### LETTER OF OFFER THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

This Letter of Offer is being sent to you being a registered shareholder/ beneficial owner of the Equity Shares of James Warren Tea Limited ("the Company") as on the Record Date in accordance with Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-back of Securities) Regulations, 2018 ("SEBI Buyback Regulations") as amended. If you require any clarifications about the action to be taken, you should consult your stock broker or your investment consultant or the Manager to the Buyback i.e., Fedex Securities Private Limited (formerly known as Fedex Securities Limited) or the Registrar to the Buyback i.e., Maheshwari Datamatics Private Limited. Please refer to the section "Definition of Key Terms" on page 4 for the definition of the capitalised terms used herein.



### JAMES WARREN TEA LIMITED

CIN: L15491AS2009PLC009345

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Website: www.jameswarrentea.com; Company Secretary and Compliance Officer: Ayushi Mundhra

Offer for Buyback up to 7,00.000 (Seven Lakhs) fully paid-up equity shares of the Company of face value of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten Only) each, representing 15.91% of the issued, subscribed and paid-up Equity Shares of the Company, from all Eligible Shareholders as on the Record Date, i.e., Tuesday, July 18, 2023 on a proportionate basis, through the 'tender offer' process using stock exchange mechanism, at a price of Rs. 250/-(Rupees Two Hundred Fifty Only) per fully paid-up Equity Share, for an aggregate maximum amount not exceeding Rs. 17,50,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Crores Fifty Lakhs Only) payable in cash excluding the Transaction Cost

- 1. The Buyback is being undertaken in accordance with Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company, Sections 68, 69, 70, 110 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof and applicable rules thereunder including the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014, as amended and the SEBI Buyback Regulations. The Buyback is subject to receipt of such approvals, permissions and sanctions, as may be required under the applicable laws including from the Securities and Exchange Board of India, and/ or the BSE Limited (BSE) and the Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited (CSE).
- The Buyback Offer Size is Rs. 17,50,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Crores Fifty Lakhs Only) excluding the Transaction Costs, which represents 24.61% of the aggregate of the Company's paid-up capital and free reserves (including securities premium) per the last audited financial statements of the Company as on March 31, 2023 (the latest audited financial statements available as on the date of Board Meeting recommending the proposal of the Buyback). The Buyback Offer Size is within the statutory limit of 25% of the aggregate of paid-up capital and free reserves (including securities premium) of the Company under the shareholders' approval route as per the Companies Act, 2013.
- The Letter of Offer is electronically sent to the registered equity shareholders of the Company as on the Record Date, i.e., Tuesday, July 18, 2023 (the "Eligible Shareholders") in accordance with the Buyback Regulations and such other circulars or notifications, as may be applicable. Further, in terms of Regulation 9(ii) of the Buyback Regulations, if the Company receives a request from any Eligible Shareholder to dispatch a copy of the Letter of Offer in physical form, the same shall be provided.
- 4. For details of the procedure for tender and settlement, please refer to the "Procedure for Tender Offer and Settlement" on page 27. The Form of Acceptance cum-Acknowledgement (the "Tender Form") is enclosed together with this Letter of Offer.
- 5. For details of the methodology adopted for the Buyback, please refer to the "Process and Methodology for the Buyback" on page 25. For mode of payment of cash consideration to the Eligible Shareholders, please refer to "Procedure for Tender Offer and Settlement - Method of Settlement" on page
- 6. A copy of the Public Announcement dated July 07, 2023 and the Letter of Offer (including the Tender Form) shall be available on the website of the Company i.e. www.jameswarrentea.com and is also expected to be made available on the website of Securities and Exchange Board of India i.e., www.sebi.gov.in, Manager to the Buyback i.e. www.fedsec.in and Stock Exchanges i.e. www.bseindia.com and www.cse-india.com.
- 7. Eligible Shareholders are advised to refer to "Details of the Statutory Approvals" and "Note on Taxation" on pages 24 and 35, respectively, before tendering their Equity Shares in the Buyback.

### MANAGER TO THE BUYBACK

# FEDEX SECURITIES PRIVATE LIMITED

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SEBI Registration Number: INM000010163

# REGISTRAR TO THE BUYBACK



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Website: www.mdpl.in

Contact Person: Mr. S. K. Chaubey **SEBI Registration No.:** INR000000353

### **BUYBACK PROGRAMME**

BUYBACK OPENS ON	Monday, July 24, 2023
BUYBACK CLOSES ON	Friday, July 28, 2023
Last date and time of receipt of Completed tender forms and other	Friday, July 28, 2023
specified documents by the registrar to the Buyback	

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# 1. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE BUYBACK

S. No.	Activity	Day and Date of Event
1.	Date of Board meeting approving the proposal for the Buyback	Monday, May 29, 2023
2.	Date of declaration of results of the postal ballot through remote e-	Wednesday, July 06, 2023
	voting for special resolution by the Equity Shareholders, approving	
	the Buyback	G . 1 I I 00 2022
3.	Date of publication of the Public Announcement	Saturday, July 08, 2023
4.	Record Date for determining the Buyback Entitlement and the names	Tuesday, July 18, 2023
	of Eligible Shareholders	
5.	Last date for dispatch of Letter of Offer	Thursday, July 20, 2023
6.	Date of opening of the Buyback Offer	Monday, July 24, 2023
7.	Date of closing of the Buyback Offer	Friday, July 28, 2023
8.	Last date for the receipt of completed Tender Forms and other	Friday, July 28, 2023
	specified documents including physical share certificates (as	
	applicable) by the Registrar to the Buyback	
9.	Last date of verification of Tender Forms by the Registrar	Tuesday, August 01, 2023
10.	Last date of intimation to the Designated Stock Exchange regarding	Thursday, August 03, 2023
	acceptance or non-acceptance of tendered Equity Shares	
11.	Last date of settlement of bids on the Stock Exchange	Friday, August 04, 2023
12.	Last date of payment to Eligible Shareholders/ return of unaccepted	Friday, August 04, 2023
	shares to Eligible Shareholders by Registrar of Buyback	
13.	Last date of extinguishment of Equity Shares bought back	Monday, August 14, 2023

Note: In case the last date is mentioned for certain activities, such activities may be completed on or before such last date.

# 2. **DEFINITION OF KEY TERMS**

This Letter of Offer uses certain definitions and abbreviations which, unless the context otherwise indicates or implies or specified otherwise, shall have the meaning as provided below. References to any legislation, act, regulation, rules, guidelines, policies, circulars, notifications or clarifications shall be to such legislation, act, regulation, rules, guidelines, policies, circulars, notifications or clarifications as amended, supplemented, or re-enacted from time to time and any reference to a statutory provision shall include any subordinate legislation made from time to time under that provision.

The words and expressions used in this Letter of Offer, but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms under the SEBI Buyback Regulations, the Companies Act, 2013, the SEBI Depositories Act, 1996 and the rules

and regulations made thereunder.

Term	Description	
Acceptance, Accept, or Accepted	Acceptance of Equity Shares tendered by the Eligible Shareholders in the Buyback	
Acquisition Window	The facility for acquisition of Equity Shares through mechanism provided by the Designated Stock Exchange in the form of a separate window in accordance with the SEBI Circulars	
Act / Companies Act	The Companies Act, 2013, as may be amended from time to time, along with all rules and regulations issued thereunder	
Additional Equity Shares / Additional Shares	Additional Equity Shares tendered by an Eligible Shareholder over and above the Buyback Entitlement of such Eligible Shareholder up to the extent of Equity Shares held by such Eligible Shareholder on the Record Date	
Articles of Association	Articles of Association of the Company	
Board Meeting	Meeting of the Board of Directors held on Monday, May 29, 2023 approving the proposal of Buyback.	
Board / Board of Directors / Directors	Board of Directors of the Company (which term shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to include a duly authorized committee thereof).	
Board Approval	Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company held on Monday, May 29, 2023 approving the proposal for the Buy-back.	
Board Meeting Date	Monday, May 29, 2023	
BSE	BSE Limited	
Buyback Entitlement	The number of Equity Shares that an Eligible Shareholder is entitled to tender in the Buyback, which is computed based on the number of Equity Shares held by such Eligible Shareholder as on the Record Date and the ratio of Buyback applicable in the category, to which such Eligible Shareholder belongs.	
Buyback Offer Price /	Price at which Equity Shares will be bought back from the Eligible Shareholders i.e.,	
Buyback Price	Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred Fifty Only) per Equity Share payable in cash.	
Buyback Offer Size / Buyback Size	Number of Equity Shares proposed to be bought back i.e., up to 7,00,000 (Seven Lakhs) Equity Shares multiplied by the Buyback Offer Price i.e., Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred Fifty Only) per Equity Share aggregating to Rs. 17,50,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Crores Fifty Lakhs Only). The Buyback Offer Size does not include taxes payable under Income-tax Act, 1961 and any expenses incurred or to be incurred for the Buyback viz., like filing fees payable to the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), advisors/legal fees, transaction costs such as brokerage, applicable taxes such as securities transaction tax, tax on buyback, goods and service tax (GST), stamp duty, public announcement publication expenses, printing and dispatch expenses and other	
	incidental and related expenses, etc. ("Transaction Costs").	
Buyback or Buyback Offer or Offer	Cash Offer by James Warren Tea Limited to Buy back up to 7,00,000 (Seven Lakhs) fully paid-up equity shares of face value Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten Only) each at a price of Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred Fifty Only) per Equity Share from all the Eligible Shareholders, through the Tender Offer process on a proportionate basis.	
Buy-back Committee	The Buy-back Committee of the Board, constituted and authorized for the purposes of the Buyback by way of a resolution of the Board dated May 29, 2023 comprising of Mr. Arup Kumar Chowdhuri - Chairman, Mr. Sandip Das - Member, and Mr. Pradyut Ghosh- Member	
Buy-back Closing Date	Friday, July 28, 2023	
Buy-back Opening Date	Monday, July 24, 2023	
Buy-back Period	The period between the date of Board Meeting to authorize the Buy-back and the date on which the payment of consideration to the Eligible Shareholders is made	

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Buyback Regulations /	The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-Back of Securities) Regulations,		
SEBI Buyback Regulations	2018 as amended and include the SEBI Circulars.		
CDSL	Central Depository Services (India) Limited		
CIN	Corporate Identification Number		
Clearing Corporation	Indian Clearing Corporation Limited		
Company / JWTL / "we"	James Warren Tea Limited, unless the context states otherwise		
Company Demat Account	A demat account held by the Company, wherein Demat Shares bought back in the		
	Buyback would be transferred.		
Company's Broker	Bindal Equities Private Limited		
CSE	The Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited		
Depositories	Together, National Securities Depository Limited and Central Depository Services		
	(India) Limited.		
Designated Stock	BSE Limited		
Exchange			
DIN	Director Identification Number		
DP	Depository Participant		
Eligible Shareholders	Equity Shareholders eligible to participate in the Buyback and would mean all		
8	shareholders / beneficial owners of the Equity Shares on the Record Date being		
	Tuesday, July 18, 2023, and do not include such shareholders / beneficial owners of the		
	Equity Shares who are not permitted under the applicable law to tender shares in the		
	Buyback		
EPS	Earnings per Share		
Equity Share (s)	Fully paid-up equity share(s) of the Company having the face value of Rs. 10/- (Rupees		
Equity Share (8)	Ten Only) each		
Equity Shareholder (s)	Shareholder / beneficial owner of the Equity Shares		
Escrow Account	The Escrow Account to be opened with HDFC Bank Limited in the name and style of		
Eserow recount	"JWTL - BUYBACK OFFER ESCROW ACCOUNT"		
Escrow Agent	HDFC Bank Limited		
Escrow Agreement	The agreement dated Thursday, July 06, 2023 entered between the Company, Escrow		
Eserow rigitement	Agent and Manager to the Buyback, pursuant to which certain arrangements for Escrow		
	Account is made in relation to the Buyback.		
Exchange Act	United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934		
FEMA	The Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.		
FII(s)	Foreign Institutional Investor(s)		
FPI	Foreign Portfolio Investors		
General Category	Eligible Shareholders other than the Small Shareholders.		
HUF	Hindu Undivided Family		
IT Act / Income Tax Act /	Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended.		
ITA	meome 1 ax Act, 1701, as amended.		
Letter of Offer	The letter of offer dated Thursday, July 20, 2023 filed with SEBI, through the Manager		
Letter of Office	to the Buyback, containing disclosures in relation to the Buyback as specified in		
	Schedule III of the SEBI Buyback Regulations, incorporating any comments that may		
	be received from SEBI on the Letter of Offer.		
LODR Regulations	Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure		
2021 Regulations	Requirements) Regulations, 2015 for the time being in force including any statutory		
	modifications and amendments from time to time.		
LTCG	Long Term Capital Gains		
"Merchant Banker to the	Fedex Securities Private Limited		
Buyback" or "Merchant			
Banker" or "Manager to			
the Buyback"			
NA	Not Applicable		
Non-Resident Shareholders	Includes Non-resident Indians (NRI) and Foreign Institutional Investors (FII) / Foreign		
	Portfolio Investor as defined under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign		
	Portfolio Investors) Regulations, 2014, as amended		
NSDL	National Securities Depository Limited.		
PAN	Permanent Account Number.		
Physical Shares	Equity Share(s) of the Company in physical form.		
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Public announcement	Public announcement dated Friday, July 07, 2023 in connection with the Buyback		
	which was published on Saturday, July 08, 2023 in all editions of Business Standard,		
	the English national daily newspaper and Business Standard the Hindi national daily		
	newspaper and Dainidin Barta (Assam Daily) (Assamese, being the regional language of Assam wherein the registered office of the Company is located)		
D	of Assam wherein the registered office of the Company is located).		
Promoters	The promoters of the Company, as defined under Regulation 2(i)(k) of the SEBI		
	Buyback Regulations, namely, Ashdene Investments Limited, ISIS Enterprises Limited		
D	and Maygrove Investments Limited.		
Promoters Group	Persons and entities constituting the promoter group of the Company in terms of		
	Regulation 2(1)(zb) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and		
D ( CD 1 1	Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended.		
Ratio of Buyback	The ratio of the Buyback: (i) in case of Small Shareholders, 7 Equity Shares for every		
	44 Equity Shares held by such Small Shareholder on the Record Date; and (ii) for Eligible Shareholders other than Small Shareholders, 7 Equity Shares for every 44		
RBI	Equity Shares held by such Eligible Shareholder on the Record Date.  Reserve Bank of India.		
Record Date	The date for the purpose of determining the Buyback Entitlement and the names of the		
	Eligible Shareholders to whom the Letter of Offer (including the Tender Form) will be		
	sent, and who are eligible to participate in the Buyback in accordance with the SEBI		
D : 1 066	Buyback Regulations. The Record Date for the Buyback is Tuesday, July 18, 2023.		
Registered Office "Registrar to the Buyback"	Dhoedaam Tea Estate, P.O. Borahapjan, Tinsukia, Assam-786150  Maheshwari Datamatics Private Limited		
	Maneshwari Datamatics Private Limited		
or "Registrar"  Relaxation Circulars	SEBI circular bearing number CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated April 13, 2015,		
Relaxation Circulars	CFD/DCR2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated December 9, 2016 and CFD/DCR-		
	III/CIR/P/2021/615 dated August 13 2021 and circular bearing number		
	SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/35 dated March 08, 2023 as may be amended from		
	time to time.		
Reserved Category	Shareholders eligible to tender Equity Shares in the Buyback.		
SEBI SEBI	Securities and Exchange Board of India.		
SEBI Listing Regulations	Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure		
SEDI Listing Regulations	Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended.		
Shareholder's Broker	The stock brokers (who is a member of the BSE and/or CSE) of an Eligible Shareholder		
Shareholder & Broker	through whom the order for selling the Equity Shares will be placed in the Acquisition		
	Window.		
Small Shareholder	As defined under Regulation 2(i)(n) of the SEBI Buyback Regulations and in relation to		
	the Buyback means an Eligible Shareholder who holds Equity Shares of market value of		
	not more than Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lakhs Only), on the basis of closing price on		
	BSE or CSE, whichever registers the highest trading volume in respect of the Equity		
	Shares on the Record Date i.e., Tuesday, July 18, 2023.		
SEBI Circulars	Tendering of Equity Shares by such Shareholders and settlement of the same, through		
	the stock exchange mechanism as specified by SEBI in the circular bearing number		
	CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated April 13, 2015 read with circular bearing		
	number CFD/DCR2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated December 9, 2016, circular bearing number		
	SEBI/HO/CFD/DCR-III/CIR/P/2021/615 dated August 13, 2021 and circular bearing		
	number SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/35 dated March 08, 2023 and such other		
	circulars as may be applicable, including any amendments thereof.		
STCG	Short-Term Capital Gains		
Stock Exchanges	Together, BSE Limited ("BSE") and Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited ("CSE"), being		
	the stock exchanges where the Equity Shares of the Company are listed		
Takeover Regulations	The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and		
-	Takeovers) Regulations, 2011 for the time being in force including any statutory		
	modifications and amendments from time to time		
Tender Form	Form of Acceptance-cum-Acknowledgement		
Tender Offer	Method of buyback as defined in Regulation 2(i)(q) of the SEBI Buyback Regulations		
Tendering Period	Period of 5 Working Days from the Buyback Opening Date Monday, July 24, 2023 till		
	the Buyback Closing Date Friday, July 28, 2023 (both days inclusive).		
Transaction Costs	Any expenses incurred or to be incurred for the Buyback viz., like filing fees payable to		
	the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), advisors/legal fees, transaction		

	costs such as brokerage, applicable taxes such as securities transaction tax, tax on buyback, goods and service tax (GST), stamp duty, public announcement publication expenses, printing and dispatch expenses and other incidental and related expenses, etc.
TRS	Transaction Registration Slip
U.S.	The United States of America
Working Day	Working day as defined in the SEBI Buyback Regulations

### Certain conventions, currency of presentation, use of financial information and stock market data

# **Page Numbers and Paragraph Numbers**

Unless otherwise stated, all references to page numbers and paragraph numbers in this Letter of Offer are to page numbers of this Letter of Offer.

### **Currency and Units of Presentation**

All references to "Rupee(s)", "Rs." or "INR" or "₹" are to Rupees, the official currency of the Republic of India.

### **Financial and Other Data**

Unless stated or the context requires otherwise, our financial information in this Letter of Offer is derived from the audited results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021, March 31, 2022 and March 31, 2023.

Our Company's fiscal year commences on April 1 of each year and ends on March 31 of the next year (referred to herein as "Fiscal", "Fiscal Year" or "FY").

All data related to financials are given in INR lakh, unless otherwise stated.

# **Stock Market Data**

Unless stated or the context requires otherwise, stock market data included in this Letter of Offer is derived from the websites of the Stock Exchanges.

### 3. DISCLAIMER CLAUSE

As required, a copy of the Letter of Offer has been submitted to SEBI. It is to be distinctly understood that submission of the Letter of Offer to SEBI should not, in any way, be deemed or construed that the same has been cleared or approved by SEBI. SEBI does not take any responsibility either for the financial soundness of the Company to meet its Buyback commitments or for the correctness of the statements made or opinions expressed in the Letter of Offer. The Manager to the Buyback, Fedex Securities Private Limited (Formerly known as Fedex Securities Limited), has certified that the disclosures made in the Letter of Offer are generally adequate and are in conformity with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI Buyback Regulations. This requirement is to facilitate Eligible Shareholders to take an informed decision in tendering their Equity Shares in the Buyback.

It should also be clearly understood that, while the Company is primarily responsible for the correctness, adequacy and disclosure of all relevant information in the Letter of Offer, the Manager to the Buyback is expected to exercise due diligence to ensure that the Company discharges its duty adequately in this behalf and towards this purpose, the Manager to the Buyback i.e. Fedex Securities Private Limited (Formerly known as Fedex Securities Limited) has furnished to SEBI a due diligence certificate dated Thursday, July 20, 2023 in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-Back of Securities) Regulations, 2018, which reads as follows:

"We have examined various documents and materials relevant to the Buyback as part of the due diligence carried out by us in connection with the finalization of the Public Announcement and the Letter of Offer. On the basis of such examination and the discussions with the Company, we hereby state that:

- 1. The Buy-back is in compliance of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-Back of Securities) Regulations, 2018, as amended (the "Buy-back Regulations") and the Letter of Offer contains the information required under the Buy-back Regulations.
- 2. the Public Announcement and the Letter of Offer are in conformity with the documents, materials and papers relevant to the Buyback;
- 3. all the legal requirements connected with the said Buyback including the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-Back of Securities) Regulations, 2018 as amended, have been duly complied with;

- 4. the disclosures in the Public Announcement and the Letter of Offer are, to the best of our knowledge, true, fair and adequate in all material respects for the Eligible Shareholders to make a well-informed decision in respect of the captioned Buyback:
- 5. funds used for Buyback shall be as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, as amended"

The filing of the Letter of Offer with SEBI, does not, however, absolve the Company from any liabilities under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 or from the requirement of obtaining such statutory or other clearances as may be required for the purpose of the proposed Buyback.

The Promoters and Directors declare and confirm that no information or material likely to have a bearing on the decision of Eligible Shareholders has been suppressed, withheld and / or incorporated in a manner that would amount to misstatement or misrepresentation and in the event of it transpiring at any point of time that any information or material has been suppressed or withheld, or amounts to a misstatement or misrepresentation, the Promoters or Directors and the Company shall be liable for penalty in terms of the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI Buyback Regulations.

The Promoters and Directors also declare and confirm that, funds borrowed from banks and financial institutions will not be used for the Buyback.

### **Disclaimer for U.S. Persons:**

The information contained in this Letter of Offer is exclusively intended for persons who are not U.S. Persons as such term is defined in Regulations of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and who are not physically present in the U.S.

This Letter of Offer does not in any way constitute an offer to sell, or an invitation to sell, any securities in the U.S. or in any other jurisdiction in which such offer or invitation is not authorised or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation. Potential users of the information contained in this Letter of Offer are requested to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions.

### Notice for Persons in Countries other than United States and India:

This Letter of Offer has not been filed, registered or approved in any jurisdiction outside India. This Letter of Offer does not in any way constitute an offer to sell, or an invitation to sell, any securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer or invitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation would subject the Company or the Manager to the Offer to any new or additional requirements or registrations. Potential users of the information contained in this Letter of Offer are requested to inform themselves about and to observe any applicable legal requirement or restrictions.

The Public Announcement dated July 8, 2023, and this Letter of Offer have been prepared for the purposes of compliance with the Buy-back Regulations. Accordingly, the information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this document had been prepared in accordance with the laws and regulations of any jurisdiction outside of India. The Company and the Manager to the Buy-back are under no obligation to update the information contained herein at any time after the date of this Letter of Offer.

This Letter of Offer does not and will not in any way constitute an offer to sell, or an invitation to sell, any securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer or invitation is not authorised or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation. The Letter of Offer shall be dispatched to all Eligible Shareholders through electronic means as per the Buyback Regulations and such other circulars or notifications, as may be applicable. However, receipt of the Letter of Offer by any Equity Shareholders in a jurisdiction in which it would be illegal to make this Buy-back, or where making this Offer would require any action to be taken (including, but not restricted to, registration of the Letter of Offer under any local securities laws), shall not be treated by such Equity Shareholders as an offer being made to them. Potential users of the information contained in this Letter of Offer are requested to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. Any Eligible Shareholder who tenders his, her or its Equity Shares in the Buy-back shall be deemed to have declared, represented, warranted and agreed that he, she or it is authorized under the provisions of any applicable local laws, rules, regulations and statutes to participate in the Buy-back

# **Forward Looking Statement:**

This Letter of Offer contains certain forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements generally can be identified by words or phrases such as 'believe', 'expect', 'estimate', 'intend', 'objective', 'plan', 'project', 'will', or other words or phrases of similar import. Similarly, statements that describe our objectives, plans or goals are also forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions about us that could cause actual results to differ materially from those

contemplated by the relevant forward-looking statement. Actual results may differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements. The Company and the Manager to the Buyback undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Actual results may differ materially from those suggested by forward-looking statements due to risks or uncertainties associated with expectations relating to, inter alia, regulatory changes pertaining to the industries in which the Company operates and its ability to respond to them, the Company's ability to successfully implement its strategy, its growth and expansion, technological changes, exposure to market risks, general economic and political conditions in India or other key markets where it operates which have an impact on its business activities or investments, the monetary and fiscal policies, inflation, deflation, unanticipated turbulence in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices or other rates or prices, the performance of the financial markets in India and globally, changes in domestic laws, regulations and taxes and changes in competition in the industries in which the Company operates.

Certain figures contained in this Letter of Offer, including financial information, have been subject to rounding-off adjustments. In certain instances, (i) the sum or percentage change of such numbers may not confirm exactly to the total figure given; and (ii) the sum of the numbers in a column or row in certain tables may not confirm exactly to the total figure given for that column or row.

#### 4. TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Buyback has been authorised and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on Monday, May 29, 2023 subject to the approval of the Shareholders of the Company. The shareholders approved the buyback, by way of special resolution through Postal Ballot / remote e-voting to be considered passed as on Wednesday, July 05, 2023 and the postal ballot voting results declared on Thursday, July 06, 2023. The extract of the resolution passed by the Board of Directors is as follows:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Sections 68, 69, 70 and 110 and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013, (the Act), the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014, the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and in compliance with Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy Back of Securities) Regulations, 2018, ("Buyback Regulations"), Articles of Association of the Company and other applicable laws, if any, including any amendments, statutory modifications or re-enactments for the time being in force, and subject to approval of members of the Company by way of Special Resolution and all other applicable statutory approvals, the consent of Board Members of the Company be and is hereby accorded for the buyback by the Company of 7,00,000 (Seven Lakhs Only) Equity shares of Rs. 10/- each fully paid-up (representing 15.91 % of the total paid up equity share capital of the Company as on March 31, 2023) at a price of Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred and Fifty Only) per equity share ("Buyback Price") aggregating to Rs. 17,50,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Crores Fifty Lakhs only) (excluding Company's transaction costs viz. brokerage, securities transaction tax, GST, stamp duty, etc.) ("Buyback Size"), not exceeding 25% of the paid-up equity share capital and free reserves of the Company as per the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended on March 31, 2023 on a proportionate basis through the tender offer route ("Tender Offer") as prescribed under the Buyback Regulations, from all of the shareholders/ beneficial owners who hold Equity Shares as on the cut-off date, to be determined in due course of time.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the buyback is being proposed in keeping with the Company's desire to enhance overall shareholders value and the buyback would lead to reduction in total number of equity shares.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** all of the shareholders/ beneficial owners of the Company who hold Equity Shares as on the Record Date, to be announced later, will be eligible to participate in the Buyback, including promoters and members of promoter group of the Company and persons in control, who have expressed their intention to participate in the proposed Buyback offer.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** as required by Regulation 6 of the SEBI Buyback Regulations, the Company may buyback equity Shares from the existing shareholders on a proportionate basis through tender offer mechanism, provided 15% of the number of equity shares which the Company proposes to buyback or number of equity shares entitled as per the shareholding of small shareholders, whichever is higher, shall be reserved for the small shareholders, as defined in the SEBI Buyback Regulations.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the draft calendar of events as placed before the members of the Board, be and is hereby approved.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Directors hereby confirms that:

a) all equity shares of the Company are fully paid up;

- b) the Company has noted that it shall not issue and allot any equity shares including by way of bonus, till the date of closure of this Buyback;
- c) the Company shall not buyback its shares from any person through negotiated deal whether on or off the stock exchanges or through spot transactions or through any private arrangement in the implementation of the Buyback:
- d) that the aggregate amount of the Buyback i.e. Rs. 17,50,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Crores Fifty Lakhs only) does not exceed 25% of the total paid-up capital and free reserves as per the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2023;
- e) that the maximum number of equity shares proposed to be purchased under the Buyback i.e. 7,00,000 (Seven Lakhs Only) equity shares, does not exceed 25% of the total number of shares in the paid-up equity capital as per Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2023;
- f) no default, has been made by the Company in the repayment of deposits accepted either before or after the commencement of the Companies Act, 2013, interest payment thereof, redemption of debentures or preference shares or payment of dividend to any shareholder, or repayment of any term loan or interest payable to thereon to any financial institution or banking company;
- g) the debt equity ratio of the Company after the Buyback will be well within the limit of 2:1 as prescribed under the Companies Act, 2013 (to the extent applicable), as the case may be.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** as required by Clause (x) of Schedule I of the SEBI Buyback Regulations, the Board hereby confirms that they have made a full enquiry into the affairs and prospects of the Company and that they have formed the opinion:

- (a) That immediately following the date of the Board Meeting held on 29.05.2023 and the date on which the results of the Postal Ballot will be declared, there will be no grounds, on which the Company can be found unable to pay its debts;
- (b) That as regards the Company's prospects for the year immediately following the date of the Board Meeting as well as the year immediately following date on which the results of the Postal Ballot will be declared approving the Buyback and having regards to the Board's intentions with respect to the management of the Company's business during that year and to the amount and character of the financial resources which will, in Board's view, be available to the Company during that year, the Company will be able to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due and will not be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from date of the Board meeting approving the Buyback as well as within a period of one year from the date on which the results of the Postal Ballot will be declared as the case may be;
- (c) In forming its opinion aforesaid, the Board has taken into account the liabilities as if the Company were being wound up under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (including prospective and contingent liabilities).

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Company shall implement the Buyback using the Mechanism for acquisition of shares through Stock Exchange" notified by SEBI vide circular CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated April 13, 2015 read with circular CFD/DCR2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated December 9, 2016 and BSE notice no. 20170202-34 dated February 2, 2017, including any modification or amendment, for the time being in force.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the proposed Buyback be implemented from the existing shareholders including Promoters, Promoters Group and Persons Acting in concert (such shareholders herein after collectively known as "Persons in Control") that persons in control will be such persons as have been disclosed under the filings made by the Company from time to time under Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeover) Regulations 2011 ("SEBI Takeover Regulations") as the Board may consider appropriate, from out of its free reserves and/or Share Premium Account and/or cash balances and/ or internal accruals and/or such other sources or by such mechanisms as may be permitted by Law, and on such terms and conditions as the Board may decide from time to time, and in the absolute discretion of the Board, as it may deem fit.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the amount required by the Company for the Buyback will be met out of the Company's current balances of cash and cash equivalents and / or accumulated internal accruals shall not use borrowed funds, directly or indirectly, whether secured or unsecured, of any form and nature, from banks and financial institutions.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Company shall not Buyback the locked-in equity shares or other specified securities, if any and non-transferable equity shares or other specified securities, if any, till the pendency of the lock-in or till the equity shares or other specified securities become transferable;

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** as per the provisions of Section 68(8) of the Companies Act, 2013, the Company will not issue same kind of shares or other specified securities shares within a period of 6 months after the completion of the Buyback except by way of bonus shares or equity shares issued in the discharge of subsisting obligations such as conversion of warrants, stock option schemes, sweat equity or conversion of preference shares or debentures into equity shares.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** as per the provisions of Regulation 24(f) of SEBI Buyback Regulations, 2018, the Company shall not raise any further capital for a period of one year from the date of closure of the buyback offer, except in discharge of its subsisting obligations.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Buyback from the shareholders who are residents outside India including Foreign Corporate Bodies (including erstwhile Overseas Corporate Bodies) and Foreign Institutional Investors, shall be subject to such approvals, if any and to the extent required from the concerned authorities including approvals from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the rules and regulations framed there under, and that such approvals shall be required to be taken by such non-resident shareholders.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the powers of the Board of Directors in respect of the buyback be delegated to a committee ("Buyback Committee") consisting of the following directors/Authorised Representative of the Company namely, Mr. Arup Kumar Chowdhuri, Independent Director, Mr. Sandip Das, Wholetime Director and Mr. Pradyut Ghosh, Senior Accounts Manager of the Company the quorum for the meeting of the Buyback Committee shall be presence of two members at the meeting.

Sr. No	Name of Directors/Officers/Authorized Representatives	Designation	Nature of relationship with the Company	
1.	Mr. Arup Kumar Chowdhuri	Chairman	Non – Executive Independent Director	
2.	Mr. Sandip Das	Member	Whole -Time Director	
3.	Mr. Pradyut Ghosh	Member	Senior Accounts Manager	

The Company Secretary and compliance officer shall act as the Secretary to the Committee.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Buyback Committee is hereby authorized to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as it may in its absolute discretion deem necessary, expedient, usual or proper as the Buyback Committee may consider to be in the best interests of the shareholders, including but not limited to finalizing the terms of the Buyback, record date, entitlement ratio, the specific price for the Buyback, the actual number of Equity Shares to be bought back, mechanism for the Buyback, opening of Escrow Bank Account and Special Bank Account or Special Demat Account, authorizing the persons to operate the said accounts, appointment of intermediaries or agencies for the implementation of the Buyback and sign and execute the incidental documentation as also to prefer applications to the appropriate authorities for their requisite approvals and to initiate all necessary actions for preparation and issue of various documents including but not limited to Public Announcement, Declaration of Solvency, Letter of Offer, Corporate Actions with Depositories, extinguishment of Share Certificates and filing with appropriate authorities in connection with the Buyback on behalf of Board of Directors.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Buyback Committee be and is hereby authorized to decide the related issues as may be required to regulate its working, to delegate all or any of the authorities conferred upon it to any Director(s) or Officer or authorized representative of the Company.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution, the Buyback Committee be and is hereby authorized on behalf of the Company to accept and make any alteration(s), modification(s) to the terms and conditions (including increasing the maximum Buyback price and decrease the number of securities proposed to be bought back such that there is no change in the aggregate size of the Buyback till 1(one) working day prior to the record date) as it may deem necessary, concerning any aspect of the Buyback, in accordance with the statutory requirements as well as to give such directions as may be necessary or desirable, to settle any questions, difficulties or doubts that may arise and generally, to do all acts, deeds, matters and things as the Buyback Committee may, in its absolute discretion deem necessary, expedient, usual or proper in relation to or in connection with or for matters consequential to the Buyback.

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a register of securities bought back shall be maintained wherein the details of equity shares bought back, consideration paid for the equity shares bought back, date of cancellation of equity shares and date of extinguishing and physically destroying of equity shares and such other particulars as may be prescribed, shall be entered and that any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorized to authenticate the entries made in the said register."

### 5. DETAILS OF THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 7(i) of the SEBI Buyback Regulations, the Company has made a Public Announcement dated Friday, July 07, 2023 in the following newspapers in relation to the Buyback, which was published on Saturday, July 08, 2023 i.e., within two Working Days from the date of declaration of voting

results of the Postal Ballot on Thursday, July 06, 2023 in which special resolution was passed by the Shareholders approving the Buyback:

Name of the Newspaper	Language	Editions
Business Standard	English	All Edition
Business Standard	Hindi	All Edition
Dainidin Barta	Assamese	Guwahati

A copy of the Public Announcement is available on the Company's Website i.e., <a href="www.jameswarrentea.com">www.jameswarrentea.com</a>; website of SEBI at <a href="www.sebi.gov.in">www.sebi.gov.in</a>, the Manager to the Buyback, i.e., <a href="www.fedsec.in">www.fedsec.in</a> and on the website of the Stock Exchanges, i.e., <a href="www.bseindia.com">www.bseindia.com</a> and <a href="www.sebi.gov.in">www.bseindia.com</a> and <a href="www.sebi.gov.in">www.sebi.gov.in</a>, the Manager to the Buyback, i.e., <a href="www.fedsec.in">www.fedsec.in</a> and on the website of the Stock Exchanges, i.e., <a href="www.sebi.gov.in">www.sebi.gov.in</a>, and <a href="www.sebi.gov.in">www.sebi.gov.in</a>, the Manager to the Buyback, i.e., <a href="www.fedsec.in">www.fedsec.in</a> and on the website of the Stock Exchanges, i.e., <a href="www.sebi.gov.in">www.sebi.gov.in</a>, the Manager to the Buyback, i.e., <a href="www.fedsec.in">www.fedsec.in</a> and <a href="www.sebi.gov.in">www.sebi.gov.in</a>, the William of the Willi

# 6. DETAILS OF THE BUYBACK

The Buyback has been authorized by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on Monday, May 29, 2023, and by the Shareholders by a special resolution through Postal Ballot/ remote e-voting, the voting results of which was declared on Thursday, July 06, 2023. The details of the Buyback are provided below:

Maximum number of Equity Shares	Up to 7,00,000 Equity Shares
proposed to be bought back	
Number of Equity Shares as a percentage	The Shares to be bought back pursuant to the Buyback represents
of the total number of equity shares of the	up to 15.91% of the total number of equity shares in the total paid
paid-up Equity Share Capital of the	up equity share capital of the Company as on March 31, 2023
Company as on March 31, 2023	D 070/ /D
Buyback Offer Price	Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred Fifty Only) per Equity Share
Applicable regulations of SEBI and	The Buyback is being undertaken in terms of Chapter III of the
provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 in	SEBI Buyback Regulations, Sections 68, 69, 70, 110 and any
accordance with which the Buyback offer	other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the
is made  Mathodology for the hyphode	rules made thereunder.  The Psychologic being undertaken through the Tender Offer route
Methodology for the buyback	The Buyback is being undertaken through the Tender Offer route by Stock Exchange Mechanism prescribed under Regulation 4(iv) (a) of the SEBI Buyback Regulations, to the extent permissible, and the "Mechanism for acquisition of shares through Stock Exchanges" as prescribed under the SEBI Circulars.
	In this regard, the Company will request the BSE to provide the acquisition window for facilitating tendering of Equity Shares under the Buy-back. For the purposes of this Buyback, BSE is the Designated Stock Exchange.
Maximum amount to be expensed towards	The maximum amount required for Buyback will not exceed Rs.
the Buyback and its percentage with respect to the net worth of the Company	17,50,00,000 (Rupees Seventeen Crores Fifty Lakhs Only) (excluding the Transaction Costs), which represents 24.61% of the aggregate of the Company's paid-up capital and free reserves (including securities premium) i.e., Net worth of the Company as per the last audited financial statements of the Company as on March 31, 2023, (i.e., the last audited financial statements available as on the date of the Board Meeting recommending the proposal for approving the Buyback on Monday, May 29, 2023.)
Shareholding of the Promoters and Promoter Group and its percentage with respect to the total paid-up Equity Share capital of the Company	For details, please see the section entitled "Capital Structure and Shareholding Pattern" on page 18 of this Letter of Offer.
Intention of the Promoters and the persons	In terms of the SEBI Buyback Regulations, under the tender
in control of the Company to participate in the Buyback	Offer, the Promoters, being in control of the Company, have an option to participate in the Ruyback. In this regard, the Promoters
the Buyback	option to participate in the Buyback. In this regard, the Promoters have expressed their intention to participate in buyback vide their
	individual letters dated May 27, 2023 and tender up to their
	respective shareholding as on the Record Date or such number of
	Equity Shares based on their entitlement as required in
	compliance with the SEBI Buyback Regulations or in terms of
	the Buyback. For more details, please refer the section entitled
	"Management Discussion and Analysis of the likely impact of the
	Buyback on the Company" on page 14 of this Letter of Offer.
Promoters' shareholding after the Buyback	For details, please see the section entitled "Capital Structure and

	Shareholding Pattern" on page 18 of this Letter of Offer.			
Statement that post Buy-back non- The Company hereby confirms that public shareholding post				
promoter shareholding shall not fall below	Buy-back will not fall below the minimum level required as per			
the minimum level required as specified	Regulation 38 of the LODR Regulations.			
under the LODR Regulations.				

Pursuant to the proposed Buyback and depending on the response to the Buyback, the voting rights of the Promoter and Promoter Group in the Company may increase or decrease from the existing Shareholding i.e., 70.42% of the total equity capital and voting rights of the Company, as on the date of the Letter of Offer. The Promoter and Promoter Group of the Company are already in control over the Company and therefore such further increase or decrease in voting rights of the promoter will not result in any change in control over the Company.

### 7. AUTHORITY FOR THE BUYBACK

The Buyback is being undertaken by the Company in accordance with Article 71 of its Articles of Association, the provisions of Sections 68, 69, 70, 110 and all other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2023 and the SEBI Buyback Regulations. The Buyback is further subject to approvals, permissions and sanctions as may be necessary, from time to time from statutory, regulatory or governmental authorities as required under applicable laws, including but not limited to SEBI and the Stock Exchanges where the equity shares of the Company are listed.

The Board of Directors at their meeting dated Monday, May 29, 2023 has passed a resolution approving the Buyback of Equity Shares of the Company. As the Buyback is of more than 10% of the total paid-up equity capital and free reserves of the Company, in terms of Section 68(2)(b) of the Act, it was necessary to obtain the consent of the shareholders of the Company to the Buyback by way of a special resolution. Accordingly, the consent of the members of the Company to the Buyback was obtained by means of a special resolution pursuant through Postal Ballot notice dated Monday, May 29, 2023 and the results of the same were declared on Thursday, July 06, 2023.

### 8. NECESSITY OF THE BUYBACK

- i. Share buyback is the acquisition by a Company of its own equity shares. The Board is of the view that the proposed Buyback will help the Company achieve the following objectives
  - a. Optimize returns to shareholders;
  - b. Enhance overall shareholders value; and
  - c. Optimizes the capital structure.

The above objectives will be achieved by returning part of surplus cash back to shareholders through the Buyback process. This may lead to reduction in outstanding Equity Shares, improvement in earnings per Equity Share and enhanced return on invested capital. The Buyback will not in any manner impair the ability of the Company to pursue growth opportunities or meet its cash requirements for business operations. The Board at its meeting held on Monday, May 29, 2023, considered the accumulated free reserves as well as the cash liquidity reflected in the last audited financial statement as on March 31, 2023 and considering these, the Board decided to allocate a sum of Rs. 17,50,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Crores Fifty Lakhs Only) excluding the Transaction Costs for distributing to the shareholders holding Equity Shares of the Company through the Buyback.

- ii. After considering several factors and benefits to the shareholders holding Equity Shares of the Company, the Board decided to recommend Buyback at a price of Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred and Fifty Only) per Equity Share for an aggregate consideration of Rs. 17,50,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Crores Fifty Lakhs Only). Buyback is being undertaken, inter-alia, for the following reasons:
  - a. The Buyback will help the Company to return surplus cash to its shareholders holding Equity Shares broadly in proportion to their shareholding, thereby, enhancing the overall return to shareholders;
  - b. The Buyback, which is being implemented through the tender offer route as prescribed under the SEBI Buyback Regulations, would involve allocation of number of Equity Shares as per their entitlement or 15% of the number of Equity Shares to be bought back whichever is higher, reserved for the small shareholders. The Company believes that this reservation for small shareholders would benefit a large number of public shareholders, who would get classified as "Small Shareholder" as per Regulation 2(i)(n) of the SEBI Buyback Regulations;
  - c. The Buyback may help in improving return on equity, by reduction in the equity base, thereby leading to long term increase in shareholders' value;
  - d. The Buyback gives an option to the Shareholders holding Equity Shares of the Company, who can choose to participate and get cash in lieu of Equity Shares to be accepted under the Buyback offer or they may

choose not to participate and enjoy a resultant increase in their percentage shareholding, post the Buyback offer, without additional investment.

# 9. MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS AND THE LIKELY IMPACT OF BUYBACK ON THE COMPANY

- i. We believe that the Buyback is not likely to cause any material impact on the profitability or earnings of the Company except to the extent of reduction in the amount available for investment, which the Company could have otherwise deployed towards generating investment income. Assuming there is full 100% acceptance of the Equity Shares tendered in the Buyback from Eligible Shareholders; the funds deployed by the Company towards the Buyback would be Rs. 17,50,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Crores Fifty Lakhs Only). This shall impact the investment income earned by the Company, on account of reduced amount of surplus funds available.
- ii. The Promoters and persons, in control of the Company have expressed their intention by way of individual letters dated Saturday, May 27, 2023, to participate in the Buyback, and tender up to their respective shareholding as on the Record Date, or such number of Equity Shares based on their entitlement as required in compliance with the SEBI Buyback Regulations or in terms of the Buyback.
- iii. The aggregate shareholding of the Promoters and persons in control as on the date of the Postal ballot Notice and Board Approval i.e., Monday, May 29, 2023 are as follows:

Sr. No.	Name	No. of Equity shares	% of Shareholding
1.	Ashdene Investments Limited	15,17,057	34.47%
2.	ISIS Enterprises Limited	13,45,866	30.59%
3.	Maygrove Investments Limited	2,35,662	5.36%
	Total	30,98,585	70.42%

iv. The aggregate shareholding of the Promoters and persons in control as on the date of the Letter of Offer and the maximum number of Equity Shares proposed to be tendered by each of the Promoters and the persons in control of the Company in the Buyback is provided below:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	No. of Equity shares	% of Shareholding	Maximum number of Equity Shares proposed to be tendered by each of the Promoters
1	Ashdene Investments Limited	Promoter	15,17,057	34.47%	Upto 15,17,057
2	2 ISIS Enterprises Limited Promoter		13,45,866	30.59%	Upto 13,45,866
3	3 Maygrove Investments Limited Promoter		2,35,662	5.36%	Upto 2,35,662
	Total		30,98,585	70.42%	Upto 30,98,585

- v. The aggregate number of specified securities, including Equity Shares, purchased or sold by Promoters and the persons in control of the Company:
  - a. No Equity Shares or other specified securities in the Company were either purchased or sold (either through the stock exchanges or off market transactions) by any of the (i) promoters; (ii) members of the promoter group (iii) directors of the promoter and promoter group, where such promoter or promoter group entity is a Company and of persons who are in control of the Company during a period of six months preceding the date of the board meeting and the date of the Postal Ballot Notice, i.e., May 29, 2023.
  - b. The aggregate shareholding of the Directors and Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) of the Company (excluding the Promoters and person in control) as on the date of the Letter of Offer, is as follows:

DIN/PAN	Name	Designation	No. of Equity Shares	% of Shareholding
07979791	Sandip Das	Wholetime Director	3	0.00%
00473105	Abhiram Kastur Sheth	Independent Director	34	0.00%
Total			37	0.00%

The Directors of the Promoter Entities do not hold any Equity Shares in the Company.

vi. The details of the date and price of acquisition of the Equity Shares that the promoters and the persons in control of the Company intend to tender in the Buyback

### a. Ashdene Investments Limited

Date of Acquisition / (disposal)	Number of equity shares Acquired/(Sold)	Cost of Acquisition / (Sale) (Rs.)	Remarks
14.02.2014	11,81,505	Not Applicable	Allotment made pursuant to the Scheme of Demerger, as approved by Guwahati High Court.
08.03.2017	11,81,505	16,60,01,453	Pursuant to a Scheme of Arrangement
16.03.2018	(5,26,466)	(6,79,14,114)	Cash consideration - Tender of Shares for Buyback.
21.03.2022	(3,19,487)	(9,42,48,665)	Cash consideration - Tender of Shares for Buyback.
Total	15,17,057	-	-

# b. ISIS Enterprises Limited

Date of Acquisition / (disposal)	Number of equity shares Acquired/(Sold)	Cost of Acquisition / (Sale) (Rs.)	Remarks
14.02.2014	11,02,785	Not Applicable	Allotment made pursuant to the Scheme of Demerger, as approved by Guwahati High Court.
14.03.2017	7,38,438	10,41,19,758	Pursuant to a Scheme of Arrangement in open market
24.03.2017	2,71,921	3,44,65,987	Pursuant to a Scheme of Arrangement in open market
14.03.2018	(4,83,841)	(6,24,15,489)	Cash consideration - Tender of Shares for Buyback.
21.03.2022	(2,83,437)	(83,613,915)	Cash consideration - Tender of Shares for Buyback.
Total	13,45,866	-	-

# c. Maygrove Investments Limited

Date of Acquisition / (disposal)	Number of equity shares Acquired/(Sold)	Cost of Acquisition / (Sale) (Rs.)	Remarks
14.02.2014	6,30,106	Not Applicable	Allotment made pursuant to the Scheme of Demerger, as approved by Guwahati High Court.
14.03.2017	6,30,106	8,88,44,946	Pursuant to a Scheme of Arrangement in open market.
14.03.2018	(2,88,547)	(3,72,22,563)	Cash consideration - Tender of Shares for Buyback.
23.11.2020	(6,35,000)	(19,83,60,000)	Cash consideration - Tender of Shares for Buyback.
06.09.2021	(47,773)	(1,36,11,149)	On-Market Sale
07.09.2021	(3,600)	(9,95,940)	On-Market Sale
21.03.2022	(49,630)	(146,40,850)	Cash consideration - Tender of Shares for Buyback.
Total	2,35,662	-	-

- vii. The Promoters or their associates shall not deal in the specified securities, including the Equity Shares, in the Stock Exchanges or off-market, including inter-se transfer of Equity Shares among the Promoters during the period from the date of passing of the Shareholders' approval, until the closing of the Buyback offer in accordance with the Buyback Regulations.
- viii. The Board of Directors of the Company have confirmed that there are no defaults subsisting in repayment of deposits and interest payment thereon, redemption of debentures or preference shares or payment of dividend to any shareholder or repayment of any term loan or interest payable thereon to any financial institution or banking company.

- ix. Assuming that the Promoters tenders their Equity Shares in the Buyback (in accordance with the declaration provided by them) and if
  - All the public Shareholders participate upto their entitlement (full acceptance), then the aggregate shareholding of the Promoters, post Buyback will remain same as that on the Record Date i.e., 70.42% and accordingly, the aggregate shareholding of the public in the Company shall also remain same as on that of the Record Date; or
  - None of the public shareholders participate, then the aggregate shareholding of the Promoters, post Buyback will decrease from 70.42 % (i.e., as on Record Date) to 64.83% and the aggregate shareholding of the public in the Company shall increase from 29.58% (i.e., as on Record Date) to 35.17% of the post Buyback equity share capital of the Company.
- x. Consequent to buyback and based on the number of Equity shares bought back from the Non-resident Shareholders, Indian Financial Institutions, Mutual Funds and the Public including other bodies corporate, their shareholding would undergo a change. The FIIs/FPIs are advised to ensure that their investment in the Company continue to be within the limit prescribed under applicable laws, post completion of the Buyback.
- xi. The Buyback shall not result in a change in control or otherwise affect the existing management structure of the Company.
- xii. The Company believes that the Buyback will not in any manner impair its ability to pursue growth opportunities or meet its cash requirements for business operations. The Buyback is likely to result in improvement in EPS and enhance the return on equity. The Buyback is being undertaken, inter alia, for helping the Company to return surplus cash to the Eligible Shareholders broadly in proportion to their shareholding, thereby, enhancing the overall return to the shareholders.
- As per the provisions of the Buyback Regulations and under Section 68(2)(d) of the Companies Act, 2013, we hereby confirm that the ratio of the aggregate of secured and unsecured debts owed by the Company to the paid-up capital and free reserves after buyback shall be less than or equal to 2:1, based on financial statements of the Company.
- xiv. In compliance with the provisions of the SEBI Buyback Regulations, the Company shall not raise further capital for a period of one year from the expiry of the Buyback period, except in discharge of its subsisting obligations. In terms of Companies Act, if the Company completes the Buyback of its Equity Shares, it shall not make a further issue of the same kind of Equity Shares including allotment of new shares in accordance with Companies Act, 2013 within a period of six months except by way of a bonus issue or in the discharge of subsisting obligations.
- xv. The Company shall not issue any Equity Shares or other specified securities, including by way of a bonus issue, till the date of expiry of the Buyback Period.
- xvi. The Company shall not raise further capital for a period of one year, as may be applicable in accordance with the Buyback Regulations or any circulars or notifications issued by SEBI in connection therewith, from the expiry of the Buyback period, except in discharge of subsisting obligations.
- xvii. We believe that the Buyback is not expected to impact growth opportunities for the Company.
- xviii. The Company is not undertaking the Buyback so as to delist its shares from the Stock Exchanges.
- xix. The Board of Directors confirms that the Company will comply with the provisions of the Takeover Regulations, if applicable.
- xx. The Board of Directors confirms that the Company has complied with the provisions of Sections 68, 69 and 70 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014, as may be applicable to the Buyback
- xxi. Salient financial parameters pursuant to the Buyback based on the last audited financial statements as on March 31, 2023, of the Company are as under:

Particulars	Pre-Buyback	Post-Buyback <sup>b</sup>
	Standalone	Standalone#
Networth (Rs. in Lakhs) <sup>a</sup>	7109.00	5359.00
Book Value per Equity Share (in Rs.) <sup>c</sup>	185.06	144.84
Basic EPS (in Rs.)	21.56	25.64
Return on Networth (in%)	13.34%	17.70%

Particulars	Pre-Buyback	Post-Buyback <sup>b</sup>
	Standalone	Standalone#
Price/ earnings ratio <sup>d</sup>	11.23	9.44
Total debt/equity Ratio (total debt/net worth) <sup>e</sup>	NIL	NIL

- a. For the above purpose, "Net worth" means the aggregate value of the paid-up share capital and Retained Earnings (excluding unrealised gain of FVTPL item).
- b. Pre and post Buyback calculations are based on audited financial statements as on March 31, 2023. The post Buyback numbers are calculated by reducing the net worth by the proposed Buyback amount (assuming full acceptance) without factoring in any impact on the profit & loss account and Creation of Capital Redemption Reserve as required as per provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.
- c. Book value per Equity Share is calculated as Net worth / Number of Equity Shares subscribed outstanding at year end March 31, 2023.
- d. The price/earnings ratio is based on the closing market price of the Equity Shares of the Company as on Saturday, July 08, 2023 being the date on which the Public Announcement was published, is not available, since it was a trading holiday. Therefore, the price/earnings ratio is based on the closing market price of the Equity Shares of the Company as on the previous date i.e., Friday, July 07, 2023 being Rs. 242.05 (source: www.bseindia.com).
- \*Weighted Number of Equity Shares as on March 31, 2023 less buyback of proposed equity shares (assuming full acceptance) is considered to calculate post Buyback earnings per share and book value per Equity Share.
- # Assuming full acceptance of Equity Shares in the Buyback offer in the ratio of Buyback
- e. The Company does not have any debt as on March 31, 2023

### 10. BASIS OF CALCULATING THE BUYBACK PRICE

The Equity Shares of the Company are proposed to be bought back at a price of Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred and Fifty Only) per Equity Share ("**Buyback Offer Price**").

The Buyback Offer Price has been arrived at after considering various factors including, but not limited to the trends in the volume weighted average prices of the Equity Shares on the BSE Limited ("BSE") where the Equity Shares are traded, the net worth of the Company, price earnings ratio, impact on other financial parameters and the possible impact of Buyback on the earnings per Equity Share. There has been no trading in the equity shares of the Company at CSE. However, the Board of Directors and / or the Buyback Committee is authorised to determine the specific price, the number of Equity Shares and other related particulars at which the Buyback will be made at the time of the Public Announcement for Buyback to the eligible Members.

### 11. THE BUYBACK OFFER PRICE REPRESENTS:

- i. Premium of 4.45% of the volume weighted average market price of the Equity Shares on BSE, during the three months preceding the date of intimation to the BSE for the Board Meeting to consider the proposal of the Buyback.
- ii. Premium of 4.03% of the volume weighted average market price of the Equity Shares on BSE, for two weeks preceding the date of intimation to the BSE for the Board Meeting to consider the proposal of the Buyback.
- iii. Premium of 0.95% over the closing price of the Equity Shares on the BSE one day prior to the date of intimation of Buyback.
- iv. The closing market price of the equity shares as on date of intimation of the date of board meeting for considering the Buyback to the Stock Exchanges: The closing price as on the date of intimation of the date of board meeting for considering the Buyback at the BSE was Rs. 246.95/-
- v. The Company confirms that as required under Section 68(2)(d) of the Companies Act, 2013, the ratio of the aggregate of secured and unsecured debts owed by the Company will be not more than twice the paid-up Equity capital and free reserves after the Buyback.

### 12. SOURCES OF FUNDS FOR THE BUYBACK

Assuming full acceptance, the funds that would be employed by the Company for the purposes of the Buy-back of upto 7,00,000 Equity Shares at a price of ₹250/- (Rupees Two Hundred and Fifty Only) per Equity Share and would not exceed ₹17,50,00,000 /- (Rupees Seventeen Crores Fifty Lakhs Only) excluding Transaction Costs.

The funds for the implementation of the proposed Buyback will be sourced out of the free reserves of the Company (including securities premium account) or such other source as may be permitted by the SEBI Buyback Regulations or the Companies Act. The funds used will not exceed 25% of the paid-up equity capital and free reserves of the Company as on March 31, 2023. The funds borrowed, if any, from Banks and Financial Institutions will not be used for the Buyback.

The Company will transfer from its free reserves a sum equal to the nominal value of the Equity Shares so bought back through the Buyback to the Capital Redemption Reserve Account and details of such transfer shall be disclosed in its subsequent audited financial statement.

### 13. DETAILS OF THE ESCROW ACCOUNT AND THE AMOUNT TO BE DEPOSITED THEREIN

In accordance with Regulation 9(xi) of the SEBI Buyback Regulations, the Company has appointed HDFC Bank Limited, having its branch office at Kolkata, as the Escrow Agent for Buyback and an Escrow Agreement dated Thursday, July 06, 2023 has been entered into amongst the Company, the Manager to the Buyback and Escrow Agent.

In accordance with the SEBI Buyback Regulations and pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, the Company has opened an Escrow Account in the name and style of "JWTL - BUYBACK OFFER ESCROW ACCOUNT" bearing account number 57500001272224 with the Escrow Agent. In accordance with Regulation 9(xi) of the SEBI Buyback Regulations, the Company has deposited Rs. 4,38,00,000/- in the Escrow Account, in cash being the amount equivalent to the aggregate of 25% of consideration payable, on or before Buyback Opening Date. In accordance with the SEBI Buyback Regulations, the Manager to the Buyback will be empowered to operate the Escrow Account.

### 14. FIRM FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

The Company has adequate and firm financial resources to fund its obligations under the Buyback. Abhishek Daruka & Co., Chartered Accountants, Firm Registration Number: 333378E an independent chartered accountant has certified through letter dated July 7, 2023 bearing UDIN No. 23307427BHANZU9603 that the Company has adequate funds for the purposes of the Buyback. The details of the independent chartered accountant are as follows:

CA. Abhishek Daruka,

**Proprietor** 

A. Daruka & Co.

Chartered Accountants,

Address: 5/11 Ajanta Apartment 2nd Floor Netaji Nagar Kolkata-700040

Membership No.: 307427

Based on the aforementioned certificate, the Manager to the Buyback has ensured and satisfied itself about the ability of the Company to implement the Buyback in accordance with the SEBI Buyback Regulations.

# 15. CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND SHAREHOLDING PATTERN

i. The Equity Share capital of the Company as at the date of the Public Announcement is provided below:

Particulars	No. of Equity Shares	Amount (Rs.in Lakhs)
Authorized Share Capital	1,30,00,000	1300.00
Issued, Subscribed and Paid-up Equity Shares	44,00,000	440.00
Issued, Subscribed and Paid-up Equity Shares (after buyback)#	37,00,000	370.00

#Assuming full acceptance of Equity shares in the Buyback.

ii. Details of Buyback of Equity Shares undertaken by the Company in the last three years is provided below:

### a. Financial Year: 2019-2020

Particulars	Description
Type of security bought	Equity Shares
back	
Maximum number of	23,21,662 (Twenty-Three Lakhs Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-
securities bought back	Two) equity shares
Date of opening of the	Wednesday, June 19, 2019
Buyback	
Date of closing of the	Tuesday, July 02, 2019
Buyback	
Buyback Price	Rs. 115/- (Rupees One Hundred Fifteen Only)
Buyback size*	Rs. 26,69,91,130/- (Rupees Twenty-Six Crores Sixty-Nine Lakhs Seventy
	Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Only)
Buyback mechanism	Tender Offer

### b. Financial Year: 2020-2021

Particulars	Description
Type of security bought	Equity Shares
back	

Maximum number of	17,36,425 (Seventeen Lakhs Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-
securities bought back	Five) equity shares
Date of opening of the	Thursday, October 29, 2020
Buyback	
Date of closing of the	Thursday, November 12, 2020
Buyback	
Buyback Price	Rs. 114/- (Rupees One Hundred and Fourteen Only)
Buyback size*	Rs. 19,79,52,450/- (Rupees Nineteen Crores Seventy-Nine Lakhs Fifty-Two
	Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Only)
Buyback mechanism	Tender Offer

### c. Financial Year: 2021-2022

Particulars	Description
Type of security bought	Equity Shares
back	
Maximum number of	8,42,717 (Eight Lakhs Forty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventeen)
securities bought back	equity shares
Date of opening of the	Wednesday, February 23, 2022
Buyback	
Date of closing of the	Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Buyback	
Buyback Price	Rs. 295/- (Rupees Two Hundred and Ninety-Five Only)
Buyback size*	Rs. 24,86,01,515/- (Rupees Twenty-Four Crores Eighty-Six Lakhs One
	Thousand Five Hundred and Fifteen Only)
Buyback mechanism	Tender Offer

<sup>\*</sup>Buyback size is arrived by multiplying the actual number of shares bought back with the Buyback price.

- iii. As on the date of this Letter of Offer, the Company confirms that there are no partly paid-up shares or calls in arrears.
- iv. As on the date of this Letter of Offer, the Company does not have any convertible securities.
- v. The Company confirms that it shall not issue, including through a bonus issue, Equity Shares or any other specified securities, until the expiry of the Buy-back Period in accordance with Regulation 24(i)(b) of the Buy-back Regulations.
- vi. There is no pending scheme of amalgamation or compromise or arrangement pursuant to any provisions of the Act.
- vii. The shareholding pattern of the Company before the Buyback, i.e., as on the record date i.e., Tuesday, July 18, 2023 and after the Buyback, is as follows:

Particulars	Pre-Bu	yback	Post-Bu	yback <sup>#</sup>
	Number	% of	Number	% of
	of Shares	Shareholding	of Shares	Shareholding
Promoter and persons acting	30,98,585	70.42%	26,02515	70.34
in concert (collectively "the				
Promoters")				
Foreign Investors (including	14,778	0.34	12,459	0.34
Non-Resident Indians, Foreign				
Nationals, FIIs and Foreign				
Mutual funds)				
Financial Institutions / Banks	257	0.01	218	0.01
& Mutual Funds promoted by				
Banks / Institutions				
Others (Public, Public Bodies	12,86,380	29.23%	10,84,808	29.31
Corporate etc.)				
Total	44,00,000	100.00	37,00,000	100.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>#</sup>The Post-Buyback holding shall be as per the Buyback Entitlement, assuming full acceptance. However, the post-Buyback issued, subscribed and paid-up capital may differ depending upon the actual number of Equity Shares bought back.

viii. The aggregate shareholding of the Promoters of the Company and the persons who are in control of the Company before and after the Buyback as on the record date.

Sr.	Name of the Promoters	No. of	Percentage of	No. of	Percentage of
No.		Equity	pre- Buyback	Equity	post- Buyback
		Shares Pre-	<b>Equity Share</b>	Shares post-	Equity Share
		Buyback	capital (%)	Buyback <sup>#</sup>	capital (%)
1.	Ashdene Investments Limited	15,17,057	34.47%	12,74,669	34.45%
2.	ISIS Enterprises Limited	13,45,866	30.59%	11,30,713	30.56%
3.	Maygrove Investments Limited	2,35,662	5.36%	1,97,133	5.33%
	Total	30,98,585	70.42%	26,02,515	70.34%

<sup>#</sup> The Post-Buyback holding shall be as per the Buyback Entitlement, assuming full acceptance. However, the post-Buyback percentage and shareholding may differ depending upon the actual number of Equity Shares bought back.

# 16. BRIEF INFORMATION OF THE COMPANY

### **History of the Company**

The Company was incorporated as Dashabhooja Mercantile & Tourism Private Limited vide Certification of Incorporation issued by Registrar of Companies, Assam, Tripura, Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram ("ROC") dated November 09, 2009 having CIN U52590AS2009PTC009345 at Shillong under the Companies Act, 1956. Further, pursuant to the change in Main Objects of the Company the CIN of the company changed to U15491AS2009PTC009345 vide Certificate of Registration of the Special Resolution Confirming Alteration of Object Clause(s) dated September 10, 2012 issued by the ROC and subsequently the name of the Company was changed to James Warren Tea Private Limited (JWTPL) vide its fresh certification of Incorporation dated September 10, 2012 issued by the ROC. Further, the Company was converted into a public company pursuant to a special resolution passed by the shareholders at their meeting held on Monday, May 29, 2013 and consequently its name was changed to the "James Warren Tea Limited" to reflect the legal status of the Company pursuant to a fresh certificate of incorporation granted by the ROC dated June 19, 2013. The Company's current business is resultant of de-merger of Tea business of Warren Tea Limited pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement approved by Guwahati High Court dated December 16, 2013. The equity shares of the Company are listed at BSE and CSE w.e.f. July 25, 2014.

### **Overview of the Business of the Company**

JWTL is engaged in the business of growing, harvesting, manufacturing and selling of tea. Such business is carried on by JWTL through its following 6 (Six) tea estates situated in diverse locations in the State of Assam:

- Balijan (H) Tea Estate
- Deamoolie Tea Estate
- Dhoedaam Tea Estate
- Rajah Alli Tea Estate
- Thowra Tea Estate and
- Zaloni Tea Estate

# The History of the Equity Share Capital of the Company is set out below:

Date of allotment / (extinguishment under Buyback)	No. of Equity Shares Issued / (extinguished)	Cumulative No. of Shares	Aggregate Value (Rs.)	Cumulative Equity Shares Capital (in Rs)	Details
November 09, 2009	10,000	10,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	On Incorporation
November 19, 2012	40,000	50,000	4,00,000	5,00,000	Further Allotment
February 14, 2014	1,19,50,804	1,20,00,804	11,95,08,040	12,00,08,040	As per Scheme of Arrangement
March 19, 2018	(27,00,000)	93,00,804	(2,70,00,000)	9,30,08,040	Buyback of Shares
July 17, 2019	(23,21,662)	69,79,142	(2,32,16,620)	6,97,91,420	Buyback of Shares
November 26, 2020	(17,36,425)	52,42,717	(1,73,64,250)	5,24,27,170	Buyback of Shares
March 28, 2022	(8,42,717)	44,00,000	(84,27,170)	4,40,00,000	Buyback of Shares

The details regarding the Board of Directors as on the date of Public Announcement are as follows:

Name, Age, DIN, Nationality, Date of	Decignation	Other Directorship in Indian
Appointment, Qualification and	Designation	Companies III IIIIIIIII
Occupation Qualification and		Companies
Anil Kumar Ruia	Chairperson	Nil
Age: 68 years	Champerson	1411
DIN: 00236660		
Nationality: British		
<b>Date of Appointment:</b> September 24, 2012		
Qualification: Chartered Accountant & LLB		
(London)		
Occupation: Business		
Sandip Das	Whole-Time Director	K R Plywood Works Private
Age: 48 years	Whole-Time Director	Limited
DIN: 07979791		
Nationality: Indian		JW Properties Private Limited
<b>Date of Appointment:</b> July 25, 2020		JWR Properties Private Limited
Qualification: Post Graduation in MBA		JW Trading Private Limited
(Finance) & M. Com		Spark Commercial Private
Occupation: Service		Limited
Occupation. Service		AKR Properties Private Limited
		Maulshree Design Co Private
		Limited
Abhiram Kastur Sheth	Non-Executive	• Pink Panther Properties Private
Age: 43 years	Independent Director	Limited
<b>DIN:</b> 00473105		Bihar Air Products Limited
Nationality: Indian		
<b>Date of Appointment:</b> December 27, 2013		
<b>Qualification:</b> B.Sc in Business		
Administration & General Management		
(Finance & Computer),		
Occupation: Business		
Arup Kumar Chowdhuri	Non-Executive	Mysore Agro Chemical Company
Age: 72 years	Independent Director	Private Limited
<b>DIN:</b> 00997826		
Nationality: Indian		
<b>Date of Appointment:</b> December 27, 2013		
<b>Qualification:</b> Graduate from St Anthony's		
College, Shillong		
Occupation: Business		
Raghav Lall	Non-Executive	Nil
Age: 69 years	Independent Director	
<b>DIN:</b> 05121368		
Nationality: Indian		
<b>Date of Appointment:</b> May 11, 2019		
Qualification: Post Graduate from Faculty of		
management Studies, Delhi University &		
Bachelor Degree in Arts		
Occupation: Service		
Monojit Dasgupta	Non-Executive	Stewart Holl (India) Limited
Age: 68 years	Independent Director	, , ,
<b>DIN:</b> 07749089		
Nationality: Indian		
<b>Date of Appointment:</b> August 10, 2019		
Qualification: Post Graduate in Economics		
Occupation: Service		
Shanti Kaur	Non-Executive Non-	Nil
Age: 66 years	Independent Director	
<b>DIN:</b> 08761576	•	
Nationality: Indian		
<b>Date of Appointment:</b> June 20, 2020		
Qualification: BSc. and LLB		
Occupation: Service		
Occupation: Dol vice	L	

### Changes in the Board of Directors during the last three years:

The following Changes have taken place in the Board of Directors of the Company in the last three years as on the date of Letter of Offer.

Sr.	Name of Direct	of Director   Appointment / Re Appointment/			Reasons
No.			Cessation/ Change in Designation		
1.	Shanti Kaur		Appointed as an Additional Non-	June 20, 2020 <sup>(1)</sup>	Appointment
			Executive Non-Independent Director		
2.	Sandip Das		Appointed as an Additional Whole-	July 25, 2020 <sup>(2)</sup>	Appointment
			Time Director		
3.	Bhupendra	Singh	Cessation as a Whole-Time Director	July 31, 2020	Personal and
	Saklani				unavoidable

<sup>1)</sup> Regularised as Non-Executive Non-Independent Director effective from June 20, 2020 at the Annual General Meeting held on September 05, 2020.

The Buyback will not result in any benefit to any directors of the Company, promoters and members of the promoter group and persons in control of the Company except to the extent of their participation in the Buyback and the change in their shareholding as per the response received in the Buyback, as a result of the extinguishment of Equity Shares which will lead to a reduction in the equity share capital post Buyback.

### **Confirmations**

The Company confirms that it will comply with the provisions of the Takeover Regulations, if applicable.

The Company confirms that it has complied with the provisions of Buy-back Regulations Sections 68, 69 and 70 of the Companies Act and the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014, as may be applicable to the Buy-back.

### 17. FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY

a. The salient features of the financial information of the Company as extracted from the **Standalone** audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2021, March 31, 2022 and March 31, 2023:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Particulars	For the	Year Ended Mar	rch 31,
	2021	2022	2023
Revenue from Operations	12,848.89	11,117.92	13,049.30
Other Income	548.75	525.76	1,129.26
Total Revenue	13,397.64	11,643.68	14,178.56
Total Expenses (excluding finance cost, depreciation & amortization)	11,493.35	10,425.75	12,895.36
Finance Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00
Depreciation & amortization	294.67	277.83	285.77
Exceptional Item	(1,456.03)	0.00	0.00
Profit/(Loss) before Tax	3,065.65	940.10	997.43
Tax Expenses (including Deferred tax)	169.65	114.90	48.84
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period	2,896.00	825.20	948.59
Paid-up Capital (A)	524.27	440.00	440.00
Other Equity*(B)	8,688.47	6,753.84	7,702.51
Networth (A+B)	9,212.74	7,193.84	8,142.51
Total Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>\*</sup>Other Equity is excluding of Other Comprehensive Income

### Financial Ratios on standalone basis are as under:

Key Ratios	For the Year ended March 31,							
	2021	2022	2023					
Basic Earnings per share	45.39	15.77	21.56					
Diluted Earnings per share	45.39	15.77	21.56					
Book value per equity share	144.41	137.46	185.06					

<sup>2)</sup> Regularised as Wholetime Director effective from July 25, 2020 at the Annual General Meeting held on September 05, 2020.

Key Ratios		For the Year ended March 31,							
	2021	2022	2023						
Return on Net worth (%)	31.43%	11.47	11.65						
Debt/Net Worth	0.00	0.00	0.00						

*The key ratios have been computed in the manner indicated below:* 

The ney runted nure even computed in the number indicated even.				
Basic Earnings per share	Net Profit attributable to Equity Shareholders / Weighted average number			
	of Equity Shares outstanding during the year			
Diluted Earnings per share	Net Profit attributable to equity shareholders / Weighted average number			
	of Shares outstanding during the year (assuming issuance of all the shares			
	kept in abeyance)			
Book value per equity share	Networth / Weighted average number of Shares outstanding during the			
	year			
Return on Net worth (%)	Net Profit After Tax / Net Worth excluding revaluation reserves			
Debt / Net Worth	Total Debt / Net Worth			

# 18. STOCK MARKET DATA

The Company's equity shares are listed on BSE and CSE, however there has not been any trading in the equity shares of the Company at CSE.

The high, low and average market prices for the last three financial years (April to March periods) and the monthly high, low and average market prices for the six months preceding the date of publication of the Public Announcement, i.e., Friday, July 08, 2023, and the corresponding volumes on BSE are as follows:

Previous Three Financial Years from the date of PA								
Fiscal year		High*			Low*	Average	Total	
	High	Date of	Date of No. of		Date of	No. of	Price in	Volume
		High Equity			Low	Equity	Rs. per	Traded
			Shares			Shares	Share <sup>@</sup>	(Shares)\$
			Traded			Traded		
2020-21	162.75	December	5,721	67.45	April 01,	555	126.81	2,91,202
		03, 2020			2020			
2021-22	288.10	September	1,53,036	120.45	April 12,	46	217.65	19,73,778
		6, 2021			2021			
2022-23	293.45	November	36674	202.95	July 6,	471	257.62	3,29,736
		16, 2022			2022			

<sup>\*</sup>High is the highest closing price recorded for the Equity Share of the Company during the said period and Low is the lowest closing price recorded for the Equity Share of the Company during the said period.

The monthly market prices on the BSE during the six-month preceding the Public Announcement and the total volume of Equity Shares traded on the stock exchange is provided below:

	Previous Six months from the date of PA								
Period		High*		Low*			Average	Total	
							Price in	Volume	
							Rs. per	Traded	
							Share@	(Shares)\$	
	High	Date of High	No. of	Low	Low Date of Low No. of				
	Equity   Equity								
			Shares			Shares			
			Traded			Traded			
July, 2023	242.80	July 06, 2023	1220	240.70	July 03, 2023	343	241.78	79,00,488	
June, 2023	246.30	June 01, 2023	865	239.05	June 28, 2023	5404	242.89	1,27,43,810	
May, 2023	288.85	May 29, 2023	8816	238.25	May 19, 2023	97	267.82	1,42,82,539	
April, 2023	254.95	April 06, 2023	594	237.65	April 20, 2023	44	246.00	15,75,360	
March, 2023	249.40	March 02, 2023	4	231.65	March 17, 2023	164	237.71	33,26,799	
February, 2023	252.25	February 09,	353	230.10	February 17,	281	236.11	39,62,684	
-		2023			2023				

Source: www.bseindia.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>®</sup> Average price is arrived by dividing the aggregate of traded turnover of the Company during the period by total no. of shares traded during the period.

<sup>\$</sup> Aggregate of No. of shares traded during the period.

<sup>\*</sup>High and Low price for the period is based on intra-day prices and Average Price is based on average of closing price.

The closing market prices of the Equity Shares on BSE are summarized below:

Event	Date	BSE
Intimation to the Stock Exchange for the Board Meeting convened to consider	May 24, 2023	246.95
the Buyback		
One Trading Day post-Notice of Board Meeting	May 25, 2023	281.70
One Trading Day prior to Board Meeting	May 26, 2023	279.90
Board Meeting date	May 29, 2023	288.85
One Trading Day Post-Board Meeting	May 30, 2023	245.65
Date of Public Announcement	July 07, 2023	242.05

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### 19. DETAILS OF THE STATUTORY APPROVALS

- 1. Approval of the Board of Directors at their meeting held on Monday, May 29, 2023
- 2. Approval of the Shareholders pursuant to Postal Ballot results declared on Thursday, July 06, 2023
- 3. The Buyback Offer is subject to approval, if any required under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2023, the Buyback Regulations and / or such other applicable rules and regulations for the time being in force.
- 4. The Buyback of Shares from Non-Resident Shareholders / erstwhile Overseas Corporate Bodies ("OCB's") will be subject to approvals, if any, of the appropriate authorities, including RBI, as may be required. The Buyback from each Eligible Shareholder is subject to all statutory consents and approvals as may be required by such Eligible Shareholder under applicable laws and regulations. The Eligible Shareholder shall be solely responsible for obtaining all such statutory consents and approvals (including, without limitation the approvals from the Reserve Bank of India, if any) as may be required by them in order to sell their Equity Shares to the Company pursuant to the Buyback. An Eligible Shareholder would be required to provide copies of all such consents and approvals obtained by them to the Registrar to the Buyback. The Company will have the right to make payment to the Eligible Shareholders in respect of whom no prior RBI approval is required and not accept Shares from the Eligible Shareholders in respect of whom prior RBI approval is required in the event copies of such approvals are not submitted.
- 5. By agreeing to participate in the Buyback, the non-resident Eligible Shareholders give the Company the authority to make, sign, execute, deliver, acknowledge and perform all applications to file regulatory reporting, if required, including FC-TRS form, if necessary and undertake to provide assistance to the Company for such regulatory reporting.
- 6. As on date, no other statutory or regulatory approval required to implement the Buyback Offer, other than that indicated above. If any statutory or regulatory approval becomes applicable subsequently, the Buyback will be subject to such statutory or regulatory approval(s). In the event of any delay in receipt of any statutory / regulatory approval, changes to the proposed schedule of activities of the Buyback Offer, if any, shall be intimated to Stock Exchanges.
- 7. The Buy-back from the Eligible Shareholders who are residents outside India including foreign corporate bodies (including erstwhile overseas corporate bodies), foreign portfolio investors, non-resident Indians, members of foreign nationality, if any, shall be subject to the FEMA and rules and regulations framed thereunder, if any, Income Tax Act, 1961 and rules and regulations framed thereunder, as applicable, and also subject to the receipt/provision by such Eligible Shareholders of such approvals, if and to the extent necessary or required from concerned authorities including, but not limited to, approvals from the RBI under the FEMA and rules and regulations framed thereunder, if any.
- 8. The reporting requirements for non-resident shareholders under RBI, FEMA, as amended and any other rules, regulations, guidelines, for remittance of funds, shall be made by the Eligible Shareholders and/or the Shareholder Broker through which the Eligible Shareholder places the bid.
- 9. In case of non-receipt of the completed tender form and other documents, but receipt of Equity Shares in the accounts of the clearing corporation and a valid bid in the exchange bidding system, the bid by such Eligible Shareholder shall be deemed to have been accepted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>®</sup> Average price is arrived by dividing the aggregate of traded turnover of the Company during the period by total no. of shares traded during the period.

<sup>\$</sup> Aggregate of No. of shares traded during the period.

- 10. As on the date of the Letter of Offer, the Company has no outstanding facilities with lenders.
- 20. PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY FOR THE BUYBACK
- 1. THE COMPANY EXPRESSES NO OPINION AS TO WHETHER SHAREHOLDERS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE BUYBACK AND ACCORDINGLY SHAREHOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ADVISORS TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN THE BUYBACK.
- 2. In this regard, the promoters intend to participate in the Buyback. For further details, see para 9 "Management Discussion and Analysis and The Likely Impact of Buyback on The Company" on page no. 14.
- 3. Record Date and Ratio of Buyback as per the Buyback Entitlement in each Category:
- i. As required under the SEBI Buyback Regulations, the Company has fixed Tuesday, July 18, 2023 as the Record Date for the purpose of determining the entitlement and the names of the Eligible Shareholders.
- ii. The Equity Shares to be bought back, as part of the Buyback is divided in to two categories:
  - (a) reserved category for Small Shareholders (defined under Regulation 2(i)(n) of the SEBI Buyback Regulations as a shareholder, who holds shares or other specified securities whose market value, on the basis of closing price on the recognized stock exchange in which the highest trading volume, as on record date, is not more than Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lakhs Only); and
  - (b) the general category for all other shareholders.
- iii. In accordance with Regulation 6 of the Buyback Regulations, the reserved category for Small Shareholders shall be 15% of the number of Equity Shares (which works out to 1,05,000 Equity Shares) which the Company proposes to Buyback, or number of 115215 Equity Shares entitled as per shareholding of Small Shareholders, as on record date, whichever is higher. Therefore, number of shares reserved for Small Shareholder will be 115215 Equity Shares.
- iv. Based on the shareholding as on the Record Date, the Company will determine the entitlement of each shareholder to tender their Equity Shares in the Buyback. This entitlement for each shareholder will be calculated based on the number of Equity Shares held by the respective shareholder as on the Record Date and the ratio of Buyback applicable in the category to which such shareholder belongs.
- v. Based on the above definition, there are 7791 Small Shareholders with aggregate entitlement of 115215 Shares, as on Record Date, which constitutes 2.62% of the outstanding paid up equity share capital of the Company and 16.46% of the number of Equity Shares which are proposed to be bought back as part of this Buyback Offer.
- vi. Based on the above entitlements, the Ratio of Buyback for both categories are decided as below:

Category	Ratio of Buyback
Reserved Category	7 Equity Shares out of every 44 fully paid-up Equity Shares held on the Record Date
General Category	7 Equity Shares out of every 44 fully paid-up Equity Shares held on the Record Date

- vii. The Eligible Shareholders participation in the Buyback will be voluntary. The Eligible Shareholders can choose to participate, in full or in part, and get cash in lieu of equity shares to be accepted under the Buyback or they may choose not to participate and enjoy a resultant increase in their percentage shareholding, post Buyback, without additional investment. The Eligible Shareholders also have the option of tendering additional Equity Shares (over and above their entitlement) and participate in the shortfall created due to non-participation of some other shareholders, if any.
- viii. The maximum tender under the Buyback by any shareholder cannot exceed the number of equity shares held by the shareholders as on the Record Date. In case, the eligible shareholders hold equity shares through multiple demat accounts, the tender through a demat account cannot exceed the number of equity shares held in that demat account.
- ix. The Equity Shares tendered as per the entitlement by Eligible Shareholders as well as additional Equity Shares tendered, if any, will be accepted as per the procedure laid down in SEBI Buyback Regulations.
- x. Participation in the Buyback by the shareholders may trigger capital gains taxation in India and their country of residence. The Buyback transaction would also be subject to securities transaction tax in India. The shareholders are advised to consult their own legal, financial and tax advisors prior to participating in the Buyback.
- 4. Fractional Entitlements

- i. If the Buyback Entitlement under the Buyback, after applying the abovementioned ratios to the Shares held on Record Date is not a round number (i.e., not in the multiple of 1 (one) Share), then the fractional entitlement shall be ignored for computation of Buyback Entitlement to tender Shares in the Buyback for both categories of Eligible Shareholders.
- ii. On account of ignoring the fractional entitlement, those Small Shareholders who hold 6 or less Equity Shares as on Record Date will be mailed a Tender Form with zero entitlement. Such Small Shareholders may tender Additional Shares as part of the Buyback and will be given preference in the Acceptance of one Equity Share, if such Small Shareholders have tendered Additional Equity Shares in the Buyback. The Company shall make best efforts subject to Buyback Regulations in accepting Equity Shares tendered by such Eligible Shareholder to the extent possible and permissible.

# 5. Basis of Acceptance of Shares validly tendered in the Reserved Category

Subject to the provisions contained in the Letter of Offer, the Company will accept the Shares tendered in the Buyback by the Small Shareholders in the Reserved Category in the following order of priority:

- a. Acceptance of 100% Shares from Small Shareholders in the Reserved Category, who have validly tendered their Shares to the extent of their Buyback Entitlement or the number of Equity Shares tendered by them, whichever is less.
- b. Post the acceptance as described above, in case there are any Equity Shares left to be bought back from Small Shareholders in the Reserved Category, the Small Shareholders who were entitled to tender zero Equity Share (on account of ignoring the fractional entitlement), and have tendered Additional Equity Shares as part of the Buyback, shall be given preference and one Share each from such Additional Equity Shares applied by these Small Shareholders shall be bought back in the Reserved Category.
- c. Post the acceptance as described above, in case there are any Equity Shares left to be bought back in the Reserved Category, the Additional Equity Shares tendered by the Small Shareholders over and above their Buyback Entitlement, shall be accepted in proportion of the Additional Equity Shares tendered by them and the Acceptance per Small Shareholder shall be made in accordance with the Buyback Regulations. Valid Acceptances per Small Shareholder shall be equal to the Additional Shares validly tendered by the Small Shareholder divided by the total Additional Equity Shares validly tendered and multiplied by the total pending number of Shares to be accepted in Reserved Category. For the purpose of this calculation, the Additional Shares taken into account for such Small Shareholders, from whom one Equity Share has been accepted in accordance with the above, shall be reduced by one.
- d. Adjustment for fractional results in case of proportionate Acceptance, as described above:
  - For any Small Shareholder, if the number of Additional Shares to be accepted, calculated on a proportionate basis is not a multiple of one and the fractional Acceptance is greater than or equal to 0.50, then the fraction would be rounded off to the next higher integer.
  - For any Small Shareholder, if the number of Additional Shares to be accepted, calculated on a proportionate basis is not in the multiple of one and the fractional Acceptance is less than 0.50, then the fraction shall be ignored.

In case of any practical issues, resulting out of rounding-off of Shares or otherwise, the Buyback Committee or any person(s) authorized by the Buyback Committee will have the authority to decide such final allocation with respect to such rounding-off or any excess of Equity Shares or any shortage of Equity Shares after allocation of acceptance of Equity Shares as set out in the process described above.

# 6. Basis of Acceptance of Shares validly tendered in the General Category

Subject to the provisions contained in the Letter of Offer, the Company will accept the Equity Shares tendered in the Buyback by all other Eligible Shareholders in the General Category in the following order of priority:

- a. Acceptance of 100% Equity Shares from other Eligible Shareholders in the General Category who have validly tendered their Equity Shares, to the extent of their Buyback Entitlement, or the number of Equity Shares tendered by them, whichever is less.
- b. Post the Acceptance as described above, in case there are any Equity Shares left to be bought back in the General Category, the Additional Equity Shares tendered by the other Eligible Shareholders over and above their Buyback Entitlement shall be accepted in proportion of the Additional Shares tendered by them and the acceptances per shareholder shall be made in accordance with the Buyback Regulations, i.e. valid acceptances per shareholder shall be equal to the Additional Shares validly tendered by the Eligible Shareholders divided by the total Additional Shares validly tendered in the General Category and multiplied by the total pending number of Shares to be Accepted in General Category.

- c. Adjustment for fractional results in case of proportionate acceptance as described above:
  - For any Eligible Shareholder, if the number of Additional Shares to be accepted, calculated on a proportionate basis is not in the multiple of one and the fractional Acceptance is greater than or equal to 0.50, then the fraction would be rounded off to the next higher integer.
  - For any Eligible Shareholder, if the number of Additional Shares to be accepted, calculated on a proportionate basis is not in the multiple of one and the fractional Acceptance is less than 0.50, then the fraction shall be ignored.

In case of any practical issues, resulting out of rounding-off of Shares or otherwise, the Buyback Committee or any person(s) authorized by the Buyback Committee will have the authority to decide such final allocation with respect to such rounding-off or any excess of Equity Shares or any shortage of Equity Shares after allocation of acceptance of Equity Shares as set out in the process described above.

For avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that:

- i. the Equity Shares Accepted under the Buyback from each Eligible Shareholder, in accordance with clauses above, shall not exceed the number of Equity Shares tendered by the respective Eligible Shareholders;
- ii. the Equity Shares Accepted under the Buyback from each Eligible Shareholder, in accordance with clauses above, shall not exceed the number of Equity Shares held by respective Eligible Shareholder as on the Record Date: and
- iii. the Equity Shares tendered by any Eligible Shareholder over and above the number of Equity Shares held by such Eligible Shareholder as on the Record Date shall not be considered for the purpose of Acceptance in accordance with the clauses above.

# 7. Basis of Acceptance of Equity Shares between two categories

- i. After acceptances of tenders, as mentioned above, in case, there are any Equity Shares left to be bought back in one category ("Partially Filled Category") and there are additional unaccepted validly tendered Equity Shares ("Further Additional Shares") in the second category ("Over Tendered Category"), then the further Additional Shares in the Over Tendered Category shall be accepted in a proportionate manner i.e. valid acceptances per Eligible Shareholder shall be equal to further Additional Shares validly tendered by the Eligible Shareholder in the Over Tendered Category divided by the total Further Additional Shares in the Over Tendered Category and multiplied by the total Equity Shares left to be bought back in the Partially Filled Category.
- ii. If the Partially Filled Category is the General Category and the Over Tendered Category is the Reserved Category, then any Small Shareholder who has received a Tender Form with zero Buyback Entitlement and who has tendered Additional Shares shall be eligible for priority acceptance of one Equity Share before acceptance, out of the Equity Shares left to be bought back in the Partially Filled Category.

### 8. Clubbing of entitlements

In order to ensure that the same shareholders with multiple demat accounts / folios do not receive a higher entitlement under the Small Shareholder category, the Company will club together the Equity Shares held by such shareholders with a common PAN for determining the category (Small Shareholder or General Category) and the Buyback Entitlement. In case of joint shareholding, the Company will club together the Equity Shares held in cases where the sequence of the PANs of the joint shareholders is identical. In case of shareholders holding Physical Shares, where the sequence of PANs is identical and where the PANs of all joint shareholders are not available, the Company will check the sequence of the names of the joint holders and club together the Equity Shares held in such cases where the sequence of the PANs and name of joint shareholders are identical. The shareholding of institutional investors like mutual funds, pension funds / trusts, insurance companies, foreign institutional investors / foreign portfolio investors etc., with common PAN will not be clubbed together for determining the category and will be considered separately, where these Equity Shares are held for different schemes / sub-accounts and have a different demat account nomenclature based on information prepared by the Registrar to the Buyback as per the shareholder records received from the Depositories. Further, the Equity Shares held under the category of "clearing members" or "corporate body margin account" or "corporate body - broker" as per the beneficial position data as on Record Date with common PAN are not proposed to be clubbed together for determining their entitlement and will be considered separately, where these Equity Shares are assumed to be held on behalf of clients.

### 21. PROCEDURE FOR TENDER OFFER AND SETTLEMENT

- i. The Buy-back shall be available to all Eligible Shareholders holding Equity Shares either in physical or dematerialized form on the Record Date.
- ii. The Buy-back shall be undertaken on a proportionate basis through the tender offer process prescribed under Regulation 4(iv)(a) of the Buy-back Regulations. Additionally, the Buy-back shall, subject to applicable laws, be facilitated by tendering of Equity Shares by the Shareholders and settlement of the same, through the stock exchange mechanism as specified in the SEBI Circulars. This Letter of Offer and Tender Form, outlining the

terms of the Buy-back as well as the detailed disclosures as specified in the Buy-back Regulations, shall be sent through electronic means to Eligible Shareholder(s) who have registered their e-mail ids with the depositories/the Company. The Eligible Shareholders who have not registered their email ids with the Depositories / the Company, this Letter of Offer shall be dispatched through physical mode by registered post / speed post / courier, on request. In case of non-receipt of Letter of Offer and the Tender Form, please follow the procedure mentioned in this Section.

- iii. The non-receipt of The Letter of Offer By, or accidental omission to mailed the Letter of Offer to any person who is eligible to receive the same to participate in the buyback, shall not invalidate the buyback offer in any way.
- iv. The Company will not accept any Equity Shares offered in the Buyback which is under any restraint order of a court or any competent authority for transfer / sale of such Equity Shares or the loss of equity share certificates has been notified to the Company or where the title to the Equity Share(s) is under dispute or otherwise not clear or where any other restraint subsists.
- v. In accordance with Regulation 24(v) of the SEBI Buyback Regulations, the Company shall not Buyback lockedin Equity Shares and non-transferable Equity Shares until the pendency of the lock-in or until such Shares become transferable.
- vi. The Company shall accept all the Equity Shares validly tendered in the Buyback by Eligible Shareholders, on the basis of their Buyback Entitlement as on the Record Date.
- vii. The Eligible Shareholders' participation in Buyback will be voluntary. Shareholders can choose to participate, in part or in full, and get cash in lieu of the Equity Shares accepted under the Buyback or they may choose not to participate and enjoy a resultant increase in their percentage shareholding, post Buyback, without additional investment. Shareholders may also tender a part of their Buyback Entitlement. Shareholders also have the option of tendering Additional Shares (over and above their Buyback Entitlement) and participate in the shortfall created due to non-participation of some other Shareholders, if any. Acceptance of any Equity Shares tendered in excess of the Buyback Entitlement by the Shareholder, shall be in terms of procedure described in the section entitled "Process and Methodology for the Buyback" on page 25 of this Letter of Offer.
- viii. Eligible Shareholders will have to tender their Demat Shares from the same demat account in which they were holding such shares (as on the Record Date) and in case of multiple demat accounts, Eligible Shareholders are required to tender the applications separately from each demat account. In case of any changes in the demat account in which the Equity Shares were held as on Record Date, such Eligible Shareholders should provide sufficient proof of the same to the Registrar to the Buy-back and such tendered Equity Shares may be accepted subject to appropriate verification and validation by the Registrar to the Buy-back. The Board or Buy-back Committee authorized by the Board will have the authority to decide such final allocation in case of non-receipt of sufficient proof by such Eligible Shareholder.
- ix. As indicate in Paragraph 19 "Process and Methodology for the Buyback" above, the Equity Shares proposed to be bought as a part of the Buyback are divided into 2 (two) categories viz.
  - a. Reserved Category for Small Shareholders
  - b. the General Category for other Eligible Shareholders and the Buyback Entitlement of an Eligible Shareholders in each category shall be calculated accordingly.
- x. After accepting the Equity Shares tendered on the basis of Buyback Entitlement, Equity Shares left to be bought as a part of the Buyback, if any, in one category shall first be accepted, in proportion to the Shares tendered, over and above their Buyback Entitlement, by Eligible Shareholders in that category, and thereafter, from Eligible Shareholders who have tendered over and above their Buyback Entitlement, in any other category.
- xi. The Buyback shall be implemented by the Company in accordance with the SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated April 13, 2015 on the "Mechanism for acquisition of shares through Stock Exchange", the SEBI Circular CFD/DCR2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated December 9, 2016 on "Streamlining the process for acquisition of shares pursuant to tender offers made for takeovers, buy back and delisting of securities", SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/CFD/DIL1/CIR/P/2018/011 dated January 19, 2018, and CFD/DCR-III/CIR/P/2021/615 dated August 13 2021 and circular bearing number SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/35 dated March 08, 2023 as may be amended from time to time. and following the procedure prescribed in the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI Buyback Regulations and as may be determined by the Board (and / or the Buyback Committee and on such terms and conditions as may be permitted by law from time to time.
- xii. In case of non-receipt of the Letter of Offer and the Tender Form

- b. An Eligible Shareholder holding Equity Shares in physical form, may participate in the Buyback by downloading the Letter of Offer and Tender Form from the website of the Company at www.jameswarrentea.com, the Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com, www.cse-inida.com the Registrar to the Buyback at www.mdpl.com and the Manager to the Buyback at www.fedsec.in, in accordance with the SEBI Relaxation Circulars or by providing their application in writing on plain paper signed by Eligible Shareholder or all Eligible Shareholders (in case Equity Shares are in joint name) stating name, address, folio number, number of Equity Shares held, share certificate number, number of Equity Shares tendered for the Buyback and the distinctive numbers thereof, bank account details together with the original share certificate(s), copy of Eligible Shareholders PAN card(s) and executed Form SH-4 in favour of the Company. The transfer form (SH-4) can be downloaded from the Company's website at www.jameswarrentea.com. Eligible Shareholders must ensure that the Tender Form, along with the TRS and requisite documents (as mentioned in below), reach the Registrar to the Buyback not later than 1 (one o) day from the Buyback Closing Date (by 5:00 p.m.). If the signature(s) of the Eligible Shareholders provided in the plain paper application differs from the specimen signature(s) recorded with the Registrar to the Buy-back or the Company or are not in the same order (although attested), the Company or the Registrar to the Buyback shall have a right to reject such applications. For further process, please refer to paragraph "xxiii of Procedure for Tender Offer and Settlement" for the procedure to be followed by Eligible Shareholders holding Equity Shares in physical form" on page 27.
- c. Please note that Eligible Shareholder(s) who intend to participate in the Buyback will be required to approach their respective Shareholder Broker (along with the complete set of documents for verification procedures) and have to ensure that their bid is entered by their respective Shareholder Broker or broker in the electronic platform to be made available by the Designated Stock Exchange before the Buyback Closing Date, otherwise the same are liable to be rejected.
- The Company shall accept Equity Shares validly tendered by the Eligible Shareholder(s) in the Buyback on the basis of their shareholding as on the Record Date and the Buyback Entitlement. Eligible Shareholder(s) who intend to participate in the Buyback using the "plain paper" option as mentioned above are advised to confirm their Buyback Entitlement from the Registrar to the Buyback, before participating in the Buyback.
- xiv. For implementation of the Buyback, the Company has appointed **Bindal Equities Private Limited** as the registered broker of the Company (the "Company's Broker") to facilitate the process of tendering of Equity Shares through the Stock Exchange mechanism for the Buyback and through whom the purchases and settlements on account of the Buyback would be made by the Company. The contact details of the Company's Brokers are as follows:

Name:	Bindal Equities Private Limited
<b>SEBI Registration No.:</b>	INZ000210031
CIN:	U67190WB2005PTC106317
Address:	6, Brabourne Road, Vaishno Chambers, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room No. 206B, Kolkata - 700
	001
Tel No.:	033 - 3022 2316
Email Id:	sureshsaraf@bindalgroup.in
Website:	www.bindalgroup.in
Contact Person:	Suresh Kumar Saraf

xv. BSE will be appointed as the "Designated Stock Exchange" to provide a separate "Acquisition Window" to facilitate placing of sell orders by Eligible Shareholders who wish to tender their Equity Shares in the Buyback.

The details of the platform will be as specified by BSE, from time to time. All eligible shareholders may place orders in the Acquisition window of BSE, through their respective stock brokers ("Shareholder Broker").

- xvi. At the beginning of the tendering period, the order for buying Equity Shares will be placed by the Company through Company's Broker. During the tendering period, the order for selling the Equity Shares will be placed in the Acquisition Window by the Eligible Shareholders through their respective stock brokers ("Shareholder Broker") during normal trading hours of the secondary market. The Shareholder Broker can enter orders for Demat Shares as well as Physical Shares. In the tendering process, the Company's Broker may also process the orders received from the Eligible Shareholders.
- xvii. In the event Shareholder Broker(s) are not registered with the Designated Stock Exchange or if the Eligible Shareholders do not have any stock broker then that Eligible Shareholders can approach any stock broker registered with the Designated Stock Exchange and can make a bid by using quick unique client code ("UCC") facility through that stock broker registered with the Designated Stock Exchange after submitting the details as may be required by the stock broker to be in compliance with the SEBI Buyback Regulations. In case Eligible Shareholders is not able to bid using quick UCC facility through any other stock broker registered with the Designated Stock Exchange, then the Eligible Shareholders may approach the Company's Broker, to bid by using quick UCC facility after submitting requisite documents.
- xviii. All Eligible Shareholders, through their respective Shareholder Broker(s) will be eligible and responsible to place orders in the Acquisition Window. All Eligible Shareholders can enter orders for Equity Shares in demat form as well as Shares in physical form.
- xix. Modification / cancellation of orders and multiple bids from a single Eligible Shareholder will be allowed during the Tendering Period. Multiple bids made by a single Eligible Shareholder for selling the Shares shall be clubbed and considered as 'one' bid for the purposes of Acceptance.
- xx. The cumulative quantity tendered shall be made available on BSE website (www.bseindia.com) throughout the Tendering Period, and will be updated at specific intervals during the Tendering Period.
- xxi. Any Equity Shares tendered after the Buyback Closing Date by an Eligible Shareholder shall not be accepted.
- xxii. All documents sent by the Eligible Shareholders will be at their own risk. Eligible Shareholders are advised to safeguard adequately their interests in this regard.

# xxiii. Procedure to be followed by Eligible Shareholders holding Shares in dematerialized form:

- a. Eligible Shareholders who desire to tender their Equity Shares in the electronic form under the Buyback would have to do so through their respective Shareholder Broker by indicating to such Shareholder Broker the details of Shares they intend to tender under the Buyback.
- b. The Shareholder Broker would be required to place an order / bid on behalf of the Eligible Shareholder(s) who wish to tender Equity Shares in the Buyback using the Acquisition Window of BSE. Before placing the bid, the Eligible Shareholder would need to transfer the tendered Shares into the account of Indian Clearing Corporation Limited (referred to as the "Clearing Corporation"/ "ICCL") through the early pay-in mechanism of the Depositories prior to placing bid by the Shareholder Broker. For further details, Eligible Shareholders may refer to the circulars issued by BSE/Clearing Corporation.
- c. The details of the special account shall be informed in the issue opening circular that will be issued by the BSE or the Clearing Corporation.
- d. Upon placing the bid, the Shareholder Broker shall provide a TRS generated by the BSE's bidding system to the Eligible Shareholder. The TRS will contain the details of order submitted such as Bid ID No., Application No., DP ID, Client ID, number of Shares tendered etc.
- e. In case of demat Shares, submission of Tender Form and TRS is not required. After the receipt of the demat Shares by the Clearing Corporation and a valid bid in the exchange bidding system, the Buyback shall be deemed to have been accepted for Eligible Shareholders holding Shares in demat form.
- f. The Eligible Shareholders will have to ensure that they keep the DP Account active and unblocked to receive credit in case of return of Equity Shares due to rejection or partial acceptance. Excess Equity Shares or unaccepted Equity Shares, in dematerialised form, if any, tendered by the Eligible Shareholders would be transferred by the Clearing Corporation directly to the respective Eligible Shareholder's DP account. If the securities transfer instruction is rejected in the depository system, due to any issue then such securities will be

transferred to the Shareholder Broker's depository pool account for onward transfer to such Eligible Shareholder

- g. Eligible Shareholders shall also provide all relevant documents, which are necessary to ensure transferability of the Equity Shares in respect of the Tender Form to be sent. Such documents may include (but not be limited to)
- Duly attested power of attorney, if any person other than eligible shareholder has signed the Tender Form.
- Duly attested death certificate and succession certificate/legal heirship certificate, in case eligible shareholder has expired.
- In case of companies, the necessary certified corporate authorizations (including board and/or general meeting authorizations.
- h. For custodian participant orders for demat Shares, early pay-in is mandatory prior to confirmation of order by custodian. The custodian shall either confirm or reject the orders not later than the closure of the trading hours on the last day of the Tendering period i.e., date if closing of the Buyback Offer. Thereafter, all unconfirmed orders shall be deemed to be rejected. For all confirmed custodian participant orders, order modification by the concerned Shareholder Broker shall revoke the custodian confirmation and the revised order shall be sent to the custodian again for confirmation.

# xxiv. Procedure to be followed by Eligible Shareholders holding Shares in physical form:

- a. SEBI vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/144, Dated July 31, 2020 has clarified that the shareholders holding securities in physical form are allowed to tender shares in Buyback through tender offer route.
- b. Eligible Shareholders who are holding Equity Shares in the physical form and intend to participate in the Buyback will be required to approach their Shareholder Broker along with the complete set of documents for verification procedures to be carried out. The documents include the (i) original share certificate(s), (ii) valid share transfer form(s) duly filled and signed by the transferors (i.e. by all registered Eligible Shareholders in same order and as per the specimen signatures registered with the Company) and duly witnessed at the appropriate place authorizing the transfer in favor of the Company, (iii) self-attested copy of the Eligible Shareholder's PAN Card, (iv) any other relevant documents such as power of attorney, corporate authorization (including board resolution/specimen signature), notarized copy of death certificate and succession certificate or probated will, if the original shareholder has deceased, as may be applicable. In addition, if the address of the Eligible Shareholder has undergone a change from the address reflected in the Register of Members of the Company, the Eligible Shareholder would be required to submit a self-attested copy of address proof consisting of any one of the following documents: (i) valid Aadhar Card, (ii) Voter Identity Card or (iii) Passport.
- c. An unregistered shareholder holding Physical Shares may also tender his Equity Shares for Buyback by submitting the duly executed transfer deed for transfer of shares, purchased prior to Record Date, in his name, along with the offer form, copy of his PAN card and of the person from whom he has purchased shares and other relevant documents as required for transfer, if any.
- d. For orders for physical Equity Shares, the Shareholder Brokers should place bids on the Acquisition Window with relevant details as mentioned on physical share certificate(s). The Shareholder Brokers shall be required to print the Transaction Registration Slip ("TRS") generated by the Exchange Bidding System. TRS will contain the details of the order submitted including. the bid identification number, the application number, DP ID, Client ID in case of dematerialised Equity Shares or the folio number, certificate number, distinctive numbers and the number of Equity Shares tendered in case of Equity shares held in the physical form and the number of Equity Shares tendered either by registered post or courier or hand delivery to the Registrar within two days of bidding by such Shareholder Broker. The envelope should be super scribed as "James Warren Tea Limited Buyback 2023". One copy of the TRS will be retained by Registrar and it will provide acknowledgement of the same to such Shareholder Broker or Eligible Shareholder
- e. IN CASE ANY PERSON HAS SUBMITTED EQUITY SHARES IN PHYSICAL FORM FOR DEMATERIALISATION, SUCH ELIGIBLE SHAREHOLDERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE PROCESS OF GETTING THE EQUITY SHARES DEMATERIALISED IS COMPLETED BEFORE SUCH ELIGIBLE SHAREHOLDERS TENDER THEIR EQUITY SHARES IN THE BUYBACK, SO THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE BUYBACK OFFER.
- f. Eligible Shareholders holding physical Equity Shares should note that physical Equity Shares will not be accepted unless the complete set of documents is submitted. Acceptance of the physical Equity Shares for Buyback by the Company shall be subject to verification as per the SEBI Buyback Regulations and any

further directions issued in this regard. The Registrar will verify such bids based on the documents submitted on a daily basis and till such time the BSE shall display such bids as "unconfirmed physical bids". Once, the Registrar confirms the bids it will be treated as "Confirmed Bids

### xxv. For equity shares held by Eligible Shareholders, being Non- Resident Shareholders of Equity Shares

- a. While tendering their Equity Shares under the Buyback Offer, all Non-Resident Equity Shareholders should provide relevant confirmations/ declarations vide the duly filled-in and signed (by all Shareholders in case the Equity Shares are held in joint names) Tender Forms. In the event relevant confirmations / declarations are not provided in the Tender Forms or there is ambiguity in the information provided, the Company reserves the right to reject such Tender Forms.
- b. FPI Shareholders should also enclose a copy of their SEBI registration certificate.
- c. Erstwhile OCBs are required to obtain specific prior approval from RBI for tendering Equity Shares in the Buyback Offer. OCBs are required to obtain and enclose RBI approval for tendering Shares in the Buyback Offer. The Company shall not accept Equity Shares from OCBs/ NRIs in respect of whom such RBI approval is required and copies of such approvals are not submitted.
- d. Where Non-Resident Shareholder is tax resident of a country which has entered into a DTAA with India, it may be possible for the Non-Resident Shareholder to avail the beneficial provisions, if any, under the DTAA. If the Non-Resident Shareholder opts to avail the beneficial provisions as per DTAA, a tax residency certificate of such person from the tax authorities of the country of which such person is the tax resident and prescribed Form 10F, along with all the other prescribed information, as also a copy of the self-certified declaration for non-existence of a permanent establishment should be submitted along with the Tender Form.

A copy of the Tender Form must also be provided to the relevant Seller Broker.

- e. If the Non-Resident Shareholder requires the Seller Broker not to deduct tax, or to deduct tax at a lower rate, or on a lower amount, for any reason, they would need to obtain a certificate from the Income- tax authorities, either under Section 195(3) or under Section 197 of the Income Tax Act, and submit this to Company and the Shareholders' Broker while submitting the Tender Form. In absence of such certificate from the Income-tax authorities, the Shareholders' Broker shall deduct tax on gross consideration at the prescribed rate of tax.
- f. It is recommended that the Non-Resident Shareholders submit a copy of the PAN card along with the Tender Form as PAN verification is necessary for the Company and Shareholders' Broker to deduct taxes at the appropriate rate as well as to avoid queries regarding availability of tax credit on the TRACES website. In the absence of PAN, a different rate may be applicable as per the provisions of the Indian tax laws.
- g. Non-Resident Shareholders who have acquired Equity Shares of the Company under the approval route of the RBI and erstwhile OCBs are required to submit copies of earlier RBI approvals along with their respective Tender Forms.

# h. <u>In case the Equity Shares are held on repatriation basis, the Non-Resident Shareholders should enclose the supporting documents. Such documents could include:</u>

- a copy of the permission received by them from RBI at the time of the original acquisition of Equity Shares.
- a letter from the Shareholder's authorized dealer/bank confirming that at the time of acquiring the said Equity Shares, payment for this was made by the Non-Resident Shareholder from the appropriate account as specified by RBI in its approval.
- any other document which evidences reparability of sale proceeds in respect of the tendered Shares
- In case the Non-Resident Shareholder is not in a position to produce supporting documents towards enabling repatriation, the Shares would be deemed to have been acquired on non-repatriation basis and in that case the Shareholder shall submit a consent letter addressed to the Company, allowing the Company to make the payment on a non-repatriation basis in respect of the valid Equity Shares accepted under the Offer i.e. by way of credit to an non-repatriation bank account or issuance of rupee demand draft.

If any of the above stated documents, as applicable, are not enclosed along with the Tender Form, the Equity Shares tendered under the Buyback are liable to be rejected. The instructions and authorizations contained in the Tender Form constitute an integral part of the terms of this Buyback.

xxvi. Additional procedural requirements for Eligible Shareholders, whose stock broker are not registered with BSE

The Eligible shareholder approaching the BSE registered broker with whom he does not have an account:

### In case of Public Shareholder being an individual

If Public Shareholder is registered with KYC Registration Agency ("KRA"): Forms required:

- a. Central Know Your Client ("CKYC") form including Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), In Person Verification ("IPV"), Original Seen and Verified ("OSV") if applicable
- b. Know Your Client ("KYC") form documents required (all documents self-attested):
  - Bank details (cancelled cheque) and
  - Demat details for Equity Shares in demat mode (demat master /latest demat statement)

### If Eligible Shareholder is not registered with KRA: Forms required:

- a. CKYC form including FATCA, IPV, OSV if applicable
- b. KRA form
- c. KYC form documents required (all documents self-attested):
  - Permanent Account Number ("PAN") card copy
  - Address proof
  - Bank details (cancelled cheque)
  - Demat details for Equity Shares in demat mode (demat master /latest demat statement)

It may be noted, that other than submission of above forms and documents, in person verification may be required.

# In case of Public Shareholder, being a Hindu Undivided Family ("HUF"):

If Eligible Shareholder is registered with KRA: Forms required:

- a. CKYC form of Karta including FATCA, IPV, OSV if applicable.
- b. KYC form documents required (all documents self-attested):
  - Bank details (cancelled cheque)
  - Demat details for Equity Shares in demat mode (demat master /latest demat statement)

If Public Shareholder is not registered with KRA: Forms required:

- a. CKYC form of Karta including FATCA, IPV, OSV if applicable
- b. KRA form
- c. KYC form documents required (all documents self-attested):
  - PAN card copy of HUF & Karta
  - Address proof of HUF & Karta
  - · HUF declaration
  - Bank details (cancelled cheque)
  - Demat details for Equity Shares in demat mode (demat master /latest demat statement)

It may be noted that, other than submission of above forms and documents, in person verification may be required.

# In case of Public Shareholder other than Individual and HUF:

If Public Shareholder is KRA registered: Form required:

- a. KYC form documents required (all documents certified true copy):
- b. Bank details (cancelled cheque)
- c. Demat details for Equity Shares in demat mode (demat master /latest demat statement)
- d. FATCA, IPV, OSV if applicable
- e. Latest list of directors/authorised signatories/partners/trustees
- f. Latest shareholding pattern
- g. Board resolution
- h. Details of ultimate beneficial owner along with PAN card and address proof
- i. Last 2 years financial statements

If Public Shareholder is not KRA registered: Forms required:

- a. KRA form
- b. KYC form documents required (all documents certified true copy):
- c. PAN card copy of company/ firm/trust
- d. Address proof of company/ firm/trust
- e. Bank details (cancelled cheque)
- f. Demat details for Equity Shares in demat mode (demat master /latest demat statement)
- g. FATCA, IPV, OSV if applicable
- h. Latest list of directors/authorized signatories /partners/trustees
- i. PAN card copies & address proof of directors/authorized signatories/ partners/trustees
- j. Latest shareholding pattern
- k. Board resolution/partnership declaration
- 1. Details of ultimate beneficial owner along with PAN card and address proof
- m. Last 2 years financial statements
- n. Memorandum of association/partnership deed /trust deed

It may be noted that, other than submission of above forms and documents, in person verification may be required. It may be noted that the above-mentioned list of documents is an indicative list. The requirement of documents and procedures may vary from broker to broker.

### xxvii. Acceptance of orders

The Registrar to the Buyback shall provide details of order acceptance to Clearing Corporation within specified time lines.

### xxviii. Method of Settlement

- a. Upon finalization of the basis of Acceptance as per the Buyback Regulations, the settlement of trades shall be carried out in the manner similar to settlement of trades in the secondary market and as intimated by the Clearing Corporation from time to time.
- b. The Company will pay the consideration pertaining to the Buyback to the Clearing Corporation's bank account through the Company's Brokers as per the secondary market mechanism, as per the prescribed schedule. For Equity Shares accepted under the Buyback, the Clearing Corporation will make direct funds pay-out to the respective Eligible Shareholders. If bank account details of any Eligible Shareholder holding Shares in dematerialized form are not available or if the fund transfer instruction is rejected by the Reserve Bank of India or relevant Bank, due to any reasons, then the amount payable to the Eligible Shareholders will be transferred to the concerned Shareholder Broker for onward transfer to the such Eligible Shareholder holding Shares in dematerialized form.
- c. In case of certain client types viz. NRI, foreign clients etc. (where there are specific RBI and other regulatory requirements pertaining to funds pay-out) who do not opt to settle through custodians, the funds pay-out would be given to their respective Selling Member's settlement accounts for releasing the same to the respective Eligible Shareholder's account. For this purpose, the client type details would be collected from the Depositories, whereas funds payout pertaining to the bids settled through custodians will be transferred to the settlement bank account of the custodian, each in accordance with the applicable mechanism prescribed by BSE and the Clearing Corporation from time to time.
- d. For the Eligible Shareholders holding Shares in physical form, the funds pay-out would be given to their respective Selling Member's settlement accounts for releasing the same to the respective Eligible Shareholder's account.
- e. The Equity Shares bought back in the dematerialized form would be transferred directly to the Demat escrow account of the Company provided it is indicated by the Company's Brokers or it will be transferred by the Company's Brokers to the Company Demat Escrow Account on receipt of the Shares from the clearing and settlement mechanism of the BSE.
- f. Excess Equity Shares held in the dematerialised form or unaccepted Equity Shares held in the dematerialised form, if any, tendered by the Eligible Shareholder would be returned to them by the Clearing Corporation directly to the respective Eligible Shareholder's DP account. Any excess Equity Shares held in the physical form pursuant to proportionate acceptance/ rejection will be returned back to the concerned Eligible Shareholders directly by the Registrar to the Buyback. The Company is authorized to split the share certificate and issue new consolidated share certificate for the unaccepted Equity Shares held in the physical form, in case the Equity Shares held in the physical form accepted by the Company are less than the Equity Shares held in the physical form tendered in the Buyback.
- g. The Shareholder Broker would issue contract note for the Equity Shares accepted under the Buyback. The Company's Brokers would also issue a contract note to the Company for the Shares accepted under the Buyback.
- h. Shareholders who intend to participate in the Buyback should consult their respective Selling Member for payment to them of any cost, applicable taxes, charges and expenses (including brokerage) that may be levied

by the Selling Member upon the selling Eligible Shareholder for tendering Shares in the Buyback (secondary market transaction). The Manager to the Buyback and the Company accept no responsibility to bear or pay any additional cost, applicable taxes, charges and expenses (including brokerage) levied by the Selling Member, and such costs will be incurred solely by the Eligible Shareholders.

- i. Participation in the Buy-back by shareholders will trigger tax on distributed income to shareholders (hereinafter referred to as "Buy-back Tax") in India and such tax is to be discharged by the Company. This may trigger capital gains taxation in the hands of shareholders in their country of residence, if outside India. The transaction of Buy-back would also be chargeable to securities transaction tax in India. However, in view of the particularized nature of tax consequences, the Eligible Shareholders are advised to consult their own legal, financial and tax advisors prior to participating in the Buyback.
- j. The Equity Shares lying to the credit of the Demat Escrow Account and the Equity Shares bought back and accepted in physical form will be extinguished in the manner and following the procedure prescribed in the Buy-back Regulations.
- k. The Company Broker would issue a contract note to the Company for the Equity Shares accepted under the Buyback.

# xxix. Rejection Criteria

The Equity Shares tendered by Eligible Shareholders (in the dematerialized form) would be liable to be rejected on the following grounds.

- a. The Shareholder is not an Eligible Shareholder of the Company as on the Record Date; or
- b. If there is a name mismatch in the dematerialised account of the Shareholder and PAN or
- c. in the event of non-receipt of the completed Tender Form and other documents from the Eligible Shareholders who were holding Physical Shares as on the Record Date and have placed their bid in demat form; or
- d. Where there exists any restraint order of a Court/any other competent authority for transfer/disposal/ sale or where loss of share certificates has been notified to the Company or where the title to the Equity Shares is under dispute or otherwise not clear or where any other restraint subsists.

The Equity Shares tendered by Eligible Shareholders (in the physical form) would be liable to be rejected on the following grounds

- a. The documents mentioned in the Tender Form for Eligible Shareholders holding Equity Shares in physical form are not received by the Registrar before the close of business hours to the Registrar on or before the closing date Friday, July 28, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.;
- b. If the Eligible Shareholders bid the Equity Shares but the Registrar does not receive the physical Equity Share certificate;
- c. If there is any other company share certificate enclosed with the Tender Form instead of the share certificate of the Company;
- d. If the transmission of Equity Shares is not completed, and the Equity Shares are not in the name of the Eligible Shareholders;
- e. In the event the signature in the Tender Form and Form SH 4 do not match as per the specimen signature.
- f. Where there exists any restraint order of a Court/any other competent authority for transfer/disposal/ sale or where loss of share certificates has been notified to the Company or where the title to the Equity Shares is under dispute or otherwise not clear or where any other restraint subsists

# 22. NOTE ON TAXATION

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF THE TAX CONSIDERATIONS ARE BASED ON THE READING OF THE CURRENT PROVISIONS OF THE TAX LAWS OF INDIA AND THE REGULATIONS THEREUNDER, THE JUDICIAL AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE INTERPRETATIONS THEREOF, WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR MODIFICATION BY SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY, ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL DECISIONS. ANY SUCH CHANGES COULD HAVE DIFFERENT IMPLICATIONS ON THESE TAX CONSIDERATIONS.

IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY AND THE SUBJECTIVITY INVOLVED IN THE TAX CONSEQUENCES, SHAREHOLDERS ARE REQUIRED TO CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS FOR THE APPLICABLE TAX PROVISIONS INCLUDING THE TREATMENT THAT MAY BE GIVEN BY THEIR RESPECTIVE TAX OFFICERS IN THEIR CASE, AND THE APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION THAT THEY SHOULD TAKE.

SHAREHOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS FOR THE APPLICABLE TAX PROVISIONS INCLUDING THE TREATMENT THAT MAY BE GIVEN BY THEIR RESPECTIVE ASSESSING OFFICERS IN THEIR CASE AND THE APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION THAT THEY SHOULD TAKE. THE COMPANY DOES NOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCURACY OR OTHERWISE OF THIS TAX SUMMARY AND THERE CAN BE NO LIABILITY ON THE COMPANY IF ANY ACTION, INCLUDING A TAX POSITION IS TAKEN BY THE SHAREHOLDER SOLELY BASED ON THIS TAX SUMMARY.

THEREFORE, SHAREHOLDERS CANNOT RELY ON THIS ADVICE AND THE SUMMARY TAX IMPLICATIONS RELATING TO THE TREATMENT OF INCOME TAX IN THE CASE OF BUYBACK OF EQUITY SHARES LISTED ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE SET OUT BELOW SHOULD BE TREATED AS INDICATIVE AND FOR GUIDANCE PURPOSES ONLY.

### 1. GENERAL

The Indian tax year runs from April 1 to March 31. The basis of charge of Indian income-tax depends upon the residential status of the taxpayer during a tax year. A person who is a tax resident of India is liable to taxation in India on his worldwide income, subject to certain prescribed tax exemptions provided under the Income Tax Act 1961 ('Income Tax Act' or 'ITA').

A person who is treated as a non-resident for Indian tax purposes is generally liable to tax in India only on his/her India sourced income or income received by such person in India. In case of shares of a company, the source of income from shares would depend on the 'situs' of the shares. As per judicial precedents, generally the "situs" of the shares is where company is "incorporated" and where its shares can be transferred. Accordingly, since the Company is incorporated in India, the shares of the Company would be "situated" in India and any gains arising to a non-resident on transfer of such shares should be taxable in India under the ITA subject to any specific exemption in this regard. Further, the non-resident can avail the beneficial tax treatment prescribed under the relevant Double Tax Avoidance Agreement ("DTAA") subject to satisfaction of the relevant conditions including non-applicability of General Anti-Avoidance Rule ("GAAR") and providing and maintaining necessary information and documents as prescribed under the ITA.

The summary of tax implications on buyback of equity shares listed on the stock exchanges in India is set out below. All references to equity shares in this note refer to equity shares listed on the stock exchanges in India unless stated otherwise.

### 2. Classification of Shareholders

Section 6 of the ITA, determines the residential status of an assessee. Accordingly, shareholders can be classified broadly in two categories as below:

- A. Resident Shareholders being:
  - a. Individuals, Hindu Undivided Family (HUF), Association of Persons (AOP) and Body of Individuals (BOI), Firm, LLP.
  - b. Others (corporate bodies):
  - Company
  - Other than Company
- B. Deemed Resident Shareholder an individual being a citizen of India who is not liable to tax in any other country or territory by reason of domicile, residence or any other criteria of similar nature and has total income other than foreign sourced income exceeding Rs 15 lakh during the tax year.
- C. Non-Resident Shareholders being:
  - a. Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)
  - b. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) / Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs)
  - c. Others:
  - Company
  - Other than Company
- 3. INCOME TAX PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF BUYBACK OF SHARES LISTED ON THE RECOGNISED STOCK EXCHANGE (BUYBACK WHOSE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE AFTER 5TH JULY 2019) CONSIDERING RELEVANT AMENDMENTS UNDER THE FINANCE (NO. 2) ACT, 2019 AND TAXATION LAWS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2019

Section 115QA of the IT Act provides for the levy of additional Income-tax at the rate of twenty per cent (as increased by surcharge and Health and Education cess, as applicable) of the distributed income on account of buyback of shares of all domestic Indian companies including listed companies i.e., companies whose shares are listed on a recognized stock exchange. In respect of listed companies, the provisions of section 115QA are applicable in respect of all the buybacks of shares whose public announcement has been made after 5 July 2019. Accordingly, the Company would be subject to an additional Income-tax at the rate of twenty per cent (as increased by surcharge and Health and Education cess, as applicable) of the distributed income on account of buyback of shares. "Distributed income" means the consideration paid by the Company on buyback of shares as reduced by the amount, which was received by the Company for issue of such shares, determined in the manner as may be prescribed. Thus, the tax implications to the following categories of shareholders are as under:

# A. Resident Shareholders or Deemed Resident Shareholders

As an additional income-tax has been levied on the Company under Section 115QA of the ITA, the consequential income arising in the hands of shareholders has been exempted from tax under sub-section (34A) of section 10 of the ITA. Accordingly, any income arising in the hands of shareholder on account of

buyback of shares shall be exempt from tax under sub-section (34A) of section 10 of the ITA with effect from July 05, 2019. The said income will be exempted in the hands of the shareholder irrespective of the class/residential status of the shareholder and purpose for which shares are held (i.e., as "Investments" or "Stock in Trade").

#### B. Non-Resident Shareholders

While the income arising to the shareholder on account of buyback of shares as referred to in section 115QA of the ITA is exempt from tax under the provisions of the amended section 10(34A) with effect from July 5 2019 in the hands of a Non-resident as well, the same may be subject to tax in the country of residence for non-resident shareholders as per the provisions of the tax laws of that country subject to provisions of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement, if any. The credit of tax may or may not be allowed to such non-resident shareholder to be claimed in the country of residence in respect of the Buyback tax paid by the company in view of Sec 115QA (4) and (5) of the ITA. Non-resident shareholders need to consult their tax advisors with regard to availability of such a tax credit.

# 4. Tax Deduction at Source

In view of the above and currently, there are no provisions for tax deduction at source in respect of income earned from transfer/ Buyback of shares in case of resident shareholders/ deemed resident / non-resident shareholders.

Given that income arising on account of the buy-back of shares is exempt from tax under Section 10(34A) of ITA, the same would not be subject to tax deduction at source for non-resident shareholders

#### 5. Securities Transaction Tax

Since the Buyback of shares shall take place through the settlement mechanism of the Stock Exchange, Securities Transaction Tax at 0.1% of the value of the transaction will be applicable.

#### 6. Caveat

The summary of the tax considerations as above is based on the current provisions of the tax laws of India, which are subject to change or modification by subsequent legislative, regulatory, administrative or judicial decisions. The above note on taxation sets out the provisions of law in a summary manner only and does not purport to be a complete analysis or listing of all potential tax consequences of the disposal of equity shares. This note is neither binding on any regulators nor can there be any assurance that they will not take a position contrary to the comments mentioned herein.

# 23. DECLARATION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Declaration as required under clause (ix) and clause (x) of Schedule I to the Buyback Regulations, as under: The Board has confirmed that it has made a full enquiry into the affairs and prospects of the Company and has formed an opinion:

- (a) that immediately following the date of the Board Approval, being Monday, May 29, 2023 and the date of Shareholder's approval, there will be no grounds, on which the Company can be found unable to pay its debts;
- (b) that as regards the Company's prospects for the year immediately following the date of the Board Approval as well as the date of shareholders' approval and the date of the Letter of Offer; having regards to the Board's intentions with respect to the management of the Company's business during that year and to the amount and character of the financial resources which will, in Board's view, be available to the Company during that year, the Company will be able to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due and will not be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from date of the Board meeting approving the Buyback as well as within a period of one year from the date of shareholders' approval; and
- (c) In forming its opinion aforesaid, the Board has taken into account the liabilities as if the Company were being wound up under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 or the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (including prospective and contingent liabilities).

This declaration is made and issued under the authority of the Board of Directors passed at the meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 29, 2023.

For and on behalf of the Board

Sd/-Sandip Das Whole-Time Director DIN: 07979791 Sd/-Arup Kumar Chowdhuri Independent Director DIN: 00997826

# 24. AUDITORS CERTIFICATE

The text of the Report dated May 29, 2023 received from M/s. B. Chhawchharia & Co., Chartered Accountants, (FRN: 305123E) the Statutory Auditors of the Company, addressed to the Board of Directors of the Company is reproduced below:

### **QUOTE**

To

The Board of Directors

**James Warren Tea Limited** 

Aspirations Vintage, 12 Pretoria Street,

Kolkata-700071

Independent Auditor's Certificate on the proposed buy-back of equity shares in terms of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities), Regulations, 2018 as amended from time to time

- 1. We have been informed that the board of directors of the Company in their meeting held on May 29, 2023 have decided to Buyback 7,00,000/- (Seven Lakhs Only) equity shares under Section 68 &70 (1) of the Companies Act, 2013, as amended from time to time (the "Act") at a price of Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred and Fifty Only) per share for an aggregate consideration of Rs. 17,50,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Crores Fifty Lakhs only).
- 2. This has reference to the requirements of Clause (xi) of Schedule I of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities), Regulations, 2018 as amended from time to time, (hereinafter called the "Buyback Regulations") and Sections 68, 69 & 70 of the Companies Act, 2013 as applicable in the matter of proposed buyback of equity shares by M/s James Warren Tea Limited ("the Company").
- **3.** The accompanying Statement of Maximum Permissible Amount for Buy Back of Equity Shares prepared by the Company contains computation of the said amount as per Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended on March 31, 2023 in pursuance of the provisions of Section 68, Section 69 and Section 70 of the Companies Act 2013 read with Rule 17 of The Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 so far as applicable.

# Management's Responsibility

**4.** The accompanying Statement is solely the responsibility of the management of the Company. The Company's management is responsible for the designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Statement, and applying an appropriate basis of preparation; and making estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

# Auditor's Responsibility

- 5. We have inquired into the state of affairs of the Company as on March 31, 2023. Pursuant to the requirement of the Companies Act, 2013 and Buyback Regulations, it is our responsibility to verify and provide reasonable assurance whether
  - a. the amount of the permissible capital payment for buyback of equity shares is properly determined as per Section 68(2)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013;
  - b. the accounts on the basis of which calculation with reference to buyback is done are not older than six months preceding the proposed date of offer document;
  - c. the Board of Directors have formed the opinion, as specified in Clause (m) of sub-rule (1) of rule 17 of the Companies (Share Capital and debentures) Rules, 2014 as amended and Buyback Regulations, on reasonable grounds that the Company, having regard to its state of affairs, will not be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from that date;
- **6.** We conducted our examination of the Statement in accordance with the Guidance Note on Reports or Certificates for Special Purposes issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. The Guidance Note requires that we comply with the ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.
- 7. We have complied with the relevant applicable requirements of the Standard on Quality Control (SQC) 1, Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements.

# **Opinion**

8. Based on our examination, and the information and explanation given to us, we are of the opinion that the amount of the permissible capital payment for buyback of fully paid-up equity shares as set out in attached statement thereto (Appendix - I), in our view, is properly determined as per Section 68(2)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013. The accounts on the basis of which calculation with reference to buyback is done are audited accounts, not older than six months preceding the proposed date of offer document. Further, the Board of Directors in their meeting held on May 29, 2023 have formed the opinion, as specified in Clause (m) of sub-rule (1) of rule 17 of the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules 2014, as amended and Clause (x) of Schedule I to the Buyback Regulations, on reasonable grounds that the Company, having regard to its state of affairs, will not be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from that date i.e., May 29, 2023.

#### Restriction on Use

9. This report is intended solely for your information and for the purpose of inclusion of the same a) in the explanatory statement to be annexed to the Postal Ballot notice for authorizing buyback by passing a special resolution and b) in the Public Announcement and Letter of Offer for buyback of its share by the Company and is not to be used, referred or distributed for any other purpose without our written consent. Nothing contained in this report should be construed to be representation as to the future. We do not accept or assume any liability or duty of care for any other purpose, save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

For B Chhawchharia & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Firm's Registration No. 305123E

**Gaurav Kumar Jaiswal** 

**Partner** 

Membership No: 310588

Place: Kolkata Dated: 29.05.2023

UDIN: 23310588BGXYQW5061

# Appendix I

Computation of maximum permissible capital payment for buyback of fully paid-up equity shares in accordance to the Companies Act, 2013 and Buyback regulations based on Audited Financial Statements for the year ended on March 31, 2023.

Particulars	Amount (Rs in Lakhs)
Issued, Subscribed and Paid-up share capital as at March 31, 2023	440.00
Free reserves as at March 31, 2023	
- General Reserve - Retained Earnings (excluding unrealised gain of FVTPL item)	6669.00
Total	7109.00
Maximum amount permissible for buy-back i.e. 25% of the total paid-up capital and free reserves	1777.25

(Note: All the above figures have been taken from the latest Audited financial statements for the year ended on March 31, 2023.)

# **UNQUOTE**

# 25. DOCUMENTS FOR INSPECTION

The copies of the following documents referred to hereunder are available for inspection by Eligible Shareholders of the Company at the corporate office at Aspirations Vintage, 12 Pretoria Street, Kolkata - 700 071 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on any Working Day during the Tendering Period:

- a. Certificate of incorporation of the Company;
- b. Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company;
- c. Annual reports of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2020, March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022;
- d. Certified true copy of the resolution passed by the Board of Directors in relation to the Buyback at their meeting held on Monday, May 29, 2023;
- e. Certified true copy of the special resolution passed by the shareholders on Wednesday, July 05, 2023 in relation to the Buyback the results of which were declared on Thursday, July 06, 2023;
- f. Copy of the Auditor's Report dated Friday, July 07, 2023 received from A Daruka & Co. Chartered Accountants, in terms of clause (xi) of Schedule II of the Buyback Regulations;
- g. Public Announcement dated Friday, July 07, 2023 and published on Saturday, July 08, 2023;
- h. Copy of Declaration of solvency and an affidavit as per Form SH-9 of the Share Capital Rule;

- i. Certificate dated Friday, July 07, 2023 issued by A Daruka & Co. Chartered Accountants confirming that the Company has adequate funds for the purposes of the Buyback; and
- j. Copy of Escrow Agreement dated Thursday, July 06, 2023 between the Company, Escrow Banker and Manager to Buyback Offer.

# 26. DETAILS OF THE COMPANY SECRETARY AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER

The details of the Company Secretary and Compliance Officer are provided below:

Mrs. Ayushi Mundhra

James Warren Tea Limited

Aspirations Vintage, 12 Pretoria Street, Kolkata - 700 071

**Phone**: +91 033 4034 1020,

E- mail: sec@jwtl.in

Eligible Shareholders may contact the Company Secretary and Compliance Officer for any clarification or to address their grievances, if any, during office hours, being 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on any Day, except Sunday and public holidays.

# 27. DETAILS OF THE REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO THE EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS

- 1. In case of any grievances relating to the Buyback (including non-receipt of the Buyback consideration, share certificate, demat credit, etc.), the Eligible Shareholders can approach either of the Company Secretary & Compliance Officer, Manager to the Buyback, Registrar to the Buyback for redressal thereof
- 2. In the event the Company makes any default in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 or rules made thereunder as may be applicable to the Buyback, the Company or any officer of the Company who is in default shall be liable in terms of the Companies Act.
- 3. The address of the concerned office of the Registrar of Companies is as follows:

# The Registrar of Companies

Nizam Palace 2nd MSO Building 2nd Floor, 234/4, A.J.C. Bose Road Kolkata - 700020

#### 28. INVESTOR SERVICE CENTRE AND REGISTRAR TO THE BUYBACK

- 1. Eligible shareholders are required to send Tender Form along with the other requisite document(s), as mentioned in "Procedure for Tender Offer and Settlement" on page 27 along with TRS generated by the stock exchange bidding system upon placing of a bid, either by registered post, speed post or courier or hand delivery to the Registrar to the Buyback, so that the same are received not later than 2 (two) days of Buyback Closing Date i.e., Friday, July 28, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. The envelope should be super scribed as "James Warren Tea Limited Buyback Offer 2023".
- 2. The Company has appointed Maheshwari Datamatics Private Limited as the Registrar to the Buyback & Investor Service Centre their contact details are set forth below:



# MAHESHWARI DATAMATICS PRIVATE LIMITED

CIN: U20221WB1982PTC034886, SEBI REG. No.: INR000000353, Address: 23, R. N. Mukherjee Road, (5th Floor), Kolkata - 700 001

**Tel. No.:** +91 033 2248-2248/2243-5029;

Email: mdpldc@yahoo.com, Website: www.mdpl.in

Contact Person: Mr. S.K. Chaubey

In case of any query, the shareholders may contact the Registrar on any day except Saturday, Sunday and public holidays between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

THE TENDER FORM, TRS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO THE COMPANY OR TO THE MANAGER TO THE BUYBACK.

ELIGIBLE SHAREHOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO ENSURE THAT THE TENDER FORM, TRS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS ARE COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECTS OTHERWISE THE SAME ARE LIABLE TO BE REJECTED.

# 29. MANAGER TO THE BUY-BACK



# FEDEX SECURITIES PRIVATE LIMITED

**CIN:** U67120MH1996PTC102140; **SEBI Registration No.** INM000010163

**Address:** B7, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Jay Chambers, Dayaldas Road, Vile Parle (East),

Mumbai - 400 057, Maharashtra India,

**Tel. No.:** +91 8104985249;

E-mail: mb@fedsec.in; Website: www.fedsec.in

Contact Person: Saipan Sanghvi

# 30. DECLARATION BY THE DIRECTORS REGARDING AUTHENTICITY OF THE INFORMATION IN THE LETTER OF OFFER

In terms of Regulation 24(i)(a) of the SEBI Buyback Regulations, the Board accepts full and final responsibility for the information contained in this Letter of Offer and for the information contained in all other advertisements, circulars, brochures, publicity materials etc., which may be issued in relation to the Buyback, and confirms that the information in such documents contain and will contain true, factual and material information and does not and will not contain any misleading information.

This Letter of Offer is issued under the authority of the Board in terms of the resolution passed by the Board on Monday, May 29, 2023 and approved by the Buyback committee on July 20, 2023.

#### For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of James Warren Tea Limited

Sd/-Mr. Sandip Das (Whole Time Director) Sd/-Mr. Arup Kumar Chowdhuri (Independent Director) Sd/-Mrs. Ayushi Mundhra (Company Secretary & Compliance Officer)

DIN: 07979791 DIN: 00997826

Date: July 20, 2023 Place: Kolkata

#### 31. **TENDER OFFER FORM**

# TENDER FORM (FOR SHAREHOLDERS HOLDING EQUITY SHARES IN DEMATERIALISED FORM) FORM OF ACCEPTANCE -CUM-ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Bid Number:	BUYBACK OPENS ON:	Monday, July 24, 202	3				
	BUYBACK CLOSES ON:	Friday, July 28, 2023	Friday, July 28, 2023 Registrar Use				
Date:	Inward No.	Date Date	Stamp				
To,							
James Warren Tea Limited,	Status (ple	ease tick appropriate box	·)				
C/o Maheshwari Datamatics Private Limited	Individual	FII	Insurance Co.				
23, R. N. Mukherjee Road, 5th Floor,	Foreign Co.	NRI/OCB	FVCI				
Kolkata - 700001	Body Corporate	Bank/ FI	Pension/PF				
Tel: +91 33 22435809/029 Fax: +91 33 22484787	VCF	Partnership/LLP	Others (Specify)				
Fax: +91 33 22484787	India Tax Residence	y Status: Please tick appr	opriate box				
	Resident In India	Non-Resident	Resident of				
		In India					
			(Shareholder to				
Dear Sir/Madam,			fill the country of residence)				
Dear Sii/Madain,	Route of Investm	nent (For NR Shareholder					
Sub: Letter of Offer dated Thursday, July 20, 2023 in relation to the	Portfolio Investment	Foreign Investment	1				
Buyback of up to 7,00,000 Equity Shares of James Warren Tea Limited	Scheme	Scheme					
(the "Company") at a price of Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred Fifty	1-22\						
Only) per Equity Share (the "Buyback Price") payable in cash (the "Buybac	K^)						
1. I/We, (having read and understood the Letter of Offer dated <b>Thursday</b> .	July 20, 2023) hereby tender/	offer my/ our Equity Sha	res in response to the				
Buyback in accordance with the terms and conditions set out below and		J	11				
2. I/ We authorize the Company to Buyback the Equity Shares offered (as	mentioned below) and to issue in	nstruction(s) to the Regis	trar to the Buyback to				
extinguish the Equity Shares.							
<ol><li>I/ We hereby affirm that the Equity Shares comprised in this tender/ off- charges and encumbrance.</li></ol>	er offered for the Buyback by me	e / us are free from all lie	ens, equitable interest,				
<ol> <li>I / We declare that there are no restraints / injunctions or other order(s Equity Shares for Buyback and that I / we am / are legally entitled to ten</li> </ol>			y / our right to tender				
<ol> <li>I / We agree that the Company will pay the Buyback Price only after d be paid as per secondary market mechanism.</li> </ol>	ue verification of the validity of	the documents and that	the consideration will				
6. I / We undertake to execute any further documents and give any further	assurances that may be required	or expedient to give effe	ect to my / our tender/				
offer and agree to abide by any decision that may be taken by the Cor							
amended and the rules made thereunder and the Securities and Exchange							
<ol> <li>I/We agree that the excess demat Equity Shares or unaccepted demat E Clearing Corporation / Stock Exchange during settlement.</li> </ol>	quity Shares, if any, tendered wo	ould be returned to the S	elling Member by the				
8. I/ We undertake to indemnify the Company if any tax demand is raised	on the Company on account of	gains arising to me / us of	on Buyback of Equity				
shares. I / We also undertake to provide the Company, the relevant of Buyback of Equity shares by the Company, copy of tax return filed in In			e proceeds arising on				
9. I/We undertake to return to the Company any Buyback consideration the	-						
10. This clause is applicable for Non-Resident Shareholders only: I/We,	, , ,	•	btain and submit all				
necessary approvals, if any, and to the extent required from the concern							
Management Act, 1999 and the rules and regulations framed there unde	r, as amended ("FEMA") and an	y other the rules and regi	ulations, for tendering				
Equity Shares in the Buyback, and also undertake to comply with the							
guidelines, in regard to remittance of funds outside India. I / We und accordance with prevailing income tax laws in India. I / We also undert							
earned on such Buyback of Equity shares by me / us.	ake to indentify the Company a	against any income tax ii	ability on any income				
11. Details of Equity Shares held and tendered / offered in the Buyback:							
Particulars In Figur	res In Word	ds					
Number of Equity Shares held as on the Record Date i.e.,							
Tuesday, July 18, 2023							
Number of Equity Shares Entitled for Buyback (Buy-back							
Entitlement)  Number of Equity Shares offered for Buyback							
Note: An Eligible Shareholder may tender Equity Shares over and above his/he	er Buyback Entitlement Numbe	r of Equity Shares valid	v tendered by any				
Eligible Shareholder up to the Buyback Entitlement of such Eligible Sharehold							
Eligible Shareholder over and above the Buyback Entitlement of such Eligible S							
Shares tendered by any Shareholders over and above the number of Equity Sh	ares held by such Eligible Share	eholder as on the Record	Date shall not be				
considered for the purpose of Acceptance.  Tear a	long this line						
Acknowledgement Slip for Ja	mes Warren Tea Limited– Buy	/back					
	hareholder) (subject to verification						
Folio No. / DP ID:Cl	ient ID:						
Received from Mr./Ms./M/s.:							
Form of Acceptance-cum-Acknowledgement, Original TRS along with Number of Equity Shares offered for Buyback:							
In Figures:							
In words:							
Please quote Client ID and DP ID. For all future correspondence		Stam	p of Broker				

12. Non-resident shareholders (including NRIs, OCBs and FIIs) are requested to enclose a consent letter indicating the details of transfer i.e. number of Equity Shares to be transferred, the name of the investee company whose shares are being transferred i.e. "James Warren Tea Limited" and the price at which the Equity Shares are being transferred i.e. "Price determined in accordance with the SEBI Buyback Regulations" duly signed by the shareholder or his/its duly appointed agent and in the latter case, also enclose the power of attorney.

13. Details of account with Depository Participant:

Name of the Depository (tick as applicable)	NSDL	CDSL
Name of the Depository Participant		
DP ID		
Client ID with Depository Participant		

14. Equity Shareholders Details:

Particulars	First/Sole Shareholder	Joint Shareholder 1	Joint Shareholder 2	Joint Shareholder 3
Full Name(s) of the				
Shareholder				
Signature(s)*				
PAN No.				
Address of the First/ Sole				
Shareholder				
Telephone No. / Email ID				

<sup>\*</sup> Corporate must affix rubber stamp and sign under valid authority. The relevant corporate authorization should be enclosed with the application from submitted.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

This Tender Form has to be read along with the Letter of Offer and is subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the Letter of Offer and this Tender Form

- 1. The Buyback will open on Monday, July 24, 2023 and close on Friday, July 28, 2023.
- 2. This Tender Form has to be read along with the Letter of Offer and is subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the Letter of Offer and this Tender Form.
- 3. Shareholders who desire to tender their equity shares under the Buyback would have to do so through their respective Shareholder's Broker by indicating the details of equity shares they intend to tender under the Buyback.
- 4. The Equity Shares tendered in the Offer shall be rejected if (i) the Eligible Shareholder is not a shareholder of the Company as on the Record date, (ii) if there is a name mismatch in the demat account of the Eligible Shareholder, (iii) in case of receipt of the completed Tender Form and other documents but non-receipt of Equity Shares in the special account of the Clearing Corporation, (iv) a non-receipt of valid bid in the exchange bidding system
- 5. The Eligible Shareholders will have to ensure that they keep the DP Account active and unblocked to receive credit in case of return of Equity Shares due to rejection or in case of excess Equity Shares due to the Buyback being on a proportionate basis in terms of the Ratio of Buyback.
- 6. Eligible Shareholders to whom the Buyback is made are free to tender Equity Shares to the extent of their Buyback Entitlement in whole or in part or in excess of their entitlement.
- 7. For the procedure to be followed by Eligible Shareholders for tendering in the Buyback, please refer to the section entitled "Procedure for Tender Offer and Settlement" on page 27 of the Letter of Offer.
- 8. All documents sent by Eligible Shareholders will be at their own risk. Eligible Shareholders are advised to safeguard adequately their interests in this regard
- 9. In case any registered entity has merged with another entity and the merger has been approved and has come into effect but the process of getting the successor company as the registered shareholder is still incomplete, then such entity along with the Tender Form, shall file a copy of the following documents: (i) approval from the appropriate authority for such merger, (ii) the scheme of merger, and (iii) the requisite form filed with MCA intimating the merger.
- 10. The Tender Form and TRS is not required to be submitted to the Company, Manager or the Registrar. After the receipt of the demat Equity Shares by the Clearing Corporation and a valid bid in the exchange bidding system, the Buyback shall be deemed to have been accepted for the Eligible Shareholders holding Equity Shares in demat form.
- 11. In case of non-receipt of the Letter of Offer, Eligible Shareholders holding Equity Shares may participate in the offer by providing their application in plain paper in writing signed by all Eligible Shareholders (in case of joint holding), stating name, address, folio number, number of Equity Shares held, Equity Share certificate number, number of Equity Shares tendered for the Buyback and the distinctive numbers thereof, enclosing the original Equity Share certificate(s), copy of Eligible Shareholder's PAN card(s) and executed share transfer form in favour of the Company. Eligible Shareholders must ensure that the Tender Form, along with the TRS and requisite documents, reach the Registrar to the Buyback not later than 2 (two) days from the Buy- back Closing Date i.e., Friday, July 28, 2023 by 5.00 pm.
- 12. Eligible Sellers have to fill up the EVENT number issued by Depositary in the column for settlement details along with the market type as "Buyback", ISIN, Quantity of shares and CM BP ID of broker and execution date in the Delivery Instruction Slips (DIS) so that Equity Shares can be tendered for Buyback Offer

  All capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to it in the Letter of Offer

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ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BUYBACK SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE REGISTRAR AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS QUOTING YOUR FOLIO NUMBER:



# MAHESHWARI DATAMATICS PRIVATE LIMITED

CIN: U20221WB1982PTC034886, SEBI REG. No.: INR000000353, Address: 23, R. N. Mukherjee Road, (5th Floor), Kolkata - 700 001

**Tel. No.:** +91 33 2243/2243 5029; **Fax:** +91 33 2248 4787 **Email:** mdpldc@yahoo.com, **Website:** www.mdpl.in

Contact Person: Mr. S.K. Chaubey

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Approval Date	
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# TENDER FORM (FOR SHAREHOLDERS HOLDING EQUITY SHARES IN PHYSICAL FORM)

FORM OF ACCEPTA	ANCE -CUM-ACKNOWL	EDGEMENT	
Bid No.:	BUYBACK OPENS ON:	Monday, July 24, 2	023
Date:	BUYBACK CLOSES ON		23
To,	Inward No.	For Registrar Use Date	Stamp
The Board of Directors,	iliwalu No.	Date	Stamp
James Warren Tea Limited,			
C/o Maheshwari Datamatics Pvt Limited		atus (please tick appropri	
(Unit: James Warren Tea Limited)	Individual	FII NIPL/OCD	Insurance Co.
23, R. N. Mukherjee Road, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Kolkata - 700001	Foreign Co.  Body Corporate	NRI/OCB Bank/ FI	FVCI Pension/PF
Tel: +91 33 22435809/029	VCF	Partnership/LLP	Others (Specify)
Fax: +91 33 22484787			
	Resident In India	esidency Status: Please tic	Resident of
	Resident in india	In India	Kesident of
			(Shareholder to fill the
	Pouts of	Investment (For NR Share	country of residence)
	Portfolio Investment	Foreign Investment	
	Scheme	Scheme	
Dear Sirs,			
<ol> <li>I/We, (having read and understood the Letter of Offer dated Thursda accordance with the terms and conditions set out below and in the L</li> <li>I/ We authorise the Company to Buyback the Equity Share to extinguish the Equity Share certificates.</li> <li>I/ We hereby affirm that the Equity Shares comprised in the charges and encumbrance.</li> <li>I/ We declare that there are no restraints / injunctions or a Equity Shares for Buyback and that I / we am / are legally of the Equity Shares for Buyback and that I / we am / are legally of the Equity Shares for Buyback and that I / we am / are legally of the Equity Shares for Buyback and that I / we am / are legally of the Equity Shares for Buyback and that I / we am / are legally of the Equity Shares to the Company will pay the Buyback Offer will be paid as per Stock Exchange mechanism.</li> <li>I/ We agree that the Company will pay the Buyback Offer will be paid as per Stock Exchange mechanism.</li> <li>I/ We undertake to return to the Company any consideration offer and agree to abide by any decision that may be taken amended and the rules made thereunder and the Securities and the Equity Shares in case the Equity Shares accepted by the Company of the Equity Shares in case the Equity Shares accepted by the Company on the Buyback of Equity Shares by the Company, copy of the Equity Shares. I / We also undertake to provide the Component to the Equity Shares and any other the rules with the reporting requirements, if applicable, and any other the rules with the reporting requirements, if applicable, and any income are undertake to indemnify the Company against any income and undertake to indemnify the Company against any income to the Equity Shares held and tendered / offered in the Equity Shares held and tendered / offered in the Equity Shares held and tendered / offered in the Equity Shares held and tendered / offered in the Equity Shares held and tendered / offered in the Equity Shares held and tendered / offered in the Equity Shares</li></ol>	ester of Offer.  es offered (as mentioned belouis tender/ offer offered for the other order(s) of any nature ventitled to tender the Equity Sany Equity Shares offered for Price only after due verification in respect of the Buyback to eany further assurances that in by the Company to effect to and Exchange Board of India ertificates and issue a new coare less than the Equity Sharemand is raised on the Company, the relevant details in retax return filed in India, evide obtain and submit all necesual regulations, for tendering the rules, regulations and guicising on such Buyback according the rules of the company of	Buyback by me / us are f which limits / restricts in a hares for the Buyback. or Buyback where loss of ion of the validity of the d hat may be wrongfully rec may be required or expedi- he Buyback in accordance (Buyback of Securities) R nsolidated Equity Share c es tendered in the Buyback ny on account of gains ar spect of the taxability / no ence of the tax paid etc. ssary approvals, if any, a Management Act, 1999 ar g Equity Shares in the Buy lelines, in regard to remitted	ree from all liens, equitable interest, any manner my / our right to tender Equity Share certificates has been ocuments and that the consideration reived by me / us. ent to give effect to my / our tender/e with the Companies Act, 2013, as legulations, 2018, as amended. ertificate for the unaccepted Equity crising to me / us on the Buyback of on-taxability of the proceeds arising and to the extent required from the notation of the total the rules and regulations framed yback, and also undertake to comply tance of funds outside India. I / We also
11. Details of Equity Shares held and tendered / offered in the	In Figures In Wo	ords	
Number of Equity Shares held as on the Record Date			
Tuesday, July 18, 2023			
Number of Equity Shares Entitled for Buyback (Buyback Entitlement)			
Number of Equity Shares offered for Buyback			
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Number of Equity Shares offered for Buyback:			
In Figures: In words:			
Please quote Client ID and DP ID. For all future correspondence			Stamp of Broker

- 13. Non-resident shareholders (including NRIs, OCBs and FIIs) are requested to enclose a consent letter indicating the details of transfer i.e. number of Equity Shares to be transferred, the name of the investee company whose shares are being transferred i.e. "James Warren Tea Limited" and the price at which the Equity Shares are being transferred i.e. "Price determined in accordance with the SEBI Buyback Regulations" duly signed by the shareholder or his/its duly appointed agent and in the latter case, also enclose the power of attorney
- 14. Details of Share Certificate(s) enclosed:

Total of Share Certificates Submitted:

Sr. No.	Folio No.	Certificate No.	Distinctive Nos.		Shares
			From	To	
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
<b>Fotal</b>					

In case the number of folios and Equity Share certificates enclosed exceed four, please attach a separate sheet giving details in the same format as above

15. Details of other Documents (Please  $\sqrt{}$  as appropriate, if applicable) enclosed:

Power of Attorney – James Warren Tea	Previous RBI approvals for acquiring the Equity Shares of James Warren Tea Limited tendered in						
Limited	the Buyback						
Corporate authorizations	Death Certificate						
Succession Certificate	Self-attested copy of Permanent Account Number (PAN Card)						
Others (please specify):							

16. Details of the bank account of the sole or first Shareholder to be incorporated in the consideration warrant (to be mandatorily filled):

Name of the Bank	Branch and City	IFSC and MICR Code	Account Number (indicate type of account)

17. Equity Shareholders Details:

	First/Sole Shareholder	Joint Shareholder 1	Joint Shareholder 2	Joint Shareholder 3
Full Name(s) of the				
Shareholder				
Signature(s)*				
PAN No.				
Address of the First/ Sole				
Shareholder				
Telephone No. / Email ID				

<sup>\*</sup> Corporate must affix rubber stamp and sign under valid authority. The relevant corporate authorization should be enclosed with the application from submitted.

# INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. The Buyback will open on Monday, July 24, 2023 and close on Friday, July 28, 2023.
- This Tender Form has to be read along with the Letter of Offer and is subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the Letter of Offer and this Tender Form.
- 3. Eligible Shareholders who wish to tender their Equity Shares in response to this Buyback should deliver the following documents so as to reach before the close of business hours to the Registrar (as mentioned in the Letter of Offer) on or before Friday, July 28, 2023 by 5 PM (i) The relevant Tender Form duly signed by all Eligible Shareholders in case shares are in joint names) in the same order in which they hold the Equity Shares; (ii) Original Equity Share certificates; (iii) Self attested copy of the Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card; (iv) Transfer deed (Form SH 4) duly signed (by all Eligible Shareholders in case Equity Shares are held jointly) in the same order in which they hold the Equity Shares.
- 4. Eligible Shareholders should also provide all relevant documents in addition to the above documents, which include but are not limited to: (i) Duly attested power of attorney registered with the Registrar, if any person other than the Eligible Shareholder has signed the relevant Tender Form; (ii) Duly attested death certificate / succession certificate in case any Eligible Shareholder is deceased; and (iii) Necessary corporate authorisations, such as Board Resolutions etc., in case of companies.
- 5. In case of non-receipt of the Letter of Offer, Eligible Shareholders holding Equity Shares may participate in the offer by providing their application in plain paper in writing signed by all Eligible Shareholders (in case of joint holding), stating name, address, folio number, number of Equity Shares held, Equity Share certificate number, number of Equity Shares tendered for the Buyback and the distinctive numbers thereof, enclosing the original Equity Share certificate(s), copy of Eligible Shareholder's PAN card(s) and executed share transfer form in favour of the Company. Eligible Shareholders must ensure that the Tender Form, along with the TRS and requisite documents, reach the Registrar to the Buyback not later than 1 (one) day from the Buy- back Closing Date i.e., Friday, July 28, 2023 by 5.00 pm.
- All documents sent by the seller member/ custodian will be at their own risk and the seller member/ custodian is advised to adequately safeguard their interests in this regard.
- 7. All documents as mentioned above, shall be enclosed with the valid Tender Form, otherwise the Equity Shares tendered will be liable for rejection. The Equity Shares shall be liable for rejection on the following grounds amongst others: (i) If there is any other company's equity share certificate enclosed with the Tender Form instead of the Equity Share certificate of the Company; (ii) If the transmission of Equity Shares is not completed, and the Equity Shares are not in the name of the Eligible Shareholder; (iii) If the Eligible Shareholders tender Equity Shares but the Registrar does not receive the Equity Share certificate; (iv) In case the signature on the Tender Form and Form SH 4 doesn't match as per the specimen signature recorded with Company/Registrar.

All capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to it in the Letter of Offer.

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ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BUYBACK SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE REGISTRAR AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS QUOTING YOUR FOLIO NUMBER:



MAHESHWARI DATAMATICS PRIVATE LIMITED

CIN: U20221WB1982PTC034886, SEBI REG. No.: INR000000353, Address: 23, R. N. Mukherjee Road, (5th Floor), Kolkata - 700 001

**Tel. No.:** +91 33 2243/2243 5029; **Fax:** +91 33 2248 4787 **Email:** mdpldc@yahoo.com, **Website:** www.mdpl.in

Contact Person: Mr. S.K. Chaubey

# FORM NO. SH-4 - SECURITIES TRANSFER FORM

[Pursuant to section 56 of the Companies Act, 2013 and sub-rule (1) of rule 11 of the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014] Date of execution:

FOR THE CO	FOR THE CONSIDERATION stated below the "Transferor(s)" named do hereby transfer to the "Transferee(s)" named the securities specified below																					
subject to the conditions on which the said securities are now held by the Transferor(s) and the Transferee(s) do hereby agree to accept and hold the said																						
securities subject to the conditions aforesaid.																						
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Name of the company (in full): **JAMES WARREN TEA LIMITED** 

 $Name\ of\ the\ Stock\ Exchange\ where\ the\ company\ is\ listed, (if\ any): \underline{\textbf{BSE}\ Limited}\ \ \underline{\textbf{and}\ \ \textbf{The}\ \ \textbf{Calcutta}\ \ \textbf{Stock}\ \ \textbf{Exchange}\ \ \textbf{Limited}:}$ 

Kind/ Class of securities (1)  EQUITY			Nominal value of each unit of security (2)	Amount called up unit of security		Amount paid up per unit of security (4) Rs. 10.00	
			Rs. 10.00	NIL			
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	То						
Corresponding Certificate Nos.							

Registered Folio Number:	
Name(s) in full	Signature (s)
1.	
2.	
3.	

I hereby confirm that the Transferor has signed before me.

Signature of Witness\_ Name & Address of Witness\_

Transferees' Particulars	E-412-/ M-412- / S N (2)	A JJ 9 E:1:J (2)
Name in full (1)	Father's/ Mother's / Spouse Name (2)	Address & E-mail id (3)
JAMES WARREN TEA	NOT APPLICABLE	Dhoedaam Tea Estate, P.O. Borahapjan, Tinsukia,
LIMITED		Assam-786150;
Occupation (4)	Existing Folio No., if any (5)	Signature (6)
BUSINESS		

# Folio No. of Transferee

Spe	cimen Signature of
Tra	nsferee(s)
1.	.,
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Value of Stamp affixed: Rs..... **Enclosures:** 

- 1. Certificate of shares or debentures or other securities

- If no certificate is issued, Letter of allotment Copy of PAN Card of all the Transferee(s) (For all listed Cos.) Others, Specify,

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Signature Tallied by	
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Approval Date	
Power of attorney / Probate / Death certificate / Letter of Administration	
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