## <u>NOTICE</u>

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Forty – Eighth Annual General Meeting of the members of **SOVEREIGN DIAMONDS LIMITED** will be held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the following business:

#### ORDINARY BUSINESS:

- To consider and adopt the Audited Annual Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 and the Reports of the Board of Directors and the Auditors' thereon.
- 2. To appoint a Director in place of Ms. Arundhati Mali (DIN No.: 08353618), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers herself for re-appointment.
- 3. Appointment of Statutory Auditors

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following Resolution as an **ordinary** resolution:

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Sections 139, 142 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) and the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, (the Rules), (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force), and pursuant to recommendation of the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors, M/s. J. D. Zatakia & Co., Chartered Accountants, having ICAI Firm Registration No. 111777W, who have offered themselves for appointment and have confirmed their eligibility to be appointed as Statutory Auditors in terms of provisions of Section 141 of the Act and Rule 4 of the Rules and certificate issued by the Peer Review Board of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) be and are hereby appointed as Statutory Auditors of the Company in place of retiring auditor M/s. Pulindra Patel & Co., Chartered Accountants the outgoing auditors who have completed their term as auditor pursuant to Section 139 (2) of the Act at the end of conclusion of the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** M/s. J. D. Zatakia & Co., Chartered Accountants be and are hereby appointed as Statutory Auditors of the Company for a term of 5 years from the conclusion of 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting until the conclusion of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company at such remuneration as may be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company (including its committees thereof).

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board of Directors of the Company, (including its committees thereof), be and are hereby authorized to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be deemed proper, necessary, or expedient, including filing the requisite forms or submission of documents with any authority or accepting any modifications to the clauses as required by such authorities, for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution and for matters connected therewith, or incidental thereto."

#### SPECIAL BUSINESS:

4. To re-appoint Mr. Ajay Gehani (DIN No.: 00062989) as Chairman and Managing Director and in this regard, to consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Sections 196, 197, 203, and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 including Schedule V of the said Act as amended up-to-date, consent and approval be and is hereby accorded to the re-appointment and payment of remuneration and perquisites to Mr. Ajay Gehani as Chairman and Managing Director of the Company for a period of five years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2027.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** Mr. Ajay Gehani shall be paid remuneration of Rs. 3,00,000/- per month including the perquisites as permissible under Schedule V of the Companies Act, 2013 and shall be eligible for yearly increments as may be decided by the Board of Directors from time to time annually, if permissible as per the provisions of the Act.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the terms and conditions of re-appointment shall be as per the letter of re-appointment as approved by the Board at its meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 be and is hereby approved.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board of Directors of the Company be and is hereby authorized to vary or increase the remuneration to the extent the Board of Directors may consider appropriate and as may be authorized in accordance with any provision under the Act for the time being in force provided, however, that the remuneration and perquisites payable to Mr. Ajay Gehani shall be within the limits set out in the said Act including the said Schedule V to the Act or any amendments thereto or any modification(s) or statutory re-enactment(s) thereof and / or any rules or regulations framed there under provided that the terms of the letter of re-appointment between the Company and Mr. Ajay Gehani shall be suitably modified to give effect to such variation or increase as the case may be.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** in the event of loss or inadequacy of profits in any financial year of the Company during the term of office of Mr. Ajay Gehani as Chairman and Managing Director of the Company, the remuneration and perquisites set out in the aforesaid letter of re-appointment be paid or granted to him as minimum remuneration provided that the total remuneration by way of salary, perquisites and other allowances shall not exceed the ceiling provided in Part II (A) of Schedule V to the said Act or such other amount and perquisites as may be provided in the said Schedule V whether or not amended from time to time or any equivalent statutory re-enactment(s) thereof.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board of Directors be and are hereby authorized to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as it may, in its absolute discretion, deem necessary, desirable and expedient to give effect to this resolution."

#### NOTES:

# General Instructions for Accessing and participating in the $48^{th}$ AGM through VC / OAVM Facility and Voting through Electronic means including Remote E- Voting.

- 1. The Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013, in respect of the businesses mentioned under Item Nos. 3 and 4 of the accompanying Notice is annexed hereto.
- 2. Pursuant to the General Circulars 2/2022 and 19/2021, other circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Circular SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2022/62 dated May 13, 2022 issued by SEBI (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Circulars"), companies are allowed to hold AGM through VC, without the physical presence of members at a common venue. Hence, in compliance with the Circulars, the AGM of the Company is being held through VC.
- 3. ONLY A MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE AGM THROUGH VC / OAVM. In terms of provisions of Section 105 of the Companies Act, 2013, a Member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of himself / herself and such proxy need not be a Member of the Company. Since, this AGM is being held pursuant to the MCA Circulars through VC / OAVM, physical attendance of Members has been dispensed with. Accordingly, the facility for appointment of proxies by the Members will not be available for the AGM and hence the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip are not annexed to this Notice. However, in pursuance of Section 112 and Section 113 of the Companies Act, 2013, representatives

of the members such as the President of India or the Governor of a State or body corporate can attend the AGM/EGM through VC/OAVM and cast their votes through e-voting.

- 4. The Company has appointed M/s. Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) to provide Video Conferencing facility for the Annual General Meeting and the attendant enablers for conducting of the AGM. The proceedings of the AGM will be web-casted live for all the shareholders who hold shares as on cut-off date i.e. Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2022. The shareholders can visit https://www.evotingindia.com and login through user id and password to watch the live proceedings of the AGM on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 from 11.00 a.m. onwards. Further, the Company has also appointed CDSL as an authorized e-voting agency for facilitating members to vote on all the resolutions proposed in the Notice of AGM through electronic means. Members will have the option to cast their votes either 3 days prior to the date of AGM (Remote E-Voting) or during the AGM (E-Voting). The instructions to vote by remote e-voting and e-voting has been provided below.
- 5. The members can join the AGM 15 minutes before and after the scheduled time of the commencement of the AGM by following the procedure mentioned in this Notice. The facility to join the AGM will be made available for 1,000 members on first come first served basis. This will not include Large Shareholders (holding 2% or more shareholding), Promoters, Institutional Investors, Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, the Chairpersons of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders' Relationship Committee, Auditors etc. who are allowed to attend the AGM without restriction on account of first come first served basis.
- 6. In case of joint holders attending the Meeting, only such joint holder who is higher in the order of names will be entitled to vote at the AGM.
- Pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Act, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed on all days from Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2022 to Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 (both days inclusive).
- 8. The attendance of the Members attending the AGM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- 9. The scanned copies of Register of Directors' and Key Managerial Personnel and their Shareholding maintained under Section 170 and Register of Contracts or Arrangements in which Directors are interested under Section 189 of the Companies Act, 2013 will be available electronically for inspection by the members during the AGM.

Relevant documents referred to in the accompanying Notice are open for inspection by the Members through electronic mode, based on the request being sent at agehani66@ gmail.com.

Members desiring any relevant information about the financial statements and/or operations of the Company are requested to write to the Company at least seven days in advance, so as to enable the Company to keep the information ready. Members can also email their queries at the email address of Mr. Ajay Gehani, Chairman and Managing Director at agehani66@gmail.com.

In compliance with the aforesaid MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular dated May 12, 2020, Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report 2020-21 is being sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company / RTA / Depositories. In line with the MCA Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, the Notice calling the AGM has been uploaded on the website of the Stock Exchange i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com or will be made available if a request is sent to the Company at agehani66@gmail.com. The Notice of AGM is also disseminated on the website of CDSL (agency for providing the Remote e-Voting facility and e-voting system during the AGM) i.e. www.evotingindia.com.

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10. We urge members to support our commitment to environmental protection by choosing to receive the Company's communication through email. Members holding shares in demat mode, who have not registered their email addresses are requested to register their email addresses with their respective Depository Participant, and members holding shares in physical mode are requested to update their email addresses with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent i.e. Universal Capital Securities Private Limited to receive copies of Annual Report 2021-22 and also communication by the Company from time to time in electronic mode. Members may follow the process detailed below for registration of email ID to obtain the report, obtain other communication from time to time as well as updating bank account details.

#### Physical Shareholders:

For availing the following investor services, send a written request in the prescribed forms to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent i.e. Universal Capital Securities Private Limited either by email at gamare@unisec.in or by post to C 101, 247 Park, L B S Marg, Vikhroli West, Mumbai – 400 083.

Form for availing investor services to register PAN, email address, bank details and other KYC details or changes / update thereof for securities held in physical mode	Form ISR – 1
Update of signature of securities holder	Form ISR – 2
For nomination as provided in the Rules 19 (1) of Companies (Share capital and debenture) Rules, 2014	Form SH – 13
Declaration to opt out	Form ISR – 3
Cancellation of nomination by the holder(s) (along with ISR-3) / Change of Nominee	Form SH – 14
Form for requesting issue of Duplicate Certificate and other service requests for shares / debentures / bonds, etc., held in physical form	Form ISR – 4

#### Demat Shareholders:

Please contact your DP and register your email address and bank account details in your demat account, as per the process advised by your DP.

This will enable them to receive communication by the Company from time to time in electronic form. Members of the Company, who have registered their e-mail ID, are entitled to receive such communications in physical form upon request.

SEBI has mandated the submission of PAN, KYC details and nomination by holders of physical securities by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023, and linking PAN with Aadhaar by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 vide its circular dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021 and 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021. Shareholders are requested to submit their PAN, KYC and nomination details to the Company's registrars and share transfer agent i.e. M/s. Universal Capital Securities Private Limited by email at gamare@ unisec.in or by post to C 101, 247 Park, L B S Marg, Vikhroli West, Mumbai – 400 083.

Members holding shares in electronic form are, therefore, requested to submit their PAN to their depository participant(s).

In case a holder of physical securities fails to furnish these details or link their PAN with Aadhaar before the due date, our registrars and share transfer agents are obligated to freeze such folios. The securities in the frozen folios shall be eligible to receive payments (including dividend) and lodge grievances only after furnishing the complete documents. if the securities continue to remain frozen as on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2025, the registrar and share

transfer agent / the Company shall refer such securities to the administering authority under the Benami Transactions (Prohibitions) Act, 1988, and / or the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

- 11. As per Regulation 40 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, as amended, securities of listed companies can only be transferred in demat form. In view of this and to eliminate all risks associated with physical shares and for ease of portfolio management, Members holding shares in physical form are requested to consider converting their holding to demat form. Members can contact the Company or its Registrar and Share Transfer Agent.
- 12. Information about additional details of the Directors along with their brief profile who are seeking re-appointment as set out at Item Nos. 2 and 4 of the Notice dated 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2022 as required under Regulation 36 of the Listing Regulations, as amended and the Secretarial Standards on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India ('ICSI') is given below:

	Seeking re-appointment at Item No. 4 of the Notice	Seeking re- appointment at Item No. 2 of the Notice	
Name	Mr. Ajay R. Gehani	Ms. Arundhati Mali	
Director Identification Number (DIN)	00062989	08353618	
Date of Birth	18/05/1966	11/02/1975	
Nationality	Indian	Indian	
Date of Appointment on Board	24th November, 1984	8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019	
Qualifications	B. Com, G.G.(GIA)	B.Com	
Shareholding in Sovereign Diamonds Limited	34,76,275 equity shares	Nil	
In case of Non Executive Director the shareholding inclusing shareholding as Beneficial Owner.	N.A.	N.A.	
Expertise in specific functional areas	Jewellery designing and manufacturing of diamond jewellery, marketing of jewellery in domestic and international market, both.	Finance and Banking	
Terms and Conditions of reappointment	As stated in resolution at item no. 4 of Notice of AGM		
Relationships with other Director / Key Managerial Personnel	Not related to any Director	Not related to any Director	
Number of meetings of the board attended during the financial year (2021-22)	4	4	
Directorships in other Public Limited Companies along with listed entities from which the person has resigned in the past three years.	Nil	Nil	

Memberships of Committees in other Public Limited Companies (includes only Audit & Shareholders / Investors Grievances Committee)		Nil
In case of Independent Directors, the skills and capabilities required for the role and the manner in which the proposed person meets such requirements.	N.A.	N.A.

13. As the 48<sup>th</sup> AGM is being held through VC, Route Map is not annexed to the notice.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR REMOTE E-VOTING AND E-VOTING DURING AGM/EGM AND JOINING MEETING THROUGH VC/OAVM ARE AS UNDER:

**Step 1** : Access through Depositories CDSL/NSDL e-Voting system in case of individual shareholders holding shares in demat mode.

**Step 2** : Access through CDSL e-Voting system in case of shareholders holding shares in physical mode and non-individual shareholders in demat mode.

- i) The voting period begins on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 and ends on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. During this period shareholders' of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date (record date) of Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2022 may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.
- ii) Shareholders who have already voted prior to the meeting date would not be entitled to vote at the meeting venue.
- iiii) Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, under Regulation 44 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, listed entities are required to provide remote e-voting facility to its shareholders, in respect of all shareholders' resolutions. However, it has been observed that the participation by the public non-institutional shareholders/retail shareholders is at a negligible level.

Currently, there are multiple e-voting service providers (ESPs) providing e-voting facility to listed entities in India. This necessitates registration on various ESPs and maintenance of multiple user IDs and passwords by the shareholders.

In order to increase the efficiency of the voting process, pursuant to a public consultation, it has been decided to enable e-voting to **all the demat account holders**, **by way of a single login credential, through their demat accounts/ websites of Depositories/ Depository Participants**. Demat account holders would be able to cast their vote without having to register again with the ESPs, thereby, not only facilitating seamless authentication but also enhancing ease and convenience of participating in e-voting process.

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iv) In terms of SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are advised to update their mobile number and email Id in their demat accounts in order to access e-Voting facility.

Pursuant to abovesaid SEBI Circular, Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meetings for Individual shareholders holding securities in Demat mode is given below:

Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with <b>CDSL</b>	Users who have opted for CDSL Easi / Easiest facility, can login through their existing user id and password. Option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any further authentication. The URL for users to login to Easi / Easiest are https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/home/login or visit www.cdslindia.com and click on Login icon and select New System Myeasi. After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e-Voting option for eligible companieswhere the evoting is in progress as per the information provided by company. On clicking the evoting option, the user will be able to see e-Voting page of the e-Voting service provider for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting Service Providers i.e. CDSL/NSDL/KARVY/LINKINTIME, so that the user can visit the e-Voting service providers' website directly. If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/Registration/EasiRegistration Alternatively, the user can directly access 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, 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 and PAN No. from a e-Voting link available on the Demat Account After successful authentication, user will be able
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with <b>NSDL</b>	If you are already registered for NSDL IDeAS facility, please visit the e-Services website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://eservices.nsdl.com either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Services is launched, click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under 'IDeAS' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting 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 and you will be re-directed to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting. If the user is 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.jsp

	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 and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting
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 company name or e-Voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.

**Important note:** Members who are unable to retrieve User ID/ Password are advised to use Forget User ID and Forget Password option available at abovementioned website.

Helpdesk for Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode for any technical issues related to login through Depository i.e. CDSL and NSDL

Login type	Helpdesk details
holding securities in	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@ cdslindia.comor contact at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33.
holding securities in	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or call at toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30

**Step 2** : Access through CDSL e-Voting system in case of shareholders holding shares in physical mode and non-individual shareholders in demat mode.

v) Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meeting for shareholders other than individual shareholders & shareholders holding shares in physical form.

The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website www.evotingindia.com.

- 1) Click on "Shareholders" module.
- 2) 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. Shareholders holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company.
- 3) Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.

If you are holding shares in demat form and had logged on to www.evotingindia.com and voted on an earlier e-voting of any company, then your existing password is to be used.



PAN	<ul> <li>For Shareholders holding shares in Demat Form other than individual shareholders and shareholders holding shares in physical form</li> <li>Enter your 10-digit alpha-numeric PAN issued by Income Tax Department (Applicable for both demat shareholders as well as physical shareholders).</li> <li>Members who have not updated their PAN with the Company/ Depository Participant are requested to use the sequence number sent by Company/RTA or contact Company/RTA.</li> </ul>
Dividend Bank Details OR	Enter the Dividend Bank Details or Date of Birth (in dd/mm/yyyy format) as recorded in your demat account or in the company records in order to login.
Date of Birth (DOB)	<ul> <li>If both 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 (v).</li> </ul>

- a) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.
- b) Shareholders holding shares in physical form will then directly reach the Company selection screen. However, shareholders 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.
- c) For shareholders holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-voting on the resolutions contained in this Notice.
- d) Click on the EVSN for the "SOVEREIGN DIAMONDS LIMITED" on which you choose to vote.
- e) 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.
- f) Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- g) 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.
- Once you "CONFIRM" your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.
- i) You can also take a print of the votes cast by clicking on "Click here to print" option on the Voting page.
- j) If a demat account holder has forgotten the login password then Enter the User ID and the image verification code and click on Forgot Password & enter the details as prompted by the system.
- vi) Additional Facility for Non Individual Shareholders and Custodians –Remote E-Voting

Non-Individual Shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) and Custodian are required to log on to www.evotingindia.com and register themselves in the 'Corporate' module.

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 linked in the login should be emailed 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 under Section 113 of the Companies Act, 2013 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.

Alternatively Non Individual shareholders are required to send the relevant Board Resolution under Section 113 of the Companies Act, 2013 / Authority letter etc. together with attested specimen signature of the duly authorized signatory who are authorized to vote, to the Scrutinizer i.e. M/s. P. P. Shah & Co. Practicing Company Secretaries at shahpradipcs@gmail.com and to the Company at the email address viz; agehani66@ gmail.com or akshayjain1101@gmail.com, if they have voted from individual tab & not uploaded same in the CDSL e-voting system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.

## COMMON INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHAREHOLDERS ATTENDING THE AGM THROUGH VC/OAVM & E-VOTING DURING MEETING ARE AS UNDER:

- 1. The procedure for attending meeting & e-Voting on the day of the AGM is same as the instructions mentioned above for Remote e-voting.
- The link for VC/OAVM to attend meeting will be available where the EVSN of Company will be displayed after successful login as per the instructions mentioned above for Remote e-voting.
- Only those shareholders, who are present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and have not casted their vote on the Resolutions through remote e-Voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-Voting system available during the AGM.
- 4. Shareholders are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops / IPads for better experience.
- 5. Further shareholders will be required to allow Camera and use Internet with a good speed to avoid any disturbance during the meeting.
- Please note that Participants Connecting from Mobile Devices or Tablets or through Laptop connecting via Mobile Hotspot may experience Audio/Video loss due to Fluctuation in their respective network. It is therefore recommended to use Stable Wi-Fi or LAN Connection to mitigate any kind of aforesaid glitches.
- 7. Shareholders who would like to express their views/ask questions during the meeting may register themselves as a speaker by sending their request in advance at least 2 days prior to meeting mentioning their name, demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at (company email id). The members who do not wish to speak during the AGM but have queries may send their queries in advance at least 2 days prior to meeting mentioning their name, demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at (company email id). The members who do not wish to speak during the AGM but have queries may send their queries in advance at least 2 days prior to meeting mentioning their name, demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at (company email id). These queries will be replied to by the company suitably by email.
- 8. Those members who have registered themselves as a speaker will only be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the meeting.
- 9. If any Votes are cast by the shareholders through the e-voting available during the AGM and if the same shareholders have not participated in the meeting through VC/OAVM facility, then the votes cast by such shareholders shall be considered invalid as the

facility of e-voting during the meeting is available only to the shareholders attending the meeting.

10. Shareholders who have voted through Remote e-Voting will also be eligible to attend the AGM. However, they will not be eligible to vote at the AGM.

## PROCESS FOR THOSE SHAREHOLDERS WHOSE EMAIL / MOBILE NO. ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE COMPANY / DEPOSITORIES.

- For Physical shareholders please provide necessary details like Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to Company/RTA email id.
- 2. For Demat shareholders Please update your email id & mobile no. with your respective Depository Participant (DP)
- For Individual Demat shareholders Please update your email id & mobile no. with your respective Depository Participant (DP) which is mandatory while e-Voting through Depository.

If you have any queries or issues regarding attending AGM & e-Voting from the CDSL e-Voting System, you can write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at 022-toll free no. 1800 22 55 33.

All grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager, (CDSL) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai – 400013 or send an email to helpdesk. evoting@cdslindia.com or call ontoll free no. 1800 22 55 33.

#### Other Instructions:

- 1. Once the vote on the resolution is cast, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to the shares held by them on the Paid-Up Equity Share Capital of the Company as on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2022 and as per the Register of Members of the Company.
- 3. The Board of Directors has appointed Mr. Pradip Shah, Partner, failing him, Mr. Punit Shah, Partner of M/s P. P. Shah & Co., Practicing Company Secretaries as a Scrutinizer to scrutinize the voting process in a fair and transparent manner.
- 4. The Scrutinizer shall, after the conclusion of e-Voting at the AGM, first download the votes cast at the AGM and then unblock the votes cast through remote e-Voting and shall make, a consolidated Scrutinizer's Report. The results of the e-Voting will be declared by the Chairman or a person authorized by him in writing within 48 hours from the conclusion of the AGM.

The results shall be declared not later than 48 hours from conclusion of the AGM and the resolutions will be deemed to be passed on the AGM date subject to receipt of the requisite number of votes in favor of the Resolutions. The results declared along with the Scrutinizer's Report will be placed on the website of the CDSL at www.evotingindia. com within 48 hours from the conclusion of the AGM and the same shall also be simultaneously communicated to BSE Limited and will be available on their website at www.bseindia.com, where the Equity Shares of the Company are listed and shall be displayed at the Registered Office of the Company.

By order of the Board For Sovereign Diamonds Limited

-/Sd Ajay Gehani Chairman & Managing Director DIN: 00062989

Place: Mumbai Date: 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2022

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### ANNEXURE TO THE NOTICE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

#### PURSUANT TO SECTION 102 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013

# ITEM NO. 3 – Appointment of M/s. J. D. Zatakia & Co., Chartered Accountants as Statutory Auditors owing to completion of term of M/s. Pulindra Patel & Co., Chartered Accountants:

M/s. Pulindra Patel & Co., Chartered Accountants will complete their term as Statutory Auditors of the Company at the conclusion of 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company. They were the statutory auditors of the Company since 43<sup>rd</sup> AGM held on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 and have completed a period of 5 years since their appointment. Pursuant to Section 139 of the Companies Act, 2013, they shall retire at the conclusion of 48<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company.

In view of the same, the Board has appointed, M/s. J. D. Zatakia & Co., Chartered Accountants (Firm Registration No. 111777W) as the Statutory Auditors of the Company for a term of 5 years to hold the office from the conclusion of 48<sup>th</sup> AGM till the conclusion of 53<sup>rd</sup> AGM based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee and subject to approval of the members of the Company. They shall be paid remuneration as explained below alongwith applicable taxes and other out of pocket expenses in connection with the statutory audit:

In accordance with regulation 36 (5) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the disclosures in respect of appointment / re-appointment of statutory auditors are given below:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Disclosure
1.	Name of Firm of Auditors	M/s. J. D. Zatakia & Co., (FRN: 111777W)
2.	Name of Auditors	Mr. Jitendra Zatakia (Membership No. 17669)
3.	Financial year for which appointment is proposed	2022 – 23 till 2026 – 27
4.	Proposed Fees payable	Rs. 1,75,000 + Applicable Taxes + Out of Pocket Expenses incurred during the course of audit of financials of the Company. Besides the audit services, the Company would also obtain certifications from the statutory auditors under various statutory regulations and certifications required by clients, banks, statutory authorities, audit related services and other permissible non-audit services as required from time to time, for which they will be remunerated separately on mutually agreed terms, as approved by the Board of Directors in consultation with the audit committee. The Board of Directors and the audit committee shall approve revisions to the remuneration of the statutory auditors for the remaining part of the tenure.
5.	Terms of appointment	Appointment for a period of 5 years. The Board of Directors, in consultation with the audit committee, may alter and vary the terms and conditions of appointment, including remuneration, in such manner and to such extent as may be mutually agreed with the statutory auditors.

Sr. No.	Particulars	Disclosure
6.	In case of new auditor any material change in the fee payable to such auditor from that paid to outgoing auditor along with rationale for such change.	No material changes in the fee payable to M/s. J. D. Zatakia & Co., (the incoming auditor) against the fee paid to M/s. Pulindra Patel & Co. (the outgoing auditor)
7.	Basis for recommendation for appointment including the details in relation to and credentials of the statutory auditor proposed to be appointed.	The statutory auditors have confirmed their eligibility under Section 141 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules framed thereunder for appointment as statutory auditors of your Company. As required under Regulation 33 of SEBI (LODR) Regulation, 2015, they have also confirmed that they hold a valid certificate issued by the Peer Review Board of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. The statutory auditors have also furnished a declaration confirming their independence as well as their arm's length relationship with your Company as well as declaring that they have not taken up any prohibited non-audit assignments for your Company. The Audit Committee reviews the independence of the statutory auditors and the effectiveness of the audit process. Recommendation has been received from the Audit Committee and Board of Directors at the meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> May, 2022 respectively.

As per Section 139 of the Companies Act, 2013, the appointment of statutory auditor requires approval of the members by ordinary resolution. Necessary resolution seeking approval of the members for appointment of M/s. J. D. Zatakia & Co., Chartered Accountants as statutory auditors on account of retirement of M/s. Pulindra Patel & Co., Chartered Accountants has been placed for the approval of the Members.

None of the Directors / Key Managerial Personnel of the Company are in any way, concerned or interested, directly or indirectly, financially or otherwise, in the ordinary resolution set out at item no. 4 of the notice, except to the extent of shareholding in the Company, if any.

The Board of Directors recommends the Ordinary Resolution set out at item no. 4 for your approval.

# ITEM NO. 4 – Re-appointment of Mr. Ajay Gehani as Chairman and Managing Director and payment of remuneration:

Mr. Ajay Gehani, was appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of the Company w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017 for a period of 5 years. His term as Chairman and Managing Director expired on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022. The Board at its meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 has re-appointed Mr. Ajay Gehani as Chairman and Managing Director of the Company w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 for a period of 5 years.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee had recommended to the Board to re-appoint Mr. Ajay Gehani as Chairman and Managing Director of the Company. The terms and conditions of his re-appointment are given below:

SR. NO.	NAME OF DIRECTOR	DESIGNATION	RESPONSIBILITY
1.	Mr. Ajay Gehani	Chairman and	Production, Marketing and
		Managing Director	Finance

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Profile: Mr. Ajay Gehani has graduated in Gemologist from GIA, USA. He joined Sovereign Diamonds Limited on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1984. He has vast experience in designing jewellery in domestic and international market since last 38 years. He has well established the jewellery product of the company.

The Company proposes to pay following remuneration and perquisites w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022. There has been no change in his remuneration.

#### A. REMUNERATION:

SR. NO.	NAME OF DIRECTOR	DESIGNATION	REMUNERATIONS & PERQUISITES
1.	Mr. Ajay Gehani	Chairman and Managing Director	Remuneration of Rs. 3,00,000/- per month including the perquisites as permissible under Schedule V of the Companies Act, 2013 and shall be eligible for yearly increments as may be decided by the Board of Directors from time to time annually, if permissible as per the provisions of the Act.

#### B. INCREMENTS:

The Board of Directors shall decide the increments payable to him at the end of March, every year within the overall ceiling laid down in the Schedule V so that the total remuneration by way of salary, perquisites and other allowances including increments shall not exceed the ceiling provided in Part II of Schedule V to the said Act based on the effective capital for the respective financial year or such other amount and perquisites as may be provided in the said Schedule V as may be amended from time to time or any equivalent statutory re-enactment(s) thereof.

#### C. PERQUISITES:

Non monetary ceiling perquisites

The following perquisites shall be payable to Mr. Ajay Gehani and which shall not be included in the computation of the ceiling of remuneration as per Schedule V of the Companies Act, 2013.

#### i. Provident Fund:

The Company's contribution to Provident Fund is as per the rules of the Company. Contribution to Provident Fund will not be included in the computation of the ceiling on perquisites to the extent it is not taxable under the Income Tax Act, 1961.

#### ii. Gratuity:

Gratuity not exceeding one-half months' salary for each completed year of service.

#### iii. Leave Encashment:

Leave salary as per the rules of the Company and Encashment of Leave shall be at the end of the tenure.

#### D. MINIMUM REMUNERATION:

(1) The above remuneration and perquisites has been fixed on the basis of inadequate profits as per the Audited Annual Financial Statements as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 and has been fixed as provided in Part II of Schedule V to the said Act based on the effective capital for the respective financial year or such other amount and perquisites as may be provided in the said Schedule V as may be amended from time to time or any equivalent statutory re-enactment(s) thereof and shall be considered as minimum remuneration.

(2) During the tenure of his appointment, if the Company earns profits in excess of the limits prescribed under Schedule V or if the profits are adequate in any financial year, as per the provisions of Section 196, 197 and any other applicable provisions of the, Companies Act, 2013 then the remuneration of Mr. Ajay Gehani shall be paid as per the profits earned by the Company in that particular financial year.

#### E. OTHER CONDITIONS:

- i. For all other terms and conditions not specifically spelt out above, the rules and order of the Company shall apply.
- ii. The Chairman and Managing Director to hold office as such subject to the provisions of Section 164 and 167 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- iii. The re-appointment of Chairman and Managing Director has been approved by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Company.

In terms of Section 196, 197 read with Schedule V of the Companies Act, 2013, reappointment of Managing Director requires approval of the members by ordinary resolution. Accordingly, necessary resolution in respect of re-appointment of Mr. Ajay Gehani as Chairman and Managing Director of the Company w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 for a period of 5 years has been proposed for approval of the members at item no. 4 of the notice of AGM. The Board recommends the same in the interest of the Company.

Except Mr. Ajay Gehani and his relatives, none of the Directors / Key Managerial Personnel of the Company are in any way, concerned or interested, directly or indirectly, financially or otherwise, in the ordinary resolution set out at item no. 3 of the notice.

By order of the Board For Sovereign Diamonds Limited

Place: Mumbai Date: 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2022 -/Sd Ajay Gehani Chairman & Managing Director DIN: 00062989