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Dear Shareholder,

We are pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors of the Company had at its meeting held on 12th May, 2025, recommended a dividend of Rs. 1 per Equity Share of Rs. 10 each (10%), for the financial year ended 31st March, 2025 subject to the approval of the Shareholders of the Company at its forthcoming Annual General Meeting ('AGM').

The important dates in this regard are as follows:

Event	Date
AGM date	31st July 2025
Record date	18th July 2025
Dividend payout date	on and from 03rd August, 2025
Last date to submit tax related documents	16 th July, 2025

Members may note that the Income-tax Act, 1961, ("the IT Act") as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, mandates that dividend paid or distributed by a company on or after April 1, 2020 shall be taxable in the hands of members. The Company shall therefore be required to deduct tax at source (TDS) at the time of making the payment of final dividend. To enable us to determine the appropriate TDS rate as applicable, members are requested to submit relevant documents, as specified in the below paragraphs, in accordance with the provisions of the IT Act.

For **resident shareholders**, taxes shall be deducted at source under Section 194 of the IT Act as follows:

Members having valid Permanent Account	10%* or as notified by the Government of
Number (PAN)	India (GOI)
Members not having PAN / valid PAN	20% or as notified by the GOI

^{*} As per Section 139AA of the IT Act, every person who has been allotted a PAN and who is eligible to obtain Aadhaar, shall be required to link the PAN with Aadhaar. In case of failure to comply with this, the PAN allotted shall be deemed to be invalid / inoperative and he shall be liable to all consequences under the IT Act and tax shall be deducted at the higher rates as provided in section 206AA of the IT Act, 1961 i.e., 20% of tax deduction at source.

However, no tax shall be deducted on the dividend payable to resident individual shareholders if the total dividend to be received by them during financial year 2025-2026 does not exceed ₹10,000 and also in cases where members provide Form 15G / Form 15H (Form 15H is applicable to resident individual shareholders aged 60 years or more), subject to conditions specified in the IT Act. Resident shareholders may also submit any other document as prescribed under the IT Act to claim a lower / nil withholding of tax. PAN is mandatory for members providing Form 15G / 15H or any other document as mentioned above.

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For **non-resident shareholders**, taxes are required to be withheld in accordance with the provisions of Section 195 and other applicable sections of the IT Act, at the rates in force. The withholding tax shall be at the rate of 20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) or as notified by the GOI on the amount of dividend payable. However, as per Section 90 of the IT Act, non-resident shareholders have the option to be governed by the provisions of the Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA), read with Multilateral Instrument (MLI), between India and the country of tax residence of the shareholders, if they are more beneficial to them. For this purpose, i.e. to avail the benefits under the DTAA read with MLI, non-resident shareholders will have to provide the following:

- Copy of the PAN card allotted by the Indian income tax authorities duly attested by the shareholders or details as prescribed under rule 37BC of the Income-tax Rules, 1962
- Copy of the Tax Residency Certificate for financial year 2025-26 obtained from the revenue or tax authorities of the country of tax residence, duly attested by shareholders / authorized signatory
- Electronic Form 10F as per notification no. 03/2022 dated July 16, 2022 issued by the Central Board of Direct Tax [Notification can be read under notification-no-3-2022-systems.pdf (incometaxindia.gov.in)]. Form 10F can be obtained electronically through the e-filing portal of the income tax website at https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal.
- Self-declaration by the shareholders of having no permanent establishment in India in accordance with the applicable tax treaty
- Self-declaration of beneficial ownership by the non-resident shareholder
- Any other documents as prescribed under the IT Act for lower withholding of taxes, if applicable, duly attested by the shareholders

In case of Foreign Institutional Investors (FII) / Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI), tax will be deducted under Section 196D of the IT Act at the rate of 20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) or the rate provided in relevant DTAA, read with MLI, whichever is more beneficial, subject to the submission of the above documents, if applicable.

The aforementioned documents are required to be sent to the Company on or before 16th July 2025 at <u>wpflcompanysecretary@walchandgroup.com</u>. No communication would be accepted from members after 16th July 2025, regarding tax-withholding matters.

Shareholders can check their tax credit in Form 26AS from the e-filing account at https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal or "View Your Tax Credit" on https://www.tdscpc.gov.in.

For Walchand PeopleFirst Limited

Sd/-Shruthi Patni Chief Financial Officer & Operations Head

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