



NORBEN TEA & EXPORTS LTD

CIN : L01132WB1990PLC048991

1st July, 2019

✓ The Secretary
National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.
Exchange Plaza, 5th Floor,
Plot No.C/1, 'G' Block, Bandra (East)
MUMBAI – 400 051.

The Secretary
BSE Limited
Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers
25th Floor, Dalal Street,
MUMBAI – 400 001.

Dear Sir,

Sub : Notice of the 29th Annual General Meeting

In terms of Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015, we are submitting herewith a copy of Notice dated 28th May, 2019 convening the 29th Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on 26th July, 2019 at Kolkata.

This is for your information and record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For NORBEN TEA & EXPORTS LTD

Mira Halder

Company Secretary

MIRA HALDER
Membership No.A45343

Encl.: As above.



NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the 29th Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at **Rotary Sadan, 94/2, Chowringhee Road, Kolkata-700020** on Friday, the 26th July, 2019 at 10.30 a.m. to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statement of the Company for the year ended on 31st March, 2019 together with the Report of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon and in this regard, pass the following resolutions as an **Ordinary Resolution** :

"**RESOLVED THAT** the audited financial statement of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2019 and the reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon laid before this meeting, be and are hereby considered and adopted."

2. To appoint Mrs. Sweta Patodia (DIN:06869426), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers herself for re-appointment as a Director and in this regard, pass the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Section 152 of the Companies Act, 2013, Mrs. Sweta Patodia (DIN:06869426), who retires by rotation at this meeting and being eligible has offered herself for re-appointment, be and is hereby re-appointed as a Director of the Company, liable to retire by rotation."

SPECIAL BUSINESS

3. To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modifications, the following Resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Sections 149, 150, 152 and any other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force) read with Schedule IV to the Companies Act, 2013, Mrs. Swati Agarwal (holding DIN: 06804522), Independent Director of the Company be and is hereby re-appointed as an Independent Director of the Company for the second term of five consecutive years to hold office from the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting till the Annual General Meeting for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024."

4. To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s), the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Sections 149, 150, 152 and any other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force) read with Schedule IV to the Companies Act, 2013, Mr. Ranjan Kumar Jhalaria (holding DIN: 05353976), Independent Director of the Company be and is hereby re-appointed as an Independent Director of the Company for the second term of five consecutive years to hold office from the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting till the Annual General Meeting for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024."

By Order of the Board
For **NORBEN TEA & EXPORTS LTD.**

Regd. Office:
15B, Hemanta Basu Sarani,
3rd Floor, Kolkata-700001.
Date : 28th May, 2019.

Manoj Kumar Daga
(Mg. Director)
DIN : 00123386

NOTES:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 the Register of Members and the Share Transfer books of the Company will remain closed from Saturday, 20th July, 2019 to Friday, 26th July, 2019 (both days inclusive) for annual closing.
2. A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (the "Meeting") is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on a poll instead of himself/herself and the proxy need not be a member of the Company. The instrument appointing the proxy should, however, be deposited at the registered office of the Company not less than forty-eight hours before the commencement of the Meeting.



A person can act as a proxy on behalf of members not exceeding fifty and holding in the aggregate not more than ten percent of the total share capital of the Company carrying voting rights. A member holding more than ten percent of the total share capital of the Company carrying voting rights may appoint a single person as proxy and such person shall not act as a proxy for any other person or shareholder. The holder of proxy shall prove his/her identity at the time of attending the Meeting.

3. Corporate members intending to send their authorized representative(s) to attend the Meeting are requested to send to the Company a certified true copy of the relevant Board Resolution together with the specimen signature(s) of the representative(s) authorized under the said Board Resolution to attend and vote on their behalf at the Meeting.
4. **The Company is providing facility for voting by electronic means (e-voting) through an electronic voting system which will include remote e-voting as prescribed by the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as presently in force and the business set out in the Notice will be transacted through such voting.** Information and instructions including details of user id and password relating to e-voting are provided in the Notice under Note No.15.
5. Members holding shares in physical mode are requested to intimate changes in their address alongwith proof of address/bank mandate to the Registrar and Share Transfer Agents (RTA), MCS Share Transfer Agent Limited. Members holding shares in electronic mode are requested to send the intimation for change of address / bank mandate to their respective Depository Participant.
6. Members who hold shares in physical form in multiple folios in identical names or joint holding in the same order of names are requested to write to the Company's RTA, enclosing their share certificates to enable the Company to consolidate their holdings into a single folio.
7. Shareholders are also requested to take immediate action to demat their shares to avail easy liquidity since trading of shares of the Company are under compulsory demat mode as per the regulation of SEBI and also to prevent any loss of physical Share Certificate (if already complied with, please ignore this).
8. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has mandated the submission of Permanent Account Number (PAN) by every participant in Securities market. Members holding shares in electronic form are, therefore, requested to submit their PAN to their Depository Participants with whom they are maintaining their demat accounts. Members holding shares in physical form can submit their PAN details to the R&T Agent or to the Registered Office of the Company.
9. To prevent fraudulent transactions, members are advised to exercise due diligence and notify the Company of any change in address or demise of any member as soon as possible. Members are also advised not to leave their demat account(s) dormant for long. Periodic statement of holdings should be obtained from the concerned Depository Participant and holdings should be verified.
10. Details under Regulation 36(3) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 with the Stock Exchange in respect of the Director seeking re-appointment at the Annual General Meeting, form an integral part of the notice. The Director has furnished the requisite declaration for his/her re-appointment.
11. Electronic copy of the Notice and Annual Report of the 29th Annual General Meeting of the Company inter alia indicating the process and manner of e-voting along with Attendance Slip and Proxy Form is being sent to all the members whose email IDs are registered with the Company/Depository Participants(s) for communication purposes unless any member has requested for a hard copy of the same. For members who have not registered their email address, physical copies of the Notice and Annual Report of the 29th Annual General Meeting of the Company inter alia indicating the process and manner of e-voting along with Attendance Slip and Proxy Form are being sent in the permitted mode.
12. All the documents referred to in the accompanying Notice and Statement are open for inspection to the Members at the Company's Registered Office on all working days, except Saturdays, between 10.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. till 26th July, 2019.
13. Members holding shares in physical form can now avail the facility of nomination in respect of shares held by them pursuant to the Companies Act, 2013. The prescribed Form (Form SH 13) can be obtained from the Share Department of the Company. Members desiring to avail this facility, may send their Nomination Form (in duplicate) duly filled in, to the Company or its Share Transfer Agents, MCS Share Transfer Agent Limited of 383, Lake Gardens, 1st Floor, Kolkata – 700 045, by quoting their respective Folio Numbers.
14. Members may also note that the Notice of the 29th Annual General Meeting, the Annual Report for 2018-19 will also be available on the Company's website www.norbentea.com. Even after registering for e-communication, members are entitled to receive such communication in physical form, upon making a request for the same, by



post free of cost. For any communication, the shareholders may also send requests to the Company's investor email id: investorcare@norbentea.com.

15. Voting at the AGM

Remote Voting through electronic means

- I. In compliance with provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended by the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2015 and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015, the Company is pleased to provide members facility to exercise their right to vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) by electronic means and the business may be transacted through remote e-Voting ('remote e-voting'), services provided by Central Depository Services (India) Limited ('CDSL'):

The instructions for shareholders voting electronically are as under:

- (i) The voting period begins on 23rd July, 2019 (9:00 am) and ends on 25th July, 2019 (5:00 pm). During this period shareholders' of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date of 19th July, 2019, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.
- (ii) The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website www.evotingindia.com during the voting period
- (iii) Click on "Shareholders" tab.
- (iv) Now Enter your User ID
 - a. For CDSL: 16 digits beneficiary ID,
 - b. For NSDL: 8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digits Client ID,
 - c. Members holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company.
- (v) Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.
- (vi) If you are holding shares in demat form and had logged on to www.evotingindia.com and voted on an earlier voting of any company, then your existing password is to be used.
- (vii) If you are a first time user follow the steps given below :

	For Members holding shares in Demat Form and Physical Form
PAN	Enter your 10 digit alpha-numeric *PAN issued by Income Tax Department (Applicable for both demat shareholders as well as physical shareholders) - Members who have not updated their PAN with the Company/Depository Participant are requested to use the first two letters of their name and the 8 digits of the sequence number in the PAN field. - In case the sequence number is less than 8 digits enter the applicable number of 0's before the number after the first two characters of the name in CAPITAL letters. Eg. If your name is Ramesh Kumar with sequence number 1 then enter RA00000001 in the PAN field.
DOB	Enter the Date of Birth as recorded in your demat account or in the company records for the said demat account or folio in dd/mm/yyyy format.
Dividend Bank Details	Enter the Dividend Bank Details as recorded in your demat account or in the company records for the said demat account or folio. Please enter the DOB or Dividend Bank Details in order to login. If the details are not recorded with the depository or company please enter the member id / folio number in the Dividend Bank details field as mentioned in instruction (iv).

- (viii) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.

- (ix) Members holding shares in physical form will then directly reach the Company selection screen. However, members holding shares in demat form will now reach 'Password Creation' menu wherein they are required to mandatorily enter their login password in the new password field. Kindly note that this password is to be also used by the demat holders for voting for resolutions of any other company on which they are eligible to vote, provided that company opts for e-voting through CDSL platform. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential.



- (x) For Members holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-voting on the resolutions contained in this Notice.
- (xi) Click on the EVSN for the relevant <Company Name> i.e. Norben Tea & Exports Limited on which you choose to vote.
- (xii) On the voting page, you will see "RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION" and against the same the option "YES/NO" for voting. Select the option YES or NO as desired. The option YES implies that you assent to the Resolution and option NO implies that you dissent to the Resolution.
- (xiii) Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- (xiv) After selecting the resolution you have decided to vote on, click on "SUBMIT". A confirmation box will be displayed. If you wish to confirm your vote, click on "OK", else to change your vote, click on "CANCEL" and accordingly modify your vote.
- (xv) Once you "CONFIRM" your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.
- (xvi) You can also take out print of the voting done by you by clicking on "Click here to print" option on the Voting page.
- (xvii) If Demat account holder has forgotten the same password then Enter the User ID and the image verification code and click on Forgot Password & enter the details as prompted by the system.
- (xviii) Note for Institutional Shareholders :
- Institutional shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) are required to log on to <https://www.evotingindia.com> and register themselves as Corporates.
 - A scanned copy of the Registration Form bearing the stamp and sign of the entity should be emailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com.
 - After receiving the login details a compliance user should be created using the admin login and password. The Compliance user would be able to link the account(s) for which they wish to vote on.
 - The list of accounts should be mailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com and on approval of the accounts they would be able to cast their vote.
 - A scanned copy of the Board Resolution and Power of Attorney (POA) which they have issued in favour of the Custodian, if any, should be uploaded in PDF format in the system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.
- (xix) In case you have any queries or issues regarding e-voting, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www.evotingindia.com under help section or write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact them at 18002005533.
- (xx) Shareholders can also cast their vote using CDSL's mobile app m-Voting available for android based mobiles. The m-Voting app can be downloaded from Google Play Store. iPhone and Windows phone users can download the app from the App Store and the Windows Phone Store respectively on or after 30th June 2016. Please follow the instructions as prompted by the mobile app while voting on your mobile.
- II. Facility for voting through physical ballot paper / polling paper will also be available at the AGM and members attending the meeting, who have not already cast their vote by remote e-voting, shall be able to exercise their right at the meeting.
- Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM and are attending the meeting will not be entitled to cast their vote again.
- III. Investors who became members of the Company subsequent to the dispatch of the Notice / Email and holds the shares as on the cut-off date i.e. 19th July, 2019, are requested to send the written / email communication to the Company at investorcare@norbentea.com by mentioning their Folio No. / DP ID and Client ID to obtain the Login-ID and Password for e-voting.
- IV. You can also update your mobile number and email id in the user profile details of the folio which may be used for sending future communication(s).
- V. The voting rights of shareholders shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date of 19th July, 2019. A person who is not a member as on cut off date should treat this notice for information purpose only.
- VI. Agarwal A & Associates, Company Secretaries of 9, Mangoe Lane, 2nd Floor, Room No.12, Kolkata – 700 001 has been appointed as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the remote e-voting and voting process to be carried out at the Annual General Meeting in a fair and transparent manner.



- VII. The Scrutinizer will submit, not later than 2 days of conclusion of the AGM, a consolidated Scrutinizer's Report of the total votes cast in favour or against, if any, to the Chairman of the Company.
- VIII. The Chairman shall declare the result forthwith. The Results declared alongwith the Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the Company's website www.norbentea.com and on the website of CDSL and communicated to the stock exchange(s), immediately.
16. MEMBERS HOLDING EQUITY SHARES IN ELECTRONIC FORM, AND PROXIES THEREOF, ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IN RESPECT OF THEIR DPID AND CLIENT ID NOS. FOR EASIER IDENTIFICATION OF THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING.

ATTENDANCE WILL START AT 9.30 A.M.

Annexure to Notice

Statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act")

ITEM NO. 3

Mrs. Swati Agarwal is an Independent Director of the Company. She was appointed as an Independent Director of the Company at the 24th Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 30th July, 2014 for five consecutive years till the 29th Annual General Meeting for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2019.

Mrs. Agarwal is a Fellow member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and an Associate member of Institute of Company Secretaries of India. She has worked with ICICI Bank Limited for 3 years and thereafter, since 2009 is working in a private firm, dealing in matters of finance and taxation.

She is a Member of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee, Audit Committee, Stakeholders Relationship Committee and Share Transfer Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company.

She is not a Director or Member in any other Company in India. She does not hold by herself or for any other person on a beneficial basis, any shares in the Company.

In terms of Section 149 and any other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, Mrs. Agarwal being eligible and offering herself for re-appointment, is proposed to be re-appointed as an Independent Director of the Company for the second term of five consecutive years to hold office from the conclusion of this 29th Annual General Meeting till the 34th Annual General Meeting for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024.

In the opinion of the Board, Mrs. Agarwal fulfils the conditions specified in the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder for her re-appointment as an Independent Director of the Company and is independent of the management. Copy of the draft letter for re-appointment of Mrs. Agarwal as an Independent Director setting out the terms and conditions would be available for inspection without any fee by the members at the Registered Office of the Company during normal business hours on any working day, excluding Saturday.

The Board considers that her continued association would be of immense benefit to the Company and it is desirable to continue to avail services of Mrs. Agarwal as an Independent Director. Accordingly, the Board recommends the resolution in relation to re-appointment of Mrs. Agarwal as an Independent Director, subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company.

Except Mrs. Agarwal, being an appointee, none of the Directors and Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives is concerned or interested, financial or otherwise, in the resolution set out at Item No.3.

ITEM NO.4

Mr. Ranjan Kumar Jhalaria is an Independent Director of the Company. He joined the Board of Directors of the Company on 13th August, 2012. He was appointed as an Independent Director of the Company at the 24th Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 30th July, 2014 for five consecutive years till the 29th Annual General Meeting for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2019.

Mr. Jhalaria is the Chairman of the Audit Committee, Nomination & Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee and Member of Review Committee and Share Transfer Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company.



Mr. Jhalaria is a fellow member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. His area of specialization includes audit, business consultancy, business valuation, corporate management, financial management, pre-acquisition studies, and corporate law. He was involved in audit and taxation of wide selection of Indian and multi-national clients.

He is a Director in Ascot Digital Private Limited. He is not a member in any other Company in India. Mr. Jhalaria does not hold by himself or for any other person on a beneficial basis, any shares in the Company.

In terms of Section 149 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act 2013, Mr. Jhalaria being eligible and offering himself for re-appointment, is proposed to be re-appointed as an Independent Director of the Company for the second term of five consecutive years to hold office for a further period of five consecutive years from the conclusion of this 29th Annual General Meeting till the 34th Annual General Meeting for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024.

In the opinion of the Board, Mr. Jhalaria fulfils the conditions specified in the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder for his re-appointment as an Independent Director of the Company and is independent of the management. Copy of the draft letter for re-appointment of Mr. Jhalaria as an Independent Director setting out the terms and conditions would be available for inspection without any fee by the members at the Registered Office of the Company during normal business hours on any working day, excluding Saturday.

The Board considers that his continued association would be of immense benefit to the Company and it is desirable to continue to avail services of Mr. Jhalaria as an Independent Director. Accordingly, the Board recommends the resolution in relation to re-appointment of Mr. Jhalaria as an Independent Director, subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company.

Except Mr. Jhalaria, being an appointee, none of the Directors and Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives is concerned or interested, financial or otherwise, in the resolution set out at Item No.4.

By Order of the Board
For **NORBEN TEA & EXPORTS LTD.**

Regd.Office:
15B, Hemanta Basu Sarani,
3rd Floor, Kolkata-700001.
Date : 28th May, 2019.

Manoj Kumar Daga
(Mg.Director)
DIN : 00123386

PROHIBITION ON GIFTS/ SAMPLING OF COMPANY'S PRODUCTS AT AGM

attention of the members is drawn that in conformity with Secretarial Standards/ regulatory requirements, the Company will NOT be distributing its products for sampling at the 28th AGM