

AFFORDABLE ROBOTIC & AUTOMATION LIMITED

(Formerly known as Affordable Robotic & Automation Private Limited) CIN: L29299PN2010PLC135298

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NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT

(Pursuant to Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration Rules), 2014)

Dear Members,

NOTICE is hereby given to the Members of Affordable Robotic & Automation Limited (the "Company"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 and Section 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with Rule 20 and Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 ("the Rules") including any statutory modification(s), clarification(s), substitution(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force, guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (the "MCA"), Secretarial Standard – 2 on general meeting (the "SS-2"), Regulation 44 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, General Circular No. 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, General Circular No. 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, General Circular No. 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, General Circular No. 10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, General Circular No. 20/2021 dated 8th December, 2021, General Circular No. 3/2022 dated 5th May, 2022 and General Circular No. 11/2022 dated December 28, 2022 (the "MCA Circulars") in furtherance to the above said MCA Circulars, the Company will send Postal Ballot Notice only by email to all its shareholders who have registered their email addresses with the Company / Registrar and Share Transfer Agent ("RTA") or Depository / Depository Participants and the communication of assent / dissent of the shareholders will only take place through the remote evoting system. This Postal Ballot process is accordingly being initiated in compliance with the abovementioned MCA Circulars.

As permitted under the MCA Circulars, the Company is sending the Notice in electronic form only. Hence, hard copy of Postal Ballot Notice along with Postal Ballot Form and pre-paid business reply envelope (BRE) will not be sent to the shareholders for this Postal Ballot and shareholders are required to communicate their assent or dissent through the remote e-voting facility. In compliance with Regulation 44 of the SEBI Listing Regulations and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 108 and 110 of the Act read with the rules and the MCA Circulars, the Company has extended only the remote e-voting facility for its shareholders, to enable them to cast their votes electronically instead of submitting the Postal Ballot Form. The instructions for remote e-voting are appended to the Notice. The shareholders can vote on the resolutions through remote e-voting facility. Assent (FOR) or dissent (AGAINST) of the shareholders of the resolutions mentioned in the Notice would only be taken through the remote e-voting system as per the MCA Circulars.

The Statement pursuant to Section 102 (1) and other applicable provisions of the Act read with the Rules setting out all material facts relating to the resolution mentioned in this Postal Ballot Notice is annexed hereto.

Pursuant to Rule 22 (5) of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Company, at its meeting held on Saturday, March 11, 2023 has appointed CS Deepti Maheshwari, Practicing Company Secretary, Pune (Membership No. 9435, CP No. 12214) as the Scrutinizer for conducting the Postal Ballot (only through Remote E-voting process) in a fair and transparent manner. The proposed Resolution(s) and the Explanatory Statement stating the facts as required in terms of Section 102 and Section 110 of the Act are appended hereto, for your consideration and approval. Members are requested to read and follow the instructions carefully on remote e-voting provided in this Postal Ballot Notice.

The Company has engaged the services of INSTAVOTE e-voting platform, i.e., www.instavote.linkintime.co.in as the agency to provide e-voting facility.

In accordance with the MCA Circulars, shareholders can vote only through the remote e-voting process. Accordingly, the Company is pleased to provide remote e-voting facility to all its shareholders to cast their votes electronically. Shareholders are requested to read the instructions in the Notes in this Postal Ballot Notice so as to cast their vote electronically not later than 5:00 p.m. (IST) on Thursday, April 13, 2023 (the last day to cast vote electronically) to be eligible for being considered.

Items of Special Business requiring consent of shareholders through Postal Ballot:

1. <u>Migration of Equity Shares of the Company from SME Platform of BSE to Main Board of BSE as well as Main Board of NSE:</u>

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without modification(s), the following resolution as a *Special Resolution*:

Note: In accordance with Regulation 277 of the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, the below mentioned resolution shall be acted upon if and only if the votes cast by Shareholders other than Promoters in favor of the proposal amount to at least two times the number of votes cast by Shareholders other than Promoter shareholders against the proposal.

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to provisions laid down in Chapter IX and Regulation 277 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2018, Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act 2013 read with underlying Rules and Regulations as notified by MCA (including any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force), the Listing Agreement entered into by the Company with BSE Limited (BSE) applicable to small and medium enterprise and subject to the applicable laws, by-laws, rules and regulations of BSE and NSE and subject to the approval of any statutory authorities, if any, the consent of the members of the Company be and is hereby accorded for Migration of Equity Shares of the Company which are currently listed on SME Platform of BSE to the Main Board of BSE Limited (BSE) as well as Main Board of National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) and upon Migration the said Equity Shares to get listed and traded on the capital segment (Main Board) of BSE and NSE, from the date of approval of Migration / getting listed and admitted to be dealt on Main Board of BSE and NSE as and when the Company is eligible for the same and to follow such procedures as specified by

SEBI (ICDR) Regulations and other applicable regulations notified by SEBI / regulatory authorities as amended from time to time to give effect to this resolution.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT, any one of the Directors of the Company or the Company Secretary of the Company be and are hereby authorized to finalize and execute such documents/deeds/writings/agreements as may be required based on the agreed terms with authority to revise the terms in the best interest of the Company and do all such things, acts, deeds and matters as may be considered necessary, usual, proper or expedient to settle any question, difficulty or doubt that may arise in this regard to give effect to this resolution, including but not limited to incorporation of amendment/suggestion/observation made by the Registrar of Companies, Stock Exchange, SEBI, Superintendent of Stamps, or any other authority, to the extent applicable."

By order of the Board of Directors For Affordable Robotic & Automation Limited

Place: Pune

Date: March 11, 2023

Mr. Manohar Padole Whole-time Director DIN: 02738236

NOTES:

- 1. The Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Act, Secretarial Standard 2 on General Meetings and Regulation 17(11) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended pertaining to the said Resolutions setting out the material facts concerning the said items and the reasons thereof is annexed hereto, which forms part of this Postal Ballot Notice for your consideration.
- 2. In compliance with the MCA Circulars, the Notice along with the instructions regarding e-voting is being sent only by email to all those members, whose email addresses are registered with the Company or with the depository (ies) / depository participants and whose names appear in the register of members / list of beneficial owners as on the Cut-off date i.e., Friday, March 10, 2023. As per the MCA Circulars and on account of the threats posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, physical copies of the Notice, Postal Ballot Forms and pre-paid business reply envelopes are not being sent to the members for this Postal Ballot. For receiving copy of postal ballot notice, members who have not yet registered their email addresses are requested to get their email addresses registered with Link Intime India Private Limited, RTA of the Company. The Notice shall also be uploaded on the website of the Company at www.arapl.co.in and on the website of BSE at www.bseindia.com. All the members of the Company as on the Cut-off date shall be entitled to vote in accordance with the process specified in this Notice.
- 3. The Company has appointed CS Deepti Maheshwari, Practicing Company Secretary, Pune (Membership No. 9435, CP No. 12214), as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting and Postal Ballot process in a fair and transparent manner.

- 4. The document(s) referred to in the Postal Ballot Notice and Explanatory Statement, if any, will be available for inspection at the Company's Registered Office and copies thereof shall also be available for inspection at the Registered of the Company on all working days, except Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays,
 - between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. till Thursday, April 13, 2023 subject to available relaxations, if any granted by local authorities in view of restrictions imposed due to outbreak of the pandemic. Members seeking to inspect can send an email to Company at info@arapl.co.in.
- 5. In terms of Sections 108, 110 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, as amended, read together with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and in compliance with Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Listing Regulations') as amended from time to time, the Company is pleased to offer remote evoting facility to all the members of the Company. The Company has appointed Link Intime India Private Limited for facilitating e-voting to enable the members to cast their votes electronically (hereinafter referred to as the "Remote e-voting").
- 6. The voting rights of the Members shall be reckoned in proportion to their shares of the paid-up equity share capital as on Cut-off date i.e., Friday, March 10, 2023, being the 'cut-off date' fixed for this purpose. Any person who is not a member as on cut-off date should treat this notice for information purpose only.
- 7. The voting period will commence from Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 09:00 AM and end on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 05:00 PM. The e-voting module shall be disabled for voting thereafter.
- 8. The resolution, if approved, shall be deemed to have been passed on the last date of e-voting i.e. Thursday, April 13, 2023.
- 9. Members are requested to contact Ms. Ruchika Nikumbh Shinde, Company Secretary and Compliance officer (Email ID: cs@arapl.co.in) in case of any query pertaining to the postal ballot.
- 10. Members who have not registered their email address with the Company or Depositories, may complete the email registration process as under:
- The members of the Company holding equity shares of the Company in Demat Form and who have not registered their e-mail addresses may temporarily get their e-mail addresses registered with Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd. by clicking the link: https://linkintime.co.in/email reg./email_register.html in their website www.linkintime.co.in at the Investor Services tab by choosing the e-mail registration heading and follow the registration process as guided therein. The members are requested to provide details such as Name, DPID, Client ID/ PAN, mobile number and e-mail id. In case of any query, a member may send an e-mail to LIIPL at rnt.helpdesk@linkintime.co.in

On submission of the shareholders details an OTP will be received by the shareholder which needs to be entered in the link for verification.

ii) It is clarified that for permanent registration of email address, shareholders are requested to register their email addresses, in respect of electronic holdings with their concerned

Depository Participants by following the procedure prescribed by the Depository Participant.

11. The instructions and other information relating to e-voting are as under:

Remote e-Voting Instructions for shareholders:

As per the SEBI circular dated December 9, 2020, individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode can register directly with the depository or will have the option of accessing various ESP portals directly from their demat accounts.

Login method for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode is given below:

- 1. Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL
 - 1. Existing IDeAS user can visit the e-Services website of NSDL viz... https://eservices.nsdl.com either on a personal computer or on a mobile. On the e-Services home page click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login"" which is available under 'IDeAS' section, this will prompt you to enter your existing User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting services under Value added services. Click on "Access to e-Voting" under e-Voting services and you will be able to see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name i.e. LINKINTIME and you will be redirected to "InstaVote" website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period.
 - 2. If you are not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is available at https://eservices.nsdl.com Select "Register Online for IDeAS Portal" or click at https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.isp
 - 3. Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/ either on a personal computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholder/Member' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID (i.e. your sixteen-digit demat account number hold with NSDL), Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen. After successful authentication, you will be redirected to NSDL Depository site wherein you can see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name i.e. LINKINTIME and you will be redirected to "InstaVote" website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period.
- 2. Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with CDSL
 - 1. Users who have opted for CDSL Easi / Easiest facility, can login through their existing user id and password. The option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any further authentication. The users to login Easi / Easiest are requested to visit CDSL website www.cdslindia.com and click on login icon & New System Myeasi Tab and then use your existing my easi username & password.
 - 2. After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e-Voting option for eligible companies where the evoting is in progress as per the information provided by the company. On clicking the evoting option, the user will be able to see e-Voting page of the e-Voting service provider i.e. LINKINTIME for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining

- virtual meeting & voting during the meeting. Additionally, there are also links provided to access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers, so that the user can visit the e-Voting service providers' website directly.
- 3. If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, the option to register is available at CDSL website www.cdslindia.com and click on login & New System Myeasi Tab and then click on registration option.
- 4. Alternatively, the user can directly access the e-Voting page by providing Demat Account Number and PAN No. from a e-Voting link available on www.cdslindia.com home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile & Email as recorded in the Demat Account. After successful authentication, the user will be able to see the e-Voting option where the evoting is in progress and also able to directly access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers.
- 3. Individual Shareholders (holding securities in demat mode) login through their depository participants

You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account through your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-Voting facility. After Successful login, you will be able to see e-Voting option. Once you click on e-Voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL/CDSL Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see e-Voting feature. Click on the company name or e-Voting service provider name i.e. Link Intime and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period.

Login method for Individual shareholders holding securities in physical form/ Non-Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode is given below:

Individual Shareholders of the company, holding shares in physical form / Non-Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode as on the cut-off date for e-voting may register for e-Voting facility of Link Intime as under:

- 1. Open the internet browser and launch the URL: https://instayote.linkintime.co.in
- 2. Click on "Sign Up" under 'SHARE HOLDER' tab and register with your following details:

A. User ID:

Shareholders holding shares in physical form shall provide Event No + Folio Number registered with the Company. Shareholders holding shares in NSDL demat account shall provide 8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digit Client ID; Shareholders holding shares in CDSL demat account shall provide 16 Digit Beneficiary ID. **B. PAN:** Enter your 10-digit Permanent Account Number (PAN) (Shareholders who have not updated their PAN with the Depository Participant (DP)/ Company shall use the sequence number provided to you, if applicable.

C. DOB/DOI: Enter the Date of Birth (DOB) / Date of Incorporation (DOI) (As recorded with your DP / Company - in DD/MM/YYYY format)

D. Bank Account Number: Enter your Bank Account Number (last four digits), as recorded with your DP/Company.

*Shareholders holding shares in **physical form** but have not recorded 'C' and 'D', shall provide their Folio number in 'D' above

*Shareholders holding shares in **NSDL form**, shall provide 'D' above

- ▶ Set the password of your choice (The password should contain minimum 8 characters, at least one special Character (@!#\$&*), at least one numeral, at least one alphabet and at least one capital letter).
 - ► Click "confirm" (Your password is now generated).
- 3. Click on 'Login' under 'SHARE HOLDER' tab.
- 4. Enter your User ID, Password and Image Verification (CAPTCHA) Code and click on 'Submit'.

Cast your vote electronically:

- 1. After successful login, you will be able to see the notification for e-voting. Select 'View' icon.
- 2. E-voting page will appear.
- 3. Refer the Resolution description and cast your vote by selecting your desired option 'Favour / Against' (If you wish to view the entire Resolution details, click on the 'View Resolution' file link).
- 4. After selecting the desired option i.e. Favour / Against, click on 'Submit'. A confirmation box will be displayed. If you wish to confirm your vote, click on 'Yes', else to change your vote, click on 'No' and accordingly modify your vote.

Guidelines for Institutional shareholders:

Institutional shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) and Custodians are required to log on the e-voting system of LIIPL at https://instavote.linkintime.co.in and register themselves as 'Custodian / Mutual Fund / Corporate Body'. They are also required to upload a scanned certified true copy of the board resolution /authority letter/power of attorney etc. together with attested specimen signature of the duly authorised representative(s) in PDF format in the 'Custodian / Mutual Fund / Corporate Body' login for the Scrutinizer to verify the same.

Helpdesk for Individual Shareholders holding securities in physical mode/ Institutional shareholders:

Shareholders facing any technical issue in login may contact Link Intime INSTAVOTE helpdesk by sending a request at enotices@linkintime.co.in or contact on: - Tel: 022 – 4918 6000.

Helpdesk for Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode:

Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode may contact the respective helpdesk for any technical issues related to login through Depository i.e. NSDL and CDSL.

Login type	Helpdesk details
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or call at: 022 - 4886 7000 and 022 - 2499 7000

Individual
Shareholders
holding securities
in demat mode
with CDSL

Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33

Individual Shareholders holding securities in Physical mode has forgotten the password:

If an Individual Shareholders holding securities in Physical mode has forgotten the USER ID [Login ID] or Password or both then the shareholder can use the "Forgot Password" option available on the e-Voting website of Link Intime: https://instavote.linkintime.co.in

o Click on **'Login'** under **'SHARE HOLDER'** tab and further Click **'forgot password?'** o Enter User ID, select Mode and Enter Image Verification code (CAPTCHA). Click on "SUBMIT".

In case shareholders is having valid email address, Password will be sent to his / her registered e-mail address. Shareholders can set the password of his/her choice by providing the information about the particulars of the Security Question and Answer, PAN, DOB/DOI, Bank Account Number (last four digits) etc. as mentioned above. The password should contain minimum 8 characters, at least one special character (@!#\$&*), at least one numeral, at least one alphabet and at least one capital letter.

<u>User ID for Shareholders holding shares in Physical Form (i.e. Share Certificate)</u>: Your User ID is Event No + Folio Number registered with the Company

Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL/ CDSL has forgotten the password:

Shareholders who are unable to retrieve User ID/ Password are advised to use Forget User ID and Forget Password option available at abovementioned depository/ depository participants website.

- It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential.
- For shareholders/ members holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for voting on the resolutions contained in this Notice.
- > During the voting period, shareholders/ members can login any number of time till they have voted on the resolution(s) for a particular "Event".

By order of the Board of Directors For Affordable Robotic & Automation Limited

Place: Pune

Date: March 11, 2023

Mr. Manohar Padole Whole-time Director DIN: 02738236

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 102 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013

The following Explanatory Statement relating to the accompanying Notice sets out all material facts relating to the business mentioned in the Notice as specified under Section 102 (1) of the Companies Act, 2013:

Item No. 1: Migration of Equity Shares of the Company from SME Platform of BSE to Main Board of BSE as well as Main Board of NSE.

As the members of the Company are aware that the Equity Shares of the Company are listed on SME Exchange of BSE i.e. BSE SME Platform w.e.f. June 04, 2018. The listing of Equity Shares of the Company on BSE SME Platform enhanced transparency in the functioning and over the period, the Company gained good experience in listing compliances, Corporate Governance practices and thus is now geared up for moving on to the main board of BSE and NSE.

In terms of eligibility criteria prescribed for shifting from SME Exchange to Main Board, the Equity Shares of the Company must be listed on BSE SME for 2 years. Moreover, the paid-up equity capital of the Company shall not be less than ₹ 10 crores and the market capitalisation of the Company's equity shall not be less than ₹ 25 crores for a period as prescribed under the rules. Further, the Company should comply with other eligibility norms. The Company complies with the eligibility requirement of equity paid up share capital of more than ₹ 10 Crores, continued listing of 2 years on BSE SME & market capitalization of more than ₹ 25 crores for migration purpose.

The Board of Directors are of the view that Migration to Main Board on BSE and NSE will take the Company into a different league altogether with enhanced recognition and increased participation by retail investors. The benefits of listing on the main board in the form of increase in liquidity, visibility and larger investor participation will accrue to the shareholders. Hence, the Board of Directors of the Company in their meeting held on Saturday, March 11, 2023 decided to migrate from BSE SME to Main Board of BSE as well as Main Board of NSE.

In view of above, you are requested to grant your consent to above said special resolution as set out herein in the Postal Ballot Notice of the Company. None of the Directors and Key Managerial Personnel (including relatives of directors or key managerial personnel) of the Company is concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in this resolution except to the extent of their shareholding in the Company.

Pursuant to proviso to Regulation 277 of SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, the special resolution shall be acted upon if and only if the votes cast by shareholders other than promoters in favour of the proposal amount to at least two times the number of votes cast by shareholders other than promoter shareholders against the proposal. It is in the interest of all the shareholders to migrate the Equity Shares of the Company on the Main Board of BSE as well as Main Board of NSE and hence management recommends the passing of said resolution and seeks your approval.

By order of the Board of Directors For Affordable Robotic & Automation Limited

Place: Pune

Date: March 11, 2023

Mr. Manohar Padole Whole-time Director DIN: 02738236