act and Regulation-36 (3) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015)

#### Resolution No-2 - Reappointment of Mr. Raghav Bajoria

Name / DIN/Status	Mr. Raghav Bajoria (DIN –08713745) Non-Executive
Date of Birth / Age	7 <sup>th</sup> December , 1986 – 35 Years
Qualification	Bachelor of Business Managmenet (B.B.M)
Experience / Brief Resume	More than 8 years of experience in Marketing, Purchase, Finance, and administration
Remuneration-FY 2022-23	Nil
Proposed Remuneration	Nil
Date of First Appointment on Board	01/07/2021
Shareholding in the Company as on 31.03.2023 (No. of shares) a) Self b) Beneficial Interest	Nil
Relationship with other directors or KMP of the Company	Related to Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya, Chairman & Managing Director
No of Board Meetings Attended in FY 2022-23	Four out of Four
Directorship in other Public Limited Companies as on 31.03.2023	NIL
Membership/Chairmanshi p of committees of other Boards as on 31.03.2023	Chairman of SRC (Committees is as per Regulation 26 of the Listing Regulations, viz. Audit Committee and Stakeholders' Relationship Committee)
Resignation from the directorship of the listedcompanies in the past three years	Nil

Name / DIN/Status	Mr. Rahul Damani (DIN-05216197) Non-Executive Director
Date of Birth / Age	03 <sup>rd</sup> April, 1987 – 34 years
Qualification	MBA Finance from De Montfort University UK.
Experience / Brief Resume	Above 8 years exposure in Finance, accounting and commercial aspects.
Remuneration-FY 2022-23	Nil
Proposed Remuneration	Nil
Date of First Appointment on Board	
Shareholding in the Company as on 31.03.2023 (No. of shares)a) Selfb) Beneficial Interest	Nil
Relationship with other directors or KMP of the Company	Related to Prakash Kumar Damani.
No of Board Meetings Attended in FY 2022-23	Four out of Four
Directorship in other Public Limited Companies as on 31.03.2023	One
Membership/Chairmanshi p of committees of other Boards as on 31.03.2023	None (Committees is as per Regulation 26 of the Listing Regulations, viz. Audit Committee and Stakeholders' Relationship Committee)
Resignation from the directorship of the listedcompanies in the past three years	Nil

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# Resolution No-3 - Appointment of Mr. Rahul Damani

Name /DIN/Status	Mr. Varun Daga (DIN-06770822) Independent Director			
Date of Birth / Age	05 <sup>th</sup> July, 1982 – 41 years			
Qualification	Bachelor of Commerce.			
Experience (including Skills, capabilities or expertisein in specific functional area) / Brief Resume	Worked in Telecom and other sector and has above 15 years' experience in area of finance, accounting, business operation, Strategic leadership and Industrial experience in managing production and operations.			
Remuneration-FY 2022-23	Nil			
Proposed Remuneration	Fees & reimbursement of expense for attending board & other meetings.			
Date of First Appointment on Board	09.08.2023			
Shareholding in the Company as on 31.03.2023 (No. of shares)a) Selfb) Beneficial Interest	Nil			
Relationship with other directors or KMP of the Company	None			
No of Board Meetings Attended in FY 2022-23	Not applicable			
Directorship in other Public Limited Companies as on 31.03.2023	Not applicable			
Membership/Chairmanship of committees of other Boards as on 31.03.2023	None (Committees is as per Regulation 26 of the Listing Regulations, viz. Audit Committee and Stakeholders' Relationship Committee)			
Resignation from the directorship of the listedcompanies in the past three years	NA			

# Resolution No-4 - Appointment of Mr.Varun Daga, Independent Director

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# DIRECTORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS (INCLUDING MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS REPORT)

Your Directors present the 74th Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2023 along with Management Discussion & Analysis Report in compliance to Section-134 of The Companies Act, 2013 (hereinafter referred as 'the Act') and Rules made thereunder and Regulation 34 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as SEBI (LODR) Regulations). The Regulation number stated hereinafter refers to Regulations under SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.

#### 1. <u>Corporate Overview</u>

The company was incorporated with the name Associated Pigments Limited on twenty second December, 1948. It had obtained Certificate of Commencement of business on twenty fifth February, 1949. The name of the company was changed from "Associated Pigments Limited" to "APL Metals Limited" vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of Name issued by Government of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Office of Registrar of Companies, West Bengal, India on Twenty Fifth day of October Two Thousand Sixteen to ensure that name reflects its present line of activities. During the period spanning above 75 years, the manufacturing product lines have undergone changes in tune with market requirements and latest developments. During FY 2022-23, production of Lead constituted about 88 % of the total output whereas lead oxides about 12%, generating from Company's three manufacturing units i.e. its lead manufacturing unit at Panskura (about 80 KM from Kolkata), its lead oxide manufacturing unit BT Road, Kolkata and another lead oxide manufacturing unit at Malwan (near Fatehpur in state of Uttar Pradesh). The above products manufactured and sold are raw-material for production of Lead Acid Storage Batteries and other industrial products. The corporate headquarter and registered office of the company is 18/1A, Hindustan Road, Kolkata-700029. The website address of company is: www.aplmetalsltd.com

#### 2. <u>Global Economy and Performance of India in FY 2022-23</u>

Post pandemic era the global economy faced multiple headwinds such as escalating geo-political tensions due to the Ukraine war, restricted supply chains due to hindrance on cross border logistic movement and inflation. The US federal Reserve raised US Policy Interest Rates tenth time from 0.25 % in January, 2022 to 5.25% within May, 2023 to check inflation which had an adverse impact resulting in failures of some leading US banks .All these issues put economic challenges amidst uncertainty on all nations throughout the world.

In spite of economic contraction caused by Pandemic, high inflation caused by global price hike, currency depreciation and external deficit resulting from dearer fuel costs in 2022-23, the performance of India in FY 2022-23 has been phenomenal. A complex interplay of geopolitical events and financial turbulence in the neighboring countries of India , cross border tension with China/Pakistan, high inflation and rising interest rates have thrown open economic challenges for India. In spite of these difficulties, India has gradually mitigated with astute policy making and robust implementation. The country has outperformed and repositioned itself among world's fastest growing economies as compared to slower growth in other developing nations.

In spite of economic contraction as above, a stronger than expected growth rate in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter lifted India's Annual GDP growth Rate to 7.2% in FY 2022-23 as against revised target of 7%. The gross domestic product rose 6.1% in March,23 quarter. Despite INR depreciating, inflation was checked by cutting duties and preventing excess imported stock. The economy had grown 9.1% in 2021-22 but that was off a lower base of pandemic hit FY 2020-21. The 2022-23 Economic growth figures has underscored the resilience of Indian economy amidst global challenges.

#### 3. **Operating Performance and Future Outlook**

The financial year 2022-23 was very challenging for lead recycling industry in India due to high inflation, rise in import costs, logistic barriers on international movement of merchandise for imports as well as exports, rising foreign currency costs and finance cost in India.

The Production for the year 2022-23 was down by 2.37% which appears better when compared with 9.37% fall in the preceding financial year 2021-22. In fact Exports during the year 2022-23 declined by INR 68.70 Crore (51%) from INR 133.77 Crore in 2021-22. The exports had increased three fold in last year to INR 133.77 Crore as against INR 32.41 Crore in FY 2020-21. The gross domestic Sales rose by 16% to INR 842.59 Crore from INR 726.28 Crore in 2021-22 which was due to increase in both volume as well as prices.

The Operating Profit before finance cost, depreciation and taxes increased marginally by 11.90% from INR 22.12 crore in last year to INR Rs 24.74 crore in FY 2022-23. In view of higher finance cost as explained earlier, the Net profit for the year declined to Rs 2.53 crore as against Rs 4.96 crores. In view of drastic reduction in exports in the first quarter ended June, 23 by 61% to INR 8.61 crore from INR 22.17 Crore in June, 22 the company has been forced to reduce production. Hence, the production in first quarter of FY 2023-24 has been down by 22 % to 9650 MT as against 12350MT in Quarter ended June, 2022. Gross Turnover in June, 23 qtr is INR 220.51 crore as against INR 270.54 crores in June, 22 qtr , down by about 19% due to better pricing this year.

The high input costs, increase in cost of fuels, fall in exports revenue, uncertain logistic movements, rupee devaluation were the main causes for a reduced Operating profit for the year.

Moreover, company proposes to set-up battery breaking unit involving about Rs four crores to break battery 50000MT Per annum @15MT per hour which will enable it to expedite feeding of battery scrap for increasing production of lead from smelting route.

#### 4. <u>Financial Results</u>

The Company's financial performance for the year ended 31st march, 2022 is summarized below:

₹ (in crores)

		(in crores)
Particulars	2022-23	2021-22
Gross Sales	907.66	860.05
Less: Inter-Unit Sales	50.41	32.42
Gross Market Sales	857.25	827.63
Less: Taxes on Sales	121.41	103.34
Net Revenue from Operations	735.84	724.29
Other Income	0.83	0.39
Total Income	736.67	724.68
Less: Operating Expenses	711.93	702.56
Profit / (Loss) before Depreciation, Finance Cost and Tax	24.74	22.12
Less: Finance Costs	18.90	14.01

Cash Profit	5.84	8.11
Less: Depreciation for the year	1.51	1.46
Current Year Profit before Tax/Exceptional Item	4.33	6.65
Less: Exceptional Item (Arrear Depreciation)	-	-
Profit Before Tax	4.33	6.65
Less: Current Tax Expense/(Income)	-	-
Less : Deferred Tax Expense	1.80	1.69
Net Profit / (Loss) after Tax	2.53	4.96
Other Comprehensive Income/(Expense)	(0.64)	(0.52)
Total Comprehensive Income as per Audited Accounts	1.89	4.44

# 5. <u>Dividend</u>

The current year profit is not adequate to absorb entire past losses. Hence, your director's could not recommend any dividend for the year.

# 6. <u>Transfer to Reserves</u>

No amount has been transferred to Reserves during the Year FY 2022-23

# 7. MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS REPORT

# 7.1 Industry Structure and Developments

The company is mainly engaged in manufacture of Lead contributing to 85% to 90% of turnover. The company also produces lead oxides in small quantity which is produced from lead. The Lead oxides comprising of Red Lead, Litharge and Lead Sub Oxides are raw materials for Storage Battery Industry. These lead acid storage batteries have applications in automotive, sub-marine, aeroplanes, defence, home UPS and other industries. The output of lead is derived by rec-cycling of Used Storage Battery Scrap, Lead Scrap, Remelted Lead involving smelting and refining process. The price of Lead is regulated by pricing at London Metal Exchange (LME) which directly impacts fixing the prices of above inputs. Over and above, other materials used in manufacturing process are Soda Ash, Coal/Coke, Mills Scale, Liquid Oxygen, Caustic Soda, LSHS, Sodium Nitrate, industrial oils etc . A significant part of inputs involves imports , payment in Foreign Currency (USD) and logistic movements ; the cost of which had increased significantly in post epidemic era and aggravated further by geopolitical tension between Ukraine vis a vis USSR and other allied countries.

#### 7.2 <u>Significant Financial Ratio and Reason for changes in Fy 2022-23</u>

All significant analytical ratios for FY 2022-23 compared with last year figures for 2021-22 reflecting reason of deviation above 25% has already been furnished as Additional Regulatory Requirement in the Note- No 2.19 of Attached Audited Financial Statements for the year and forms part of this Annual Report also. Major variations > 25% in Ratios are stated below-

- Return on Equity declined by 55.76 % due to lower Net Profit of INR 2.53Crores against INR 4.96 Crores last year
- Trades Payable Turnover Increased by 61.82% due to reduction in average Accounts Payable to INR 30.58 Crores against INR 46.44 Crores last year resulting from payments pressure though Credit Purchases increased to INR 688.88 Crores against INR 646.53 Crores last year
- Net Profit Ratio declined by 49.70 % mainly due to lower Net Profit of INR 2.53Crores against INR
   4.96 Crores last year for the reasons explained in this Directors Report

#### 7.3 <u>Risks and Concerns:</u>

Business risks associated to your company are towards supply chain management, stringent environmental and pollution control norms for manufacturing and hazardous materials, fluctuating raw material prices, processing costs, Foreign Exchange Fluctuations, Changes in Govt policies and financial risks involved in interest/servicing costs of Loans, Working Capital and financial repayments .The Management regularly reviews and monitors these risks in Board / Committee Meetings for better and timely control within the best available resources. Foreign Currency risk is hedged to mitigate the possible loss from fluctuations where ever possible.

#### 7.4 Risk Management

The risks associated with business for sustainability and growth are discussed at Board and Audit Committee Meetings regularly. The Operational risks at work stations are discussed, reviewed and action to mitigate the same is undertaken at each work Centre with prior approval of top Management. The company does not fall among the top 1000 listed companies in terms of Market Capitalization and hence Regulation-21 of SEBI(LODR) Regulations is not applicable.

#### 7.5 **Opportunities and Threats**

The company has a proven manufacturing facilities and has locational advantage. It is one of few dependable manufacturers of quality recycled lead in bulk in the organized sector in eastern India. The company had expanded its marketing horizon by pushing exports over and above domestic sales. The geo political tensions , inflation and frequent increase in interest are major threats to sustainability and growth. The Company does not foresee any threat from emergence of electric vehicles and alumiinum / cobalt and other variants of batteries.

#### 7.6 Cautionary Statements

The statements in the Directors Report including the Management Discussion and Analysis Report stating the Company's objectives, projections, estimates, expectations or predictions may be forward looking within the meaning of applicable securities laws and regulations. As these statements are based on certain assumptions and expectations of future events, actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied. Important factors that could make a difference to the Company's operations include economic conditions affecting global or domestic demand and supplies, political and economic developments in India or other countries, government regulations and taxation policies, prices and availability of raw materials and finished goods. The Company assumes no responsibility in respect of forward looking statements that may be revised or modified in the future on the basis of subsequent developments, information or events.

#### 8. <u>Change in the nature of business, if any</u>

There is no change in nature of the business except those resulting due to pandemics and international trade barriers. The company is engaged mainly in manufacture of lead metal and lead oxides classified in base metals category.

#### 9. <u>Details of significant and material orders passed by the regulators or courts or tribunals</u> <u>impacting the going concern status and company's operations in future</u>

There were no significant and material orders passed by regulators or courts or tribunals during the year impacting the going concern status and Company's operations. The Management is optimistic about settling the disputed dues in favour of company lying in various legal forums which are already reported in the Audited Accounts.

#### 10. <u>Material changes and commitments, if any, affecting the financial position of the company</u> which have occurred between the end of the financial year of the company to which the financial statements relate and the date of the report

There is no other matter to report in respect of material changes or commitments which have occurred between the end of the financial year of the company and the date of this report affecting the financial position of the company.

#### 11. <u>Subsidiary/Joint Ventures/Associates</u>

The Company has no subsidiary or joint venture or associate company on which company has a significant influence as per Section-2(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 and hence disclosure inForm-AOC-1 and other disclosures including reconciliation of Profit as per Indian Accounting Standard Rules is not provided in this Report.

#### 12. Occupational Health, Safety and Environment

Your company has established implemented and maintained procedure for identification and remedy of industrial and occupational hazards, taken action for safety and monitoring health of employees at work places at all sites of business operations. Suggestions and issues are discussed at each plant for identification and control of health hazards, environmental pollution, accidents and disaster management and same are forwarded to the Management who make policies, implement, monitor and control the same .Your company gives greater thrust to cleanliness to minimize adverse impact of operations on environment with focus on waste, heat and energy management, water conservation, afforestation, dust prevention, affluent discharge and reduction in emission from furnaces and complies with regulatory requirements. The actions taken by the company are directed to ensure business sustainability.

#### 13. Internal Financial Control

The Company has established internal control system to assess and ensure effective and efficient financial and operational controls. Internal Audit Team conducts audit of financial transactions on quarterly basis which are reported to the Audit Committee and discussed and reviewed and recommended to the Board for execution; wherever necessary

The Audit Committee reviews the adequacy of internal and financial control systems and suggests the areas for improvement from time to time. These are deliberated by Audit Committee with Internal, Statutory and other Auditors. The internal financial control system has been designed to provide reasonable assurances with regard to recording and providing reliable financial and operational information, complying with applicable statutes, safeguarding of assets, proper authorization and compliance with corporate decisions and policies. The Audit Committee and Directors regularly review the effectiveness of internal controls, compliance, controls, financial and operational risks, and related party transactions **in** the Board and other Committee meetings.

#### 14. Share Capital and Reserves

The authorized share capital of the company is Rupees. twenty five crores comprising of 1,10,00,000 number of equity shares of Rs. 10 each for Rs.11,00,00,000/-, plus 1,22,00,000 number of 5% Non-Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares of Rs. 10 each for Rs. 12,20,00,000/- and 18,00,000 number of unclassified shares of Rs. 10 each for Rs. 1,80,00,000/-

The paid up Equity Share Capital as on March 31, 2023 was 10726387 number of equity shares of Rs 10 each for Rs. 10,72,08,930/- (Net of Calls in arrear of Rs. 54940/-) plus 1,22,00,000 number of 5% Non-Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares of Rs. 10 each for Rs. 12,20,00,000/- which are redeemable in February, 2029. Unclassified shares have not been issued. During the year under review the company has neither issued nor redeemed any share or any convertible instrument. The company has not issued any ESOP or any Sweat Equity. There are no differential rights in respect of equity shares issued by the company.

The existing 1,22,00,000 number of 5% Non-Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares of Rs 10/each valued at Rs 12.20 Crores has been reclassified in compliance to Division-II – The Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and has been disclosed as Other Equity/ Non-Current Financial Liabilities on fair value basis in the Audited Accounts. The disclosure of Other Equity of Rs 1576.70 Lacs - as on 31st March, 2023 in Note-12 of the Audited Accounts comprises of

(A) Reserves & Surplus of Rs1073.57 lacs increased as against Rs 820.25 Lacs last year due to increase in Retained Profit by Rs 253.32 Lacs during FY 2022-23 and

(B) Other Comprehensive Income of Rs 503.13 Lacs declined as against 567.30 Lacs during last year due to Decrease of Rs 57.51 Lacs in Fair value of Preference Shares and decrease in Employess Benefit Plan by Rs 6.66 lacs during FY 2022-23 as reported in Note-12 of Audited Accounts.

#### 15. Board of Directors

On recommendation of Nomination and Remuneration Committee and in terms of Article 86 of the Article of Association of the company the Board had elected Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya, as the Chairman & Managing Director with effect from 29<sup>a</sup> June, 2021 and he continues to hold the same. He is not liable to retire by rotation.

The Board ensures optimum composition of Independent and Non-Independent Directors as per Section-149 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Regulation-17 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 and relevant disclosures regarding composition, changes, meetings etc are given in the Corporate Governance Report annexed with this Report. All Independent directors have made disclosure under Section-149(7) at the first meeting of Board held after the end of the financial year during which they confirmed meeting the criteria of Independence under section-149(6). All the directors have renewed their disclosure of renewal of Interest in other concerns under Section 184(1) and declaration under 164(2) that they are not disqualified from being appointed as a director on 31st March, 2023.

Mr. Kumud Kumar Dubey and Mr. Rahul Damani ceased to be a director due to resignation with effect from 10.11.2022 & 13.02.2023 respectively. More over Mr. Om Prakash Saxena, Independent director has resigned from Board with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2023. In order to incorporate better governance, on recommendation of Nomination and Remuneration Committee, the Board has decided to appoint a Non-Executive Director as the Chairman to the Board of Directors of the Company in place of existing Executive Chairman. Hence, in terms of Article-86 of the Articles of Association of the Company and on recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, the Board has appointed Mr. Prakash Kumar Damani, Non-Executive Director as Chairman to the Board of Directors of the Company in place of Directors of the Company in place of Directors of the Company in place of Directors of the Soard has appointed Mr. Prakash Kumar Damani, Non-Executive Director as Chairman to the Board of Directors of the Company in place of Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya,

Chairman and Managing Director of the Company who has opted to step out as Chairman to the Board of Directors of the Company with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. However he continues to be Managing Director of the company as approved by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 and there is no other change in his terms of appointment.

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#### 16. Key Managerial Personnel and emuneration of Directors

The company has following Whole-time Key Managerial Personnel within the meaning of Section-2 (51) in compliance with the provisions of Section 203 of the Companies Act, 2013 as under:

a) Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya, Chairman & Managing Director

b) Mr. Rajnish Gambhir, Chief Financial Officer

c) Mr. Ram Narayan Prajapati (FCS-1889), Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

The details of remuneration to directors and KMP is disclosed in Corporate Governance Report under the heading Particulars of KMP and Senior Employees

#### 17. <u>Meetings of Board</u>

There were 4 meetings of the Board of Directors during the year under report. Full details in respect of Board Meetings and various committees of Board during the year as per Regulation-17 such as composition number and dates of meetings, attendance, Board procedure, changes in directors, profile of directors seeking re-appointment and others are given separately in the Corporate Governance Report attached to this Report.

#### 18. Evaluation of Board, Committees and Individual Directors

The Board of Directors has carried out an annual evaluation of its own performance, Board Committees, and individual directors pursuant to the provisions of the Act and the SEBI (LODR) Regulations.

The Board evaluated its performance after seeking inputs from all the directors on the basis of criteria such as the Board composition and structure, effectiveness of board processes, information and functioning, etc. The performance of the Committees was evaluated by the Board after seeking inputsfrom the committee members on the basis of criteria such as the composition of committees, effectiveness of committee meetings, etc. The above criteria are as provided in the "Guidance Note on Board Evaluation" issued by SEBI from time to time.

In a separate meeting of independent directors held on February 12, 2023, performance of nonindependent directors and the board as a whole was evaluated without the presence of Non-Independent Directors and members of the management pursuant to Regulation 25 (3) of the Listing Regulations and Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013.

The Independent Directors in the said meeting also evaluated the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between the company management and the Board that is necessary for the Board to effectively and reasonably perform their duties. Additionally, the Chairman of the Board was also evaluated on key aspects of his role, taking into account the views of executive directors and non-executive directors in the aforesaid meeting. The above evaluations were then discussed in the board meeting that followed the meeting of the independent directors and meeting of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee, at which the performance of the board, its committees, and individual directors was also discussed and evaluated.

#### 19. Familiarisation Program of Directors

The Board of Directors is responsible for selection of directors on receipt of recommendation of Nomination and Remuneration Committee. A director is issued a letter of appointment explaining the role, functions, duties, responsibilities and compliances expected from him/her. Format of the formal letter of appointment is available in the website of the company at <u>www.aplmetalsltd.com</u>. The chairperson of the Board Meeting welcoming the new appointee gives a brief introduction of him to the other members of the Board. He also apprises him about the activities, operations, practices and procedures usually followed in the company. Copy of latest Annual Report and Profile of the Company giving History and back ground of Promoters, details of directors , senior employees, Factories, manufacturing facilities, input, output, and financial performances etc are handed over to directors . Apart from this, directors are encouraged/invited to make visit of running factories.

#### 20. <u>Remuneration Policy</u>

Nomination and Remuneration Committee has formulated the Nomination, Remuneration and Evaluation Policy for Directors, Key Managerial Personnel (KMPs) and other employees in terms of the provisions of Section 178(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (LODR) Regulations. The said policy which has been approved by the Board outlines the appointment criteria and qualifications, the term/ tenure of the Directors on the Board of Company and the matters related to remuneration of the Directors. The details of composition of Nomination and Remuneration Committee and its meetings are provided in the Corporate Governance Report attached to this Report.

#### 21. <u>Audit Committee</u>

The Company has full-fledged independent Audit Committee to oversee all accounting, finance and audit functions of the company. Its role and terms of reference extends over the matters specified in Section-177 of The Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation-18 of SEBI(LODR) Regulations,2015. The details of composition of Audit Committee and its meetings are provided in the Corporate Governance Report attached to this Report. The Committee met 4 times during the Financial Year 2022-23.

#### 22. <u>Vigil Mechanism</u>

Vigil Mechanism as per Regulation 22 is covered in Report on Corporate Governance.

#### 23. <u>Contracts and Arrangements with Related Party</u>

The company has formulated a policy for approval of all related Party transactions as per Regulation-23 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. Omni-bus prior approval is given by the Board for non-material routine nature of transactions and reported in quarterly meetings.

The Company follows a policy of disclosure of Related Party Transactions in each Meeting of the Audit Committee and also of the Board of Directors. All the related party transactions were in the ordinary course of business and were on arm's length basis and were outside the purview of Section-188 (1) of the Act and are outside the purview of materiality of transactions which are reported in the notes to the audited financial statements in compliance to Ind As-24 and can be accessed on the company's website : www.aplmetalsltd.com. The company also periodically reports details of Related Party Transactions to Stock Exchanges in compliance to SEBI (LODR) Regulations. Hence there is no information to be reported in Form-AOC-2.

#### 24. Loans, guarantees and investments

The Company has not given any loans or guarantees under Section186 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Rules, 2014. The company has not invested any amount in shares, debentures or other securities.

# 25. <u>Disclosure under Section 197 (12) and Rule 5(1) of the Companies (Appointment & Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014</u>

The requisite details relating to ratio of remuneration, percentage increase in remuneration etc as per the above rules is given in Particulars of KMP & Senior Employee -Annexure-2 of this Report.

#### 26. Particulars of Employees

Disclosure pertaining to remuneration and other details as required under section197(12) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 5(1) of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014 and Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Amendment Rules, 2016 are annexed as Annexure - II to this Report.

#### 27. <u>Annual Return</u>

The Annual Return in Form No. MGT -7 in terms of amended section 92(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 is being uploaded and can be accessed at the company's website at: <u>http://aplmetalsltd.com/PDF/Form\_MGT-7-2023.pdf</u>

#### 28. <u>Conservation of Energy. Technology Absorption and Foreign Exchange Earnings and Outgo</u> <u>Information as per Section 134(3)(m) of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule-8 of the</u> <u>Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014 for the year ended 31</u><u>March, 2022 is furnished below:</u>

#### 1. <u>STEPS TAKEN FOR CONSERVATION OF ENERGY/ RESEARCH &</u> <u>DEVELOPMENT:</u>

Post reaping extensive benefits as regards reduction in consumption of furnace oil (presently LSHS), liquid oxygen and electricity by installing PLC panels and skids (oxygen, LSHS, compressed air controlling unit) during FY 2020-21 and 2021-22, the Company has taken the following further measures in FY 2022-23 towards conservation of energy:

- a) The Company has installed an Automatic Power Factor Controller in the Power Changer and Controlling unit (PCC) thus achieving power factor up to unity (100%) thereby ensuring substantial power factor rebate in the monthly electricity bills.
- b) The Company has carried out interlocking of ID fan panel to refining panel, thereby effectively controlling maximum demand cost in the monthly electricity bill.
- c) The Company has installed Compressed Air Storage and Air Dryer Unit for rotary furnace operation which runs on automatic load/unload state thereby conserving electrical energy.
- d) The Company has installed a Water Level Sensor and Controller in the water storage tanks thus monitoring the submersible pump operation accordingly.
- e) In the pre-heating and pumping unit the heaters are properly regulated through a Controlling Unit ensuring an automatic on/off mode thus conserving electrical energy.
- f) The Company has replaced the conventional induction motor in rotary no.1 with Inverter Duty Motor ensuring a substantial saving in electric consumption.

#### 2. <u>STEPS TAKEN FOR USING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY:</u>

The Company is making efforts to utilize alternate sources and has plans to install solar

panels at the roof of workshop shed for its plants thereby minimizing the consumption of electricity.

#### 3. <u>CAPITAL INVESTMENT ON ENERGY CONSERVATION:</u>

The Company has incurred a capital expenditure of approximately Rs. 10 lakh in FY 2022-23 on Electric Installation in Panskura factory to support the measures taken in past..

#### 4. <u>BENEFITS DERIVED FROM ABOVE EFFORTS:</u>

Besides substantial reduction in consumption of LSHS and Liquid Oxygen, the Company has been able to keep control on consumption of electricity. Further by achieving power factor to 100% and monitoring maximum demand, there has been a reduction in the overall power cost.

#### B. <u>TechnologyAbsorption</u>:

#### I <u>Efforts made towards technology absorption</u> :

No technology has been imported in last five years. The technology imported in 1992 from BHAS (Australia) for manufacturing of lead at Panskura has already been absorbed.

#### II. <u>Benefits derived like Product Improvement, Cost reduction, product development or</u> <u>Import substitution</u>:

The Company has been able to match its product quality of Refined Lead and Lead Alloys to international level and as per customer's specifications.

#### III <u>Report in respect of technology Imported during the last three years</u> :

No technology has been imported in last three years.

#### Expenditure incurred on Research and Development :

No specific expenditure was incurred separately for R&D which is an ongoing process by the technical team of the Company involved in quality assurance and testing.

#### (C) Foreign Exchange Earnings and Outgo

Sl.	Particulars	Current Year (Rs. in lacs)	Previous Year (Rs. in lacs)
1	Actual Inflow during the year		
	FOB Value of Exports	6507.33	13,377.43
2	Actual Outgo during the year		
i.	For Import of Raw Material	38650.66	35,260.74
ii.	For Interest & Bank Charges	1.50	4.68
iii.	For Foreign Travel	8.14	Nil
iv	Commission on sale	6.98	19.09
	Total Outgo for the year	38667.28	35284.51

# 29. Directors' Responsibility Statement

Pursuant to Section 134(3) (c) and Section 134(5) of the Companies Act, 2013 the Directors of your Company confirm that -:

(i) In the preparation of the annual accounts, the applicable accounting standards have been followed along with proper explanation relating to material departures, if any;

(ii) Directors have selected such accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the financial year and of the profit of the Company for that period;

(iii) Directors have taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of this Act for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities;

(iv) Directors have prepared the annual accounts on a going concern basis;

(v) Directors have laid down internal financial controls to be followed by the Company and that such internal financial controls are adequate and are operating effectively; and

(vi) There is a proper system to ensure compliance with the provisions of all applicable laws and those systems are adequate and are operating effectively.

# 30. Deposits

The Company has not accepted any deposits from the public, and as such, there are no outstanding deposits in terms of the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 2014.

# 31. Transfer of Dividend to Investor Education and Protection Fund(IEPF)

The unpaid dividends for FY 2010-11 have already been transferred to IEPF on completion of 7 years and the details of same is uploaded on the website of the company **www.aplmetalsltd.com**. The company has not declared any dividend thereafter

# 32. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

The provisions of Sections 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 relating to Corporate Social Responsibility are applicable to the company. The Boardof Directors have approved a CSR Policy which is uploaded on the web link: <u>http://aplmetalsltd.com/Index.aspx.</u> As part of CSR initiative , the company has spent a sum of Rs 16.00 lacs for FY 2022-23 and full details of CSR activities on which the expenditure has been incurred as prescribed in the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014 is appended as Annexure -3 to this Report.

### 33. Listing

The Equity Shares of the Company continues to be listed with The Calcutta Stock Exchange and all annual listing fees billed by the exchange have been paid up-to date.

### 34. <u>Corporate Governance</u>

Corporate Governance Report in terms of Regulation 34 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 read withSchedule-V of these regulations covering disclosures and compliance as per Regulations - 16 to 27 is given separately as Annexure - 1 and forms part of this Report

of the Directors. The Managing Director and Auditor's Certificate confirming compliance with the conditions of Corporate Governance are also attached with this report.

# 35. <u>Auditors and Auditors Qualifications</u>

M/s. VPC & Associates (Firm Registration No 313213), Chartered Accountants were appointed as statutory Auditors of the Company for a period of a first term of five years from the conclusion of the 73rd Annual General Meeting held on 15th September,2022 till the conclusion of 78<sup>a</sup> Annual General Meeting to be held in 2027. They will be eligible for re-appointment for a second term of five years thereafter as per Section -139(1) of the Companies Act, 2013.

The Audit Report given by the Auditors on Standalone Financial Statements for financial year 2022-23 do not call for any clarification by Directors. The items of Key Audit Matters and other disclosures by Auditors are self-explanatory and are covered by suitable notes wherever applicable. The said report does not contain any qualification, reservation, adverse remark or disclaimer.

# 36. <u>Secretarial Audit</u>

We deeply regret to report sudden demise of our existing Secretarial Auditor, Mr. B. N. Khandelwal, Company Secretary in Practice, (ACS-1614, CP No,-1148) on 22<sup>---</sup> May,2023. The Board condoled his death and appreciated good services rendered by him as Secretarial Auditor . In compliance to Section-204(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, the Board of Directors have at their meeting held on 29<sup>--</sup> May,2023 appointed Rinku Gupta and Associates,(CP. No- 9248) Secretarial Auditors to conduct and Submit Secretarial Audit Report as required under Section-205 of the Companies Act,2013 for FY 2022-23 in view of above.

A Secretarial Audit Report submitted by Rinku Gupta and Associates, (CP. No- 9248) of in accordance with the provisions of section 205 of the Companies Act, 2013 is attached as Annexure-4 and forms a part of this Report of the Directors. There are no qualifications or observations or adverse remarks or disclaimer by the Secretarial Auditor in this Report.

# 37. <u>Secretarial Standards</u>

The company has in place proper system to ensure compliance with applicable Secretarial Standards issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and such system is adequate and working satisfactorily.

# 38. Cost Audit

The appointment of B. Saha & Associates, Kolkata (FRN-100104 ,M.No-11200) as Cost Auditors for cost audit of records maintained under Section-148 of the of the Companies Act,2013Company for the financial year 2022-23 was approved by the Board of Directors of the company on recommendation of Audit Committee and ratified by Shareholders at the last AGM. The Report does not contain any qualifications or adverse remarks or disclaimer by the Cost Auditor in his Report.

# 39. <u>Reporting of Fraud</u>

There is no reporting of any offence by the Stautory Auditors involving any fraud committed by the officers or employees of the company during the financial year ended 31st March, 2023.

# 40. Internal Audit & Controls

In terms of Section 138 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 13 of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014, M/S JSGA &Assocates, Chartered Accountants, Kolkata (Firm Registration No-016078C) had carried out the internal audit of accounts and operations of the company during the current financial year. Internal Auditors' findings are discussed and suitable corrective actions are taken as per the directions of Audit Committee on an ongoing basis to improve efficiency in operations.

#### 41. <u>Disclosures under Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention,</u> <u>Prohibition and Redressal Act, 2013</u>

Your Company has constituted an Internal Complaints Committee in accordance with the requirements under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 which ensures implementation and compliance with the Law as well as the policy at every unit. There were no cases/ complaints reported in this regard during the year.

### 42. Business Sustainability

The company management follows the principle of co-existence along with society, global environment protection, employees, customers, vendors, financiers, shareholders, investorsand other stakeholders.Broadly it conducts business inter alia following principles as under:-

To conduct and govern business with ethics, transparency and accountability

To provide goods/services which are safe, secure and contribute to sustainability.

To promote health, safety and well-being of employees & their family

To respect and promote human rights and rights of woman at work place.

To respect and be responsive to all stakeholders; particularly who are disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalized

To respect, protect and make efforts for protection of environment

To support inclusive and equitable growth

To act responsibly in dealings and compliances with regulatory bodies

To provide values to customers and consumers

### 43. General Disclosers:

Your Directors state that no disclosure or reporting is required in respect of the following matters as there were no transactions on these items during the year under review:

- There are no significant material orders passed by the Regulators or Courts or Tribunal, which would impact the going concern status of the Company and its future operation. However, Members attention is drawn to the Statement on contingent liabilities and commitments in the notes forming part of the Financial Statements.
- No fraud has been reported by the Auditors to the Audit Committee or the Board.
- The company has not issued any shares with differential voting rights/sweat equity shares.
- During the year under review, no corporate proceedings filed by the company or no corporate resolution process has been initiated against the Company or pending under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 as amended, before National Company Law Tribunal or other Courts

### 44. Acknowledgement

Your Directors express their sincere appreciation of the assistance and co-operation extended by banks, Government authorities, customers, vendors and employees of the company

For and on behalf of Board of Directors

Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya , Chairman & Managing Director (00019420)

Place: Kolkata Date : 09.08.2023 Prakash Kumar Damani Director (DIN-01166790)

# ANNEXTURE - 1

# **REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE - FY 2022-23**

(In compliance to Regulations of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, as amended, hereinafter referred as Regulation)

#### 1. <u>Company's Philosophy on Code of Governance</u>

The Corporate Governance comprises of set of systems and practices to be followed by Directors, Management and employees to ensure accountability, fairness and transparency in all transactions. The objective is to meet shareholders aspirations and expectations of society by better co-ordination, creation of trust, transparency and fairness while dealing with all stakeholders. The efforts of the company are directed towards compliance of regulatory framework, customer's satisfaction as to price, quality and service, meeting commitment and assurance to vendors, investors, bankers, authorities, business associates and surrounding communities to ensure growth and sustainability. Your company ensures full compliance with various Corporate Governance Regulations from 17 to 27 read with Schedule-V and other applicable regulations of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. Further adherence to various policies and codes in conformity with regulatory needs helps your company to fulfill its responsibility towards stakeholders.

#### 2. Board of Directors (referred as Board) (as per Regulation-17)

#### 2.1 Composition, Directorship/Committee Membership, Attendance in Board Meeting

The Board of the company had optimum composition of Executive and Non-Executive Directors as per Regulation-17 which consisted of six directors on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023, out of which three (50%) were Independent Directors. All Independent Directors are professionals with substantial experience in business, finance, law and business management and meet the criteria of independence as per law. The attendances of Board members at the Four Board Meetings held during the Financial Year 2022-23 on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2022, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2022, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, and on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 were as under:-

Sl No.	Name of Directors DIN	Status		Board eting Atten	Atten dance in last AGM	Direct of in Other Public companies	Chairman/ Committee Member other	Equity Shares held
A. Fro	A. From Promoters Group     Ited     ded     AGM     companies     companies							
1	Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya	Managing	4	4	Yes	Nil	Nil	2163657
<u>B. Ot</u>	(DIN-00019420)     Director     Image: Constraint of the second s							
2	Mr. Prakash Kumar Damani (DIN-01166790	Director	4	4	Yes	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	Mr. Rahul Damani **(DIN-05216197)	Director	4	4	Yes	1	Nil	Nil
4	Mr. Raghav Bajoria (DIN-08713745)	Director	4	4	Yes	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	Mr Om Prakash Saxena (DIN-01059659)	Independent Director	4	3	Yes	4	Nil	1601

	6	Mr. Rajendra Sahay	Independent	4	3	Yes	Nil	Nil	500
		(DIN-02633026)	Director						
	7	Mr. Kumud Kumar Dubey**	Independent	3	2	Yes	Nil	Nil	Nil
		(DIN-07733333)	Director						
8	8	Mrs. Harsha Sharma	Independent	4	4	Yes	Nil	Nil	1
		(DIN-09255202)	Director						

Notes:

(i) Directorship excludes Private Limited Companies, Foreign Companies and companies registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act").

(ii) For the purpose of determination of limit of the Board Committees, chairpersonship and membership of the Audit Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee has been considered as per Regulation 26(1)(b) of the Listing Regulations.

(iii) None of the Directors on the Board hold directorships in more than ten public companies. Further none of them is a member of more than ten committees or chairman of more than five committees across all the public companies in which he or she is a Director.

(iv) Except in APL Metals Limited, none of the Directors on the Board holds directorship in any other listed entities.

(v) \*\* Out of the above listed eight directors, two directors namely Mr. Kumud Kumar Dubey and Mr. Rahul Damani have ceased to be directors with effect from 10.11.2022 & 13.02.2023.Hence, there were six directors on the Board on  $31^{st}$  March, 2023.

(vi) Mr Om Prakash Saxena has resigned as Independent Director after 31st March, 2023 with effect from 30th May, 2023.

The Board is entrusted with overall responsibility, of the day to day management, directions, policy making, control and performance of the company as per Act and SEBI (LODR), Regulations, 2015.

# 2.2 <u>Relationship between Directors Interest</u>

Mr. Rahul Damani is son of Mr. Prakash Kumar Damani and son in law of Mr. Sanjay Sarda. Except them, no other directors as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 is relative of any director under Section- 2(77) of the Act read with the Companies (Specification of definition) Rules, 2014

# 2.3 Changes in Board of Directors/Independent Directors /Chairman

Mr. Kumud Kumar Dubey and Mr. Rahul Damani ceased to be a director due to resignation with effect from 10.11.2022 & 13.02.2023 respectively. More over Mr. Om Prakash Saxena, Independent director has resigned from Board with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2023. In order to incorporate better governance, on recommendation of Nomination and Remuneration Committee, the Board has decided to appoint a Non-Executive Director as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the company in place of existing Executive Chairman. Hence, in terms of Article-86 of the Articles of Association of the company and on recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, the Board has appointed Mr. Prakash Kumar Damani, Non-Executive Director as Chairman to the Board of directors of the company in place of Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya, Chairman and Managing Director of the company who has opted to step out as Chairman of the Board with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. However he continues to be Managing Director of the company as approved by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 and there is no other change in his terms of appointment.

On recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, the Board has recommended reappointment of Mr. Raghav Bajoria (DIN-08713745) as a director liable to retire by rotation and also appointed (i) Mr. Rahul Damani (DIN-05216197) as additional director and (ii) Mr. Varun Daga (DIN-06770822) as additional Independent director with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. All these reappointment/appointments are subject to approval by the Shareholders at the ensuing Annual General Meeting and the concerned resolutions are proposed accordingly.

## 2.4 <u>Board Procedure</u>

The Meetings of the Board of Directors are usually held at the Registered Office of the Company. The Directors are intimated well in advance by giving at least 7 days' notice. In view of Covid-19 Pandemic protocol all the meeting of Board as well as Committees thereof are held by permitted mode of Audio / Video conferencing and attendance are recorded on the basis of joining through Audio / Video link on specified date and time which is informed in advance to the persons entitled to attend such meetings. In case of participation from outstation, available member of Committee / Board are authorized to sign the minutes approved in the meeting. The Board reviews and discusses at each quarterly meeting the Management Discussion and Analysis Reports covering Production, Sales, Statutory payments and Compliances, Internal Audit Reports, Financial Results, Changes in Share-holding Structure, Investor Grievances, and all significant events etc. reported by the Management. Four Board Meetings were held during the financial year ending on 31st March 2023 - 28<sup>a</sup> May, 2022, 1<sup>a</sup> August, 2022, 10<sup>b</sup> November, 2022, and on 13<sup>a</sup> February, 2023.

### 2.5 Directors seeking Appointment/Reappointment at the Annual General Meeting

As required under Regulation 36(3) of the SEBI Listing Regulations and Secretarial Standard-2 on General Meetings, particulars of Directors seeking appointment / re-appointment at this AGM are given in the Annexure to the Notice of this AGM.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee has recommended the reappointment of Mr. Raghav Bajoria as a director liable to retire by rotation subject to requisite approval by the Shareholders at the ensuing Annual General Meeting.

#### 2.6 Directors Familiarization Programme

At the time of appointment a formal letter of appointment is issued setting out in brief rights, duties and responsibilities as a director. All directors newly joining including Independent directors are provided with the company profile, history of company/promoters, Company Policies, business model; latest Annual Report containing company's manufacturing facilities, performance and other relevant information on operations and control. They are also updated and informed about disclosures and compliances at quarterly meetings of the Board and Committee of the Board. The said Policy is placed on the company's website: www.aplmetalsltd.com

#### 2.7 <u>Code of Conduct and Ethics for Board of Directors and Senior Management Personnel</u>

The Code of Conduct laid down by the Company, binds all the Board Members and Senior Management of the Company. A declaration by the Managing Director to this effect is contained towards end of this report.

#### 2.8 <u>Confirmation from Independent Directors:</u>

All Independent Directors have confirmed in their Annual Declaration to the Board that they have complied with all the criteria of Independence as provided in Section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 16(1) (b) of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The Board confirms that the Independent Directors fulfill the conditions specified in Section 149 of the Act and Regulation 16(1)(b) and Regulation 25(8) of the Listing Regulations and are independent of the management.

Terms and Conditions of Independent Directors are as per draft Letter of appointment of Independent directors as given in the company's website: <u>www.aplmetalsltd.com</u>.

#### 2.9 Separate meeting of Independent Directors:

A separate meeting of Independent Directors of the Company was held on February 13, 2023 without the presence of Non-Independent Directors and members of the management in this meeting in compliance with Regulation 25 (3) of the Listing Regulations and Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013 for performance evaluation of all non-Independent directors and Members of the Board as a whole which is reported in the Board's Report. All Independent Directors were present and Mr. O P Saxena had chaired in this meeting.

#### 2.10 Skills/Expertise/Competencies of Board of Directors:

The company ensures appropriate balance of skills and experience. In deciding composition identifying core skills / expertise / competencies as required in the context of the business to function effectively which was as below during 31- March, 2023.

Name of the Directors	Strategic Leadership	Financial Expertise	Industry Experience- Technology	Governance, risk and compliance	Corporate/ Social Relationship	Compliances
Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mr. Raghav Bajoria	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mr. Prakash Kumar Damani	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mr. Rahul Damani	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mr. Rajendra Sahay	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mr Om Prakash Saxena	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mrs. Harsha Sharma Yes Reasonable Knowledge		Yes	Yes	Yes		

Performance appraisal of Mr. Kumud Kumar Dubey was not done as he had resigned on 10.11.2022

#### 2.11 Prevention of Insider Trading

The company has adopted code of conduct for prevention of Insider Trading applicable to all directors, employees and other designated persons having access to unpublished price sensitive information. The company has made policy to keep the trading windows closed so long as unpublished price sensitive information is not made public. However there is no trading in the Calcutta Stock Exchange where the shares of the company is listed.

#### 2.12 Document Retention and Archival Policy

In compliance to Regulation-9, the company has adopted Document Retention and Archival Policy which is placed on the company's website:www.aplmetalsltd.com. Kindly refer to other disclosures in Directors Report.

#### **Committees of Board**

#### 3. Audit Committee

The role, duties , responsibility and powers of the Audit Committee is as per Section-177 of the Act and Schedule-II , Part-C of the SEBI(LODR) Regulations,2015. The Audit Committee as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 consisted of three directors out of which two are Independent and NonExecutives and have relevant finance and audit exposure. Four Meetings of Audit Committee were held on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2022, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2022, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, and on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023. The attendance thereof is given below.:

Sl.	Name of Director	Status	No. of Meetings	
No.		Status	Held	Attended
1	Mr. Om Prakash Saxena	Chairman/ Independent Director	4	4
2	Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya	Managing Director	4	4
3	Mr. Rajendra Sahay	Independent Director	4	4

The Chairman of the Committee Mr. Om Prakash Saxena, was an Independent Director. Chairman of the Committee was present at the last Annual General Meeting of the Company. In view of resignation of Mr. O. P. Sexena w.e.f. 30th may, 2023, the Board has decided to appoint Mr. Rajendra Sahaya as Chairman of the Committee w.e.f. 9th August, 2023.

There was no change in the composition of this committee in FY 2022-23. The representatives of Internal Auditors and Statutory Auditors do attend and participate in the meetings regularly on invitation. Minutes of the Audit Committee Meetings are read, discussed and noted by the Members of the Board and Audit Committee. The terms of reference of the Audit Committee are as per requirement of Section-177 of the Act and revised Regulation 18 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 such as oversight of financial reporting process and disclosure, appointment and remuneration of Auditors, Cost Auditors, Secretarial Auditors, Internal Auditors and Key Managerial Persons, review of quarterly, half yearly, annual financial results and Report of Auditors thereon, evaluation of internal Financial Controls and risk management System, functioning of Whistle Blower Policy, all matters connected with Finance, Accounts, Audits and Investigations and others specified therein. There was no case of any recommendation of the audit committee not accepted by the Board.

#### 4. Nomination and Remuneration Committee

The role, duties, responsibility and powers of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee is as per Section-178 of the Act and Schedule-II, Part-D of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.

The Committee consisted of three Independent directors on 31<sup>a</sup> March, 2023. Three Committee meetings were held on 1<sup>a</sup> August, 2022, 10<sup>a</sup> November, 2022 and on 13<sup>a</sup> February, 2023 in which attendance was as below :-

Sl.	Name of Director	Status	No. of Nom & Rem Committee Meetings	
No.			Held	Attended
1	Mr. Om PrakashSaxena	Chairman- Independent Director	3	2
2	Mr. Rajendra Sahay	Independent Director	3	2
3	Mr. Kumud Kumar Dubey*	Independent Director	3	1
4	Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya	Managing Director	3	2

In view of resignation of Mr. Kumud Kumar Dubey from the Board with effect from 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, the committee was reconstituted on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya, Managing Director, was inducted as a member of this committee with effect from 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. Chairman of the Committee was present at the last Annual General Meeting of the Company. In view of resignation of Mr. Om PrakashSaxena with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> May,2023, the Board has decided to appoint Mr. Rajendra Sahay as Chairman of the Committee with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> August,2023.

There was no other change in the composition of this committee in FY 2022-23. Performance evaluation of the directors is already disclosed separately.

### 5. <u>Stakeholder's Relationship Committee</u>

This Committee considers and resolves all grievances of share-holders of the company including complaint related to transfer of shares, non-receipt of Annual Reports, non-receipt of share dematerialized/ certificates, non-receipt of dividend etc. Overseeing performance of Registrar & Share Transfer Agents, and taking measures to improve quality of services to Investors.

The Committee consisted of three directors on 31st March, 2023. The Committee met twice on  $10^{th}$  November, 2022 and on  $13^{th}$  February, 2023 in which attendance was as below :-

Sl.	Name of Director	Status	No. of Meetings	
No.	Name of Director	Status	Held	Attended
1	Mr. Sanjiv Nadan Sahaya	Managing Director	2	2
2	Mr. Raghav Bajoria	Chairman / Director	2	2
3	Mrs. Harsha Sharma	Independent Director	2	2

The Chairman of the Committee was present at the last Annual General Meeting of the Company. The committee has delegated the authority for transfer/transmission and other routine sharework for timely service to investors which are reported in every quarterly meeting of Board of Directors on a regular basis.

Details of complaints received as reported under Regulation 13(3) of the Listing Regulations and resolved by the Company during the financial year 2022-23 are given below:

Number of complaints pending at the beginning of the year	Nil
Number of complaints received during year	Nil
Number of complaints resolved during the year	Nil
Number of complaints not resolved to the satisfaction of the shareholder	Nil
Number of complaints pending at the end of the year	Nil

#### 6. <u>Risk Management</u>

Regulation-21 is not applicable to the company since it is not among top 1000 listed companies on the basis of market capitalization.

# 7. <u>Corporate Social Responsibility Committee</u>

In compliance to Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 the Board has constituted a Corporate Social Responsibility Committee. The terms reference of the committee inter alia consists of framing of CSR Policy, reviewing it from time to time, ensuring effective implementation, and monitoring of CSR activities as per approved plan, policy and legal framework.During the financial year 2022-23 two meetings of this committee were held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 and 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 and the attendance of members in the meeting was as under;

Sl.	Name of Director	Status	No. of Meetings	
No.	Name of Director	Status	Held	Attended
1	Mrs. Harsha Sharma	Chairperson-Independent Director	2	2
2	Mr. Prakash Kumar Damani	Director (Non-Executive)	2	2
3	Mr. Sanjiv Nadan Sahaya	Managing Director	2	2
4	Mr. Rajendra Sahay	Independent Director	2	2

### 8. <u>Finance Committee</u>:

The Board has formed a separate Finance Committee to approve and authorise officials for accepting sanction and availing of Loans and other financial facilities not exceeding the limit set by the Board and exercise power to take decision in finance matters for smooth working subject to reporting the Board at the next meeting.

Finance Committee comprising of Mr. Om Prakash Saxena (Independent Director), Chairman, Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya, Managing Director, Mr Prakash Kumar Damani, Non-Executive Director, Mrs. Harsha Shama Independent Director and Mr. Rajnish Gambhir, the Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer. One meeting of the committee was held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 during the year which was attended by all the members.

# 9. <u>Remuneration to Directors and their Relatives</u>

The remuneration paid to whole time directors and their relatives; if any; is decided by Board of Directors on recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and also approved by Shareholders in General Meeting wherever required. While deciding remuneration factors like experience, qualifications, industry trends, financial position of the company, and other relevant factors are considered. Directors interested do not participate in discussion and vote on the resolution approving remuneration.

There is no pecuniary relationship or transactions with Non-executive Independent directors during the financial Year 2022-23 other than those disclosed in this Annual Report for FY 2022-23 Schedule - V of the Companies Act, 2013 is adhered for remuneration. The total remuneration paid to the Directors during the period is within the threshold as prescribed under Regulation 17 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, as amended.

The non-executive directors are entitled to sitting fees. Presently, the company does not have any scheme for grant of stock options to directors or the employees. The details of remuneration paid are given below:-

#### (a) Remuneration to Executive Directors during FY 2022-23

#### Name of the Director

Sri Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya / Managing Director: Rs. 36,00,000/- for the FY 2022-23 (Fixed including Basic Salary of Rs. 24,00,000 and House Rent Allowance of Rs. 12,00,000)

## (b) <u>Remuneration Paid to Relative of Directors during FY 2022-23</u>

No relative of any director was employed in the company during FY 2022-23

### (C) Remuneration to Non-Executive Directors during FY 2022-23

The non-executive directors were paid fees @ Rs. 4000/- for each meeting of the Board /Committee as approved by the Board Meeting. The remuneration to any one Non-Executive Director is not more than 50% of total remuneration to all Non-Executive Directors during the financial year 2022-23 which are given below:

Name of the Directors	Sitting Fees (Rupees)
Sri Om Prakash Saxena	32,000
Sri Rajendra Sahay	40,000
Smt. Harsha Sharma	32,000
Sri Kumud Kumar Dubey	12,000
Total	1,16,000

### 10. Vigil Mechanism and Whistle Blower

The Company has in place a vigil mechanism and Whistle Blower Policy for directors and employees to report their genuine concerns in line with Regulation-22 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and the same was also placed on on the company's website:www.aplmetalsltd.com. The Scheme provides (i) safeguards against victimization to person availing the mechanism and (ii) no personnel is denied direct access to the chairman of Audit Committee and chairman of the Board. The Whistle Blower Policy, enables stakeholders to report insider trading violations as well as reporting of instances of leak of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information, if any.

# 11. <u>Related Party Transactions</u>

The company has formulated policy on dealing with Related Party Transactions and for disclosure of material related party contracts or arrangements as per regulation-30 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 which are placed on the company's website:<u>www.aplmetalsltd.com</u>

All transactions with Related Parties in compliance to Ind AS -24 are disclosed in Note-2.13 in the Audited Financial Statement forming part of this Annual Report which are at arm's length price as per Section-188 of the Companies Act, 2013. The approval of the Audit Committee and Board has been obtained for all such transactions during the year as per Regulation-23 of The SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 and have been reported to the Stock Exchanges as per SEBI (LODR) Regulations,2015

# 12. <u>Significant related party transactions that may have potential conflict with the interest</u> of the company at large.

The members of senior management have made disclosure to the Board relating to all material, financial and other transactions stating that they did not have personal interest that could result in a conflict with the interest of the company at large.

# 13. <u>Disclosures of non-compliance by the company, penalties, and strictures imposed on</u> <u>the company by stock exchanges or SEBI or any statutory authority on any matter related to</u> <u>capital markets, during the last three years</u>

During the year under review, there was no penalty or stricture imposed on the company by Stock Exchange or SEBI or any statutory authority on any matter related to capital markets. The company has complied with applicable mandatory requirements in terms of SEBI (LODR), Regulations, 2015. The non-mandatory requirements have been adopted to the extent and in the manner as stated under the appropriate headings detailed elsewhere in this report.

# 14. Disclosure of Commodity Price risks and Commodity hedging activities.

During the year, the company was not engaged in any type of Commodity hedging for fluctuation of raw-material and other Input costs due to financial constraints. However, it ensured automatic hedging of Foreign Exchange Exposure involved in Imports and exports through bank as and when required.

# 15. <u>Non Acceptance of the Recommendation of any Committee of the Board:</u>

There was no such instance during the financial year 2022-23 when the board had not accepted any recommendation of any Committee of the Board

# 16. <u>Disclosures in relation to the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention,</u> <u>Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013:</u>

There was no complaint of sexual harassment case reported during the year nor pending at any time

# 17. The Disclosures of the compliance with Corporate Governance requirements specified in Regulation 17 to 27 and clauses (b) to (i) of sub-regulation (2) of regulation 46 are as under:

Regulation	Particular of Regulations	Compliance status				
17	Board of Directors	Yes				
18	Audit Committee	Yes				
19	Nomination and Remuneration Committee	Yes				
20	Stakeholders Relationship Committee	Yes				
21	Risk Management Committee	Yes				
22	Vigil mechanism	Yes				
23	Related Party Transactions	Yes				
24	Corporate Governance requirements with respect to	N.A.				
	subsidiary of listed entity					
25	Obligations with respect to Independent Directors	Yes				
26	Obligation with respect to Directors and senior management	Yes				
27	Other Corporate Governance requirements	Yes				
46(2)(b)						
to						
(i)and (t)	(i)and (t) Website					
N.A. indi	N.A. indicates Not Applicable					

# 18. Disclosure with respect to demat suspense account/Unclaimed Suspense Account:

The Company does not have any securities in the demat suspense account/unclaimed suspense account.

# 19. <u>Non-compliance of any requirement of corporate governance report of sub-paras (2) to</u> (10) of Schedule V of the Listing Regulations :

The Company has duly complied with the requirements specified in Regulations 17 to 27 and clauses (b) to (i) and (t) of sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 46 of the Listing Regulations

# 20. Total fees paid to the Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2022-23 is Rs. 5.40 Lacs as disclosed in Note No-28 of the Audited Financial Statements.

#### 21. Audit of Share Capital

Mrs. Rinku Gupta (FCS-9237, CP-9248) practicing company secretary carried out the audit on a quarterly basis to reconcile the total admitted capital with National Security Depository Limited (NSDL) and Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) and the total issued and listed capital. The audit report confirms that the total issued and listed capital is in agreement with the total number of shares in physical form and total number of dematerialized shares held with NSDL and CDSL.

### 22. General Body Meetings

- 22.1 The last three years Annual General Meetings were held as under-
  - On 10<sup>a</sup> November, 2020 was held through Video Conferencing/other Audio Video Mode at 12.00 Noon. In terms of MCA and SEBI Circulars.
  - On 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 was held through Video Conferencing/other Audio Video Mode at 12.30 Noon in terms of MCA and SEBI Circulars.
  - On 15<sup>a</sup> September, 2022 was held through Video Conferencing/other Audio Video Mode at 12.30 Noon in terms of MCA and SEBI Circulars

### 22.2 Special Resolutions passed at last three Annual General Meetings :

Date of Meeting	Special Resolutions Passed			
10th November, 2020	<ul> <li>To approve reappointment and remuneration of Managing Director for Five Years from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2025</li> <li>To re-appoint Mr. Om Prakash Saxena (DIN-01059659) as Independent Director for second term of five years</li> <li>To re-appoint Mr. Rajendra Sahay (DIN- 02633026) as Independent Director for second term of five year</li> </ul>			
29 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021	<ul> <li>To re-appoint Mr Bijan Ray (DIN-02668395) as Independent Director for Second consecutive term of five years</li> <li>To re-appoint Mr Kumud Kumar Dubey (DIN-07733333) as Independent Director for Second consecutive term of five years</li> </ul>			
15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022	• NIL			
None of the subjects placed in the last three Annual General Meeting required approval by a postal ballot				

#### 23. The Management Discussion and analysis report is already covered in Directors Report.

#### 24. Means of Communication

The unaudited quarterly, Half yearly and Audited financial results and other Notices/disclosures as per SEBI (LODR) Regulations is usually published in the newspapers in English and vernacular language in (1) The Echo of India (English) and The Aarthik Lipi(Bengali). The financial Results and other Notices/disclosures as per SEBI (LODR) Regulations are also placed on the company's website <u>www.aplmetalsltd.com</u> which has a dedicated section for Shareholders Information. The company did not issue any official news release nor given any presentation to analysts/investors during financial Year 2022-23.

# 25. GENERAL SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

# 25.1 - 74<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

Date & Time/Venue : On 21st September, 2023, at 12.30 P.M through Video Conferencing/other Audio Video Mode as given in the Notice of 74th Annual General Meeting.

Book Closure::From 15th September, 2023 to 21st September, 2023 (both days inclusive)

# 25.2 Financial Calendar for FY 2023-24 (Tentative)

Annual General Meeting for FY2023-24:4th Week of September, 2024

# 25.3 <u>Financial reporting for the quarterly Results Date of Board Meeting</u> (Tentative)

Quarter ending 30th June 2023 : On 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

Quarter ending 30th September 2023 between 1st to 15th November, 2023

 $Quarter \ ending \ \ 31 st \ December \ 2023 \ between \ 1st \ to \ 15 th \ February, 2024$ 

Quarter ending 31st March 2024 between 1st to 30th May, 2024

# 25.4 Dividend Payment Date-No dividend declared in FY 2022-23

# 25.5 Listing of Shares/ISIN

Name of Stock Exchange	:	The Calcutta Stock Exchange Association Limited
Stock Code	:	11026
ISIN allotted by Depositories	:	INE 578E01019
Company ID Number (CIN)	:	L 24224WB1948PLC017455
ISO:	:	I-OSC201906003

Annual listing fees to the Calcutta Stock Exchange has been paid up to date

# 25.6 Market Price Data/Stock Price Performance

There has been no trading of the company's equity shares during the year under review at The Calcutta Stock Exchange Association Ltd.

#### 25.7 Shareholding pattern of Equity Shares as on 31st March 2023

Particulars	No. of Shares of Rs. 10/- each	% to Total
Promoters & Promoters Group	77,81,679	72.55
Bodies Corporate - Non Promoters	1,14,437	1.05
Public Shareholding	28,27,763	26.38
Others-Bank, NRI etc	2,508	0.02
Total	107,26,387	100.00

The shares of the promoters and promoter group are held in demat mode.

Srl. No.		No. of Shares	No. of Holders	% to Total	Total Shares	% to Total
1.	1 -	500	10662	97.7269	11,74,021	10.9452
2.	501 -	1,000	131	1.2007	94,672	0.8826
3.	1,001 -	5,000	69	0.6324	1,37,443	1.2814
4.	5,001 -	10,000	11	0.1008	84,775	0.7903
5.	10,001 -	50,000	17	0.1558	2,69,930	2.5165
6.	50,001 -	1,00,000	9	0.0825	6,69,223	6.2390
7.	1,00,001 -	And Above	11	0.1008	82,96,323	77.3450
		Totals	10910	100.0000	1,07,26,387	100.0000

25.8	Distribution	of Shareholding	of Equity Shares as o	on 31st March 2023
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# 25.9 Dematerialization of Equity shares and liquidity

The shares of the company are in compulsory demat segment and are available for holding in the depository systems of both NSDL and CDSL. Out of 29,44,708 equity shares of Rs. 10/- each held by the persons other than promoters, 1774809 equity shares (60.27%) have been dematerialized and balance 1169899 (29.73%) are in physical form as on 31st March 2023. The equity shares of the company are listed with Calcutta Stock Exchanges and listing fees upto FY 2023-24 has been paid. Other Stock Exchanges have been derecognized by SEBI. The financials of the company does not meet with the criteria for listing with Bombay Stock Exchange or National Stock Exchange.

# 25.10 Share Transfer System and RTA

With a view to rendering prompt and efficient service to the investors, M/S Niche Technologies Private limited has been appointed as the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the company. As per amended Regulation 40 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, with effect from 1st April, 2019 any request for transfer of any listed securities cannot be processed unless they are in dematerialized Form with a depository except request for Transmission or Transposition of name, Hence, all Shareholders are requested to dematerialize all the equity shares held in physical mode with a depository immediately

Shareholders are requested to correspond with the share transfer agent for transfer and transmission of shares, change of address and queries pertaining to their shareholding etc. at their address given in this report.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India ('SEBI') and Ministry of Corporate Affairs ('MCA') during FY 2018-19, has mandated that existing members of the Company who hold securities in physical form and intend to transfer their securities after April 1, 2019, can do so only in dematerialised form, except in case of requests received for transmission or transposition and re-lodged transfer of securities. Therefore, necessary intimation was sent by the Company to the members regarding the restriction on transfer of securities in the physical form and members holding shares in physical form were requested to consider converting their shareholding to dematerialized form within the due date. Further SEBI vide circular no. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/RTAMB/CIR/P/2020/236 dated December 2, 2020 had fixed March 31,

2021 as the cut-off date for re-lodgement of transfer deeds and the shares that are re-lodged for transfer shall be issued only in demat mode.

SEBI vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD\_RTAMB/P/CIR/2022/8 dated

January 25, 2022, mandated all listed companies to issue securities in dematerialized form only while processing the service request of 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.

Now share transactions in electronic form can be effected in a much simpler and faster manner. After a confirmation of a sale/purchase transaction from the broker, shareholders should approach the Depository Participants ('DP') with a request to debit or credit the account for the transaction. The DP will immediately arrange to complete the transaction by updating the account. There is no need for a separate communication to the Company to register these share transfers.

Shareholders should communicate with the Company's Registrars and Transfer Agents ('RTA') quoting their folio number or Depository Participant ID ('DP ID') and Client ID number, for any queries relating to their securities at the above mentioned addresses or at their branch offices, addresses of which are available on their website or at the Registered Office of the Company.

# 25.11 Designated E-Mail Address for Investor Services

To serve the investors better and as required under Regulation 46(2)(j) of the Listing Regulations, the designated e-mail address for investor complaints is secretarial@aplgroupco.com. The e-mail address for grievance redressal is monitored by the Company's Compliance Officer.

# 25.12 Nomination Facility

Shareholders whose shares are in physical form and wish to make/change a nomination in respect of their shares in the Company, as permitted under Section 72 of the Companies Act, 2013, may submit to RTA the prescribed Forms SH-13/SH-14. The relevant forms are available at www.<u>http://aplmetalsltd.com</u>.

# 25.13 Shares held in Electronic Form

Shareholders holding shares in electronic form may please note that instructions regarding change of address, bank details, email ids, nomination and power of attorney should be given directly to the DP.

# 25.14 Shares held in Physical Form

Shareholders holding shares in physical form may please note that instructions regarding change of address, bank details, e-mails ids, nomination and power of attorney should be given to the Company's RTA.

SEBI vide circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD\_RTAMB/P/CIR/2021/655 dated

November 3, 2021 as amended on 16th March, 2023 had laid down common and simplified norms for processing Investor's Service request by RTAs and norms for furnishing PAN, KYC details and nomination. As per the above said circular the shareholders holding physical securities are required to mandatory furnish PAN, KYC details and Nomination by holders and are also required to link PAN with Aadhaar. The said circular stipulates that folios wherein the required documents are not made available on or before April 1, 2023 shall be frozen by RTA. The Company had sent relevant communication to all physical holders along with relevant Forms to enable the shareholders to update the PAN, KYC and other relevant details with RTA/Company in line with the SEBI directives. The PAN, KYC and other relevant documents are being processed by RTA on receipt from the shareholders. The relevant Forms are also made available on the company's website at www.<u>http://aplmetalsltd.com</u>.

# 25.15 Green Initiative

As a responsible corporate citizen, the Company welcomes and supports the 'Green Initiative' undertaken by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, enabling electronic delivery of documents including the Annual Report, amongst others, to shareholders at their e-mail address previously registered with the DPs and RTAs.

Shareholders who have not registered their e-mail addresses so far, are requested to do the same. Those holding shares in demat form can register their e-mail address with their concerned Dps.

Shareholders who hold shares in physical form are requested to register their e-mail addresses with the RTA, by sending a letter, duly signed by the first/sole holder quoting details of their Folio No. The company has also sent letters to all the shareholders holding shares in physical form for complying with the KYC registration with RTA.

# 25.16 Address for investor correspondence

For transfer / dematerialization of shares and any other query relating to the Equity shares of the company

Niche Technologies Private Limited,

3A, Auckland Place, 7th Floor, Room No. 7A & 7B,

Kolkata - 700017 Phones: (033) 2280 6616/6617/6618(3 Lines)

Email-Id:nichetechpl@nichetechpl.com Website:https://www.nichetechpl.com

# 25.17 For any query on annual report/investors' Grievance

To the company at address given below

# Address for Communication with the company

The Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

APL Metals Limited

Regd Office: 18/1A, Hindustan Road, Kolkata - 700029

E-mail: secretarial@aplgroupco.com; Website: www.aplmetalsltd.com

Telephone: 033-24652433/34 (2 lines) Fax: 03324650925

Name / Membership No of Compliance Officer: Ram Narayan Prajapati - FCS-1889

# 25.18 Plant Locations

1.B.T.Road, 260, Barrackpore Trunk Road Sodepur, Kolkata -700 115

2.Malwan, Plot No. B-4 & B-5 UPSIDC Industrial Areas Malwan, Fatehpur (U.P) Pin - 212664

3.Panskura, ViII: Kanakpur, P.O.- Naranda (Panskura) Dist:Purba Medinipore (West Bengal)

Pin-721139

# 26. Credit Rating:

The company had been assigned "ACQUITE – BB+/ Outlook Stable by a bank approved Rating Agency in respect of Fund Based Working Capital facilities from the bank vide letter dated 22<sup>---</sup> December,2022. The company has already reported modification in rating by the above agency vide their letter dated 16<sup>--</sup> March, 2023 to the Stock Exchange though same has not been accepted. The company has not obtained rating of any other debt since same is not required. The company has not mobilized any fund by issue of any debt securities or deposits from public through preferential or qualified institutional placement or private placement.

# 27.<u>Annual Certification of Code of Conduct under Regulation 34(3) read with Regulation-26 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015;</u>

In compliance with Regulation 34(3) read with Regulation 26.3 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015; the company has formulated Code of Conduct for directors and senior management personnel and placed it on the website of the company. We hereby confirm that all the board members and senior management personnel of the company have affirmed compliance with the Code of Conduct of the company during the year ended 31st March, 2023.

# 28. Other Disclosures:

# (a) Certificate from Practising Company Secretary

(I) Certificate as required under Part C of Schedule V of SEBI Listing Regulations, received from Rinku Gupta & Associates, Company Secretary in practice, certifying that none of the directors on the Board of the Company is debarred or disqualified from being appointed or continuing as directors of companies by the Board/ Ministry of Corporate Affairs or any such statutory authority, is annexed at the end of this Report.  (ii) Certificate on Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for the year ended March 31, 2023 as per Regulation 24A of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations") received from Rinku Gupta & Associates, Company Secretary in practice.

# (b) Details of utilization of funds raised through preferential allotment or qualified institutions placement as specified under Regulation 32 (7A):

The Company has not raised any funds through preferential allotment or qualified institutions placement as specified under Regulation 32 (7A) during the financial year 2022-23.

#### (c) Details of compliance with mandatory requirements and adoption of the nonmandatory requirements:

The Company has complied with all the mandatory requirements prescribed by SEBI Listing Regulations. The Company has also complied with non-mandatory requirements as stated under Part E of Schedule II to the Listing Regulations for financial year 2022-23

- (d) The company has not issued any Global Depository Receipt / American Depository Receipt / Warrant or any convertible instrument, which is likely to have impact on the company's equity.
- (e) The Chairman of the Company has no separate office maintained by the Company.
- (f) The Auditors have expressed an unmodified opinion in their report on the financial statements of the Company
- (g) Internal Auditor functionally reports to the Audit Committee.
- (h) Loans and advances in the nature of loans to firms/companies in which Directors are interested

There were no loans given to any companies or firms in which Directors of the Company are interested.

(i) Associate/Subsidiary/Joint Venture

The Company has no Associate or Subsidiary Company. The Company has not entered into any Joint Venture Agreement.

- (j) Agreements that subsist under Clause 5A to para A of Part A of Schedule III to the Listing Regulations : None
- (k) Particulars of Senior Management including the changes therein since the close of the previous financial year : None

### (l) Details of Corporate Policies

Particulars	Website Details / Links
Composition and Profile of the Board of Directors	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Terms and conditions of appointment of Independent Directors	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Policy on Appointment and Removal of Directors	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Familiarization Programme for Independent Directors	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Remuneration Policy of Directors, KMPs & Other Employees	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Code of Conduct	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Criteria for Making Payments to Non-Executive Directors	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Corporate Social Responsibility Policy	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Code of Conduct for Non-Executive Directors	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Policy on Related Party Transactions	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Whistle Blower Policy	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Code of Corporate Disclosure Practices	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Policy on Determination of Materiality for Disclosure	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Document Retention and Archival Policy	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) at Workplace Policy	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx
Reconciliation of Share Capital Audit Report	http://aplmetalsltd.com/ShareHoldersInfo.aspx

For and on behalf of Board of Directors

Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya, Chairman & Managing Director (00019420)

Place: Kolkata Date : 09-08-2023 Prakash Kumar Damani Director (DIN-01166790)

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### 29. Certificate by Chief Executive Officer & Chief Financial Officer under Reg- 33(2) and 17(8)

While placing quarterly financial results CEO and CFO of the company; certify to the Board under Reg33(2) that the financial results do not contain (i) any false or misleading statement or figures and (ii) do not omit any material fact which makes the statements misleading. The Annual Certificate by CEO/CFO under Reg-17(8) is furnished below:-

#### The Board of Directors APL Metals Limited 18/1A, Hindustan Road, Kolkata - 700029

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we certify that -

(a) We have reviewed the financial statements and the cash flow statement for the year ended on 31<sup>e</sup> March,2023 and based on our knowledge and belief, we state that:

(i) These statements do not contain any materially untrue statement or omit any material fact or contain any statement that might be misleading

(ii) These statements together present a true and fair view of the Company's affairs and are in compliance with existing accounting standards, applicable laws and regulations

(b) There are no transactions entered into by the Company during the year, which are fraudulent, illegal or violate of the Company's Code of Conduct.

(c) We are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls for financial reporting and we have evaluated the effectiveness of the same over the financial reporting of the Company and we have not come across any reportable deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls.

(d) We have indicated, based on our most recent evaluation, wherever applicable, to the Auditors and Audit Committee-

(i) significant changes, if any, in the internal control over financial reporting during the year

(ii) significant changes, if any, in the accounting policies made during the year and that the same has been disclosed in the notes to the financial statements; and

liii) There are no instances of significant fraud of which we have become aware.

Sd/-

Place: Kolkata Dated:09.08.2023 Rajnish Gambhir Chief Financial Officer Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya (DIN-00019420) Managing Director & CEO

# 30. CERTIFICATE OF NON-DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

(pursuant to Regulation 34(3) and Schedule V Para C clause (10)(i) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015)

#### To, The Members of APL Metals Limited, Kolkata, West Bengal

I have examined the relevant registers, records, forms, returns and disclosures received from the Directors of **APL Metals Limited** having CIN : L24224WB1948PLC017455 and having registered office at 18/1A, Hindustan Road, Kolkata-700 029 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Company'), produced before us by the Company for the purpose of issuing this Certificate, in accordance with Regulation 34(3) read with Schedule V Para-C Sub clause 10(i) of the Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations,2015.

In my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the verifications (including Directors Identification Number (DIN) status at the portal <u>www.mca.gov.in</u> as considered necessary and explanations furnished to me, I hereby certify that none of the Directors on the Board of the Company as stated below for the Financial Year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 have been debarred or disqualified from being appointed or continuing as Directors of the Company by the Securities and Exchange Board of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs or any such other Statutory Authority:

S1	Name of Director	DIN	Date of Appointment
1	Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya	00019420	6 <sup>th</sup> January, 2005
2	2 Mr Om Prakash Saxena 010		28 <sup>th</sup> April,2010
3	Mr. Raghav Bajora	08713745	1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2021
4	Mr.Rajendra Sahay	02633026	30 <sup>th</sup> May,2013
5	Mr.Prakash Kumar Damani	01166790	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov,2016
6	Mrs. Harsha Sharma	09255202	3 <sup>rd</sup> August, 2021

Ensuring the eligibility of for the appointment / continuity of every Director on the Board is the responsibility of the management of the Company. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these based on my verification. This certificate is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company nor of the efficiency or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

Sd/-For **Rinku Gupta & Associates**,

Place: Kolkata Date : 09/08/2023 UDIN : F009237E000765509

Rinku Gupta, Practicing Company Secretary Membership No. : FCS 9237 CP No.: 9248

#### 31. Auditors' Certificate on Corporate Governance

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The Members of

#### **APL Metals Limited**

We have examined the compliance of the conditions of Corporate Governance by APL Metals Limited (Formerly Associated Pigments Limited) having registered office at 18/1A, Hindustan Road, Kolkata-7000029 as per Regulations 17 to 27, clauses (b) to (i) of sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 46 and paragraphs C, D and E of Schedule V of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 for the year ended 31<sup>s</sup> March, 2023.

#### Management's responsibility

The Company's management takes full responsibility of the compliance of the conditions of corporate governance as stipulated in the regulations mentioned above.

#### Auditors' responsibility

Our examination was limited to procedures and implementation thereof, adopted by the Company for ensuring the compliance of the conditions of the Corporate Governance. It is neither an audit nor an expression of opinion on the financial statements of the Company.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the 'Guidance Note on Audit Reports and Certificates for 'Special Purposes' issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Our responsibility is to certify based on the work done.

#### Conclusion

In our opinion, and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, we certify that the Company has complied with the conditions of Corporate Governance as specified in Regulations 17 to 27, clauses (b) to (i) of sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 46 and paragraphs C, D and E of Schedule V of the Listing Regulations, as applicable.

We further state that such compliance is neither an assurance as to the further viability of the Company nor the efficiency or effectiveness with which the Management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

#### **Restrictions on use**

This certificate is issued solely for the purposes of complying with the aforesaid Regulations and may not be suitable for any other purpose.

For VPC & Associates Chartered Accountants Firm Registration No: 313203E

Sd/-(R K VYAS) (Partner) Membership No. 051386 UDIN : 23051386BGUZJW497

Date : 09.08.2023 Place : Kolkata

# ANNEXURE - 2

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#### STATEMENTOF EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO SECTION 197(12) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 READ WITH RULE 5(1) & (2) OF THE COMPANIES (APPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION OF MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL) RULES, 2014 FOR FY 2022-23

Name of the Director / CEO / CFO / Company Secretary / Manager	Designation	(I) Ratio of the remuneration of each director to the median remuneration of the employees of the Company for the financial year 2022-23	(ii) Percentage in crease in Remuneration during 2022-23
Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya	Managing Director/CEO	16.67:1	NIL
Mr. Rajnish Gambhir	Executive Director / CFO	4.89:1	NIL
Mr. Ram Narayan Prajapati	Company Secretary	5.17:1	NIL

Sl. No.	Description	Remarks
(iii)	the percentage increase in the median remuneration of employee in the financial year;	NIL
(iv)	the number of permanent employees on the rolls of company;	91
(v)	average percentile increase already made in the salaries of employees other than the managerial personnel in the last financial year and its comparison with the percentile increase in the managerial remuneration and justification thereof and point out if there are any exceptional circumstances for increase in the managerial remuneration;	Average Percentile Increase in Remuneration of Non-Managerial Remuneration – 3.93%.Average Percentile Increase in Remune- ration of Managerial Remu- neration-Nil. The Increase is normal and based on performances decided by the company.

No employee was in receipt of remuneration exceeding the minimum threshold limit prescribed for reporting under Rule-5(2) and hence same is not furnished.

SI.	Name/Age/Qualification/Experience/ Last Employment/ Date of Appointment	Designation /Number of Equity Shares held	Gross Remuneration (Rupees)
1	Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya/63/B.Tech/more than 39 years/None/1 <sup>st</sup> October <i>,</i> 1982	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer(KMP)-21,63,657 equity shares	36,00,000
2	Mr. Ram Narayan Prajapati/71/B.Com, FCA, FCS,LLB/more than 41 years/Jindal Pipes Limited/30 <sup>th</sup> May,2013	Company Secretary and Compliance Officer(KMP)/- 100 equity shares	11,16,000
3	Mr. Rajnish Gambhir /62/B.Com//more than 37 years/ Self-employed/1 <sup>st</sup> November,2008	Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer (KMP)/- 500 equity shares	10,56,000
4	Mr. Pushpendu Das/63/B.Sc/more than 37 yrs/ Self-employed//1 <sup>st</sup> April,1992	General Manager –Nil equity shares	9,60,000
5	Mr. Basant Kumar Jha /62/B.com/LLB/Diploma in Personal Management/ more than 40 yrs /Self employed/2 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2021(Employed for part of the year)	Factory Manager -500 equity shares	9,00,000
6	Mr. Sanjay Prasad/59/B.Com(Hon)/ more than 31years/Self-employed/1 <sup>st</sup> July ,2003	Senior Manager ( Accounts )- 622 equity shares	8,76,000
7	Mr. Anil Kumar Verma/75/MBA/ more than 45 years /Self Employed /1 <sup>st</sup> April , 2009	Regional Sales Manager- 322 equity shares	8,16,000
8	Mr. Anupam Rakshit/39/B.Tech in Chemical Engineering/ more than 12 years / Self Employed /1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2013	Production Manager - Nil Equity Shares	7,92,000
9	Mr. Kunal Gupta/66/B.A. (Hon)/ more than 39years/ Self Employed /1 <sup>st</sup> February ,2011	Deputy General Manager (Sales)-Nil equity shares	7,21,440
10	Mr. Raju Chowdhury / 33/ M.com, ACS, LLB/ more than 8 years/ Self Employed / 1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2021)	Jt. Company Secretary Nil Equity Shares	6,18,000

The list of top ten employees in terms of Remuneration on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 as per Rule-5(2) are as under:-

It is hereby affirmed that the remuneration to managerial personnel referred above is as per the remuneration policy of the company and Appointment Letters accepted by the employees.

All above employee were paid remuneration for the full year during FY 2022-23  $\,$ 

None of the above employees except Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya is a member of the Board of Directors nor any of them is a relative of any director. Other details can be furnished to the shareholders on request.

#### ANNEXURE -3

#### ANNUAL REPORT ON CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPOSIBILITY (CSR) ACTIVITIES (Pursuant to Section-135 read with the Companies Social Responsibility Policy Rules, 2014) (CSR Rules)

#### 1. Brief Outline on CSR Policy of the Company:

The Board of Directors have approved its CSR Policy recommended by CSR Committee named as APL CSR Policy in accordance with Section 135 of the Companies Act 2013 and the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014 which underlines the guiding principles and mechanisms for undertaking various CSR activities/ programs by the Company .The objectives of the APL CSR Policy are to:

- Increasingly contribute to activities that are beneficial to the society and community at large.
- Chart out a mechanism for undertaking CSR activities directly or engaging approved external agency to carry out such activities in compliance to the existing and up dated legal and regulatory requirements.

#### The CSR policy setting out CSR activities is posted on the web link of the company http://aplmetalsltd.com/Index.aspx

SR. No.	Name of Director	Designation/Nature of directorship	Number of meetings of CSR Committee held during the year	Number of meetings of CSR Committee held during the year
1.	Mrs. Harsha Sharma	Chairperson - Non Executive Independent Director	2	2
2	Mr. Prakash Kumar Damani	Member – Non Executive Director	2	2
3.	Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya	Member – Managing Director	2	2
4.	Mr RajendraSahay	Member – Non Executive Independent Director	2	2

#### 2. Composition of CSR Committee:

3. Web-link where Composition of CSR committee, CSR Policy and CSR Projects approved by the board are disclosed on the website of the Company-<u>http://aplmetalsltd.com/Index.aspx.</u>

- 4. Details of Impact assessment of CSR projects carried out in pursuance of sub-rule (3) of rule 8 of the Companies (Corporate Social responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014, if applicable Not Applicable.
- 5. (a) Average net profit of the company as per sub-section (5) of section 135: Rs.796.31 lacs
  - (b) Two percent of average net profit of the company as per sub-section (5) of section 135 : Rs. 15.93 lacs
  - (c) Surplus arising out of the CSR Projects or programmes or activities of the previous financial years: Nil
  - (d) Amount required to be set-off for the financial year, if any. Nil
  - (e) Total CSR obligation for the financial year [(b)+(c)-(d)]: Rs. 15.93 lacs

- 6. (a) Amount spent on CSR Projects (both Ongoing Project and other than Ongoing Project) :Rs 16.00 lacs
  - (b) Amount spent in Administrative Overheads : Nil
  - (c) Amount spent on Impact Assessment, if applicable : Nil
  - (d) Total amount spent for the Financial Year [(a)+(b)+(c)]: Rs 16.00 lacs
  - (e) CSR amount spent or unspent for the Financial Year:-

Total Amount	Amount Unspent (in Rs)					
Spent for the Financial Year (in Rs.)	Total Amount transferred to Unspent CSR Account as per sub-section (6) of section 135.		Amount transferred to any fund specified under Schedule VII as per second provison to sub-section (5)			
()	Amount	Date of transfer	Name of the Fund	Amount	Date of transfer	
Rs. 16.00 lacs	_	_	-	—	—	

#### (f) Excess amount for set-off, if any :

Sl. No.	Particulars	Rupees in lacs
1	Two percent of average net profit of the company as per section 135(5)	15.93
2	Total amount spent for the Financial Year	16.00
3	Excess amount spent for the financial year [(2)-(1)]	0.07
4	Surplus arising out of the CSR projects or programmes or activities of the previous financial years, if any	Nil
5	Amount available for set off in succeeding financial years [(3)-(4)]	0.07

#### 7. Details of Unspent Corporate Social Responsibility amount for the preceding three Financial Years:

1	2	3	4	5	(	6	7	8
Sr. No.	Preceding Finaicial Year(s)	Amount transferred to Unspent CSR Account under sub– section (6) of section 135	Amount transferred to Unspent CSR Account under sub– section (6) of section 135	Amount Spent in the Financial Year (in Rs.)	Amount tran: Fund as spec Schedule V second provi section (5) of if ar Amount (in Rs.)	cified under /II as per son to sub- section 135,	Amount remaining to be spent in succeeding Financial Years (in Rs.)	Deficiency if any
	NIL							

8. Whether any capital assets have been created or acquired through Corporate Social Responsibility amount spent in the Financial Year: **No** 

Hence no reporting of capital assets created is required.

9. Specify the reason(s), if the company has failed to spend two per cent of the average net profit as per subsection (5) of section 135: **Not applicable.** 

Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya (DIN - 00019420) Managing Director Mrs. Harsha Sharma (DIN- 09255202) Chairperson, CSR Committee

Place: Kolkata

Dated: 09.08.2023



# MR - 3 Secretarial Audit Report

[Pursuant to section 204(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule No. 9 of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014] FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup>MARCH, 2023

To, The Board of Directors APL METALS LIMITED (Formerly Associated Pigments Limited) 18/1A, Hindustan Road, Kolkata – 700 029

I have conducted the secretarial audit of the compliance of applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by APL Metals Limited (hereinafter called "the Company"). The secretarial audit was conducted in a manner that provided me a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts / statutory compliances and expressing my opinion thereon.

Based on my verification of the Company's books, papers, minute books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the Company and also the information provided by the Company, its officers, agents and authorised representatives during the conduct of secretarial audit, I hereby report that in my opinion, the Company has, during the audit period covering the financial year ended on March 31, 2023 complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder and also that the Company has proper Board-processes and compliance-mechanism in place to the extent and in the manner reported hereinafter.

I have examined the books, papers, minute books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by APL Metals Limited for the financial year ended on March 31, 2023 according to the provisions of -

- (i) The Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) and the rules made thereunder;
- (ii) The Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 ('SCRA') and the Rules made thereunder;
- (iii) The Depositories Act, 1996 and the Regulations and Bye-laws framed thereunder;
- (iv) The Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder;
- (v) The following Regulations and Guidelines prescribed under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 ('SEBI Act') to the extent applicable to the Company:
  - a) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015;
  - b) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011;
  - c) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015
  - d) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018;
  - e) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993 regarding the Companies Act, and dealing with client;
  - f) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Delisting of Equity shares) Regulations, 2009;
  - g) The Securities and Exchange Board of India(Buyback of securities) Regulations, 2008;

- h) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Employee Stock Option Scheme and Employee stock purchase Scheme) Guidelines, 1999;
- i) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Debt Securities)Regulations, 2008;
- vi) Other Applicable Acts:
  - a. The Employees Provident fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952
  - b. Employees' State insurance Act, 1948
  - c. Factories Act, 1948
  - d. Indian Contract Act, 1872
  - e. Income Tax Act, 1961 and Indian Tax Laws
  - f. Industrial dispute Act, 1947
  - g. The Payment of Bonus Act, 1965
  - h. The Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972
  - i. The Payment of Wages Act, 1936 and other applicable Labour Laws.
  - j. Sexual harassment of woman at workplace (prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013
  - k. Indian Boilers Act, 1923.

I have also examined compliance with the applicable clauses of the following:

- (i) Secretarial Standards (SS-1 and SS-2) issued by the institute of Company Secretaries of India.
- (ii) The Listing Agreements entered in to by the Company with Stock Exchanges

During the period under review, the company has complied with provisions of the Act, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines and Standards etc. mentioned above.

#### I further report that

TheBoard of Directors of the Company is duly constituted with proper balance of Executive Directors, Non-Executive Directors and Independent Directors. The change in the composition of the Board of Directors that took place during the period under review were carried out in compliance with the provisions of the Act.

Adequate notice is given to all Directors to schedule the Board Meetings, agenda and related notes on agenda were sent at least seven days in advance, and a system exists for seeking and obtaining further information and clarifications on the agenda items before the meeting and meaningful participation at the meeting.

Majority decision is carried through while the dissenting members' views are captured and recorded as part of the minutes.

I further report that there are adequate system and process in the company commensurate with the size and operations of the company to monitor and ensure compliance with applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidelines.

This report is to be read with our letter on the even date which is annexed as "Annexure A"

and forms an integral part of this report

#### For Rinku Gupta & Associates

Rinku Gupta Company Secretary in Practice FCS NO - 9248 CP NO - 9237 UDIN : F009237E000765509 Sd/-

Place : Kolkata Date : 09.08.2023

ANNEXURE – A

To, The Board of Directors **APL METALS LIMITED** (Formerly Associated Pigments Limited) 18/1A, Hindustan Road, Kolkata – 700 029

#### My report of even date is to be read along with this letter.

- 1. Maintenance of Secretarial record is the responsibility of the Management of the company. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these secretarial records based on my audit.
- 2. I had followed the audit practices and processes as were appropriate to obtain reasonable assurance about the correctness of the contents of the Secretarial records.

The verification was done on test basis to ensure that correct facts are reflected in secretarial records. I believe that the processes and practices, followed provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

- 3. I have not verified the correctness and appropriateness of financial records and Books of Accounts of the company.
- 4. Where ever required I have obtained the Management representations about the compliance of laws, rules and regulations and happening of events etc.
- 5. The compliance of the provisions of Corporate and other applicable laws, rules, regulations, standards is the responsibility of management. My examination was limited to the verification of procedures on test basis.
- 6. The Secretarial Audit report is neither as assurance as to the future viability of the company nor of the efficacy or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

For Rinku Gupta & Associates

Rinku Gupta Company Secretary in Practice FCS NO - 9248 CP NO - 9237 UDIN : F009237E000765509 Place : Kolkata Date : 09.08.2023

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF APL METALS LIMITED

### Report on the Standalone Ind AS Financial Statements

# **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying standalone financial statements of **APL METALS LIMITED** (Formerly Known as Associated Pigments Limited), which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023, the Statement of Profit and Loss (including other comprehensive income), the Statement of changes in equity, the Cash Flow Statement, and Notes to the standalone Ind AS financial statements, a summary of the significant accounting policies and other explanatory information for the year then ended, in which are incorporated the accounts of company's manufacturing units at Panskura (West Bengal), B.T. road (West Bengal) and Malwan (Uttar Pradesh), Malwan branch not visited by us.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid standalone financial statements give the information required by the Companies Act,2013 ("the Act") in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the Indian Accounting Standards prescribed under section 133 of the Act read with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules 2015, as amended (Ind AS) and other principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Company as at 31st March 2023, the profit and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and its cash flows for the year ended on that date.

# **Basis of Opinion**

We conducted our audit of the standalone financial statements in accordance with the Standards on Auditing specified under section 143(10) of the Act (SAs). Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Standalone Financial Statements section of this report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountant of India (ICAI) together with the independence requirements that are relevant to our audit of the standalone financial statements under the provision of the Act and the Rules made thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ICAI's Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the standalone financial statements.

# **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters ('KAM') are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the Standalone financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the standalone financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. The applicable KAM are as under :

# **Description of Key Audit Matters**

The Key Audit Matters	Audit checks and balances adopted
Status of Taxation	
<ol> <li>The company has compute Deferred Tax Assets and listing in provision for deferexpenses aggregating to ₹ 180 (169.00 Lacs) due to substreduction in carry forweareduction in carry forweareduction in carry forweareduction in carry forweareduction (Refer Statement of Herberg).</li> <li>The company has received a derectification petition to the autofor set off of income with unabrought forward losses.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>Assessments completed up to date</li> <li>Assessments completed up to date</li> <li>Representation and correspondence made before the concerned Government Authorities.</li> <li>Profit &amp;</li> <li>Provision of current law and rules there under</li> <li>Explanation and Information provided by the management.</li> </ul>
Joint Development Agreement	
<ol> <li>Joint development agreemer 19<sup>th</sup> March,2013, was annulled of settlement agreement dat June, 2022 reconfirmed by High Court, Calcutta on 19th Ju A sum of ₹ 418.12 Lacs was pa developer towards compensa terms of said settlement agreen reclaim of said property for commercial exploitation and h added to the carrying amount in-trade(Land) as per accor policy consistently followed. (I 2.03)</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>inter alla the following:</li> <li>Inter alla the following:</li> <li>Joint Development Agreement &amp; Various correspondence with party.</li> <li>Verified the settlement agreement dated 21<sup>st</sup>June, 2022 and reconfirmed order of Hon'ble High court dated 19<sup>th</sup> July,2022.</li> </ul>

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## Information Other than the Standalone Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Management Discussion and Analysis, Board's Report including Annexures to Board's Report, Business Responsibility, Corporate Governance and Shareholders Information, but does not include the standalone financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the standalone financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the standalone financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the standalone financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the course of our audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we performed, we conclude that there is material misstatement of this information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Standalone Financial Statements

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the matters stated in Section 134(5) of the Companies Act, 2013 with respect to the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance, total comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows of the Company in accordance with the IND AS and other accounting principles generally accepted in India. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the standalone financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable ,matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations , or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Boards of Directors are also responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process

# Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Standalone Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under section 143(3)(i) of the Act, we are also responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the Company has adequate internal financial controls with reference to financial statements in place and the operating effectiveness of such controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the standalone financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Materiality is the magnitude of misstatements in the standalone financial statements that, individually or in aggregate, makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable user of the standalone financial statements may be influenced. We consider quantitative materiality and qualitative factors in (i) planning the scope of our audit work and in evaluating the results of our work; and (ii) to evaluate the effect of any identified misstatements in the standalone financial statements.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements for the financial year ended March 31, 2023 and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

# **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

- 1) As required by the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 ("the Order") issued by the Central Government in terms of Section 143(11) of the Act, we give in **"Annexure A"** a statement on the matters specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Order.
- 2) As required by Section143(3) of the Act, we report that:
  - a. We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
  - b. In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Company so far as it appears from our examination of those books.
  - c. The Balance Sheet, the Statement of Profit and Loss including the Statement of Other Comprehensive Income, the Cash Flow Statement, the Statement of changes in Equity dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account.
  - d. In our opinion, the aforesaid Ind AS financial statements comply with the Accounting Standards specified under Section 133 of the Act, read with Rule 7 of the Companies (Accounts) Rules 2014 and the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended.

- e. On the basis of the written representations received from the Directors as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 taken on record by the Board of Directors, none of the Directors are disqualified as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 from being appointed as Director in terms of Section164 (2)of the Act.
- f. With respect to the adequacy of the internal financial controls and operating effectiveness of such controls, refer to our separate report in **"Annexure B"**. Our report expresses an unmodified opinion of the adequacy and operating effectiveness of the Company's internal financial controls over financial reporting.
- g. With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditor's Report in accordance with the requirements of section 197(16) of the Act, as amended, In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the remuneration paid by the Company to its directors during the year is in accordance with the provisions of section 197 of the Act.
- h. With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditor's Report in accordance with Rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:
  - i. The Company has disclosed the impact of pending litigations on its financial position in its Ind AS Financial Statements Refer Note No. 2.14.
  - ii. The Company had made provision, as required under the applicable law or accounting standards for material foreseeable losses, if any, on long-term contracts including derivative contracts-Refer Note no. 2.15.
  - iii. The Company does not have any amount which is required to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Company as per section 124 of the Companies Act 2013.
  - iv. The management has represented that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds have been advanced or loaned or invested (either from borrowed funds or share premium or any other sources or kind of funds) by the Company to or in any other persons or entities, including foreign entities ("Intermediaries") with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Intermediary shall directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") by or on behalf of the Company or provide any guarantee, security or the like to or on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries.

The management has represented, that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds have been received by the Company from any persons or entities, including foreign entities ("Funding Parties"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Company shall directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") by or on behalf of the Funding Party or provide any guarantee, security or the like from or on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries; and Based on such audit procedures as considered reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances, nothing has come to our notice that has caused us to believe that the aforesaid representations contain any material mis-statement.

- v. The Company has not declared or paid dividends during the year.
- vi. Proviso to Rule 3(1) of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014 for maintaining books of account using accounting software which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility is applicable to the Company w.e.f. April 1, 2023, and accordingly, reporting under Rule 11(g) of Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 is not applicable for the financial year ended March 31, 2023.

For VPC & Associates Chartered Accountants Firm Registration No: 313203E

(Rajendra Kumar Vyas) (Partner) Membership No. 051386 Place: Kolkata Date: 29<sup>\*</sup>May, 2023 UDIN: 23051386BGUZJL9440

# ANNEXURE A TO THE AUDITORS' REPORT

(Referred to in Paragraph 1 under the heading of "Report on other Legal and Regulatory Requirements" of our report of even date)

- 1.01 The Company has maintained proper records to show full particulars, including quantitative details and situation of Property, Plant & Equipment.
- 1.02 All Property, Plant and Equipment have not been physically verified by the management during the year but there is a regular programme of verification of all the Property, Plant and Equipment over a period of three years which, in our opinion, is reasonable having regard to the size of the Company and the nature of its assets. No material discrepancies were noticed on such verification.
- 1.03 The title deeds of immovable properties are held in the name of the company.
- 1.04 The Company has not revalued its Property, Plant and Equipment (including Right of use assets) or intangible assets during the year ended March 31, 2023.
- 1.05 There are no proceedings initiated or are pending against the Company for holding any benami property under the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988 and rules made thereunder.
- 2.01 The inventory has been physically verified at reasonable intervals during the year by the internal auditor (a firm of chartered accountant). The minor discrepancies were less than 10% (in value & quantity) for each class of inventory were not reported.
- 2.02 The Company has been sanctioned working capital limits in excess of Rs. five crores in aggregate from banks during the year on the basis of security of current assets of the Company. The quarterly returns/statements filed by the Company with such banks are in agreement with the books of accounts of the Company.
- 3.01 According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the Company, the Company has not made any investments, provided guarantee or security or granted any advances in the nature of loans, secured or unsecured, to companies, firms, limited liability partnerships or any other parties during the year.
- 3.02 Since the company has not made any investments, provided guarantee or security or granted any advances in the nature of loans, secured or unsecured, to companies, firms, limited liability partnerships or any other parties during the year so reporting under clause b,c,d,e & f is not required.
- 4. According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records, the Company has not given any loans, or provided any guarantee or security as specified under Section 185 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Company has not provided any guarantee or security as specified under Section 186 of the Companies Act, 2013.

- 5. The Company has not accepted any deposits or amounts which are deemed to be deposits from the public. Accordingly, clause 3(v) of the Order is not applicable.
- 6. We have broadly reviewed the books of account maintained by the Company pursuant to the rules made by the Central Government for the maintenance of cost records under section 148(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, and are of the opinion that prima facie, the specified accounts and records have been made and maintained. We have not, however, made a detailed examination of the same.
- 7.01 According to the records of the company undisputed statutory dues including provident fund, investor education protection fund, employees state insurance, income tax, sales tax, service tax, custom duty, excise duty and other material statutory dues have been generally regularly deposited with the appropriate authorities.
- 7.02 According to the information and explanation given to us and the records of the company examined by us, there are no dues of wealth tax and customs duty which have not been deposited on account of any dispute. The particulars of any dues of income tax, sales tax, service tax and excise duty as at 31st March, 2023 which have not been deposited on account of a dispute, are as under:

Name of Statute	Nature of the Dues	Amount (₹) (Lacs)	Financial Year to which the Amount relates	Forum where dispute is pending
West Bengal Sales Tax Act, 1994	Purchase Tax	0.21	1994 -95	The West Bengal Commercial Tax Appellate & Revisional Board
-Do-	Central Sales Tax	0.62	1994-95	-Do-
-Do-	West Bengal sales tax Interest Purchase Tax Penalty	3.27 0.21 1.00 0.10	2004-05	The West Bengal Commercial Tax Taxation Tribunal
Central Sales Tax Act,1956	Central Sales Tax Penalty	2.31 0.15	2004-05	-Do-
Income Tax Act, 1961	Income Tax	6328.85	2017-18	ITAT (Kolkata)
West Bengal Value Added Tax Act, 2003	Vat P. Tax ITC Interest	9.41 0.13 18.49 6.38	2013-14	Additional Commissioner Commercial Taxes
Central Excise Act,1944	Excise Duty Demand Penalty	63.50 63.50	2014-15 & 2015-16	Joint Commissioner CGST & Central Excise
Income Tax Act, 1961	Income Tax	150.42	2020-21	Assessing Officer, Income Tax

- 8. The Company has not surrendered or disclosed any transaction, previously unrecorded in the books of account, in the tax assessments under the Income Tax Act, 1961 as income during the year. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(viii) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- 9. (a) The Company has not defaulted in repayment of loans or other borrowings or in the payment of interest thereon to any lender.
  - (b) The Company has not been declared wilful defaulter by any bank or financial institution or government or any government authority.
  - (c) In our opinion and according to the information and explaination given to us by the management, term loans were applied for purpose for which it was obtained.
  - (d) On an overall examination of the financial statements of the Company, no funds raised on short-term basis have been used for long-term purposes by the Company.
  - (e) On an overall examination of the financial statements of the Company, the Company has not taken any funds from any entity or person on account of or to meet the obligations of its subsidiaries or associates.
  - (f) The Company has not raised loans during the year on the pledge of securities held in its subsidiaries or associate companies. Hence, the requirement to report on clause (ix)(f) of the Order is not applicable to the Company
- 10. (a) The Company has not raised any money during the year by way of initial public offer / further public offer (including debt instruments) hence, the requirement to report on clause 3(x)(a) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
  - (b) The Company has not made any preferential allotment or private placement of shares / fully or partially or optionally convertible debentures during the year under audit and hence, the requirement to report on clause 3(x)(b) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- 11. (a) No fraud/ material fraud by the Company or no fraud / material fraud on the Company has been noticed or reported during the year.
  - (b) According to the information and explanations given by the management, during the year, no report under sub-section (12) of section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013 has been filed by cost auditor/ secretarial auditor or by us in Form ADT – 4 as prescribed under Rule 13 of Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 with the Central Government.
  - (c) As represented to us by the management, there are no whistle blower complaints received by the Company during the year.

- 12. The Company is not a nidhi Company as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013. Therefore, the requirement to report on clause 3(xii)(a) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- 13. According to the information and explanations given by the management, transactions with the related parties are in compliance with section 177 and 188 of Companies Act, 2013 where applicable and the details have been disclosed in the notes to the standalone Ind AS financial statements, as required by the applicable accounting standards.
- 14. (a) According to the information and explanations given by the management, the Company has an internal audit system commensurate with the size and nature of its business.
  - (b) The internal audit reports of the Company issued till the date of the audit report, for the period under audit have been considered by us.
- 15. According to information and explanations given by the management, the Company has not entered into any non-cash transactions with directors or persons connected with him as referred to in section 192 of Companies Act, 2013.
- 16. (a) According to the information and explanations given by the management, the provisions of section 45-IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 are not applicable to the Company. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3 (xvi)(a) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
  - (b) According to the information and explanations given by the management, the Company has not conducted any Non-Banking Financial or Housing Finance activities without obtaining a valid Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the Reserve Bank of India as per the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
  - (c) According to the information and explanations given by the management, the Company is not a Core Investment Company as defined in the regulations made by Reserve Bank of India. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(xvi) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- 17. The Company has not incurred cash losses in the current year as well as in the immediately preceding financial year respectively.
- 18. There has been no resignation of the statutory auditors during the year and accordingly requirement to report on Clause 3(xviii) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- 19. On the basis of the financial ratios disclosed in note 2.19 to the Ind AS financial statements, ageing and expected dates of realization of financial assets and payment of financial liabilities, other information accompanying the financial statements, our knowledge of the Board of Directors and management plans and based on our examination of the evidence supporting the assumptions, nothing has come to our attention, which causes us to believe that any material uncertainty exists as on the date of the audit report that

Company is not capable of meeting its liabilities existing at the date of balance sheet as and when they fall due within a period of one year from the balance sheet date. We, however, state that this is not an assurance as to the future viability of the Company. We further state that our reporting is based on the facts up to the date of the audit report and we neither give any guarantee nor any assurance that all liabilities falling due within a period of one year from the balance sheet date, will get discharged by the Company as and when they fall due.

- 20. (a) In respect of other than ongoing projects, there are no unspent amounts that are required to be transferred to a fund specified in Schedule VII of the Companies Act (the Act), in compliance with second proviso to sub section 5 of section 135 of the Act. This matter has been disclosed in note 2.07 to the financial statements.
  - (b) There are no amounts that are unspent under section (5) of section 135 of Companies Act, pursuant to any ongoing project, required to be transferred to special account in compliance of with provisions of sub section (6) of section 135 of the said Act.
- 21. There are no qualifications or adverse remarks by the respective auditors in the Companies (Auditors Report) Order (CARO) reports of the companies included in the consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(xxi) of the Order is not applicable to the Holding Company.

For VPC & Associates *Chartered Accountants* Firm Registration No: 313203E

(Rajendra Kumar Vyas) (Partner) Membership No. 051386 Place: Kolkata Date: 29th May, 2023 UDIN: 23051386BGUZJL9440

# ANNEXURE "B" TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT OF EVEN DATE ON THE STANDALONE IND AS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF APL METALS LIMITED. (Formerly known as Associated Pigments Limited)

Report on the Internal Financial Controls under Clause (i) of Sub-section 3 of Section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act")

We have audited the internal financial controls over financial reporting of **APL METALS LIMITED (Formerly Associated Pigments Limited)** as of 31st March, 2023 in conjunction with our audit of the standalone Ind AS financial statements of the Company for the year ended on that date.

#### Management's Responsibility for Internal Financial Controls

The Company s management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal financial controls. These responsibilities include the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to company s policies, the safeguarding of its assets, the prevention and detection of frauds and errors, the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, and the timely preparation of reliable financial information, as required under the Companies Act, 2013.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal financial controls over financial reporting based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting (the "Guidance Note") and the Standards on Auditing, issued by ICAI and deemed to be prescribed under section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013, to the extent applicable to an audit of internal financial controls, both applicable to an audit of Internal Financial Controls and, both issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those Standards and the Guidance 168 Note require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether adequate internal financial controls over financial reporting was established and maintained and if such controls operated effectively in all material respects. Our audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the adequacy of the internal financial controls system over financial reporting and their operating effectiveness. Our audit of internal financial controls over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal financial controls over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. The procedures selected depend on the auditor s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Ind AS financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the Company s internal financial controls system over financial reporting.

#### Meaning of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting

A company's internal financial control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of Ind AS financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal financial control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with

generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

#### Inherent Limitations of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting

Because of the inherent limitations of internal financial controls over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal financial controls over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal financial control over financial reporting may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the Company has, in all material respects, an adequate internal financial controls system over financial reporting and such internal financial controls over financial reporting were operating effectively as at 31st March, 2023

For VPC & Associates *Chartered Accountants* Firm Registration No: 313203E

(Rajendra Kumar Vyas) (Partner) Membership No. 051386 Place: Kolkata Date: 29th May, 2023 UDIN: 23051386BGUZJL9440

<b>APL Metals</b>	Limited	(Formerly - Associated Pigments Limited)
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<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2023
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(₹ in lacs)

Particulars	Notes	As at 31.03.2023	As at 31.03.2022
ASSETS :			
Non-current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	3	2,344.69	2,246.87
Capital Work- In Progress	3	-	14.16
Financial Assets			
(i) Other Financial Assets	4	83.73	84.42
Total Non-Current Assets (1)		2,428.42	2,345.45
Current Assets		,	
Inventories	5	16,649.83	15,156.41
Financial Assets			
(i) Trade Receivables	6	1,060.42	484.44
(ii) Cash & Cash equivalents	7	26.39	1,637.54
(iii) Other Bank Balance with Banks	8	128.66	105.54
(iv) Other Financial Assets	9	0.19	0.34
Current Tax Assets(Net)		227.66	160.50
Other current Assets	10	1,175.18	1,408.21
Total Current Assets (2)		19,268.33	18,952.98
Total Assets (1+2)		21,696.75	21,298.43
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES:			
Equity			
Equity Share Capital	11	1,072.09	1,072.09
Other Equity	12	1,576.70	1,387.55
Total Equity (1)		2,648.79	2,459.64
Liabilities			
Non-current Liabilities			
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>			
(i)Borrowings	13	4,670.49	4,760.27
(ii) Other Financial Liabilites	14	-	250.00
Provisions	15	113.81	103.11
Deffered Tax Liabilites(Net)	16	211.02	33.20
Total Non-Current Liabilities (2)		4,995.32	5,146.58
Current Liabilities			,, _,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , _, ,, ,, , , ,
Financial Liabilities			
(i)Borrowings	17	11,409.48	9,189.68
(ii)Trade Payables	18	1,936.42	4,179.99
(iii)Other financial liabilities	19	113.64	102.61
Other current liabilities	20	593.10	219.93
<b>Total Current Liabilities (3)</b>		14,052.64	13,692.21
Total Equity and Liabilities (1+2+3)		21,696.75	21,298.43

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Notes on accounts

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The accompanying notes 1 to 29 are an integral part of these Financial Statements

In terms of our attached report of even date For VPC & Associates Chartered Accountants Firm Registration No : 313203E

(Rajendra Kumar Vyas) Partner Membership No : 051386 Kolkata, 29th May, 2023 UDIN:23051386BGUZJL9440 For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

**Rajnish Gambhir** Chief Financial Officer DIN : 00459644

Ram Narayan Prajapati Company Secretary & Compliance Officer Membership No- FCS 1889 **Prakash Kumar Damani** Director DIN : 01166790

Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya Managing Director DIN : 00019420

Particulars	Notes	Year Ended 31.03.2023	Year Ended 31.03.2022
Income			
Revenue from Operations	21	73,583.94	72,429.13
Other Income	22	82.63	38.65
Total Income (1)		73,666.57	72,467.78
Expenses			
Cost of raw materials consumed	23	67,407.78	64,326.97
Purchase of stock-in-trade	24	419.66	2,033.10
Increase/Decrease in inventories of finished goods,			
work-in- progress and stock-in-trade	25	(2,123.31)	(1,115.87)
Employees benefits expenses	26	836.32	818.66
Finance costs	27	1,889.81	1,400.61
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	3	151.24	145.59
Other expenses	28	4,651.70	4,193.98
Total Expenses (2)		73,233.20	71,803.04
Profit Before Tax (1-2)		433.37	664.74
Tax Expenses:			
- Current Tax		-	-
- Deferred Tax		180.05	169.00
Profit for the year		253.32	495.74
Other Comprehensive Income /Expenses(net of tax)	1		
Items that will not be reclasified to profit & loss in			
subsequent period			
a) Finance cost on fair valuation of Non-			
Convertible redeemable Preference Shares		(57.51)	(53.25)
b) Remeasurement of net defined benefit asset/liability		(8.90)	1.61
c) Income tax relating to Remeasurement of net defined			
benefit asset/liability		2.24	(0.40)
Total Other Comprehensive Expense for the year(net of tax)		(64.17)	(52.04)
Total Comprehensive Income for the year		189.15	443.70
Earning Per Share ( in ₹ )	l f		
Basic and diluted EPS (Face Value of ₹ 10 each)	29	2.36	4.62

#### STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023. (₹ in lace)

Notes on accounts The accompanying notes 1 to 29 are an integral part of these Financial Statements

In terms of our attached report of even date

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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

**Rajnish Gambhir** Chief Financial Officer DIN: 00459644

Ram Narayan Prajapati Company Secretary & Compliance Officer Membership No- FCS 1889 Prakash Kumar Damani Director DIN: 01166790

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(Rajendra Kumar Vyas) Partner Membership No: 051386 Kolkata, 29th May, 2023 UDIN:23051386BGUZJL9440

All negative figures are in bracket

For VPC & Associates

**Chartered Accountants** Firm Registration No: 313203E

	Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2023	Year Ended 31.03.2022
A	<u>Cash Flow From Operating Activities</u> Net Profit Before Tax Adjustments :	433.37	664.74
	(Profit)/Loss on Sale of Assets Finance costs Depreciation & Amortization Expenses Interest Income Sundry Balance Written Back Sundry balance written off	(36.52) 1,889.81 151.24 (7.36) - 0.41	$(1.21) \\ 1,400.61 \\ 145.59 \\ (2.09) \\ 6.15 \\ 0.58$
	Operating profit Before Working Capital Changes	2,430.95	2,214.37
	Increase/(decrease) in Provisions Increase/(decrease) in Trade Payables Increase/(decrease) in Other Financial Liabilities Increase/(decrease) in Other Current Liabilities Increase/(decrease) in Other Non Current Liabilities Decrease/(Increase) in Other Non Current Financial Assets Decrease/(Increase) in Inventories Decrease/(Increase) in Trade & Other Receivables Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Financial Assets Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Financial Assets Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Financial Assets Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets Decrease/(Increase) in Current Tax Assets(Net)	$\begin{array}{c} 1.80 \\ (2,243.98) \\ 11.03 \\ 373.17 \\ (250.00) \\ 0.69 \\ (1,493.42) \\ (575.98) \\ 233.03 \\ 0.15 \\ (67.16) \end{array}$	13.90 (934.43) (18.78) 177.38 - 19.71 (1,421.32) (356.82) (730.77) 0.15 (60.89)
	Cash Generated from Operating Activities	(1,579.72)	(1,097.50)
	Net Cash flow from/(used in) Operating Activities (A)	(1,579.72)	(1,097.50)
В	Cash Flow From Investing Activities Purchase of Fixed Assets(including Capital Work-in-Progress) Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets Interest received	(247.18) 48.80 7.36	(344.78) 1.21 2.09
	Net Cash From Investing Activities (B)	(191.02)	(341.48)
С	<u>Cash Flow From Financing Activities</u> Proceeds From Long Term Borrowings Repayment of Long Term Borrowings Proceeds From / (Repayment of) Short Term Borrowings Interest paid	1,822.20 (1,906.88) 2,157.20 (1,889.81)	2,878.88 (2,041.85) 3,008.68 (1,400.61)
	Net Cash From Financing Activities (C)	182.71	2,445.10
	Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents(A+B+C)	(1,588.03)	1,006.12
	Opening Cash and Cash Equivalent & Other Bank Balance Closing Cash and Cash Equivalent & Other Bank Balance	1,743.08 155.05	736.96 1,743.08

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2023 (₹ in lacs)

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#### NOTE:

- 1) The above "Cash Flow Statement" has been prepared under "Indirect Method".
- 2) Previous year's figures have been re-arranged/regrouped wherever considered necessary.
- 3) Cash and cash equivalents includes.

	Cash in hand & Balance with Scheduled Bar	<u>ıks</u>		
a)	On Current Accounts		16.32	32.00
b)	Cash in hand (As Certified)		10.07	5.54
c)	Fixed Deposits with less than 3 months maturi	ity	-	1,600.00
		Total	26.39	1637.54
	Other bank balances			
a)	Fixed Deposits	_	128.66	105.54
		Total	155.05	1,743.08
4)	All Negative figures are in bracket			
Sum	mary of Significant Accounting Policies	1		
Not	es on Account	2		

The accompanying notes 1 to 29 are an integral part of these Financial Statements

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For VPC & Associates **Chartered Accountants** Firm Registration No: 313203E

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**Rajnish Gambhir** Prakash Kumar Damani Chief Financial Officer DIN: 00459644

Director DIN: 01166790

Ram Narayan Prajapati Company Secretary & **Compliance** Officer Membership No- FCS 1889

Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya Managing Director DIN:00019420

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A) Equity Share Capital	tal							
Balance as at April 1, 2022	Changes in equity share capital due to prior period errors	: capital due rrors	Restated Balance as at April 1, 2022	tted Balance as at April 1, 2022	Changes in e during th	Changes in equity share capital during the previous year		Balance as at March 31, 2023
1,072,.09				1,072,.09				1,072,.09
Balance as at April 1, 2021	Changes in equity share capital due to prior period errors	capital due rrors	Restated Ba April 1	Restated Balance as at April 1, 2021	Changes in e during th	Changes in equity share capital during the previous year		Balance as at March 31, 2022
1,072,.09				1,072,.09				1,072,.09
B) Other Equity								
Particulars	ars		Reserve a	Reserve and Surplus		Other Comprehensive Income	Comprehensive Income	Total
		Securities Premium	General Reserve	Capital Rreserve	Retained Earnings	Fair Value of Non-Convertible Reedemable Preference Share	Present Value of Defined Benefit Obligation	
Balance as at April 01	1, 2021	81.29	1,201.89	432.14	-1,390.81	554.39	64.95	943.85
Profit for the year					495.74			495.74
Other comprehensive inco for the year(Net of Taxes)	Other comprehensive income/ (Expense) for the year(Net of Taxes)				ı	-53.25	1.21	-52.04
March	Balance as at March 31, 2022	81.29	1,201.89	432.14	-895.07	501.14	66.16	1,387.55
Balance as at April 01	1, 2022	81.29	1,201.89	432.14	-895.07	501.14	66.16	1,387.55
Profit for the year					253.32			253.32
Other comprehensive (Expense) for the year	e income/ r (Net of Taxes)				I	-57.51	-6.66	-64.17
March	Balance as at March 31, 2023	81.29	1,201.89	432.14	-641.75	443.63	59.50	1,576.70

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## NOTES ATTACHED TO AND FORMING PART OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2023

## NOTE NO. 1: - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> CORPORATE INFORMATION

The Company is principally engaged in production of Refined Lead and Lead Alloys at its plants at Panskura, (WB) and Lead Oxides at its plants at B. T. Road (WB) and Malwan (UP). The registered office is situated at Kolkata, West Bengal. The company's financial statements are standalone statements. The Company have no holding/ subsidiary company.

## 1.01. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The disclosures of significant accounting policies are pertaining to the present activities of the company. However, in the year of new activity, the relevant accounting policies are incorporated.

## I. <u>Statement of Compliance</u>

The Standalone Financial Statements for the year under review have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (IND AS) as per the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 notified under Section 133 of Companies Act, 2013, (the 'Act') and other relevant amended provisions and rules of the Act issued thereafter.

## II. <u>Use of Estimates and Judgments</u>

In preparing these Standalone Financial Statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from such estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized prospectively. Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment in the year ending 31st March, 2023 are as follows:

- (a) Recognition of deferred tax assets depends on availability of future taxable profit against which tax losses carried forward can be used;
- (b) Measurement of defined benefit obligations are based on key actuarial assumptions;
- (c) Recognition and measurement of provisions and contingencies are based on key assumptions about the likelihood and magnitude of an outflow of resources;
- (d) Determining the fair value less costs to sell of the Non-current Assets held for Sale on the basis of significant unobservable inputs;

#### III. Functional and Presentation of Currency

All amounts stated in the financial statement are in Indian Rupees (INR in lacs) (r/off), unless specified otherwise.

#### IV. Basis of Measurement

The Financial Statements are generally prepared on the historical cost convention basis. However, consistent practice followed from past some of the Financial Instruments is measured at fair value at the end of each reporting date.

#### 1.02 <u>Classification of Assets and Liabilities</u>

- I. Schedule III to the Act, requires assets and liabilities to be classified as either Current or Non-current.
  - (a) An asset shall be classified as current when it satisfies any of the following criteria:
    - (i) It is expected to be realized in, or is intended for sale or consumption in, the Company's normal operating cycle;
    - (ii) It is held primarily for the purpose of trading;
    - (iii) It is expected to be realized within twelve months after the reporting date; or
    - (iv) It is cash or cash equivalent unless it is restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.
  - (b) All assets other than current assets are classified as non-current.
  - (c) A liability is classified as current when it satisfies any of the following criteria:
    - (i) It is expected to be settled in the Company's normal operating cycle;
    - (ii) It is held primarily for the purpose of trading;
    - (iii) It is due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting date; or
    - (iv) The Company does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date. Terms of a liability that could, at the option of the counterparty, result in its settlement by the issue of equity instruments do not affect its classification.
  - (d) All liabilities other than current liabilities are classified as non-current.

## II. <u>Operating Cycle</u>

An operating cycle is the time between the acquisition of assets for processing and their realization in cash or cash equivalents. The Company's operating cycle is twelve months for the purpose of current or non-current classification of assets and liabilities.

#### III. Property Plant and Equipment

#### i. Grants & Incentive

Government Grant and Incentives are recognized when there is reasonable assurance that the company would be able to comply with the conditions for receipt of the same.

#### ii. <u>Recognition and Measurement</u>

An item of Property, Plant and Equipment (erstwhile Fixed Assets) that qualifies for recognition as an asset is initially measured at its cost and then carried at the cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment, if any.

The cost of an item of Property, Plant and Equipment comprises its purchase price, including import duties and non-refundable purchase taxes, after deducting trade discounts and rebates and any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

The cost of a self-constructed item of Property, Plant and Equipment comprises the cost of materials and direct labor, any other costs directly attributable to bringing the item to working condition for its intended use.

#### iii. Capital Work In Progress

Tangible Property, Plant and Equipment under construction are disclosed under this head. However, no such items prevailed at the end of the year under review.

#### iv. Subsequent Expenditure

Subsequent expenditure is capitalized only if it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the Company.

#### v. <u>Depreciation</u>

The depreciable amount of an item of Property, Plant and Equipment is allocated on a systematic basis over its useful life. Depreciation is provided on cost of Asset less its estimates residual value on the straight-line method at the rates prescribed under Schedule-II of the Companies Act, 2013 on the basis of useful life of the Assets. The Company believes that straight line method reflects the pattern in which the asset's future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the Company. Based on internal technical evaluation, the management believes useful lives of the assets are appropriate. The depreciation method is reviewed at least at each financial year-end and, if there has been a significant change in the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset, the method is changed to reflect the changed pattern. Such a change is accounted for as a change in an accounting estimate in accordance with Ind AS 8 – Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors.

The depreciation charge for each period is generally recognized in the Statement of Profit and Loss and is deducted in arriving at the carrying amount of relevant asset.

The residual value and the useful life of an asset is reviewed at year-end and, if expectations differ from previous estimates, the change(s) is accounted for as a change in an accounting estimate in accordance with Ind AS 8. The estimated useful lives for the assets are as per the life provided in the Companies Act, 2013

Depreciation on additions/ disposals is provided on a periodical pro-rata basis i.e. from/ up to the date on which asset is ready for use / disposed off.

Property, Plant & Equipment are stated at their original cost including all expenses attributable to bring the assets to its intended use less Input Credit / Capital Subsidy availed on acquisition. The Details of useful life of assets are given below:

Type of Assets	<u>Useful life</u>
Buildings	5-60years
Plant & Equipment	10-25years
Furniture & Fixture	5-10years
Vehicles	8years
Computer and Accessories	3years
Electric Installations	10years
Office Equipment	5years

#### vi. <u>Disposal</u>

The carrying amount of an item of Property, Plant and Equipment is derecognized on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. The gain or loss arising from the de-recognition of an item of Property, Plant and Equipment is charged in Statement of Profit and Loss when the item is derecognized.

#### IV. Intangible Assets

#### i. <u>Recognition and Measurement</u>

An intangible asset is an identifiable monetary asset without physical substance. Intangible assets are initially measured at its cost and then carried at the cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment, if any.

#### ii. <u>Amortization</u>

The intangible assets are amortized on the straight line method. The Company believes that straight line method reflects the pattern in which the asset's future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the Company.

The amortization method is reviewed at least at each financial year-end and, if there has been a significant change in the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset, the method is changed to reflect the changed pattern. Such a change is accounted for as a change in an accounting estimate in accordance with INS AS 8 – Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors.

The residual value and the useful life of an asset is reviewed at least at each financial year-end and, if expectations differ from previous estimates, the change(s) is accounted for as a change in an accounting estimate in accordance with IND AS 8 – Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors. The estimated useful lives as estimated by management are as follows:

Asset Class	Useful Lives (No of years) – as estimated by the Company
Technical Know	10 years

Amortized intangible asset is displayed as amortization on the face of Standalone Statement of Profit and Loss.

#### V. <u>Inventories</u>

#### i. <u>Measurement of Inventory</u>

Inventories of finished goods are measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Land held as inventory is valued at Fair Market Value on the date of conversion and includes expenses directly attributable to the asset incurred during the year and are held for sale/ commercial use of the same. Inventories of stores and raw material are valued at cost.

#### ii. Cost of Inventory

The cost of inventories in consistence with the practice followed from the past comprises all costs of purchase including the costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

The costs of inventories comprise the purchase price, import duties (where applicable) and other taxes (other than those subsequently recoverable by the entity from the taxing authorities), and transport, handling and other costs/ overhead directly attributable to the acquisition of finished goods, materials and services.

Trade discounts, rebates and other similar items are deducted in determining the costs of purchase.

The costs of conversions of inventories include costs directly related to the units of production and a systematic allocation of fixed and variable production overheads that are incurred in converting materials into finished goods.

Other costs (if any) are included in the cost of inventories only to the extent that they are incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition after considering the normal wear and tear.

#### iii. <u>Net Realizable Value</u>

Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale. Net realizable value is ascertained for each item of inventories with reference to the selling prices of related finished products.

#### iv. Valuation of Spare Parts, Stand-by Equipment and Servicing Equipment

Spare parts, stand-by equipment and servicing equipment are recognized as Property, Plant and Equipment if and only if it is probable that future economic benefits associated with them will flow to the Company and their cost can be measured reliably. Otherwise such items are classified and recognized as Inventory.

#### VI. Financial Instruments

#### i. <u>Recognition</u>

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value measured on initial recognition of financial asset or financial liability. The Company derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. The Company derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Company's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired.

## ii. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid financial instruments, which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value and having original maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase, to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents consist of balances with banks and cash in hand which are unrestricted for withdrawal and usage.

#### iii. Financial Assets at Amortised Cost

The Company's objective is not to hold these assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

#### iv. Financial Assets at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income

Financial assets are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income if these financial assets are held within a business whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows on specified dates that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding and selling financial assets.

#### v. Financial assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss

Financial assets are measured at fair value through profit or loss unless they are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income on initial recognition. The transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are immediately recognised in statement of profit and loss.

#### vi. Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost or Fair Value through Profit & Loss (FVTPL). A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for-trading, or it is a derivative or it is designated as such on initial recognition. Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value and net gains and Losses, including any interest expense, are recognised in profit or loss. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in profit or loss.

#### vii. Derivative Instruments

The Company has not entered into any derivative financial instruments during the year such as option Contract to mitigate the risk of changes in exchange rates on foreign currency exposures.

The category includes derivatives financial assets or liabilities which are not designated as hedges although the company believes that this derivatives constitute hedges from an economic perspective, the may not qualify for hedge accounting under Ind AS 109. Any derivative that is either not designated as

hedge, or is so designated but is ineffective as per Ind AS 109, is categorized as financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit and loss.

Derivative not designated as hedges are recognized initially at fair value and attributable transaction costs are recognized in net profit in statement of profit and loss when incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, these derivatives are measured at fair value through profit or loss and the resulting exchange gains or losses are included in other income or finance cost. Asset / liabilities in these categories are presented as current asset or current liabilities.

#### viii. Derecognition

The Company derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or it transfers the financial asset and the transfer qualifies for derecognition under Ind AS 109.A financial liability (or a part of a financial liability) is derecognized from the Company's Balance Sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expires.

## VII. <u>Revenue Recognition</u>

#### Sale of Goods

As per Ind As 115 Revenue from the sale of products is recognized when the performance obligations have been satisfied. Performance Obligation of the company are recognized when the following conditions are satisfied :

- (a) The significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods is transferred to the buyer;
- (b) The Risk and Rewards of Ownership is transferred when the goods are delivered to the customer,
- (b) The entity retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- (c) The amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- (d) It is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow
- (e) The costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.
- (f) The company has no obligation for returns, refunds and other similar obligation at year end
- (g) There is no warranty or related obligation during the year

The Company measures revenue at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable taking into account the amount of any sales returns, trade discounts and volume rebates allowed by the Company.

## Interest Income

Interest income is recognized using the effective interest method as set out in Ind AS 39 - Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, when it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Company and the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset or a financial liability (or group of financial assets or financial liabilities) and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period.

## VIII. Foreign Currency Transactions

## **Recognition**

Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates whereas presentation currency is the currency in which the financial statements are presented. Indian Rupee is the functional as well as presentation currency for the Company. A foreign currency transaction is recorded, on initial recognition in the functional currency, by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency on the date of the transaction.

At the end of each reporting period, foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate whereas non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction; and non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was measured.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items or on translating monetary items at rates different from those at which they were translated on initial recognition during the period or in previous Financial Statements are recognized in the Standalone Statement of Profit and Loss in the period in which they arise.

When a gain or loss on a non-monetary item is found in Other Comprehensive Income, any exchange component of that gain or loss is recognized in Other Comprehensive Income. Conversely, when a gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recognized in Statement of Profit and Loss, any exchange component of that gain or loss is recognized in Statement of Profit and Loss.

#### Foreign currency risk

The foreign currency risk are primarily related to operating activities, since foreign currency are not hedged and the fluctuation in respect of unhedged foreign currency are accounted at the exchange rate prevailing at the reporting date of financial statement.

#### IX. Accounting of Claims

- a) Claims receivable are accounted at the time when certainty of receivable is established.
- b) Claims raised by the Government Authorities regarding taxes & duties, which are disputed by the company, are accounted based on the merits of each claim and when the matter is crystalized.

#### X. Employee Benefit

## a) <u>Short Term Employee Benefits:</u>

The undiscounted amount of short term employee benefit expected to be paid in exchange for the services rendered by employee is recognized during the year when the employee remains under the service. This benefit includes salary, wages, short term compensatory absences and bonus.

#### b) <u>Post-Employment Benefits:</u>

## i. <u>Defined Contribution Plans</u>

This benefit includes contribution to Employee's State Insurance Corporation {ESI} and Provident Fund Contribution {PF} to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner. These contributions are defined as an expense in the Statement Profit & Loss as and when such contributions are due.

## ii. Defined Benefit Plans

## For Gratuity and compensated leave

The Company has an obligation towards gratuity, a defined benefit retirement plan covering eligible employees. The plan provides a lump sum payment to vested employees at retirement, death while in employment or on termination of employment of an amount equivalent to 15 days salary payable for each completed year of service or part thereof in excess of six months. Vesting occurs upon completion of five years of service. The Company accounts for gratuity benefits payable in future based on an independent external actuarial valuation carried out at the end of the year using the projected unit credit method. Actuarial gains and losses are recognized as Other Comprehensive Income and are not reclassified to Profit & Loss in subsequent period. Liability for Gratuity is partly funded with a recognized Gratuity Fund managed by Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Co.

## c) Other Log term Employee Benefits - Compensated Absences

The Company provides for encashment of leave or leave with pay subject to certain rules. The employees are entitled to accumulate leave subject to certain limits for future encashment/availment. The Company makes provision for compensated absences based on an independent actuarial valuation carried out at the end of the year using the projected unit credit method. Actuarial gains and losses are recognized in the Standalone Statement of Profit and Loss.

## XI. Cash Flow Statement

Cash flows are reported using the indirect method, whereby Profit Before Tax (PBT) is adjusted for the effects of transactions of a non-cash nature, any deferrals or accruals of past or future operating cash receipts or payments and items of income or expenses associated with investing or financing cash flows. The cash flow from operating, investing and financing activities of the company are segregated based on the available information.

## XII. <u>Taxation</u>

## Income Tax

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax. It is recognized in Standalone Statement of Profit and Loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination or to an item recognized directly in Equity or in Other Comprehensive Income. It is measured using tax rates (and tax laws) enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

## (a) <u>Current Tax</u>

Current tax comprises the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year and any adjustment to the tax payable or receivable settled in respect of previous years. The amount of current tax reflects the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received after considering the uncertainty, if any, related to income taxes.

## (b) <u>Deferred Tax</u>

Deferred tax is recognized in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the corresponding amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is also recognized in respect of carried forward tax losses and tax credits. Deferred tax is not recognized for:

- **i.** Temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss at the time of the transaction;
- **ii.** Taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill.

Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. The existence of unused tax losses is strong evidence that future taxable profit may not be available. Therefore, in case of a history of recent losses, the Company recognizes a deferred tax asset only to the extent that it has sufficient taxable temporary differences or there is convincing other evidence that sufficient taxable profit will be available against which such deferred tax asset can be realized. Deferred tax assets – unrecognized or recognized, are reviewed at each reporting date and are recognized / reduced to the extent that it is probable / no longer probable respectively that the related tax benefit will be realized.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realized simultaneously.

#### XIII. Provisions, Contingent Assets and Contingent Liabilities

- a) Provision is created when there is a present obligation as a result of past events that probably requires an outflow of resources and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of obligation. These are reviewed at each balance sheet date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimates.
- b) Contingent liability is disclosed by way of notes, unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying the economic benefit is remote.
- c) Contingent Assets are neither recognized nor disclosed in Financial Statements.

#### XIV. Earnings per Share

#### **Basic and Diluted Earnings per share**

The Company calculates basic earnings per share amounts for profit or loss before Other Comprehensive Income attributable to ordinary equity holders and, if presented, profit or loss from continuing operations attributable to those equity holders.

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing profit or loss attributable to equity holders (the numerator) by the weighted average number of equity shares outstanding (the denominator) during the period.

The weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period and for all periods presented shall be adjusted for events, other than the conversion of potential ordinary shares that have changed the number of equity shares outstanding without a corresponding change in resources.

For the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share, the weighted average number of ordinary shares calculated for calculating basic earnings per share and adjusted the weighted average number of ordinary shares that would be issued on the conversion of all the dilutive potential equity shares into ordinary shares. Dilutive potential ordinary shares are deemed to have been converted into equity shares at the beginning of the period or, if later, the date of the issue of the potential equity shares.

#### XV. Borrowing Costs

The Company capitalizes borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset as part of the cost of that asset. The Company recognizes other borrowing costs as an expense in the period in which it incurs them. Borrowing costs are interest and other costs that the Company incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds including exchange differences arising from foreign currency borrowings to the extent that they are regarded as an adjustment to interest costs.

A qualifying asset is an asset that necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale.

#### XVI. <u>Leases</u>

IND-AS 116 is applicable on the company during the year under review and same has been applied by the company but no material impact has been seen on the financial statements of the company.

#### NOTE NO.2

#### NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

- **2.01** The Company identifies the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises within the meaning of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (Development) Act, 2006 on the basis of declaration received by the vendors. In the circumstances no provision of interest is considered necessary.
- **2.02** In terms of Schedule-II of The Companies Act, 2013 depreciation for the year has been calculated on the basis of useful life of the Property Plant and Equipment.
- 2.03 Joint development agreement dated 19th March, 2013 was annulled in terms of settlement agreement dated 21st June, 2022 reconfirmed by Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta on 19th July, 2022. A sum of ₹ 418.12 Lacs was paid to the developer towards compensation in terms of said settlement agreement for reclaim of said property for further commercial exploitation and has been added to the carrying amount of stock-in-trade(Land).
- 2.04 Other Expenses in Note No. 28 includes ₹ 0.41 lacs (₹ 0.58) lacs being sundry irrecoverable balance written off as per normal accounting practices followed by the company.
- **2.05** 5% Non-Convertible Redeemable Preference Share of Rs. 1,220 lakhs issued in F.Y. -2013-2014 with maturity date of 11.02.2029, Fair Valued on the Transition date considering discounting rate @ 8% based on appropriate borrowing rate consistently considered by the company. Notional Finance Cost arising out of Fair Valuation has been disclosed separately in OCI. (Refer Note no. 12 & 13)
- **2.06** There is no sundry debit/credit balances, advances and investments from/to the company with body corporates whose name has been struck off by the Registrar of Companies under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013.

#### 2.07 CSR Expenditure

₹ (in lacs)

	31.03.2023	31.03.2022
Amount Required to be spent	15.93	12.10
Amount Spent	16.00	12.25
Shortfall/(Surplus) at the end of year	(0.07)	(0.15)
Total previous year shortfall	-	-
Reason for shortfall	NA	NA
Nature of CSR Activities	Promoting, Sanitation, safe drinking water, eradicating hunger, poverty etc.	
Detail of Related Party transactions in relation to CSR expenditure as per relevant Accounting		
Standard	NA	NA

#### APL Metals Limited (Formerly - Associated Pigments Limited)

2.08 <u>CIF Value of Imports</u>						
Raw Materials	38,650.66	35,260.74				
2.09 FOB Value of Exports						
Export Sales	6507.33	13,377.43				
2.10 Expenditure in Foreign Currency						
Interest and Bank Charges	1.50	4.68				
Commission on sales	6.98	19.09				
Travelling Expenses	8.14	-				
2.11 Managerial Remuneration (Salary paid to) Ke	y Managerial Pers	<u>onnel</u>				
Managing Director	36.00	36.00				
Chief Financial Officer	10.56	10.56				
Company Secretary	11.16	11.58				

#### 2.12 Value of imported and indigenous Rawmaterials, Stores & Spareparts Consumed.

Particulars	<b>Raw Materials</b>	%	Particulars	Stores & Spares	%
Imported	38889.15	57.69	Imported	NIL	NIL
	(38,406.31)	(59.70)		NIL	(NIL)
Indigenous	28518.63	42.31	Indigenous	1985.94	100%
	(25,920.66)	(40.30)		(1671.02)	(100%)
Total	67407.78		Total	1985.94	
	(64,326.97)			(1671.02)	

#### 2.13 <u>Related Party Transactions (IND AS-24)</u>

- I. List of parties who have control over the company and with whom transactions have taken place and their relationships.
- a) Name of the Related Parties

Names	Relationship
Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya	Key Management Personnel (KMP)
Mr. Rajnish Gambhir	-do-
Mr. Ram Narayan Prajapati	-do-
Mrs. Saloni Sahaya	Relative of KMP
Mrs. Pammi Sahaya	-do-
Mr. Prakash Kumar Damani	Director
Mr. Rahul Damani	Director
Mr. Sanjay Sarda	Director/Relative of Director
Mac Services Pvt. Ltd.	Director Interested
Damani Finvest Private Limited	-do-
Gold Star Merchants Private Limited	-do-

Nature of Transaction	Director's Interested	KMP/ Directors	Relatives of KMP/ Directors	Total ₹ (in lacs)
Unsecured Loan Received	465.00	15.02	3.00	483.02
	(199.00)	(274.35)	(2.80)	(476.15)
Interest Paid / Provided	5.19	66.63	0.45	72.28
	(6.74)	(56.82)	(0.87)	(64.43)
Remuneration Paid/Provided	-	57.72	(-)	57.72
	(-)	(58.14)	(-)	(58.14)
Unsecured Loan Repaid	295.00	(-)	(-)	295.00
	(304.00)	(75.50)	(67.00)	(446.50)

#### b) Transactions with related parties during the year (₹ in lacs)

#### c) Closing Balance as on 31.03.2023 of related parties (₹ in lacs)

Nature of Transaction	Director's Interested	KMP/ Directors	Relatives of KMP/ Directors	Total ₹ (in lacs)
Liabilities Outstanding	3.64	94.30	3.79	101.73
	(46.81)	(38.31)	(3.38)	(88.50)
Unsecured Loan Taken	202.25	701.87	7.80	911.92
	(32.25)	(686.85)	(4.80)	(723.90)

**NOTE:** There are no related parties on whom the company has any control.

#### 2.14 Contingent Liabilities not provided for in respect of:

	₹ ( in lacs)	
Unredeemed Bank Guarantee	68.77	73.03
Claims against the Company not acknowledged as Debts	6648.16	6498.14
Bills Discounted with Banks but not matured	2996.65 2995.55	

#### 2.15 Commercial Commitments not provided in respect of:

	₹ ( in lacs)	
Contract for Import	6292.43	6464.97

- 2.16 The company has single reportable segment of Lead products. So, reporting Under IND AS-108 is not required.
- **2.17** For better presentation and reporting the previous year figures have been rearranged / regrouped wherever considered necessary and has been shown in brackets. All the amounts in the financial statements and in notes attached thereto are Indian Rupees in lacs unless specified otherwise.

#### 2.18 <u>Retirement Benefit (IND AS-19)</u>

The details of the Company's defined benefit plans for this employees are as under : Amount recognized in the Balance Sheet in respect of Gratuity (Funded by the Company)

Expense Recognized in Statement of Profit / Loss :	As at 31/03/2023	As at 31/03/2022
In Income Statement		
Current Service Cost	3.74	4.04
Past Service Cost	-	-
Interest Cost	1.23	.57
Expected Return on Plan Asset	-	-
Benefit Cost(Expense Recognized in Statement of Profit/Loss)	4.98	4.61
In Other Comprehensive Income		
Actuarial (Gain)/ Loss	7.77	3.25
Return on Plan Asset	(1.13)	4.86
Net (Income) / Expenses for the period recognized in OCI	8.90	-1.61
Funded Status	As at 31/03/2023	As at 31/03/2022
In Income Statement		
Present Value of Obligation at end Year	56.93	53.50
Fair Value of Plan asset at year end	-	-
Interest Cost	1.23	.57
Expected Return on Plan Asset	-	-
Benefit Cost(Expense Recognized in Statement of Profit/Loss)	4.98	4.61
In Other Comprehensive Income		
Actuarial (Gain)/ Loss	7.77	3.25
Return on Plan Asset	(1.13)	4.86
Net (Income) / Expenses for the period recognized in OCI	8.90	-1.61

Movement in liability recognized in Balance sheet:	As at 31/03/2023	As at 31/03/2022
Opening Net Liability	22.81	19.81
Expenses as above	8.94	3.00
Contributions		-
Closing Net Liability	31.75	22.81

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Changes in Present Value of Obligations :	As at 31/03/2023	As at 31/03/2022
Present Value of Obligation at Beginning of year	53.50	66.36
Acquisition Adjustment	-	-
Interest Cost	3.46	4.00
Past Service Cost	-	-
Current Service Cost	3.74	4.04
Curtailment cost	-	-
Settlement Cost	-	-
Benefits Paid	(11.54)	(24.15)
Actuarial gain/loss on Obligations	7.77	3.25
Present Value of Obligation at end of Year	56.93	53.50

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Changes in Fair Value of Plan Assets :	As at 31/03/2023	As at 31/03/2022
Fair Value of Plan Asset at Beginning of year	30.69	46.55
Acquisition Adjustment		
Expected Return on Plan Asset	2.22	3.43
Contributions		
Benefits Paid	(11.54)	(24.15)
Actuarial gain/loss on Plan Asset	(1.13)	4.86
Fair Value of Plan Asset at End of year	25.18	30.69

Actuarial Assumptions :	As at 31/03/2023	As at 31/03/2022
Mortality Table	IALM ( 2012-2014) ULTIMATE	IALM ( 2012-2014) ULTIMATE
Superannuation Age	58	58
Early Retirement & Disablement	5	5
Discount Rate	7.24%	7.37%
Inflation Rate	5%	5%
Return on Asset	7.24%	7.37%
Remaining Working Life	18	17
FORMULA USED	PROJECTED UNIT CREDIT METHOD	PROJECTED UNIT CREDIT METHOD

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Expense Recognized in Statement of Profit / Loss :	As at 31/03/2023	As at 31/03/2022
Current Service Cost	6.60	6.90
Past Service Cost	-	-
Interest Cost	4.37	3.49
Expected Return on Plan Asset	-	-
Curtailment cost	-	-
Settlement Cost	-	-
Actuarial gain/loss recognized in the year	(5.22)	10.69
Expense Recognized in Statement of Profit/Loss	5.75	21.08

<u>Amount recognized in the Balance Sheet in respect of Leave Encashment (Accrued but not Funded)</u> <u>Present value of the funded defined benefit obligation</u>

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Funded Status:	As at 31/03/2023	As at 31/03/2022
Present Value of Obligation at end Year		
Fair Value of Plan Asset at end Year	Not applicable	Not applicable
Funded Status	as Scheme is unfunded	as Scheme is unfunded
Unrecognized actuarial gain/loss at end of the year		
Net Asset(Liability)Recognized in Balance Sheet		
Opening Net Liability	-	-
Expenses as above	5.75	21.08
Contributions	-	-
Closing Net Liability	5.75	21.08
Closing Fund/Provision at end of Year	63.63	62.96

	As at 31/03/2023	As at 31/03/2022
Changes in Present Value of Obligations :	01,00,2020	0400/2022
Present Value of Obligation at Beginning of year	62.96	52.75
Acquisition Adjustment	-	-
Interest Cost	4.37	3.49
Past Service Cost	-	-
Current Service Cost	6.60	6.90
Curtailment cost	-	-
Settlement Cost	-	-
Benefits Paid	5.09	(10.86)
Actuarial gain/loss on Obligations	(5.22)	10.69
Present Value of Obligation at end of Year	63.63	62.97

Changes in Fair Value of Plan Assets :	
Changes in Fair Value of Flan Assets.	

Fair Value of Plan Asset at Beginning of year Acquisition Adjustment Expected Return on Plan Asset Contributions **Benefits** Paid

Actuarial gain/loss on Plan Asset Fair Value of Plan Asset at End of year

Actuarial Assumptions :	As at As at 31/03/2023 31/03/2022
Mortality Table	IALM IALM (2012-2014) (2012-2014) ULTIMATE ULTIMATE
Superannuation Age	58 58
Early Retirement & Disablement	5 5
Discount Rate	7.24% 7.37%
Inflation Rate	5% 5%
Return on Asset	NA NA
Remaining Working Life	9 9
FORMULA USED	PROJECTEDPROJECTEDUNIT CREDITUNIT CREDITMETHODMETHOD

As the scheme is unfunded, charge to statement of profit and loss has been based on following assumptions:

- 1. Previous obligation was provided for at last accounting date.
- 2. Benefit to exits has been paid to debit of above provision.
- Current obligation will be provided for at current accounting date. 3.



As at

31/03/2022

Not applicable

as Scheme is

unfunded

As at

31/03/2023

Not applicable

as Scheme is

unfunded

## 2.19 <u>Additional Regulatory Requirements</u> Analytical Ratio

				Rat	ios	Variance	Remarks for
S1.	Particulars	Numerator	Denominator	2022-23	2021-22	%	variance more than 25%
(a)	Current Ratio	Current Assets	Current Liability	1.37	1.38	0.94%	NA
(b)	Debt Equity Ratio	Debt (Borrowings)	Shareholder's Equity	4.55	4.25	6.99%	NA
( c)	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	Earning for Debt Service = Net Profit after taxes + Non-cash operating expenses + Interest	Debt service = Interest + Principal repayments	0.93	2.26	58.85%	Increase in repayment of debts during the year
(d)	Return on Equity Ratio (ROE) (%)	Profit for the year less Preference dividend	Shareholder's Equity	17.94%	40.55%	55.76%	Due to Lower Profit
(e)	Inventory Turnover Ratio	Cost of Goods Sold	Average Inventory	4.48	4.86	7.89%	NA
(f)	Trade Receivables Turnover Ratio	Net Credit Sales	Average Trade Receivable	22.75	25.06	9.23%	NA
(g)	Trade Payables Turnover Ratio	Net Credit Purchases	Average Trade Payable	22.53	13.92	61.82%	Reduction in accounts payable
(h)	Net Capital Turnover Ratio	Revenue from Operation	Net WC=Current Assets - Current Liability	16.44	15.73	4.49%	NA
(I)	Net Profit Ratio (%)	Profit for the year	Revenue from Operation	0.34%	0.68%	49.70%	Due to Lower Profit
(j)	Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) (%)	Profit before tax and finance costs	Capital employed = Net worth + Deferred tax liabilities	12.30%	12.61%	2.42%	NA
(k)	Return on Investment	Income generated from invested funds	Average invested funds in treasury investments	NA	NA	0.00%	NA

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3. Property, Plant and Equipment along with Intangible Assets and Capital Work in Progress	<u>d Equipr</u>	<u>nent alon</u>	<u>g with In</u>	tangible .	<u>Assets and</u>	d Capital	<u>Work in F</u>	<u>rogress</u>				(₹ in Lacs)
Tangible Assets	Freehold Lane & Site Development	Buildings	Factory Godowns & Shed	Plant & Machinery	Electric Installations	Computers	Furniture & Fittings	Office	Motor Car & Vehicle	Total	Intangible Assets (Technical Know How)	Capital Work in Progress
<b>GROSS BLOCK</b>												
As at March 31, 2021	260.96	43.09	535.23	2,875.48	135.65	23.46	8.75	16.86	184.63	4,084.11	199.17	17.27
Additions		0.56	0.43	320.07	5.98	2.18	8.54	3.95	6.18	347.89	•	14.16
Deductions		•		•	1		•		24.18	24.18	199.17	17.27
As at March 31, 2022	260.96	43.65	535.66	3,195.55	141.63	25.64	17.29	20.81	166.63 4	4,407.82		14.16
Additions	1.65		18.25	136.59	5.77	1.05	0.10	11.54	86.39	261.34		
Deductions		16.00		59.18						75.18		14.16
As at March 31, 2023	262.61	27.65	553.91	3,272.96	147.40	26.69	17.39	32.35	253.02 4	4,593.98		•
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION												
As at March 31, 2021	'	22.61	319.46	1,479.19	87.95	20.08	5.44	9.98	104.78	2,049.49	189.21	
Additions	1	0.42	16.19	96.49	5.38	1.87	0.99	1.46	12.84	135.64	96.6	•
Deductions	'	•	•	•	1		•	•	24.18	24.18	199.17	•
As at March 31, 2022	1	23.03	335.65	1,575.68	93.33	21.95	6.43	11.44	93.44	2,160.95	•	•
Additions	1	0.44	9.29	105.94	6.00	1.49	1.12	2.43	24.53	151.24	•	•
Deductions	•	3.72		59.18						62.90		
As at March 31, 2023	'	19.75	344.94	1,622.44	99.33	23.44	7.55	13.87	117.97	2,249.29	•	•
<u>NET BLOCK</u>												
As at March 31, 2022	260.96	20.62	200.01	1,619.87	48.30	3.69	10.86	9.37	73.19	2,246.87	•	14.16
As at March 31, 2023	262.61	7.90	208.97	1,650.52	48.07	3.25	9.84	18.48	135.05	2,344.69	•	•
Capital Work-in-Progress A	ress Agei	ing Sched	geing Schedule as at March 31st 2023	March 31s	it 2023	Capital V	Nork-in-F	Capital Work-in-Progress Ageing Schedule as at March 31st 2022	geing Scl	hedule as	at March	31st 2022
CWIP	Less than 1 years	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	Total	0	CWIP	Less than 1 years	n 1-2 years	s 2-3 years	More than 3 years	Total
Project Under Progess						Project U	Project Under Progess	s 14.16				14.16

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		₹ (in lacs)
4 Non Current Financial Assets - Others	As at 31st March, 2023	As at 31st March, 2022
	(0.00	
Security Deposits	63.88	64.57
Deposits with Central Excise Department	11.85	11.85
Deposits with W.B. Commercial Tax Department	8.00	8.00
Total	83.73	84.42
Raw Materials	4,744.78	3,684.66
Raw Materials	4,744.78	3,684.66
Raw Materials in transit	-	1,988.92
Work-in-Progress	9,490.60	7,727.88
Finished Goods	252.26	309.79
Traded Goods	9.46	9.46
Stock-in-Trade (Land)	1,666.34	1,248.22
Stores and Spare Parts	486.39	187.48
Total	16,649.83	15,156.41

#### 6. Current Financial Assets - Trade Receivables

Unsecured , considered good(Net of Bill Discounting)	1,060.42	484.44
Total	1,060.42	484.44

#### Trade Receivable Ageing Schedule as at 31st March 2023

Undisputed Trade receivables- considered good	Not Due	Less than 6 months		1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 Years	Total
		1,033.29	0.28	26.85			1060.42

#### Trade Receivable Ageing Schedule as at 31st March 2022

Undisputed Trade receivables- considered good	Not Due	Less than 6 months	6 months 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 Years	Total
		484.44					484.44

Total

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023 ₹ (in lace				
7. <u>Current Financial Assets - Cash &amp; cash equivalents</u>	As at 31st March, 2023	As at 31st March, 2022		
Balances with Scheduled Banks -In Current Accounts Cash in hand (As certified by the management) Fixed Deposit with Banks with less than 3 months maturity	16.32 10.07	32.00 5.54 1,600.00		
Total	26.39	1,637.54		
8. <u>Current Financial Assets - Other Bank Balance</u>				
Fixed Deposit with Banks (Margin money against Bank Guarantee, receipts are lodged with bank under lien)	128.66	105.54		
Total	128.66	105.54		
9. <u>Other Financial Assets - (Current)</u>		·		
Interest Accrued on Deposits	0.19	0.34		
Total	0.19	0.34		
10. <u>Other Current Assets</u>				
<u>Advance/Balances</u> - With Statutory Authorities - With Suppliers and Others - With Employees Prepaid Expenses	449.98 662.57 9.91 2.72	781.98 611.54 10.06 4.63		
Total	1,175.18	1,408.21		
11. <u>Equity Share Capital</u>				
Authorized capital 110,00,000 (110,00,000) Equity Shares of Rs.10/- each	1,100.00	1,100.00		
<u>Issued, subscribed and paid-up capital</u> 1,07,26,387 (1,07,26,387) Equity Shares of Rs.10/- each Less: Calls in Arrear	1,072.64 0.55	1,072.64 0.55		

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

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#### a. <u>Reconciliation of the shares outstanding at the beginning and at the end of reporting period</u>

1,072.09

1,072.09

Shares Amount	No. of Shares	A
	i to: of offares	Amount
6,387 1,072.0	10,726,387	1,072.09
	-	-
6,387 1,072.0	9 10,726,387	1,072.09
		-

## b. Rights, preferences and restrictions attaching to equity shares including restrictions on the distribution of dividends and the repayment of capital:

The Company has one class of Equity Shares with equal rights for voting, dividend. In the event of liquidation, the equity shareholders are eligible to receive the remaining assets of the Company after distribution fall preferential amounts, in proportion to their shareholding.

#### As at March 31, 2023 As at March 31, 2022 No. of Shares No. of Shares Amount Amount 20.17% 20.17% Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya 21,62,657 2,163,657 22.40% 2,402,350 22.40% Mrs. Pammi Sahaya 24,02,350

18,76,641

17.50%

1,876,641

17.50%

#### c. The details of shareholders holding more than 5% equity shares is set below :

#### d. Desclosure of shareholding of promoters

Ms. Saloni Sahaya

Disclosure of shareholding of promoters as at 31.03.2023

Promoter Name	No of share as at 01.04.2022	Change During the year	No of share as at 31.03.2023	% of Total Shares
A) Indian				
A1) Individual/ Hindu undivided Family				
Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya	2,163,657		2,163,657	20.17%
Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya (Huf)	397,006		397,006	3.70%
Mrs. Pammi Shaya	2,402,350		2,402,350	22.40%
Mrs. Saloni Sahaya	1,876,641		1,876,641	17.50%
Rajiv Nandan Sahaya (Huf)	132,419		132,419	1.24%
Mr. Abhinav Sahaya	84,763		84,763	0.79%
Mrs.Divya Sahaya	12,777		12,777	0.12%
Mr. Rajiv Nandan Sahaya	12,741		12,741	0.12%
Mrs.Amita Sahaya	11,793		11,793	0.11%
Mr. Ravi Nandan Sahaya	10,771		10,771	0.10%
Kumud Nandan Sahaya	2,970		2,970	0.02%
K.L. Commercial Pvt. Ltd.	494,750		494,750	4.61%
Mac Services Pvt. Ltd.	95,600		95,600	0.89%
Shreeshivjee Sebait Keshrinandan Sahaya	27,175		27,175	0.25%
Shree Shiv Parvatijee Sebait R. N. Sahaya	26,175		26,175	0.24%
Ram Janki Sebait Krishnanandan Sahaya	8,765		8,765	0.08%
Gurugranth Sahib Varanashi	8,736		8,736	0.08%
Gajraj Hospital Trustee Srinandan Sahaya	8,000		8,000	0.08%
Pigments & Chemicals Inds Pvt. Ltd.	4,575		4,575	0.04%
Indian Lead Products Ltd	15		15	0.00%

Promoter Name	No of share as at 01.04.2021	Change During the year	No of share as at 31.03.2022	% of Total Shares
A) Indian				
A1) Individual/ Hindu undivided Family				
Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya	2,163,657		2,163,657	20.17%
Sanjiv Nandan Sahaya (Huf)	397,006		397,006	3.70%
Pammi Shaya	2,402,350		2,402,350	22.40%
Saloni Sahaya	1,876,641		1,876,641	17.50%
Rajiv Nandan Sahaya (Huf)	132,419		132,419	1.24%
Abhinav Sahaya	84,763		84,763	0.79%
Divya Sahaya	12,777		12,777	0.12%
Rajiv Nandan Sahaya	12,741		12,741	0.12%
Amita Sahaya	11,793		11,793	0.11%
Ravi Nandan Sahaya	10,771		10,771	0.10%
Kumud Nandan Sahaya	2,970		2,970	0.02%
K.L. Commercial Pvt. Ltd.	494,750		494,750	4.61%
Mac Services Pvt. Ltd.	95,600		95,600	0.89%
Shreeshivjee Sebait Keshrinandan Sahaya	27,175		27,175	0.25%
Shree Shiv Parvatijee Sebait R. N. Sahaya	26,175		26,175	0.24%
Ram Janki Sebait Krishnanandan Sahaya	8,765		8,765	0.08%
Gurugranth Sahib Varanashi	8,736		8,736	0.08%
Gajraj Hospital Trustee Srinandan Sahaya	8,000		8,000	0.08%
Pigments & Chemicals Inds Pvt. Ltd.	4,575		4,575	0.04%
Indian Lead Products Ltd.	15		15	0.00%

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Disclosure of shareholding of promoters as at 31.03.2022

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

#### 12 Other Equity

₹ (in lacs)

Particulars		As at 31st March, 2023	As at 31st March, 2022
(A) Reserve & Surplus			
(1)Securities Premium			
Opening balance		81.29	81.29
Additions		-	-
Deletions		-	-
		81.29	81.29
(2)General Reserve Opening balance		1,201.89	1,201.89
Additions		1,201.09	1,201.09
Deletions : Reduction in value of Depreciable Asset	°C		-
Deletions : Reduction in value of Depreciable Asset	.0	1,201.89	1,201.89
(3)Capital Reserve		1,201.07	1,201.09
Opening balance		432.14	432.14
Additions		-	-
Deletions		-	-
		432.14	432.14
(4)Retained Earnings			
Opening balance		(895.07)	(1,390.81)
(+) Net Profit For the year		253.32	495.74
	<i>(</i> <b>, , )</b>	(641.75)	(895.07)
Total Reserve & Surplus(1+2+3+4)	(A)	1,073.57	820.25
(B) Other Comprehensive Income			
(I) Fair Value of Non-Convertible Reedeemable			
Preference Share			
As Per last Balance sheet		501.14	554.39
Add:- Movement During the year		(57.51)	(53.25)
Closing Balance		443.63	501.14
(ii) Defined Plan of Employees Benefits			
As Per last Balance sheet		66.16	64.95
Add:- Movement During the year		(6.66)	1.21
Closing Balance		59.50	66.16
Total Other Comprehensive Income	<u>(B)</u>	503.13	567.30
	Total(A+B)	1,576.70	1,387.55

#### Nature & Purpose of Reserve

#### (a) Capital Reserve

It represents the amount received in past for acquisition of eligible assets as an incentive for industrial promotion and surplus of capital nature on cancellation/settlement and to be utilized as per the applicable provisions of the law & terms of disbursement.

#### (b) Securities Premium

Securities premium represents amount collected on issue of equity shares. The reserve to be utilised in accordance with the provisions of section 52 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other appicable provisions

#### (c) <u>General Reserve</u>

The general reserve is a free reserve which is used from time to time to transfer profits from retained earnings for appropriation purposes. As the general reserve is created by a transfer from one component of equity to another and is not an item of other comprehensive income, items included in the general reserve will not be reclassified subsequently to statement of profit and loss.

#### (d) <u>Retained Earnings</u>

This reserve represents undistributed accumulated earnings of the Companyas on the balance sheet date.

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₹ (in lacs)

		( (III Iucs)
	As at 31st March, 2023	As at 31st March, 2022
14 Non Current Financial Liabilities - Borrowings		•
Secured		
<u>Term Loan</u>		
From Banks	72.54	57.69
(Net of current maturities ₹ 51.85 lacs)		
GECL 2.0 COVID-19 Term Loan from a bank	1,622.83	2,139.54
(Secured by Hypothecation of Stocks, Book-Debts & Other Movable		
Assets and Equitable Mortgage by Deposit of title deeds of		
Immovable Properties of units located at B.T.Road (WB), Panskura		
(WB) & Malwan (UP) and guaranteed by a Director and a promoter)		
(Net of current maturities ₹ 481.29 Lacs)		
From Non Banking Financial Institutions	635.30	766.46
(Net of current maturities ₹ 131.16 lacs)		
Unsecured Loans		
5% Non convertible redeemable preference shares	776.37	718.86
Loan from Related Parties		
From Directors	792.11	722.99
From Relatives of Directors	11.59	8.18
From Bodies Corporate	205.89	79.06
Other Loans		
From Bodies Corporate	553.86	267.49
Total	4,670.49	4,760.27

Note: A

- a. Loan from HDFC bank against Hypothecation of Vehicle are repayable in 36 Months,60 Months, 84 Months & 48 Months.
- b. Loan from Tata Capital against hypothecation of property of Mac Services Private Limited is repayable in 96 Months
- c. Loan from Kotak Mahindra bank against Hypothecation of DG-Set repayable in 46 Months
- d. Loan from Cholamadalam finance against Hypothecation of Forklift repayable in 50 Months
- e. Loan from Axis bank against Hypothecation of 3 Forklift and 1 backhoe Loader repayable in 47 Months
- f. Loan from Indian Bank under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme is repayable in 48 months after monotorium of 12 months from the date of sanction
- g. Loan from Indian Bank under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 2.0 is repayable in 48 months after monotorium of 12 months from the date of sanction

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023 ₹ (in lacs)					
	As at 31st March, 2023	As at 31st March, 2022			
14 <u>Non Current - Other Financial Liabilities</u>	515t Walch, 2025	513t Waren, 2022			
Security deposit against Joint development of Property	-	250.00			
Total	-	250.00			
15 <u>Non Current - Provisions</u>					
Provision for employee benefits					
Gratuity	56.93	53.50			
Less : Plan Asset	6.75	13.35			
	50.18	40.15			
Leave encashment	63.63	62.96			
Total	113.81	103.11			
16 Deferred tax Liabilities (net)					
Deferred Tax Liabilities comprises of following:					
Fixed Assets	222.51	253.25			
Conversion of Land	285.41	285.41			
On remeasurement income on defined plans charged to OCI <u>Deferred Tax Assets comprises of following:</u>	18.11	20.35			
On unabsorbed Business Loss and Depreciation	(32.51)	(29.82)			
Provision for Statutory Dues	(285.50)	(495.99)			
Total	211.02	33.20			
17 <u>Current Financial Liabilities - Borrowings</u>		•			
Loans repayable on demand					
Working Capital Loan from Bank - Secured	6,616.94	5,126.03			
Pre & Post Shipment Foreign Currency Loan	1,763.29	3,461.95			
(Secured by Hypothecation of Stocks, Book-Debts &					
Other Movable Assets and Equitable Mortgage by					
Deposit of title deeds of Immovable Properties of					
units located at B.T.Road (WB), Panskura (WB) & Malwan					
(UP) and guaranteed by a Director and a promoter)					
Unsecured Loan from Schedule commercial Bank	2,394.95	-			
Current Maturities of Term Loan (Refer Note 14)	664.30	601.70			
Total	11,409.48	9,189.68			

#### 18 <u>Current - Financial Liabilities - Trade Payables</u>

Total outstanding dues of creditors other than Micro and		
Small Enterprise	1,936.42	4,179.99
Total	1,936.42	4,179.99

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

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₹ (in lacs)

As at / for	As at / for
31st March, 2023	31st March, 2022

#### **Trade Payable Agening Schedule**

Undisputed Considered good Other than MSME	Less than 1 Year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 Years	Total
As on 31.03.2023	1,909.59	17.61	9.22	-	1,936.42
As on 31.03.2022	4,161.63	3.25	3.44	11.67	4,179.99

#### 19 Current Financial Liabilities - Others

Expenses payable	113.64	102.61
Total	113.64	102.61

#### 20 Other Current Liabilities

Advances from Customers Trade Deposits from Suppliers Statutory liabilities (includes Provident Fund,	406.78 158.00	1.89 183.00
Tax Deducted as Source etc.	28.22	35.04
Total	593.10	219.93
21 <u>Revenue From Operations</u> <u>Sale of products &amp; Others</u>		
Finished goods	78,303.97	73,429.65
Traded goods	1.65	1,826.19
Scrap	318.88	121.23
Sale of Services		
Jobwork Charges	-	294.03
	78,624.50	75,671.10
Add: Taxes & Duties	12,141.04	10,333.75
Gross Sales	90,765.54	86,004.85
Less:- Interunit Sales	(5,040.56)	(3,241.97)
Gross Market Sales	85,724.98	82,762.88
Less:- Taxes Realised	(12,141.04)	(10,333.75)
Revenue from operation (net)	73,583.94	72,429.13
Details of products sold		

Finished goods sold Refined Lead Lead Alloy Lead Oxides 
 73,583.94
 72,429.13

 40,590.79
 40,363.51

 28,141.30
 25,337.85

 9,571.88
 7,728.29

 78,303.97
 73,429.65

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 31ST MARCH 2023 ₹ (in lacs)

			え (in lacs)
		For the year Ended 31.03.2023	For the year Ended 31.03.2022
	Sale of Stock in Trade		
	Lead Scrap(High Seas)		243.25
	Lead (High Seas)	-	1,562.72
	Stores Material	1.65	20.22
	Stores Material		
		1.65	1,826.19
	Job Work Charges		
	Refined Lead		294.03
		-	294.03
22	Other Income		
	Interest on Banks Deposits	7.36	2.09
	Profit on Sale of Fixed Asset	36.52	1.21
	Insurance Claim Received	38.75	3.30
	Interest on security Deposits	-	25.90
	Sundry Balance Written Back	-	6.15
•••		82.63	38.65
23	Cost of Raw Materials Consumed	2 ( 0 4 ( (	E 200 7E
	Inventory at the beginning of the year Add:Purchases	3,684.66	5,390.75
		68,467.90	62,620.88
	Less:Inventory at the end of the year	4,744.78	3,684.66
	Cost of raw materials consumed	67,407.78	64,326.97
	Details of Raw Materials consumed		
	Lead	33,560.60	44,478.50
	Lead concentrate	536.16	77.20
	Lead scraps etc.	33,311.02	19,771.27
		67,407.78	64,326.97

<b>Details of Inventory of Raw Materials</b>
Lead
Lead scraps etc.

\* The Raw Materials consumed does not include materials received for Jobwork which are returnable on completion of contract.

1,996.49

2,748.29 4,744.78 2,176.60 1,508.06

3,684.66

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 31ST MARCH 2023 ₹ (in lacs)

		For the year Ended 31.03.2023	For the year Ended 31.03.2022
24	<u>Purchases of Traded Goods</u> Lead/Lead Alloy Lead Scrap Radio Store Material Land Stock in Trade (Refer Note No.2.03)	- - 1.54 418.12	1,775.43 239.97 17.70
		419.66	2,033.10

#### 25 Inventories of Finished Goods, Work-in-Progress & Stock-in-trade (a) Inventory at the beginning of the year

Goods Manufactured		
	r	
Finished Goods	309.79	280.53
Work-in-Progress	7,727.88	6,641.27
Stock in Trade		
Goods	9.46	9.46
Land	1,248.22	1,248.22
	9,295.35	8,179.48

252.26

9.46

9,490.60

1,666.34

11,418.66

309.79

9.46

7,727.88

1,248.22

9,295.35

#### (b) Inventory at the end of the year 1 3 4 · · ·

Goods Manufactured	
Finished Goods	

Work-in-Progress	

## Stock in Trade

Goods Land

#### (Increase)/Decrease In Inventories (a-b)

(Increase)/Decrease In Inventories (a-b)	(2,123.31)	(1,115.87)
Inventories		
Goods Manufactured		
Finished Goods		
Lead	252.26	309.79
Work-in-Progress		
Lead	9,490.60	7,727.88
Stock in Trade		
Goods in Trade		
Lead/Lead Alloy	9.46	9.46
Land Stock in Trade	1,666.34	1,248.22
Total Inventories	11,418.66	9,295.35

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₹ (in lacs)

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		For the year Ended	For the year Ended
		31.03.2023	31.03.2022
26	Employees' Benefits Expenses		
	Salaries, Wages, Bonus, Other allowances etc.		
	(Including Director Remuneration)	766.05	730.22
	Gratuity & Leave Pay	10.73	25.69
	Contribution to Provident and Others Funds	20.28	18.92
	Workmen and Staff Welfare Expenses	39.26	43.83
		836.32	818.66
2 <u>7</u>	Finance Costs		
	Interest to Banks and Others	1,815.35	1,354.77
	Bank & Other Charges	74.46	45.84
		1,889.81	1,400.61
28	<u>Other Expenses</u>		
	Manufacturing Expenses		
	-Power	315.29	300.33
	-Fuel Expenses	1,263.15	1,083.88
	-Stores & Spares Consumed	1,985.94	1,671.02
	-Repairs and Maintenance		
	Building	18.40	26.11
	Machinery	222.76	187.11
	Others	28.12	31.57
	-Packing Expenses	45.80	36.64
	-Pollution Control Expenses	48.11	33.70
	-Hire Charges of Machineries	16.39	7.70
		3,943.96	3,378.06
	Freight and Delivery Charges	263.77	209.67
	Brokerage & Commission	10.04	9.26
	Audit Fees	5.00	5.00
	Other Certification Charges		
	-Auditor	0.40	0.35
	-Others	-	2.38
	Cost Audit Fees	0.67	0.67
	Internal Audit Fees	1.20	1.20
	CSR Expenses	16.00	12.25
	Directors Fees	1.16	1.64
	Export Expenses	174.07	329.68
	Insurance	16.08	14.14
	Legal and Professional Expenses	41.36	78.71

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₹ (in lacs)

	For the year Ended 31.03.2023	For the year Ended 31.03.2022
	20.72	22.22
Motor Car Expenses	28.73	23.23
Sundry bad & Irrecoverable balances written off	0.41	0.58
Printing,Postage & Telephone	5.95	9.32
Rent	16.79	15.55
Rates & Taxes	4.02	7.34
Travelling & Conveyance	29.69	12.44
Miscellaneous Expenses	92.40	82.51
	4,651.70	4,193.98

#### 29 <u>Earnings Per Share(EPS)</u> <u>Basic/Diluted EPS</u>

#### a. Profit After Tax(₹ in lacs)

#### b. Weighted Average Equity Shares

c. Basic & Diluted EPS

253.32	495.74
1,072.64	1,072.64
2.36	4.62

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