

BIHAR SPONGE IRON LIMITED

41ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Welcome Speech by Mr. Vimal Prasad Gupta, Company Secretary

Dear Shareholders, Good Evening.

I, Vimal Prasad Gupta, Company Secretary of the Company welcome all the members to this 41st Annual General Meeting of the Company through video conferencing. Due to Covid-19 pandemic and post pandemic guidelines issued by the Government, AGM is being held through video conferencing in compliance with the various circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and SEBI.

Hope, all of you are safe & in good health and wish you all to stay safe.

Before I hand over the proceedings to the Chairman to declare the meeting open, I would like to highlight certain points regarding the participation and voting at this meeting:-

- 1.** The joining to this meeting opened 15 minutes before the scheduled time of the commencement of the meeting, which is 04:00 pm and it will remain open for another 15 minutes after the end of the meeting for e-voting.
- 2.** As mentioned in the notice, the facility of participation at the AGM through video conferencing or other audio/visual means has been made available for 1000 members on first come first serve basis, except for large shareholders, promoters, Institutional Investors, Directors, key-managerial personnel, the Chairperson of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee, and Stakeholder's Relationship Committee as well as the auditors who are allowed to attend the AGM without any restrictions on account of first come first serve basis.
- 3.** All the members who have joined this meeting are by default placed on mute, to avoid any disturbance from background noise and to ensure smooth and seamless conduct of the meeting.

4. Members who have not voted through remote e-voting can cast their votes through e-voting facility during the AGM provided they have participated in the meeting through VC/OAVM facility.
5. The registered office the company situated at UMESH NAGAR CHANDIL, JHARKHAND shall be deemed the venue for this AGM.
6. Members may note that in terms of SEBI Circulars, the Company has sent letters to all physical Shareholders for furnishing their PAN & KYC details in the prescribed forms. These forms are also available on the Company's website. Members who have not submitted such details so far are once again requested to send the same to the Company's RTA at the earliest.

In the absence of KYC and other details, no service request shall be entertained and the Folios wherein any of the above cited documents/ details are not available on or after 31st December, 2023, shall be frozen by RTA.

7. We have received valid request from one member for registration as a speaker shareholder in the AGM today. The shareholders have been provided specific links to log in to the meeting and we will be allowing him to speak once the Chairman directs the same. The Chairman would respond to the queries.

In the absence of Shri Umesh Kumar Modi, Chairman & President of the Company, I request to the Directors present in the meeting to propose the name of any Director to Chair the Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Aditya Kumar Modi

I, Aditya Kumar Modi, Whole Time Director of the Company propose the name of Shri Vijay Kumar Modi as Chairman of the Meeting.

Mr. Anirudh Kumar Modi

I, Anirudh Kumar Modi, Independent Director of the Company second Shri Vijay Kumar Modi as Chairman of the Meeting.

Vimal Gupta - Thank you sir, now I request Mr. Vijay Kumar Modi Ji, Chairman of this meeting to take forward the proceedings of this meeting. Thank You.

Mr. Vijay Kumar Modi (Chairman)

Thank you Vimal, Good evening everyone. I, Vijay Kumar Modi, Chairman of this Annual General Meeting & also Chairman of Audit Committee, Nomination & Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee, welcome you all to the 41st Annual General Meeting of your Company. We are once again meeting virtually, and the requisite efforts have been made by the Company to enable the Members to participate in the AGM in large numbers and vote on the items being considered in this Meeting. Today this AGM has been convened through video conferencing in compliance with the Companies Act, 2013, various circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and SEBI which exempt physical attendance of the members at the AGM venue. As confirmed by our RTA and consequently by Company Secretary, the quorum being present, I declare the meeting open.

The notice convening this meeting and the directors' report had already been emailed to shareholders and are taken as read. I welcome other colleagues on the board of your company to the 41st Annual General Meeting. Now, I request our board of directors & Key Managerial Personnel to introduce themselves. I begin with Mr. Aditya Kumar Modi

Mr. Aditya Kumar Modi

Good evening everybody. I am Aditya Kumar Modi, Whole Time Director of the Company. I am joining this meeting from Delhi today. Thanks.

Chairman - Thank you Mr. Aditya.

Mr. Anirudh Kumar Modi

Good evening everybody. I am Anirudh Kumar Modi, Independent Director of the Company. I am joining this meeting from Delhi today. Thanks.

Chairman - Thank you Anirudh.

Mr. J.C. Chawla

Good evening everybody. I am Jagdish Chander Chawla, Independent Director of the Company. I am joining this meeting from Delhi today. Thanks.

Chairman - Thank you Mr. Chawla.

Chairman asked Mr. Ajay Kumar Aggarwal & Mr. Salil Seth for their roll call, but due to some technical problem with their side, they could not join.

Mr. Sachin (CFO)

Good evening everyone, I am Sachin, Chief Financial Officer of the Company. I am joining this meeting from Chandil, Registered Office.

Chairman - Thank You Mr. Sachin.

Chairman

We also have with us the representative from Statutory Auditors, Internal Auditors and Scrutinizer.

Sarat Jain

Good evening everyone. I Sarat Jain, Internal Auditor of the Company, am attending this meeting from New Delhi.

Statutory Auditors – KK Jain & Co., Chartered Accountant.

Ms. Simmi Jain – Partner (Present)

Secretarial Auditors – Soniya Gupta & Associates

Ms. Soniya Gupta – Secretarial Auditor & Scrutinizer of the Meeting

Good evening everyone. I Soniya Gupta, Secretarial Auditor of the Company and Scrutinizer of the Meeting, is attending this meeting from New Delhi.

Chairman - And Mr. Vimal Gupta, the Company Secretary, who has already spoken.

DISCUSS ON WORKING / ACTIVITIES ...

Now, I take you through the operations of the company and brief you of the contemporary developments:

During the financial year 2022-23 there is a profit of Rs. 1213.55 lacs as against the profit of Rs. 826.69 lacs in previous financial year.

Outlook

India is the world's second-largest producer of crude steel. Government has taken various steps to boost the sector including the introduction of National Steel Policy 2017 and allowing 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the steel sector under the automatic route. The Government's National Steel Policy 2017 aims to increase the per capita steel consumption to 160 kgs by 2030-31.

In FY 2023-24, demand for steel is expected to increase by 7.5% to 128.85 million tonnes, driven by rising construction activities. Steel companies are looking to restart expansion projects on the back of burgeoning steel processes.

Sponge Iron is the basic raw material for Steel manufacturer, so it is growing up parallel with steel demand. According to National Steel Policy, 2017, the aim is to increase the DRI production from 37.14 million tons to 80 million tons by 2030-31. India has huge untapped potential for the growth in the sponge iron industry, as it has still one of the lowest steel consumptions per capita (74.3 Kg.). The industry's prospects are looking bright.

OPERATIONS

The Company was constrained to shut its Plant and Operations since 9th August, 2013 on account of sudden stoppage of coal supply by Central Coalfields Limited, a Unit of Coal India Limited against long term Fuel Supply Agreement. The Coal available through online auction from various Coal Companies was of lower grades and was also available at high price, therefore, it was not economically viable for the company to operate with the costlier coal.

As reported last year, with a view to earn some revenue, the Company had entered into a Facility User Agreement dated 30.12.2020 with Vanraj Steels Private Limited, Mr. Manoj Kumar Agarwal and Parasnath Advisory Private Limited.

After complete overhauling and renovation work of the plant as well as the railway siding, the possession of the same has been handed over to M/s. Vanraj Steels Private Limited on 12th January, 2022. With the handing over of the plant, the Company has started receiving the operating income.

Now the plant is in operation, and with the restart of the plant, Company has started earning revenue and there is net profit before tax amounting to Rs. 1213.55 Lacs during FY 2022-23. Management is hopeful to earn good profit in future and losses suffered in past will get wiped out in due course.

Company Secretary

Pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI listing regulations, the Company has provided facility for voting by electronic means to all its members to enable to cast their votes electronically and the business may be transacted through such e-voting. The company provided remote e-voting facility to all the persons who were members on 22nd September, 2023, being the cut-off date for vote on all the 7 resolutions set out in the notice of AGM. Members attending the AGM today who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting are entitled to exercise their right to vote by e-voting. Ms. Soniya Gupta, Practicing Company Secretary has been appointed by the board as the scrutinizer for e-voting today. The results will be declared on or before 1st October, 2023 after considering the e-voting done today by members participating in this AGM and also the remote e-voting already done by certain members. The results along with scrutinizer report shall also be submitted to the BSE Ltd. and will also be placed on the website of the Company. As the meeting is convened through VC today, resolutions have already been put to vote through remote e-voting and the requirement to propose and second is not applicable.

With this, I now hand over the proceedings to the Chairman to take questions:-

Chairman

Thank you, Vimal. I will now call out the name of shareholders who have registered themselves as a speaker to express their views and ask questions.

Q & A Session:

Chairman asked to Mr. Praveen Kumar to ask queries, but he was not present.

Mr. Vijay Kumar Modi (Chairman)

Thank you everyone. I express my gratitude to all the members for their co-operation. Members attending the AGM today and who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting may cast their vote on the e-voting platform now. You are given 15 minutes time for e-voting. I once again thank you all for participating in the AGM.

Company Secretary - Thank you, Sir.

Chairman - Thank you, Vimal, do all the board members log off now?

Company Secretary - Yes Sir. They can now leave the meeting and the e-voting platform will remain open for 15 minutes time.

Chairman - OK. Thank you very much.