# **ANNEXURE- VII**

# **REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

This Corporate Governance Report relating to the year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 has been issued in compliance with the requirements of Regulation 34(3) read with Clause of Schedule V of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and forms part of the Report of the Directors to the Members of the Company.

#### A. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

#### 1. Company's Philosophy

TNPL's philosophy on Corporate Governance is to achieve high levels of integrity, equity and transparency in all its operations. The company believes that good Corporate Governance is essential for achieving long term goals and enhancing stakeholders' value. The Company's business objective is to manufacture and market products which create value that can be sustained over time for the benefit of customers, shareholders, employees, bankers and Government.

#### 2. Board of Directors

#### a. Composition and Category of Directors

As on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021, the Board consisted of Nine directors – a Chairman, Managing Director (Executive Director) nominated by GOTN and three non-executive Directors nominated by GOTN, and Five independent non-executive Directors including one woman director.

As per Regulation 17(1) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Board of Directors shall have an optimum combination of executive and non-executive directors with at least one woman director and not less than fifty percent of the Board of Directors shall comprise of non-executive directors. Where the chairperson of the Board of Directors is a non-executive director, at least one-third of the board of directors shall comprise of independent directors and where the listed entity does not have a regular non-executive chairperson, at least half of the Board of Directors shall comprise of independent directors provided that where the regular non-executive chairperson is a promoter of the listed entity or is related to any promoter or person occupying management positions at the level of Board of Director or at one level below the board of directors, at least half of the Board of Directors of the listed entity shall consist of Independent Directors.

The composition of the Board of Directors of TNPL complied with the provisions of Regulation 17(1) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Tvl. N. Narayanan, I.A.S., (Retd.), V. Chandrasekaran, Tmt. Soundara Kumar, P. B. Santhanakrishnan and Dr M. Arumugam are categorized as Independent Directors.

SI. No.	Name of Director	Event Date	Appointment / Cessation
1.	Tmt Soundara Kumar	30.06.2020	Re Appointed as Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> Term)
2.	Dr R. Anandakumar, I.A.S.,	19.10.2020	Appointed as Additional Director
3.	Tmt Reeta Harish Thakkar, I.A.S.,	19.10.2020	Ceased to be a Director
4.	Thiru V. Chandrasekaran	13.11.2020	Re Appointed as Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> Term)

During the year 2020-21, following changes took place in the composition of the Board:

There is no inter se relationship between the directors.

During the year 2020-21, following changes took place in the composition of the Key Managerial Personnel (KMP):

SI. No.	Name of Director	Event Date	Appointment / Cessation	
1.	Thiru V. Sivakumar	30.06.2020	Ceased to be Company Secretary	
2.	Thiru B. Ravishankar	30.06.2020	Appointed as Company Secretary	
3.	Thiru V. Ramanathan	31.05.2020	Ceased to be CFO and KMP	
4.	Thiru R. Ramaseshan	11.11.2020	Appointed as CFO and KMP	
5.	Thiru R. Ramaseshan	18.01.2021	Ceased to be CFO and KMP	
6.	Tmt Sathya Ananth	11.02.2021	Appointed as CFO and KMP	

#### **Board Diversity**

Your Company has over the years been fortunate to have eminent persons from diverse fields as Directors on its Board.

Pursuant to SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Nomination & Remuneration Committee has formalized a policy on Board Diversity to ensure diversity of experience, knowledge, perspective, background, gender, age and culture. The policy is posted on the Company's website and can be accessed on web link http://www.tnpl.com/.

#### **Independent Directors**

Based on the confirmations / disclosures received from the Directors and on evaluation of the relationships disclosed, all the Non-Executive – Independent Directors are independent in terms of provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. All the directors have made necessary disclosures regarding Committee positions held by them in other companies and do not hold the office of Director in more than twenty companies, including ten public companies. None of the directors are related to each other.

The company has issued formal letters of appointment to independent directors in the manner as provided in the Companies Act, 2013.

The terms and conditions of appointment of independent directors have been disclosed on the company's website at www.tnpl.com

The Independent Directors on the Board are experienced, competent and highly respected persons. They take active part in the Board and Committee meetings. Necessary disclosures have been made by the Directors as required by SEBI.

#### Separate meeting of independent directors

During the year, the Independent Directors of the Company met separately without the presence of other Directors or management representatives on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 to discuss:

- Evaluation of the performance of non-independent directors and the Board of Directors as a whole.
- Evaluation of the performance of the Chairman, taking into account the views of the executive and nonexecutive directors.
- Evaluation of the quality, content and timeliness of flow of information between the Management and the Board that is necessary for the Board to effectively and reasonably perform its duties.
- The Independent Directors discussed, among other matters, the performance of the company and risk faced by it, competition, strategy, leadership strengths and weaknesses, governance, compliance, Board movements and human resources matters.

#### **Familiarization Programme**

The Company has framed familiarization programme for Independent Directors. The Board members are provided with necessary documents/brochures, reports and internal policies to enable them to familiarise with the Company's procedures and practices. A new Director is welcomed to the Board of Directors of the Company by sharing various documents and information of the Company for his/her reference such as brief introduction to the Company and profile of Board of Directors of the Company, details of various Committees of the Board, latest Annual Reports, Code of Conduct for Directors, Code of Conduct for Senior Management and Employees, Code of Conduct for Independent Directors, Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading in shares of the Company etc. Periodic presentations are made at the Board and Committee Meetings, on business and performance updates of the Company, business strategy and risks involved. This enables the Directors to get a deeper insight into the operations of the Company. Such presentations also provide an opportunity to the Independent Directors to interact with the Senior Management team of the Company and help them to understand the Company's policies, its long term vision and strategy, business model, operations and such other areas as are relevant from time to time. The Company updates the Board Members on a continuing basis on any significant changes therein and provides them an insight to their expected roles and responsibilities so as to be in a position to take a well-informed and timely decisions and contribute significantly to the Company.

All Directors are apprised of any changes in the codes or policies of the Company. The Board of Directors has access to the information within the Company which is necessary to enable them to perform their role and responsibilities diligently.

The Independent Directors, from time to time request management to provide detailed understanding of any specific project, activity or process of the Company. The management provides such information and training either at the meeting of Board of Directors or otherwise.

The Statutory Auditors and External Internal Auditors of the Company make presentations to the Board of Directors with regard to regulatory changes from time to time while approving the Financial Results.

The details of familiarization programme is disclosed at Company's website at www.tnpl.com.

#### **Board Meetings Process**

The Board plays a pivotal role in ensuring good governance. The Board's role, functions, responsibility and accountability are clearly defined. In addition to its primary role of setting corporate goals and monitoring corporate performance, it directs and guides the activities of the Management towards creating long term sustainable growth that benefits all stakeholders. The Board also sets standards of behavior and ethical conduct for all the employees.

It also ensures strict compliance with the law and all regulations by the Company. Board's key functions include:

- a) Reviewing and guiding corporate strategy, major plans of action, risk policy, annual budgets and business plans, setting performance objectives, monitoring implementation and corporate performance and overseeing major capital expenditures, acquisitions and divestments.
- b) Monitoring the effectiveness of the company's governance practices and making changes as needed.
- c) Selecting, compensating, monitoring and when necessary, replacing key executives and overseeing succession planning.
- d) Aligning key executive and Board remuneration with the longer term interests of the company and its shareholders.
- e) Ensuring a transparent Board nomination process with the diversity of thought, experience, knowledge, perspective and gender in the Board.

- f) Monitoring and managing potential conflicts of interest of management, Board members and shareholders, including misuse of corporate assets and abuse in related party transactions.
- g) Ensuring the integrity of the company's accounting and financial reporting systems, including the independent audit and that appropriate systems of control are in place, in particular, systems for risk management, financial and operational control and compliance with the law and relevant standards.
- h) Overseeing the process of disclosure and communications.
- i) Monitoring and reviewing Board Evaluation framework.

The notice of Board Meeting is given well in advance to all the Directors. The meetings are usually held at the company's Registered Office at 67, Mount Road, Guindy, Chennai 600 032. The Agenda and Pre-reads are circulated well in advance in the prescribed agenda format before each meeting to all the Directors for facilitating effective discussion and decision making. Where it is not practicable to attach any document to the agenda, the same is placed on the table at the meeting with specific reference to this effect in the agenda. With the permission of Chairman, in special and exceptional circumstances, additional or supplementary item(s) on the agenda are permitted.

All the seven Board Meetings were conducted through Video Conferencing (VC), the recoding of which are preserved by the Company, as required under the Companies Act, 2013 and the relevant Rules and Regulations made thereunder.

Sensitive subject matters may be discussed at the meeting without written material being circulated in advance of the meeting.

In case of business exigencies or urgency of matters, resolutions are passed by circulation and the same is placed before the Board in the next meeting.

Considerable time is spent by the Directors on discussion and deliberations at the Board Meetings..

#### Support and Role of Company Secretary

The Company Secretary is responsible for collation, review and distribution of all papers submitted to the Board and Committees thereof for consideration. The Company Secretary is also responsible for preparation of the Agenda and convening of the Board and Committee meetings. The Company Secretary attends all the Meetings of the Board and its Committees, advises/assures the Board on Compliance and Governance principles and ensures appropriate recording of minutes of the meetings. He acts as interface between the Board and the Management and provides required assistance and assurance to the Board and the Management on compliance and governance aspects.

#### Invitees & proceedings

Apart from the Board members, Company Secretary, Senior Management executives are invited as and when necessary, to provide additional inputs for the items being discussed by the Board. The Chief Financial Officer makes presentation on the quarterly and annual operating & financial performance and on annual operating & CAPEX budget. The Chief Financial Officer and other senior executives make presentations on CAPEX proposals & progress, operational health & safety, marketing & industry scenario and other business issues. The Chairman of various Board Committees brief the Board on all the important matters discussed & decided at the respective committee meetings, which are generally held prior to the Board meeting.

b. Attendance of each Director at the Board of Directors' Meetings held during 2020-2021, the last AGM and number of other company/ies in which each of the directors of the company is a member or chairperson are as follows:

Name of Director	Category	meetings		Wheth- er attend-	Directorships held in other companies		Committee* Memberships held in other companies	
		Held Attended	ed last AGM	Director	Chairman	Member	Chairman	
Thiru N. Muruganandam, I.A.S.,	Non- Executive	7	5	Yes	2	6	0	0
Thiru S. Sivashanmugaraja, I.A.S., Managing Director	Executive	7	7	Yes	0	0	0	0
Thiru S. Krishnan I.A.S.,	Non- Executive	7	7	No	11	0	4	2
Tmt Reeta Harish Thakkar, I.A.S.,	Non- Executive	4	3	No	0	2	0	0
Dr R. Anandakumar, I.A.S. (Appointed w.e.f 19.10.2020	Non- Executive	3	3	NA	1	3	0	0
Thiru N. Narayanan, I.A.S.,(Retd.)	Independent Non- Executive	7	7	Yes	1	0	0	0
Tmt. Soundara Kumar (Reappointed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term from 30.06.2020)	Independent Non- Executive	7	7	Yes	6	0	2	2
Thiru V. Chandrasekaran (Reappointed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term from 13.11.2020)	Independent Non- Executive	7	7	Yes	9	0	2	3
Thiru P. B. Santhanakrishnan	Independent Non- Executive	7	7	Yes	1	0	0	0
Dr M. Arumugam	Independent Non- Executive	7	6	Yes	3	0	0	0

\*Chairmanship / membership of the Audit Committee and Stakeholders' Relationship Committee has been taken.

None of the Directors on the Board is a member of more than 10 Committees and Chairman of more than 5 Committees as specified in Regulation 26 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 across all companies in India of which he is a Director.

As per Regulation 27 of part C of Clause 2 LODR Regulation, 2018 directors list of core skills/expertise/ competencies identified by the Board of Directors is given below:

Name of the Directors	Qualification	Skills/Competence/Expertise
Thiru N. Muruganandam, I.A.S.	B.E(Com.Sci),MBA(IIM), I.A.S.	Thiru N. Muruganandam, I.A.S. belongs to 1991 batch of Indian Administrative Service. He has held various key positions of Govt of Tamil Nadu. Currently Thiru N. Muruganandam holds the position of Principal Secretary to Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
Thiru S. Sivashanmugaraja, I.A.S.	B.SC,B.E(Civil), I.A.S.	Thiru S. Sivashanmugaraja I.A.S. belongs to 2003 batch of Indian Administrative Service. He served as Collector of Kancheepuram District and held various key positions at Anna Institute of Management, Tamil Nadu Housing Board, SIDCO and the office of the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu.
Thiru S. Krishnan, I.A.S.	B.A (Hons), M.A (Eco- nomics), IAS	Thiru S Krishnan I.A.S. belongs to 1989 batch of Indian Administrative Service. He has 30 years of service in various departments of Government of Tamil Nadu. Currently, he holds the position of Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department., Govt of Tamilnadu
Thiru Harmander Singh, I.A.S.	M.Sc (Botany), PG Diploma in Democratization, Public Policy & Governance	Thiru Harmander Singh, I.A.S., aged 59 years, belongs to 1989 batch of Indian Administrative Service. Thiru Harmander Singh, I.A.S., has over 30 years of service in various departments of Government of Tamil Nadu. Currently, Thiru Harmander Singh, I.A.S., holds the position of Commissioner of Sugar and Managing Director, Tamilnadu Sugar Corporation Limited.
Thiru N. Narayanan, I.A.S. (Retd.)	Electrical Engineer, I.A.S.	Thiru N. Narayanan I.A.S. (Retd.) is an Electrical Engineer. He belongs to 1970 batch of Indian Administrative Service. He was the former Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu. He has served on TNPL Board as nominee Director of GOTN from 1989 till 1995. He was also CMD of the Company from 1998 to 2002 and again Nominee Director from 2002 to 2005. As he was on Board of TNPL for more than 13 years, he has vast experience in paper industry.
Tmt. Soundara Kumar	B.Sc (Maths), CAIIB	Tmt. Soundara Kumar has worked for 39 years as officer in State Bank of India from 1975 to 2014 with various responsibilities including managing Bank's business while ensuring smooth merger with State Bank of India. She was a permanent member of Corporate Centre Investment Committee and Credit Policies and Procedures Committee. She also held additional charge of Treasury Operations of the Bank whenever needed as Deputy Managing Director.

Name of the Directors	Qualification	Skills/Competence/Expertise
Thiru V. Chandrasekaran	B.Com, F.C.A.	Thiru V. Chandrasekaran has worked for nearly 32 years in Finance and Investment functions of Life Insurance, Housing Finance and Mutual Fund in Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) with adequate exposure to a gamut of Investments and involved in Investment decision making processes, Investment Monitoring and Accounting. The 3 decades of managerial experience is supported by academic and professional background as a Fellow Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. His Key competencies include Treasury Functions in Equity, Debt and Money Markets, Investment Strategies and Analysis, Credit Review and Monitoring, Project Finance, Venture Capital, Investee Company Affairs, Equity Research Credit Appraisal in Housing Finance including both Retail and Project Finance. Amongst other key positions, he has also held various key positions in LIC of India.
Thiru P. B. Santhanakrishnan	B.Sc, F.C.A.	<ul> <li>Thiru P. B. Santhanakrishnan Chartered Accountant with 41 years of experience in the finalization of Public Sector Banks/Undertakings/Listed Companies/Charitable Institutions/Educational Institutions and Non Profit Organizations'. He is also a former Director in Oriental Bank of Commerce and Canfin homes Ltd. Member RBI Committee on RTGS</li> <li>He has made numerous representations before SEBI/SAT/BIFR/CBDT &amp; ITAT on Corporate /Income Tax/FEMA matters.</li> <li>Director – Tamilnadu Newsprints and Papers Ltd (2019-20 onwards)</li> <li>Director – Oriental Bank of Commerce (2011-14)</li> <li>Director – Oriental Bank of Commerce (2011-14)</li> <li>Director – CANFIN Homes Limited (Associate of Canara Bank) (2012-16)</li> <li>Director – Tamilnadu Minerals Ltd (A Govt of India Undertaking) (2016-17 to 2018-19)</li> <li>Vice President, Indo Australian Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>Former President, Madras Gymkhana Club</li> <li>Former Member of the RBI Committee on RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement)</li> <li>Member, Southern India Regional Council of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (1982-1988)</li> <li>Former Hony. Treasurer, Tamilnadu Tennis Association</li> </ul>

Name of the Directors	Qualification	Skills/Competence/Expertise
Dr M. Arumugam	Ph. D (Supply chain management), M.B.A., Ph. D (Artificial Intelligence), M.Tech I.I.T	<ul> <li>Dr. M. Arumugam has been in software industry with 3 decades of experience and founded Broadline Group of Companies which includes Broadline computer systems and Broadline Technologies Private Limited, a premier player in IT services.</li> <li>He has pioneered the drug logistics management model for the state of Tamil Nadu, which has won acclaims from World Bank, WHO and other leading international agencies. This model has been replicated across India and Worldwide. He has also been providing consultancy to various national and international organizations in health, logistics and SCM, power and education.</li> </ul>
		He has been instrumental in spearheading and carrying out a number of state and federal government IT initiatives for e-governance, especially those centered on the health, defence, education, public sector and power industries. He won the prestigious Prime Ministers e-governance award for successful innovation in the year 2000.
		The Tamil Nadu government appointed him as a member of the States' IT standardization committee and in this position he has been successful in bringing wider awareness about I applications to decision makers.
		He has worked as a consultant at the Home Ministry of Government of India and number of projects with Danid Unaids, The World Bank specializing on different aspects of SCM and logistics-sourcing and procurement, forecasting storage and distribution, MIS, etc., particularly in health sector
		His keen interest in furthering education and social growth has resulted in him being associated with the Anna University Chennai, IIT and several other educational institutions in India on an advisory basis. He has held positions of Member of the Doctoral Committee, Syndicate Member and Member Board of Studies at these Universities.
		He was also associated as Adjunct Professor of Supply Chain Massachusetts Institute of Technology-Zaragoza Logistic Centre, Zaragoza, Spain in 2008.
		Currently he is associated as Professor of Technology in Plymouth University, UK.

#### Limit on Number of directorships

- a) A person shall not serve as an independent director in more than seven listed companies.
- b) Further, any person who is serving as a whole time director in any listed company shall not serve as an independent director in more than three listed companies.

As per Regulation 27 of (Corporate Governance) LODR Regulations 2018, Chairperson's directorship in listed companies is given below:

SI. No.	Names of the companies /bodies corporate / firms / association of individuals	Nature of interest or concern / change in interest or concern
	Public Companies	
1.	Tamilnadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited	Nominee Director
2.	State Industries Promotion corporation of Tamilnadu Limited	Director
3.	Tamilnadu Industrial Investment Corporation Limited	Director
4.	Tamilnadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Board	Nominee Director
5.	Titan Company Limited	Chairman
6.	TIDEL Park Limited	Director
7.	Tamilnadu Minerals Limited	Nominee Director
8.	Tamilnadu Cements Corporation Limited	Managing Director
	Private Companies / Bodies	
9.	IIT Madras Research Park (Sec.8 Company)	Director
10.	Tamilnadu Industrial Guidance and Export Promotion Bureau	Chairman
11.	Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority	Member
12.	Entrepreneurship Development Institute	Director
13.	Mono Rail Empowered Committee	Member
14.	Tamilnadu Trade Promotion Organisation	Nominee Director

# As per Regulation 27 of SEBI LODR Regulation Number of Board Meetings held and the dates on which held::

Seven Board Meetings were held during the year 2020-21 as against the minimum requirement of four meetings. The meetings were held on the following dates:

22.06.2020, 30.06.2020, 13.08.2020, 18.09.2020, 11.11.2020, 11.02.2021 and 25.03.2021.

#### c) Information placed before the Board of Directors

The Board has complete access to all information relating to the company. The following information is regularly provided to the Board:

- 1) Minutes of the meetings of the Board, Audit Committee, Stakeholders' Relationship Committee, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee and Nomination and Remuneration Committee.
- 2) Quarterly, half yearly and annual financial results of the company and its business segments.
- 3) Annual operating plans and budgets and any updates.
- 4) Capital budgets and any updates.
- 5) Cost Audit report / Secretarial audit report.
- 6) Appointment of statutory auditor, secretarial auditor, cost auditor and internal auditor.
- 7) Materially important show cause, demand, prosecution and penalty notices.
- 8) Legal compliance report and certificate.
- 9) Review of foreign exchange exposures and exchange rate movement, if material.
- 10) Fatal or serious accidents, dangerous occurrences, any material effluent or pollution problems, if any.
- 11) Any material default in financial obligations to and by the company or substantial non-recoveries against sale, if any.
- 12) Any issue, which involves possible public or product liability claims of substantial nature, including any judgement or order which may have passed strictures on the conduct of the company or taken an adverse view regarding another enterprise that can have negative implications on the company, if any.
- 13) Significant labour problems and their proposed solutions. Any significant development in human resources / industrial relations issues like signing of wage agreement, implementation of voluntary retirement scheme etc.
- 14) Non-compliance of any regulatory, statutory nature or listing requirements and shareholders' service such as non-payment of dividend, delay in share transfer etc.
- 15) Issues relating to shareholders such as ratification of transfers/ transmissions, demat status, pending grievances, issue of duplicate share certificates etc.
- 16) Contracts in which Director(s) are deemed to be interested.
- 17) Details of investment of surplus funds available with the company.
- 18) General disclosure of interest.
- 19) The information on recruitment and remuneration of senior officers just below the Board level including appointment or removal of Chief Financial Officer and the Company Secretary.
- 20) Details of any joint venture or collaboration agreement.
- 21) Transactions that involve substantial payment towards goodwill, brand equity or intellectual property.
- 22) Sale of material nature of investments, subsidiaries, assets which is not in normal course of business.
- 23) Perspective plan for the future of the company.
- 24) Quarterly details of foreign exchange exposures and the steps taken by management to limit the risks of adverse exchange rate movement, if material.

#### d) Recording minutes of proceedings at Board Meeting

The Company Secretary records the minutes of the proceedings of each Board and Committee meeting. The minutes of the proceedings of a meeting are entered in the minutes book within thirty days from the conclusion of the meeting and signed by the Chairman of the Board or Committee.

#### e) Post Meeting Follow-up Mechanism

Action Taken Report is prepared by the Company Secretary and received periodically by the Management for the action taken/ pending to be taken. The current status of follow up action on the decisions taken is reported to the Board and the Committees thereof in every meeting.

#### f) Compliance

The Company Secretary is responsible for and is required to ensure adherence to all the applicable laws and regulations including the Companies Act, 2013 read with the rules issued there under and to the extent feasible, the Secretarial Standards recommended by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, New Delhi.

All the items on the Agenda are accompanied by notes giving comprehensive information on the related subject and in certain matters such as financial/business plans, financial results, detailed presentations are made. The agenda and the relevant notes are sent in advance separately to each Director to enable the Board to take informed decisions.

Particulars of Directors being appointed at the Annual General Meeting and Directors retiring by rotation and seeking reappointment have been given in the Notice convening the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting along with the Explanatory Statement.

#### 3. Audit Committee –(Statutory) Regulation 18(3)

#### **Powers of Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee shall have powers which include the following:

- To investigate any activity within its terms of reference.
- To seek information from any employee.
- To obtain outside legal or other professional advice.
- To secure attendance of outsiders with relevant expertise, if it considers necessary.
- To call for the comments of the auditors about internal control systems, the scope of audit, including the observations of the auditors and review of financial statement before their submission to the Board.
- To discuss any related issues with the internal and statutory auditors and the management of the company.
- To investigate into any matter in relation to the items or referred to it by the Board.
- To have full access to information contained in the records of the company.

#### a) Terms of reference

The terms of reference of this Committee are wide enough to cover the matters specified for Audit Committee under Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 18 read with Part C of Schedule II of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The terms of reference of the Audit Committee include the monitoring, implementing and review of risk management plan as required under Regulation 21 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and therefore a separate Risk Management Committee has not been constituted. The broad terms of reference of the Audit Committee therefore include:

1) Oversight of the company's financial reporting process and the disclosure of its financial information to ensure that the financial statement is correct, sufficient and credible.

- 2) Recommending to the Board the appointment, reappointment and if required, the replacement or removal of the statutory auditors and fixation of audit fees.
- 3) Approval of payment to statutory auditors for any other services rendered by the statutory auditors.
- 4) Reviewing with the management, the annual financial statements before submission to the Board for approval, with particular reference to :
  - a) Matters required to be included in the Director's Responsibility Statement to be included in the Board's report in terms of clause (c) of Sub section 3 of section 134 of the Companies Act, 2013.
  - b) Changes, if any, in accounting policies and practices and reasons for the same.
  - c) Major accounting entries involving estimates based on the exercise of judgment by management.
  - d) Significant adjustments made in the financial statements arising out of audit findings.
  - e) Companies with listing and other legal requirements relating to financial statements.
  - f) Disclosure of any related party transactions.
  - g) Qualifications in the draft audit report.
- 5) Reviewing, with the management, the quarterly financial statements before submission to the board for approval.
- 6) Reviewing, with the management, performance of statutory and internal auditors, adequacy of the internal control systems.
- Reviewing the adequacy of internal audit functions, including the structure of the internal audit department, staffing and seniority of the official heading the department, reporting structure coverage and frequency of internal audit.
- 8) Discussions with internal auditors any significant finding and follow-up thereon.
- 9) Reviewing the findings of any internal investigations by the internal auditors into matter where there is suspected fraud or irregularity or a failure of internal control systems of a material nature and reporting the matter to the Board.
- 10) Discussions with statutory auditors before the audit commences, nature and scope of audit as well as have post-audit discussion to ascertain any area of concern.
- 11) To look into the reasons for substantial default in the payment to depositors, debenture holders, shareholders (in case of non-payment of declared dividend) and creditors.
- 12) Reviewing the company's financial and risk management policies.
- 13) The audit committee should have discussions with the auditors periodically about the internal control systems, the scope of audit including the observations of the auditors and review the half yearly and annual financial statements before submission to the board and also ensure compliance of internal control systems.
- 14) The Audit Committee shall have authority to investigate into any matter in relation to the items specified in section 177 or referred to it by the Board and for this purpose, shall have full access to information contained in the records of the company and external professional advice, if necessary.
- 15) To review internal audit programme, to ensure co-ordination between the internal and statutory auditors, to ensure the internal audit function is adequately resourced and has appropriate standing within the company and to request internal audit to undertake specific audit projects, having informed management of their intentions.
- 16) Review of Cost Audit Report.
- 17) Review and monitor the auditor's independence and performance and effectiveness of audit process.
- 18) Approval or any subsequent modification of transactions of the company with related parties.

- 19) Scrutiny of inter-corporate loans and investments.
- 20) Valuation of undertakings or assets of the company, wherever it is necessary.
- 21) Reviewing with the management, the statement of uses / application of funds raised through an issue (public issue, rights issue, preferential issue etc.), the statement of funds utilized for purposes other than those stated in the offer document / prospectus / notice and the report submitted by the monitoring agency monitoring the utilization of proceeds of a public or rights issue and making appropriate recommendations to the Board to take up steps in this matter.
- 22) To review the functioning of the Whistle Blower mechanism.
- 23) Approval of appointment of CFO (i.e. the whole time Finance Director or any other person heading the finance function or discharging that function) after assessing the qualifications, experience and background etc. of the candidate.
- 24) Reviewing any other areas which may be specified as role of the audit committee under amendments, if any, from time to time, to the Listing Agreement, Companies Act and other statutes, LODR Regulations etc.
- 25) Considering such other matters as may be required by the Board.
- 26) To review periodically statutory compliances of various laws, regulatory changes, if any.
- 27) Periodically review pending legal cases.

The Audit Committee mandatorily reviews the following information:

- a. Management discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations;
- b. Statement of significant related party transactions (as defined by the audit committee), submitted by management;
- c. Management letters / letters of internal control weaknesses issued by the statutory auditors;
- d. Internal audit reports relating to internal control weaknesses; and
- e. The appointment, removal and terms of remuneration of the Chief internal auditor shall be subject to review by the Audit Committee.

There are no instances of Board not accepting the recommendations of the Audit Committee during the year.

#### b) Composition, name of members and Chairperson

In TNPL, the Audit Committee was established even before the introduction of the Corporate Governance code (Cl.49 (III A of the earlier Listing Agreement). For the financial year 2020-2021 the following four non-executive Independent Directors are the members in the Audit Committee:

- 1. Thiru V.Chandrasekaran, Chairman of the Committee
- 2. Thiru N.Narayanan, I.A.S. (Retd.), Member
- 3. Tmt Soundara Kumar, Member
- 4. Thiru P.B Santhanakrishnan, Member

The Company Secretary acts as the Secretary to the Committee.

The Chairman, Managing Director, Senior Management Executives, Statutory Auditors, External Internal Auditors and Cost Auditors if required, are invited to attend the Audit Committee meetings.

c) Meetings and attendance during the year [Regulation 18(2) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015].

Director	No. of Meetings Held	Attended
Thiru V Chandrasekaran	8	8
Thiru N Narayanan, IAS (Retd.)	8	8
Tmt Soundara Kumar	8	7
Thiru P B Santhanakrishnan	8	8

The Audit Committee met 8 times during 2020-21 as against the minimum requirement of 4 meetings. The dates on which the meetings were held are given below:

22.06.2020, 30.06.2020, 13.08.2020, 18.09.2020, 10.11.2020, 11.11.2020, 11.02.2021 and 25.03.2021.

Invitees / Participants:

- 1. The Managing Director and CFO is a permanent invitee to all Audit Committee meetings.
- 2. The representatives of the Internal Auditors have attended all the Audit Committee meetings, as far as possible and briefs the Committee on all the points covered in the Internal Audit Report as well as the other issues that comes up during discussions.
- 3. The Heads of Manufacturing and Marketing, other Senior management personnel are invited to attend the meeting as and when required, to provide inputs on issues relating to internal audit findings, internal controls, accounts, taxation, risk management etc.

#### 4. Stakeholders' Relationship Committee (Statutory)

#### a) Stakeholders' Relationship Committee

Shareholders' complaints/grievances are redressed by the Registrar and Transfer Agent, namely M/s. Cameo Corporate Services Limited. The Board also constituted Shareholders'/Investors' Grievances Committee in August 2001. As per section 178(5) of the Companies Act 2013, the Board of Directors of the company which consists of more than one thousand shareholders, debenture holders, deposit holders and any other security holders at any time during a financial year shall constitute a Stakeholders' Relationship Committee consisting of a Chairman who shall be a non-executive director and such other members as may be decided by the Board. As the company is already having an Investors Grievances Committee to look into the redressing of Stakeholders and Investors' grievances, in compliance with the above section, the Investors Grievances Committee is renamed as "Stakeholders' Relationship Committee." In addition to Section 178(5) of the Companies Act, 2013, this Committee complies with Regulation 20 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The following four non-executive Independent Directors are the members in the Stakeholders' Relationship Committee as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021:

1.	Thiru N. Narayanan, I.A.S (Retd.) *	Chairman of the Committee
2.	Dr M. Arumugam	Member
3.	Thiru V. Chandrasekaran	Member
4.	Thiru P. B. Santhanakrishnan	Member

\* Appointed as Chairman of the Committee w.e.f. 01.04.2020

The Stakeholders Relationship Committee met on 13.08.2020 and reviewed the grievances/complaints received and the action taken on the grievances / complaints.

As per Regulation 20 SEBI LODR 2018 Chairman of Stakeholder Committee shall be present in the Annual General Meeting to answer the queries of the Stakeholders.

#### Meetings and attendance during the year

Director	No. of Meetings Held	Attended
Thiru N. Narayanan, I.A.S (Retd.)	1	1
Dr M. Arumugam	1	1
Thiru V. Chandrasekaran	1	1
Thiru P. B. Santhanakrishnan	1	1

#### Terms of reference:

The functioning and broad terms of reference of the Stakeholders' Relationship Committee as adopted by the Board are as under:

- a. To monitor work related to:
  - transfer and/or transmission of equity shares of the company
  - dematerialisation / rematerialisation of the shares of the company
  - sub-division, consolidation and /or replacement of any share certificate(s) of the company
- b. Approval of issue of duplicate share certificates against the original share certificates
- c. To look into the redressing of shareholders and investors complaints like Transfer of shares, nonreceipt of balance sheet, non-receipt of declared dividend, review of dematerialisation, rematerialisation, shareholding pattern, distribution schedules etc.
- d. To do all other acts or deeds as may be necessary or incidental thereto
- e. The Committee also reviews the performance of the company's RTA and their system of dealing with and responding to correspondence from all categories of shareholders. The manner and timeliness of dealing with complaint letters received from Stock Exchanges/SEBI/Ministry of Corporate Affairs etc. and the responses thereto are reviewed by this Committee.

The main object of the Committee is to strengthen investor relations.

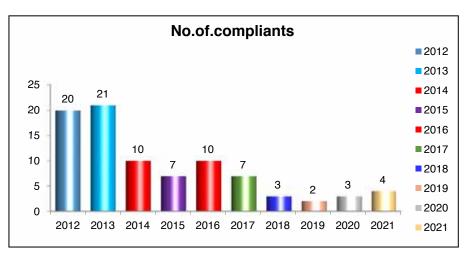
Company Secretary, being the Compliance Officer, is entrusted with the responsibility, to specifically, look into the redressal of the shareholders and investors complaints and report the same to the Investors' Grievances Committee.

The number of complaints received and resolved to the satisfaction of investors during the year under review and their break-up are as under:

Type of Complaints	Number of complaints
Non-receipt of Annual Reports	NIL
Non-receipt of Dividend Warrants	2
Non-receipt of Share Certificates	NIL
Miscellaneous/ Others	2
Total	4

Nature of complaints (Received, Resolved and Pending)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Securities and Exchange Board of India	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Stock Exchanges	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Shareholders	NIL	NIL	1	3	4
Total	NIL	NIL	1	3	4

#### Complaints Status: 1.4.2020 to 31.3.2021



There are no complaints remaining unresolved as at the beginning and end of the year.

#### b) Share Transfer Committee

To expedite the process of share transfers, share transmission, remat etc., the Board has delegated the powers of share transfers to a Committee. The Share Transfer Committee attends to the share transfer formalities twice / thrice a month. The business transacted at the Share Transfer committee meetings is placed before the Board regularly.

All valid share transfers/ transmissions during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 have been acted upon. No share transfer was pending as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.

SEBI in June, 2018 amended the Regulation 40 of the Listing Regulations prohibiting transfer of shares held in physical mode with effect from April 01, 2019. Transposition and Transmission are exempted from this amendment. Accordingly, transfer of shares is not feasible from April 01, 2019.

#### 5. Corporate Social Responsibility Committee (Statutory)

To comply with Section 135(1) of the Companies Act 2013, the company has constituted the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee. As on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021, the following non-executive Independent Directors are the members in the Committee:

1.	Thiru N. Narayanan, I.A.S (Retd.)	Chairman of the Committee
2.	Tmt Soundara Kumar	Member
3.	Thiru P. B. Santhanakrishnan	Member
4.	Dr M. Arumugam	Member

#### Meetings and attendance during the year

The Corporate Social Responsibility Committee met on 30.06.2020 and 11.11.2020.

Director	No. of Meetings Held	Attended
Thiru N. Narayanan I.A.S (Retd.)	2	2
Tmt Soundara Kumar	2	2
Thiru P. B. Santhanakrishnan	2	2
Dr M. Arumugam	2	2

The company had formulated CSR Policy as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013. As per Sec.135(5) of the Companies Act 2013, the Board of every company has to ensure that the company spends in every financial year at least two percent of the average net profits of the company made during three immediately preceding financial years. Currently, the CSR activities are grouped as follows:

- 1. Education
- 2. Health Care and Medical Service
- 3. Infrastructure Development
- 4. Social development
- 5. Livelihood and Economic improvement
- 6. Environment & Sanitation
- 7. Culture & Heritage
- 8. Soil & Water conservation

#### 6. Nomination and Remuneration Committee

To comply with Section 178 of the Companies Act 2013 and Regulation 19 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the company has formed a Nomination and Remuneration Committee. As on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021, the following non-executive Independent Directors are the members in the Committee:

1.	Thiru V. Chandrasekaran	Chairman of the Committee
2.	Tmt Soundara Kumar	Member
3.	Dr M. Arumugam	Member

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee met on 11.02.2021.

#### Meetings and attendance during the year

Director	No. of Meetings Held	Attended
Thiru V. Chandrasekaran	1	1
Tmt. Soundara Kumar	1	1
Dr M. Arumugam	1	1

#### Terms of reference of the Committee:

- Shall identify persons who are qualified to become director and who may be appointed in Senior Management in accordance with the criteria laid down.
- Recommend to the Board their appointment and removal.
- Shall lay down an evaluation criteria for performance evaluation of independent directors and the Board.
- Formulate the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a director.
- Devising policy on Board's diversity.
- Recommend to the Board a policy, relating to the remuneration for the directors, key managerial personnel and other employees.
- Evaluate and approve the appointment and remuneration of senior executives, the company's remuneration plan, annual salary increase principles and budgets, annual and long term incentive plans of the company, policies and programs such as succession planning, employment agreements, severance agreements and any other benefits.
- Evaluate executive team performance regularly to strengthen the cumulative annual assessment and to provide timely feed-back to the assessed individuals.
- 'Senior Management' means personnel of the company who are members of its core management team excluding Board of Directors comprising all members of management one level below the executive directors, including the functional heads.

#### **Performance Evaluation of Directors**

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee has specified the criteria for performance evaluation of the Directors, the Board and its committees. The Board is committed to evaluating its own performance as a Board and evaluating performance of individual Directors, in order to identify strengths and areas in which it may improve functioning. Further, overall effectiveness of the Board is measured to decide the appointments and re-appointments of Directors.

A performance evaluation of each Independent Director of the Company was done by the Board of Directors. The attendance, participation and contributions of each Independent Directors during the proceedings of meetings of the Directors were appreciated. The knowledge, experience and advice shared by the Independent Directors from time to time have ensured governance and good conduct, adherence to laws, mitigating risks and growth. The overall outcome from the evaluation was that the Board and its individual Directors were performing effectively.

#### **Remuneration Policy**

While formulating policy, the Committee has ensured that:

- Level and composition of remuneration is reasonable and sufficient to attract/ retain/ motivate directors
- Relationship of remuneration to performance
- Remuneration to directors/key management personnel and senior management involves a balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the company and its goals
- Policy and evaluation criteria shall be disclosed in the Board's report.
  - a. The remuneration/compensation to the Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel will be determined by the Committee and recommended to the Board for approval. This will be subject to the prior/post approval of the shareholders of the Company and Central Government, wherever required.
  - b. The composition of remuneration so determined by the Committee shall be reasonable and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate the Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management of quality required to meet high standards of performance. The relationship of remuneration to performance shall be clear and meet appropriate performance benchmarks. The Committee may review remuneration of senior management personnel from time to time.

#### Remuneration to Non-Executive & Independent Directors:

- c. The Non-executive Directors and Independent Directors of the Company are entitled to sitting fees as determined by Board from time to time for attending Board / Committee meetings thereof in accordance with the provisions of Act.
- d. The Key Managerial Personnel, Senior Management Personnel and other employees shall be paid remuneration as revised through the Salary Review process of the Company from time to time. In respect of officers/executives including whole time directors, the salary revision is effected with the approval of the Board generally after reaching a settlement with the workmen. The last such revision was given in November 2016 covering the period from 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The whole time directors and the executives in senior management appointed by following the normal recruitment procedure are covered under the compensation package approved by the Board of Directors.

#### **Remuneration for Senior Executives on contractual basis:**

Due to work needs, the company shall re-engage executives on contract basis with specific tenor after retirement.

Thiru S. Sivashanmugaraja, I.A.S was appointed as Managing Director as per the Govt. order on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017.He is being paid remuneration in accordance with the Govt. rules as applicable to his cadre.

No remuneration except sitting fees for attending the Board/Committee Meetings is paid to Non-Executive Directors.

Executive Directors				(₹ In	Lakh)
Name & Position	Pay & Allowances	Reimbursement of medical expenses	Perquisites	others	Total
Thiru S. Sivashanmugaraja, I.A.S, MD	38.31	-	1.04	8.05	47.40
Total	38.31	-	1.04	8.05	47.40

#### a) Details of remuneration for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021

#### **Non-Executive Directors**

Remuneration by way of sitting fees for attending Board/ Board Committee Meetings are paid only to nonexecutive Directors. Sitting fees paid to non-executive Directors during the financial year are given below:

	Sitting Fees Paid (₹)						
Name of the Director	Board Meeting	Audit Committee Meeting	Stakeholders- Relationship Committee Meeting	CSR Committee Meeting	Nomination and Remuneration Committee Meeting	Inde- pendent Director's Meeting	
Thiru N Muruganandam I.A.S Appointed as Chairman on 04.03.2019	175000*	0	0	0	0	0	
Thiru S Krishnan I.A.S Appointed as Director on 16.07.2019	245000*	0	0	0	0	0	
Tmt Reeta Harish Thakkar I.A.S, Ceased as director w.e.f. 19.10.2020	105000*	0	0	0	0	0	

	Sitting Fees Paid (₹)						
Name of the Director	Board Meeting	Audit Committee Meeting	Stakeholders- Relationship Committee Meeting	CSR Committee Meeting	Nomination and Remuneration Committee Meeting	Inde- pendent Director's Meeting	
Dr R Anandakumar, I.A.S Appointed as Director w.e.f 19.10.2020	105000*	0	0	0	0	0	
Thiru N.Narayanan, I.A.S (Retd.) Appointed as director w.e.f. 19.09.2019 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Term)	245000	240000	30000	60000	0	30000	
Tmt. Soundara Kumar Appointed as a director w.e.f.30.06.2017	245000	210000	0	60000	30000	30000	
Thiru V Chandrasekaran Appointed as a director w.e.f.13.11.2017	245000	240000	30000	0	30000	30000	
Thiru P B Santhanakrishnan Appointed as director w.e.f. 19.09.2019	245000	240000	30000	60000	0	30000	
Dr M Arumugam Appointed as director w.e.f. 19.09.2019	210000	0	30000	60000	30000	30000	
Total	1820000	930000	120000	240000	90000	150000	

\* remitted to Govt. of Tamil Nadu

Non-executive Directors were paid sitting fees of ₹ 35000/- per meeting and ₹ 30000/- for other committee.

The company has also taken Director's and Officer's (D&O) liability insurance to protect its directors' personal liability for financial losses that may arise out of any unintentional wrongful acts.

#### **Shareholdings of Directors**

No Director is holding any shares in the company.

#### 7. General Body Meetings

#### I. Last three Annual General Meetings were held as below:

Year	Location	Date	Time	Special Resolution passed in the AGM by shareholders
2017-18	The Music Academy, 168,T.T.K.Road, Chennai-600 014	19.09.2018	10.15 AM	1
2018-19	The Music Academy, 168,T.T.K.Road, Chennai-600 014	19.09.2019	10.15 AM	0
2019-20	Through Video Conference ("VC")/ Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM")	18.09.2020	10.15 AM	2

#### II. Postal Ballot

During the year under review, no resolution has been passed through postal ballot. None of the items to be transacted at the ensuing Annual General Meeting is required to be passed by postal ballot.

#### **E-voting System**

Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Rule 20 of The Companies (Management and Administration) Rules 2014 state that every listed company or a company having not less than 1000 shareholders, shall provide to its members facility to exercise their right to vote at general meetings by electronic means. Thiru R Sridharan of M/s. R Sridharan & Associates, Practicing Company Secretary, was appointed to act as Scrutinizer to conduct, supervise and control the exercise of e-voting for passing of resolutions of the company at the last AGM held on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

#### **Circular Resolution**

Recourse to circular resolution is made in exceptional and emergent cases that are recorded at the succeeding Board / Committee Meetings. During the year, Two (2) circular resolutions by the Board and Four (4) circular resolutions by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee (NRC) were passed which was recorded at the subsequent Board/NRC.

#### Secretarial Audit Report

Section 204 of the Companies Act, 2013 has mandated appointment of a Secretarial Auditor. Accordingly, M/s. R Sridharan & Associates, Practicing Company Secretaries, have been appointed as Secretarial Auditor for the year 2020-21. The Secretarial Audit Report in Form MR-3 is attached as an annexure to the Board of Director's Report.

#### **Reconciliation of Share Capital Audit**

As stipulated by SEBI, a qualified Company Secretary has carried out the Reconciliation of Share Capital Audit to reconcile the total admitted capital with National Securities Depository Limited and Central Depository Services(India) Limited and the total issued and listed capital. This audit is carried out every quarter and the report thereon is submitted to the Stock Exchanges and is also placed before the Board of Directors. The Audit inter alia, confirms that the total listed and paid up capital of the company is in agreement with the aggregate of the total number of shares in dematerialized form (held by NSDL and CDSL) and total number of shares in physical form.

Quarterly Secretarial Audit Reports on reconciliation of the total admitted capital with NSDL/CDSL and the total issued and listed capital were furnished to the Stock Exchanges on the following dates:

For the quarter ended	Furnished on
30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020	10 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020
30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020	8 <sup>th</sup> October, 2020
31st December, 2020	8 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021
31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2021	12 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021

#### Role of Company Secretary in overall governance process

The Company Secretary plays a key role in ensuring that the Board procedures are followed and regularly reviewed. The Company Secretary ensures that all relevant information, details and documents are made available to the directors and senior management for effective decision making at the meetings. The Company Secretary is primarily responsible to ensure compliance with applicable statutory requirements and is the interface between the management and regulatory authorities for governance matters. All the Directors of the Company have access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary.

#### **Quarterly Compliance Report**

The Company has submitted for each of the 4 quarters during 2020-21 the Compliance Report on Corporate Governance to stock exchanges in the prescribed format within 15 days from the close of the quarter.

#### 8. Disclosures

a. The company has formulated a policy for Related Party Transaction and the same has been uploaded on the company's website at the following link http://www.tnpl.com/web\_pdf\_files/Related%20Party%20 Transactions%20policy.pdf.

There are no materially significant transactions with related parties during the year which are potentially conflicting with company's interest at large.

Suitable disclosure as required by the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS 24) has been made in the notes to Accounts forming part of this Annual Report.

- b. Pursuant to Regulations 17(8) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer certified to the Board on their review of financial statements and cash flow statements for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 in the form prescribed by Part B of Schedule II of the said Listing Regulations.
- c. The criteria for making payments to non-executive directors is placed on the website of the company www.tnpl.com.
- d. None of the non-executive directors is holding shares / convertible instruments of the company.
- e. There were no instances of non-compliance on any matter relating to the capital market during the last three years
- f. Details of information on appointment of new/re-appointment of directors:

A brief resume, nature of expertise in specific functional areas, names of companies in which the person already holds directorship and membership of committees of the Board forms part of the Notice convening the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting.

g. The Company has complied with all mandatory items of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

#### Code of Conduct – Regulation 26 (3)

The company adheres to the highest standards of business ethics, compliance with statutory and legal requirements and commitment to transparency in business dealings. The Board of Directors has framed Code of Conduct for Board Members and Senior Management. The code of conduct has been communicated to the Directors and the Members of the Senior Management.

The Code of Conduct for Board Members and Senior Management adopted pursuant to Regulation 26(3) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 has been detailed below:

The code is applicable to all Directors and specified Senior Management Executives. The code impresses upon Directors and Senior Management Executives to uphold the interest of the company and its stakeholders and to endeavor to fulfil all the fiduciary obligations towards them. Another important principle on which the code is based, is that the Directors and Senior Management Executives shall act in accordance with the highest standard of honesty, integrity, fairness and ethical conduct and shall exercise utmost good faith, due care and integrity in performing their duties. The SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and the Companies Act, 2013 have included duties for Independent Directors in the Code of Conduct for Board Members. The company has suitably incorporated the same in the Code of Conduct for Board Members. The company has suitably incorporated the same in the Code of Conduct for Board Members.

Affirmation of compliance of Code of Conduct for the financial year 2020-21 has been received from the Directors and Senior Management personnel of the company.

#### **Prevention of Insider Trading**

In January 2015, SEBI notified the SEBI (Prevention of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 which came into effect, from May 15, 2015. Pursuant thereto, the Company has formulated and adopted Code for Prevention of Insider Trading. The code viz. "Code of Internal Procedures and Conduct for Regulating, Monitoring And Reporting of Trading by Insiders" and the "Code of Practices and Procedures for Fair Disclosure of

Unpublished Price Sensitive Information" (TNPL Code) allow the formulation of a trading plan subject to certain conditions and requires pre-clearance for dealing in the Company's shares. It also prohibits the purchase or sale of Company's shares by the Directors, designated employees and connected persons, while in possession of unpublished price sensitive information in relation to the Company and during the period when the Trading Window is closed. Further New circular is issued by BSE vide letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019 vide Ref No. LIST/COMP/01/2019-20 and NSE dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019 vide Ref No. NSE/CML/2019/11 Informing that every listed company has to adopt the revised code of practices and procedures for fair disclosure, Internal procedure and conduct for Regulating, Monitoring and Reporting of trading by insiders. Trading restriction period can be made applicable from the end of every quarter till 48 hours after the declaration of Financial results.

The Company Secretary is responsible for implementation of the Code. The Board of Directors, designated employees and connected persons have affirmed compliance with the Code.

#### **VIGIL MECHANISM / WHISTLE BLOWER POLICY**

The company promotes ethical behavior in all its business activities and has put in place a mechanism of reporting illegal or unethical behaviour. The company has framed a vigil mechanism / whistle blower policy wherein the employees are free to report any improper activity resulting in violations of laws, rules, regulations or code of conduct by any of the employees to the Competent Authority or Chairman of the Audit Committee, as the case may be. Any such complaint is reviewed by the Competent Authority or Chairman of the Audit Committee. The confidentiality of those reporting violations shall be maintained and they shall not be subjected to any discriminatory practice. No employee has been denied access to the Audit Committee. The policy has been posted on the website of the company.

a.	Quarterly/Half-yearly report sent to each household of shareholders	No*
b.	Whether the website also displays official news releases and presentations to the media, analysts, institutional investor's etc. ?	Yes
c.	Audited financial results (Newspapers published in)	Financial Express, Business Standard, Dinathanthi
d.	Whether MD&A (Management Discussion & Analysis) is a part of Annual Report?	Yes
e.	Website where results are uploaded	www.tnpl.com

#### 9. Means of Communication

\* As the results are published in newspapers having wide circulation and also displayed on the company's website, half yearly results are not sent separately to each shareholder.

The company also informs by way of intimation to the Stock Exchanges all price sensitive matters and such other matters which in its opinion are material and of relevance to the shareholders and subsequently issues a Press Release on the said matters.

- f. Presentation to analysts: The Company's shares are listed on both BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited. The presentations broadly cover operations, financials and industry outlook. The company also displays official news at our company's website. The Company also uploads on the BSE Listing Centre and on NSE NEAPS portals, details of analysts and institutional investor meetings whenever the Company's representatives attend any meeting of the investors.
- g. Annual Report: Annual Report containing, inter alia, audited Annual Accounts, Directors' Report, Auditors' Report and other important information is sent to Members and others entitled thereto. The Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) and Business Responsibility Report forms part of the Annual Report. The Annual Report is also available on the Company's website.

- h. Chairman's communiqué: Printed copy of the Chairman's speech is distributed to all the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting and posted on the TNPL website.
- i. The Company discloses to the Stock Exchanges, all information required to be disclosed under Regulation 30 read with Part A of Schedule III of the SEBI Regulations including material information having a bearing on the performance / operations of the listed entity or other electronically on BSE's online Portal – BSE Corporate Compliance & Listing Centre (Listing Centre) and on NSE Electronic Application Processing System (NEAPS), the on-line portal of National Stock Exchange of India Limited.
- j. The Board of Directors has approved a policy for determining materiality of events for the purpose of making disclosure to the Stock Exchanges. The Chairman & Managing Director and & CFO of the Company are severally / jointly authorized to determine Materiality of any event or information while CFO / Company Secretary & AGM Internal Audit are severally authorized to make disclosures of the same to stock exchange(s), subject to the provisions of this Policy.
- k. All disclosures made to the stock exchanges as statutorily required are also available on the Company's website www.tnpl.com
- Extensive Business Reporting Language (XBRL): XBRL is a language for electronic communication of business and financial data. It offers major benefits to all those who have to create, transmit, use or analyze such information which aids better analysis and decision making. Ministry of Corporate Affairs(MCA) vide its circular No. 37/2011 dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011 had mandated certain companies to file their Annual Accounts vide this mode. The company has filed its Annual Accounts on MCA through XBRL.
- m. Ministry of Corporate Affairs: The Company has periodically filed all the necessary documents with the MCA.
- n. SEBI Complaints Redress System(SCORES): A centralized web based complaints redress system which serves as a centralized database of all complaints received, enables uploading of Action Taken Reports(ATRs) by the concerned companies and online viewing by the investors of action taken on the complaint and its current status.
- o. The Company has complied with all the mandatory requirements specified in Regulations 17 to 27 and clauses (b) to (i) of sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 46 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015).

Particulars	Regulation Number	Compliance status (Yes/No/NA)
Independent director(s) have been appointed in terms of specified criteria of `independence' and/or `eligibility'	16(1)(b) & 25(6)	Yes
Board composition	17(1), 17(1)(a), 17(1)(b)	Yes
Meeting of Board of directors	17(2)	Yes
Quorum of Board Meeting	17(2A)	Yes
Review of Compliance Reports	17(3)	Yes
Plans for orderly succession for appointments	17(4)	Yes
Code of Conduct	17(5)	Yes
Fees/compensation	17(6)	Yes
Minimum Information	17(7)	Yes
Compliance Certificate	17(8)	Yes
Risk Assessment & Management	17(9)	Yes

Particulars	Regulation Number	Compliance status (Yes/No/NA)
Performance Evaluation of Independent Directors	17(10)	Yes
Recommendation of Board	17(11)	Yes
Minimum Number of Directorships	17A	Yes
Composition of Audit Committee	18(1)	Yes
Meeting of Audit Committee	18(2)	Yes
Composition of nomination & remuneration committee	19(1) & (2)	Yes
Quorum of nomination & remuneration committee	19(2A)	Yes
Meeting of nomination & remuneration committee	19(3A)	Yes
Composition of Stakeholder Relationship Committee	20(1), 20(2) & 20(2A)	Yes
Meeting of Stakeholder Relationship Committee	20(3A)	Yes
Composition and Role of Risk Management Committee	21(1), (2), (3) & (4)	NA
Meeting of the Risk Management Committee	21(3A)	NA
Vigil Mechanism	22	Yes
Policy for related party Transaction	23(1), (1A),(5),(6),(7) & (8)	Yes
Prior or Omnibus approval of Audit Committee for all related party trans- actions	29(2) & (3)	NA
Approval for material related party transactions	23(4)	NA
Disclosure of related party transactions on consolidated basis	23(9)	NA
Composition of Board of Directors of unlisted material sub- sidiary	24(1)	NA
Other Corporate Governance Requirements with respect to Subsidiary of Listed Entity	24(2), (3), (4), (5) and (6)	NA
Annual Secretarial Compliance Report	24A	Yes
Alternate Director to Independent Director	25(1)	NA
Maximum Tenure	25(2)	Yes
Meeting of independent directors	25(3) & (4)	Yes
Familiarization of independent directors	25(7)	Yes
Declaration from Independent Director	25(8) & (9)	Yes
D&O Insurance for Independent Directors	25(10)	Yes
Memberships in Committees	26(1)	Yes
Affirmation with compliance to code of conduct from members of Board of Directors and Senior management personnel	26(3)	Yes
Disclosure of Shareholding by Non- Executive Directors	26(4)	Yes
Policy with respect to Obligations of Directors and Senior Management	26(2) & (5)	Yes

p. Shareholders are encouraged to correspond with the Registrars & Share Transfer Agents and the Company via email to speed up response, reduce paperwork and also to help us redress complaints faster. Shareholders are requested to mention their Folio nos. (DP-ID and Client ID in case of demat shares), phone or mobile number and their Email ID so that we can contact them and redress their complaints immediately. However, for instructions like change of bank mandate, change of address, transfers & transmission of shares etc. letters duly signed by the Shareholders concerned should be sent otherwise such requests cannot be processed by the Registrars. Email ID of Shareholders will have to be registered with the Depositories to enable the Registrars to communicate electronically. Registration of Email ID can be done by sending them a letter duly signed by the Shareholders.

q. The Corporate Governance Report of the Company for the year 2020-21 is in compliance with the requirements of Corporate Governance under SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

#### 10. Risk Management

The Company has a risk management policy and a supporting frame work which facilitates the identification and assessment of new risks and review of existing risks. The process is based on identified risks and the risk events or factors which require regular assessment and quick response. Based on the probability and impact of the risk, the requisite controls and action plans are designed.

The objective of risk management in the company is to act as enabler in maintaining its knowledge edge, sustaining and expanding the business and ensuring execution of projects within budgeted cost and time resulting in improved turnover and profitability. Risks, their root causes, controls and action plans are prepared by process owners and updated regularly.

The responsibility of risk management, adherence to risk management plan and procedures and risk related matters have been delegated to the Audit Committee and hence there is no separate Risk Management Committee has been constituted during the year 2020-21.

The status of risk management policy is presented to Audit Committee on periodical basis which are reviewed by Board of Directors also. Based on periodic reviews and implementations of recommendations resulting from review process, the risk management process is continuously being improved and strengthened.

The communication is sent regularly, across the organization to spread awareness on risks, root causes and action plans through in-house risk management awareness programs, external trainings & seminars, etc...

The management is committed to further strengthen its risk management capabilities in order to protect and enhance shareholder value by improving its business performance. Continuous efforts in creating new opportunities, improving competencies/knowledge in various areas leading to improved performance and leveraging existing knowledge resources, in line with the risk appetite of the company, has enabled the company to protect the interests of shareholders.

#### 11. SHAREHOLDERS' INFORMATION

#### 1. 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting

Day, Date and Time	Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021 at 10.30 AM
Venue	Through Video Conference ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM")

#### 2. Financial Year Calendar (2021-2022) (Tentative):

The Company follows the period of 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March, as the Financial Year. For the Financial year 2021 -2022, Financial Results will be announced as per the following tentative schedule.

1 <sup>st</sup> quarter ending June 30, 2021	First/Second week of August 2021
2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter ending September 30, 2021	First/Second week of November 2021
3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter ending December 31, 2021	First/Second week of February 2022
4 <sup>th</sup> quarter ending March 31, 2022	Third/Fourth week of May 2022

- 3. Book closure date: 16.09.2021 to 23.09.2021 (both days inclusive) on account of AGM and Dividend.
- 4. Record Date in respect of shares held in dematerialized form, is 15.09.2021 for determining those who will be entitled to receive dividend to be declared at the ensuing Annual General Meeting.
- 5. Cut Off Date is 15.09.2021 for determining those who will be entitled to vote electronically on the resolutions mentioned in the Notice convening the Annual General Meeting by remote e-Voting and also vote at the meeting venue.

#### 6. Electronic Voting

Pursuant to section 108 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and other applicable requirements, voting at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting will be made through electronic voting. The electronic voting period will be from 9.00 a.m. IST on 18.09.2021 to 5.00 p.m. IST on 22.09.2021, both days inclusive.

- 7. Scrutinizer for electronic voting: Thiru R. Sridharan of M/s. R. Sridharan & Associates, Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No. FCS 4775) has been appointed as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the electronic voting process in a fair and transparent manner and to give his report to the Chairman.
- 8. (a) Dividend payment date: 27.09.2021 onwards.

#### (b) Dividend Policy :

Dividends, other than Interim dividend(s), are to be declared at the Annual General Meetings of Shareholders based on the recommendation of the Board of Directors. Generally, the factors that may be considered by the Board of Directors before making any recommendations for dividend include, without limitation, the Company's future expansion plans and capital requirements, profits earned during the fiscal year, cost of raising funds from alternate sources, liquidity position, applicable taxes including tax on dividend, as well as exemptions under tax laws available to various categories of investors from time to time and general market conditions. The Board of Directors may also from time to time pay interim dividend(s) to Shareholders. The Board of Directors have framed a Dividend Distribution Policy which is posted on the website of the Company at http://www.tnpl.com/web\_pdf\_files/Dividend-Distribution-Policy-TNPL.pdf.

#### 9. Listing of Equity Shares on

#### a. Stock Exchanges at :

National Stock Exchange of India Limited Listing Department Plot No. C/1, G Block Bandra - Kurla Complex Bandra (E) - Mumbai - 400 051	BSE Limited Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers 25 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Dalal Street Mumbai 400 001
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#### b. Depositories at :

National Securities Depository Ltd. Trade World, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 'A' Wing Kamala Mills Compound, Senanati Bapat Marg Lower Dard	Central Depository Services (India) Limited 16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street
Senapati Bapat Marg,Lower Parel,	Dalal Street,
Mumbai – 400 013	Mumbai – 400 001.

- Listing fee for Equity shares for the year 2020-2021 have been paid to the above Stock Exchanges. For NSE, Listing fee has been paid through "NEAPS" (NSE Electronic Application Processing System).
- The Annual Custodial fees for the Financial Year 2020-21 have been paid to National Securities Depository Ltd.(NSDL) and Central Depository Services (India) Ltd. (CDSL).

#### 10. Stock Code / Symbol

1.	BSE	531426
2.	NSE	TNPL EQ
3.	International Securities Identification No.	INE 107A01015
4.	Corporate Identity Number (CIN) allotted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs	L22121TN1979PLC007799

## 11. (a) Market Price Data (In ₹)

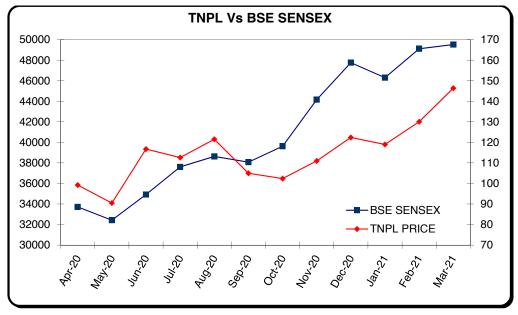
MonthWaar	Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) Month/Year		National Stock Exch		ange (NSE)	
Month/ Year	High Price	Low Price	Volume	High Price	Low Price	Volume
Apr-20	108.20	85	7,47,186	109.95	86.50	1,30,33,157
May-20	99.20	87.05	2,83,257	103.90	87	53,77,482
Jun-20	121.25	91	10,28,005	121.45	90.70	1,33,54,225
Jul-20	122	108.40	9,49,782	122	108.40	1,35,55,200
Aug-20	129.20	111.65	9,27,369	129.50	111.65	1,01,57,588
Sep-20	126.95	98.45	3,90,512	127	98	44,87,632
Oct-20	112.40	100.15	5,36,313	112.80	100.10	23,47,613
Nov-20	115.50	100	3,25,554	115.70	100.10	24,87,848
Dec-20	129.85	109	10,63,076	129.80	110	78,95,250
Jan-21	143.90	116.45	4,43,197	144.30	117.10	72,22,635
Feb-21	133.75	118.10	6,19,421	134.05	117.90	36,43,920
Mar-21	155	130.80	12,40,046	156	130.70	1,07,19,940

# 11. (b) Market Capitalization (₹)

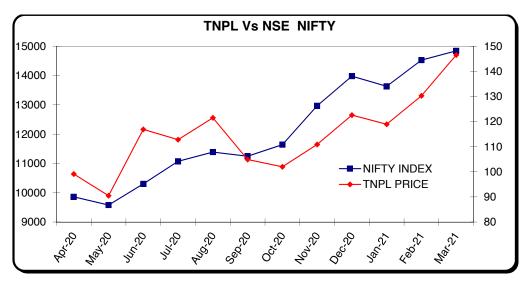
Market Capitalization	BSE	NSE
As on March 31, 2020	6,15,28,22,340	6,15,62,82,870
As on March 31, 2021	10,12,89,71,310	10,14,28,13,430

#### 12. Share price performance in comparison to broad based indices – BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty : For the years 2019-20 to 2020-21:

	BSE SENSEX			NSE NIFTY		
YEAR	% CHANGE IN TNPL SHARE PRICE	% CHANGE IN SENSEX	TNPL REACTIVE TO SENSEX	% CHANGE IN TNPL SHARE PRICE	% CHANGE IN NIFTY	TNPL REACTIVE TO NIFTY
2019-2020	(-)56.83	(-)23.55	(-)33.28	(-)56.82	(-)25.70	(-)31.12
2020-2021	64.62	68	(-)3.38	64.76	79.26	(-)14.50



Sensex and TNPL share prices are based on month end closing rate



NIFTY and TNPL share prices are based on month end closing rates.

#### 13. Registrar and Transfer Agent:

The Company has already enlisted the services of M/s Cameo Corporate Services Ltd., Chennai to act as Registrar and Transfer Agents to handle all investor services relating to shares held in physical form as well as in electronic mode. Their address is given below:

M/s Cameo Corporate Services Ltd. V Floor, "Subramanian Building", No.1 Club House Road, Chennai – 600 002 Tel.No.044-28460390 - 28460395 Fax No.044-28460129 E-mail ID: cameo@cameoindia.com

#### 14. Share Transfer System:

#### a. Share Transfers:

The shares of the Company, being in the compulsory demat list are transferable through the depository system. Shares in physical form are processed and the Share Certificates are generally returned within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt.

All transfers/ transmissions/ remat received are processed and approved by the Share Transfer Committee which normally meets twice/ thrice in a month. Shares under objection are returned within two weeks.

SEBI in June, 2018 amended the Regulation 40 of the Listing Regulations prohibiting transfer of shares held in physical mode with effect from April 01, 2019. Transposition and Transmission are exempted from this amendment. Accordingly, transfer of shares is not be feasible from April 01, 2019.

#### b. Nomination facility for shareholding:

As per the provisions of the amended Companies Act 2013, facility regarding nomination is available for shareholders in respect of shares held by them. Nomination forms can be obtained from the share transfer agent.

#### c. Payment of dividend through National Electronic Clearing Services (NECS):

As per RBI notification, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009, the remittance of dividend through Electronic Clearing Service (ECS) is replaced by National Electronic Clearing Service (NECS).

Shareholders who have not intimated the DPs/Registrars are once again requested to intimate the above information in respect of shares held in electronic form to the DPs and in respect of shares held in physical form, to the Registrars at their address.

Those shareholders who do not wish to avail of the NECS facility, are requested to furnish to the DPs/Registrars, the name and branch of the bank and bank account No. allotted by their banks after implementation of Core Banking Solutions, which will be printed on the warrants.

#### d. Unclaimed dividends :

The company is required to transfer dividends which have remained unpaid/ unclaimed for a period of seven years to the Investor Education & Protection Fund (IEPF) established by the Government. The Company will accordingly be required to transfer the dividend in the year 2021 for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 has remained unclaimed / unpaid. Before transferring the monies to IEPF, individual letters are sent to those Members whose unclaimed dividends are due for transfer so as to enable them to claim the dividends before the due date. The information on unclaimed dividend is also posted on the website of the Company www.tnpl.com.

SI. No.	Year	Amount (₹)	% to the total dividend
1.	For the year 2013-14	19,16,472.00	0.46%
2.	For the year 2014-15	16,03,536.00	0.39%
3.	For the year 2015-16	20,70,637.50	0.39%
4.	For the year 2016-17	21,11,970.00	0.41%
5.	For the year 2017-18	10,17,755.00	0.29%
6.	For the year 2018-19	16,41,397.50	0.32%
7.	For the year 2019-20	62,72,725.35	1.51%

Details of dividend pending to the Unpaid / Unclaimed Dividend Account as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021:

As regards unclaimed dividend, dividend warrants are sent to addresses available as per the company

records. Where the shareholders have not informed the change of address to the company, the dividend warrants are returned to the company. The company remits the unclaimed dividend to the Central Government after seven years. If any claim is received from the shareholders within seven years period, payment is made.

Particulars	Date of Warrant	Due Date for Transfer	Date of Transfer	Amount transferred ₹
Dividend :-2012-13 (Final)	23.09.2013	31.10.2020	25.12.2020	13,95,420.00
TOTAL				13,95,420.00

Following amounts have been transferred to IEPF account during the year:

# Transfer of 'Underlying Shares' into Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) (in cases where unclaimed dividends have been transferred to IEPF for a consecutive period of seven years)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 124 and 125 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules,2016, all shares on which dividend has not been paid or claimed for seven consecutive years or more shall be transferred to an IEPF suspense account. The Company, after following the statutory provisions, has transferred the shares on which dividend has not been paid/claimed for seven consecutive years or more. The details of shares transferred to IEPF Authority account are as follows:

Year	Shares transferred
2008-09	74545
2009-10	31051
2010-11	13079
2011-12	10411
2012-13	8132
(-) Shares returned by IEPF Authority to Shareholder	400
TOTAL	136818

The Company has also uploaded full details of such shares transfer as well as unclaimed dividends on the website of the company. Both the unclaimed dividends and the shares transferred to the IEPF can be claimed back by the concerned shareholders from IEPF Authority after complying with the prescribed procedure under the "Rules" as mentioned in the Guidelines below.

#### Guidelines for Investors to file claim

- a) Download the Form IEPF-5 from the website of IEPF (http://www.iepf.gov.in) for filing the claim for refund. Read the instructions provided on the website/instruction kit along with the e-form carefully before filling the form.
- b) After filling the form, save it on your computer and submit the duly filled form by following the instructions given in the upload link on the website. On successful uploading, an acknowledgement will be generated indicating the SRN. Please note down the SRN details for future tracking of the form.

- c) Take a print out of the duly filled IEPF-5 and the acknowledgement issued after uploading the form.
- d) Submit indemnity bond in original, copy of acknowledgement and self-attested copy of e-form along with the other documents as mentioned in the Form IEPF-5 to Nodal Officer (IEPF) of the company at its registered office in an envelope marked "Claim for refund from IEPF Authority".
- e) Claim forms completed in all aspects will be verified by the concerned company and on the basis of company's verification report; refund will be released by the IEPF Authority in favor of claimants' Aadhaar linked bank account through electronic transfer. The Nodal Officer of the Company for IEPF Refunds Process is Thiru. B Ravishankar, Company Secretary whose e-mail id is ravishankar.b@ tnpl.co.in

Members who have not encashed their dividend warrants in respect of dividends declared for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 and for any financial year thereafter may contact the company and surrender their warrants for payment. Members are requested to note that the dividend not claimed for a period of seven years from the date they first became due for payment shall be transferred to Unpaid Dividend Account of respective year shall be transferred to Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) in terms of Section 125 of the Companies Act, 2013.

f) Correspondence regarding change of address:

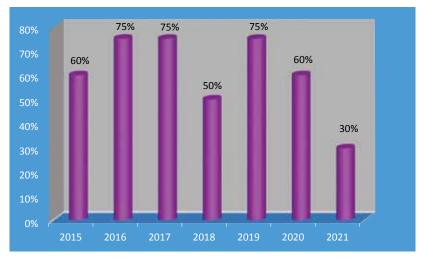
Shareholders are requested to ensure that any correspondence for Change of Address, change in Bank Mandates etc. should be signed by the first named shareholder. Shareholders who hold shares in dematerialized form should correspond with the Depository participant with whom they have opened Demat Account/s.

g) Pending Investors' Grievances:

Any shareholder whose grievance has not been resolved to his/her satisfaction may kindly write to the Company Secretary at the Registered Office with a copy of the earlier correspondence.

#### 15 Dividend Details

Financial Year	Dividend %	Total Dividend (₹ in Lakhs)
2014-15	60%	4152.64
2015-16	75%	5190.80
2016-17	75%	5190.80
2017-18	50%	3460.53
2018-19	75%	5190.80
2019-20	60%	4152.63
2020-21	30%	2076.32



## 16. Distribution of Shareholding as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021

	DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE AS ON 31.3.2021						
	Share or Debenture holding (₹)No. of holders		% of Total holders	Total Shares	Total Amount (₹)	% of Total Amount	
10	5000	36748	90.4989	3693070	36930700	5.3359	
5001	10000	1941	4.7800	1576615	15766150	2.2779	
10001	20000	924	2.2755	1424363	14243630	2.0580	
20001	30000	306	0.7535	787814	7878140	1.1382	
30001	40000	136	0.3349	485699	4856990	0.7017	
40001	50000	127	0.3127	600478	6004780	0.8676	
50001	100000	206	0.5073	1567774	15677740	2.2652	
100001	And Above	218	0.5368	59074787	590747870	85.3551	
	Total	40606	100.0000	69210600	692106000	100.0000	

#### Distribution of Shareholding as on 31.03.2021

	CATEGORY	NO OF HOLDERS	NO OF SHARES	PERCENTAGE
Α.	PROMOTER'S HOLDING			
	Promoters			
1	- Indian Promoters	1	24444900	35.32
	- Foreign Promoters			Nil
2	Persons acting in Concert			
	SUB-TOTAL	1	24444900	35.32
В.	NON-PROMOTERS HOLDING			
1	Indian Financial Institutions	Nil	-	0.00
2	Mutual Funds and UTI	4	9926216	14.34
3	Banks, Financial Institutions, Insurance Companies, Companies (Central/State Govt. Institutions/Non- Government)	17	10567355	15.27
4	Foreign Institutional Investors	Nil	NIL	Nil
5	FPI	8	728234	1.052
	SUB-TOTAL	29	21221805	30.66

	CATEGORY	NO OF HOLDERS	NO OF SHARES	PERCENTAGE
С	OTHERS			
1	Private Corporate Bodies	343	4839576	6.99
2	Indian Public	38273	17102579	24.71
3	NRIs/OCBs	707	436170	0.63
4	Alternative Investment Fund	-	-	-
5	IEPF	1	136818	0.20
6	QIB	-	-	-
7	Others	1252	1028752	1.49
	Sub-total	40576	23543895	34.02
	GRAND TOTAL (A+B+C)	40606	69210600	100.00

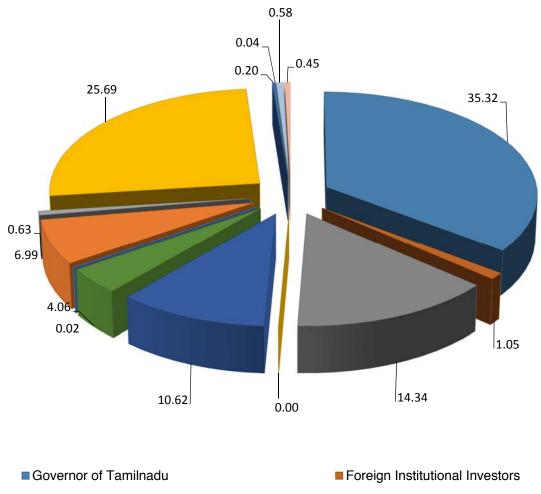
# LIST OF TOP TEN SHAREHOLDERS

SL.NO	NAME OF THE HOLDER(S)	SHARES	PERCENTAGE
1	GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU	24444900	35.32
2	HDFC TRUSTEE COMPANY LTD - A/C HDFC HYBRID EQUITY FUND	4896900	7.08
	HDFC TRUSTEE CO LTD A/C HDFC RETIREMENT SAVINGS FUND-EQUITY PLAN	600000	0.86
	HDFC TRUSTEE CO LTD A/C HDFC RETIREMENT SAVINGS FUND-HYBRID-EQUITY PLAN	196310	0.28
	HDFC TRUSTEE CO LTD A/C HDFC RETIREMENT SAVINGS FUND-HYBRID-DEBT PLAN	5000	0.01
3	LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA	4908920	7.09
4	ICICI PRUDENTIAL MULTI-ASSET FUND	1778015	2.56
	ICICI PRUDENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND	497168	0.26
	ICICI PRUDENTIAL MANUFACTURE IN INDIA FUND	220035	0.31
	ICICI PRUDENTIAL COMMODITIES FUND	484988	0.70
	ICICI PRUDENTIAL BHARAT CONSUMPTION FUND-SERIES 3	186449	0.26
	ICICI PRUDENTIAL BHARAT CONSUMPTION FUND - SERIES 1	129084	0.18
5	LOK PRAKASHAN LTD	1865526	2.69
6	GENERAL INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA	1610074	2.32
7	ADITYA BIRLA SUN LIFE TRUSTEE PRIVATE LIMITED A/C ADITYA BIRLA SUN LIFE DIVIDEND YIELD FUND	909567	1.31

8	HARDIK BHARAT PATEL JT1 : MINAL BHARAT PATEL	868291	1.25
9	HARDIK B. PATEL	760291	1.09
10	TAMILNADU INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD	600000	0.86
10	RADHAKISHAN SHIVKISHAN DAMANI	600000	0.86

# SHAREHOLDING PATTERN

		Shareholding Pattern As on 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2021			Shareholding Pattern As on 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2020		
SL. No.	Category	Number of Share holders	Number of Shares	%	Number of Share holders	Number of Shares	%
1	Governor of Tamil Nadu	1	24444900	35.32	1	24444900	35.32
2	Foreign Institutional Investors and Foreign Portfolio Investors	8	728234	1.05	29	3488843	5.04
3	Indian Mutual Funds	4	9926216	14.34	10	12099141	17.48
4	Banks	2	1800	0.00	3	477017	0.69
5	Financial Institutions				-	-	-
6	Insurance Companies	5	7351807	10.62	5	8351807	12.07
7	Govt. Companies	9	2808580	4.06	9	2808580	4.06
8	Employees	88	16100	0.02	89	16300	0.02
9	Limited Companies	344	4839676	6.99	426	2402778	3.47
10	NRIs	706	436070	0.63	653	448037	0.65
11	Public & Trust	39348	17779804	25.69	33677	12470708	18.02
12	Alternative Inv.Fund	-	-	-	1	425968	0.62
13	IEPF	1	136818	0.20	1	128986	0.19
14	Trust	3	27200	0.04	3	27200	0.04
15	QIB	1	405168	0.59	4	1425948	2.06
15	Shares Dematerialised/Shares in transit	86	308227	0.45	55	194387	0.28
	Total	40606	69210600	100.00	34966	69210600	100.00



# SHARE HOLDING PATTERN AS ON 31.03.2021

- Indian Mutual Fund
- Insurance Companies
- Employees
- NRIs
- IEPF
- Trust

- Banks
- Govt Companies
- Limited Companies
- Public & Trust
- QIB
- Shares Dematerialised/Shares in transit

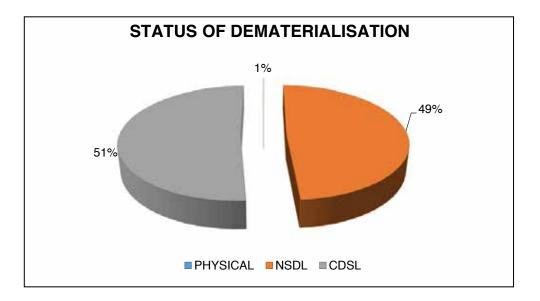
#### 17. Dematerialisation of Shares and liquidity

For Dematerialisation of Equity shares, the Company has entered into a tripartite agreement with National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) and Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL). The Company's Equity shares have been included in the list in which trading is compulsory for all investors in dematerialised form.

Category	No. of Shareholders	No. of Shares	% to Holdings
PHYSICAL	2224	814871	1.177
NSDL	22401	33447098	48.327
CDSL	18276	34948631	50.496
TOTAL	42901	69210600	100.00

Details of Physical & Demat shares as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021:

From the above table, as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, there are 68395729 shares in demat form aggregating to 98.823 % of the total Equity Share capital while 2224 shares are in Physical form aggregating to 1.177% of the total Equity Share capital.



#### 18. Outstanding GDRs/ADRs/Warrants or any

Convertible Instruments, conversion date and : Nil likely impact on equity

#### 19. Credit Rating

- a. ICRA Ltd has assigned the following credit rating for the Company as below :
- I. Long term rating (ICRA) **A** (Pronounced ICRA A)
- II. Short term rating (ICRA) A1 (Pronounced ICRA A one)

The outlook on long term rating is 'Stable'. The long term rating of '(ICRA) A' indicates adequate degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations, it carries low credit risk. The short term rating of '(ICRA) A1' indicates very strong degree of safety regarding timely payment of financial obligations. Such instruments carry lowest credit risk.

- b. CARE Ltd. has assigned the following credit rating for the Company as below :
- I. Long term facilities CARE **A** (Pronounced Single A )
- II. Short term facilities CARE A1 (Pronounced A one)

The outlook on long term rating is 'Stable'. The long term rating of CARE A indicates adequate degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations, it carry low credit risk. The short term rating of CARE A1 indicates very strong degree of safety regarding timely payment of financial obligations, it carry lowest credit risk.

- c. CRISIL has assigned the following credit raiting for the Company as below:
- I. Long term rating (CRISIL) A (Pronounced CRISIL A)

The outlook on long term rating is 'Stable'. The long term rating of '(CRISIL) A' indicates adequate degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations, it carries low credit risk.

#### 20. Plant locations

<u>Unit I</u>	Unit II
Kagithapuram,	Mondipatti Village,
Karur District Tamil Nadu,	K. Periyapatti Post,
Pin : 639 136	Mannaparai Taluk,
Tel.No.04324-277001 to 277017	Thiruchirapalli District,
Fax : 04324-277025/277026/277027	Tamil Nadu - 621 306

#### 21. Address for correspondence

a) Investor correspondence for transfer/ dematerialisation of shares, payment of dividend on shares, and any other query relating to the shares of the company:

M/s Cameo Corporate Services Ltd. V Floor, "Subramanian Building" No.1 Club House Road Chennai – 600 002. Tel.No.044-28460390 - 28460395 Fax No.044-28460129 E-mail ID: investor@cameoindia.com; cameo@cameoindia.com Contact Person: Tmt R.Komalavalli, Senior Manager

b) Any query on Annual Report:

Shares Department Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Ltd. 67, Mount Road, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032. Tel.No.22354417 Fax No. 22350834 & 22354614 E-mail address: ravishankar.b@tnpl.co.in, invest\_grievances@tnpl.co.in Contact Person: Thiru B Ravishankar, Company Secretary.

- c) E-mail ID of Investor Grievances Section: invest\_grievances@tnpl.co.in
- d) Name of the Compliance Officer : Thiru B. Ravishankar, Company Secretary.

#### 22. Request to Investors

- Investors are requested to communicate change of address, if any, directly to the share transfer agent of the company at the above address
- To avoid the incidence of fraudulent encashment of dividend warrants, members are requested to intimate the company under the signature of the Sole/First Joint holder, the following information so that the bank account number and name and address of the bank can be printed on the dividend warrants:
  - Name of Sole/First Joint holder and Folio number
  - Particulars of bank account viz.
    - Name of bank
    - Name of branch
    - Complete address of bank with PINCODE
    - Account type, whether Savings Bank(SB) or Current Account(CA)
    - Bank account number
- The shareholders are requested to dematerialize their physical share certificates, through a depository participant. Shareholders requiring any further clarification/ assistance on the subject may contact the company's share transfer agent.
- The mandate, if given by the Members in respect of shares held in physical form will not be applicable to the dividend payable on shares held by them in demat mode and vice versa. Members holding shares in demat mode must, therefore give instructions regarding the bank account in which they wish to receive dividend to their DPs.
- There are chances of fraudulent transactions taking place in relation to dormant folios, where the shareholder has either expired or has changed his residence. Hence investors are requested to exercise due diligence and notify us of any change in address or demise of any shareholder as soon as possible. Investors are requested not to leave their demat account dormant for long. Periodic statement of holdings should be obtained from the concerned DP and holdings should be verified. Investors are also requested not to disclose your Folio No. / DP. Id. to an unknown person and not to hand over signed blank transfer deeds/delivery instruction slips to any unknown person.
- Investors must ensure that they deal with only SEBI registered intermediaries and must obtain a
  valid contract note/confirmation memo from the broker/sub-broker, within 24 hours of execution of
  the trade and it should be ensured that the contract note/confirmation memo contains order no., trade
  no., trade time, quantity, price and brokerage.
- Investors should register their mobile numbers with DPs for SMS alert facility. National Securities
  Depository Limited (NSDL) and Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) proactively
  inform investor of transaction in the demat account by sending SMS. Investors will be informed about
  debits and credits to their demat account without having to call up their DPs and investors need not
  wait for receiving Transaction Statements from DPs to know about the debits and credits.
- Correspondence containing certificates of securities and high value dividend/interest warrants should be sent by registered post/courier or lodged with the Company's Secretarial Department by hand delivery.
- Investors are requested to kindly note that any dividend which remains unencashed for a period of seven years will get transferred to "Investors Education and Protection Fund" in terms of Section 125 of the Companies Act, 2013.

Year	Dividend type	Dividend (%)	Date of declaration	Due for transfer to IEPF
2013-14	Final	60	15.09.2014	20.11.2021
2014-15	Final	60	18.09.2015	23.11.2022
2015-16	Final	75	28.09.2016	03.12.2023
2016-17	Final	75	19.09.2017	24.11.2024
2017-18	Final	50	19.09.2018	24.11.2025
2018-19	Final	75	19.09.2019	28.11.2026
2019-20	Final	60	18.09.2020	28.11.2027

#### Year wise details of the amount to be transferred to IEPF are given below:

23. M/s. Brahmayya & Co, Chartered Accountants are the statutory auditors of the Company. The total fees of the statutory auditors and its network firms for the year ended March 31, 2021 are given below:

Sr No	Details of Auditors Remuneration	2020-21 (₹ in Lakhs)
(a)	Statutory Audit	13.00
(b)	Limited Review	3.90
(c)	Tax Audit	2.60
(d)	Certification Fees	9.25
(e)	Reimbursement of out of pocket expenses	0.28
	Total	29.03

#### **B. NON-MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS**

#### 1. The Board

A non-executive Chairman may be entitled to maintain a Chairman's Office at the Company's expenses and also allowed reimbursement of expenses incurred in performance of his duties.

The Chairman is a non-executive director in the company appointed by the Tamil Nadu Govt. and office is maintained and expenses are borne by the Govt.

#### 2. Shareholders' Rights

A half-yearly declaration of financial performance including summary of the significant events in last six months may be sent to each household of shareholders.

The quarterly financial results are announced within 45 days from the close of the respective quarter. However, in case of the last quarter, the quarterly results and the annual results are announced within 120 days from the close of the quarter. The results are published in leading newspapers. The financial results, press releases and other major events/ developments concerning the company are also posted on the company's website www.tnpl.com

The half-yearly results of the company are published in more than one English newspaper having a wide circulation and in one Tamil Newspaper having wide circulation. The results are not sent to the shareholders individually.

#### 3. Audit qualifications

The company has ensured to remain in the regime of unqualified financial statement

#### 4. Separate posts of Chairman and CEO

The company may appoint separate persons to the post of Chairman and Managing Director/CEO.

As per the Companies Act, 2013, no individual shall be appointed or reappointed as the Chairperson of the company as well as the Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer of the company at the same time after the date of commencement of the new Act if the Articles of such a company provides otherwise. In order to comply with the new Act, the Articles of Association of the company has been amended to provide for appointment as Chairman & Managing Director.

#### 5. Reporting of Internal Auditor

At the recommendations of the Audit Committee, the Board has appointed M/s B. Thiagarajan & Co., Chartered Accountants as its Internal Auditor for the year 2021-22, that Audits and reviews internal controls and operating systems and procedures of the Company.

The Internal Auditor may report directly to the Audit Committee and the report on findings of Internal Audit are submitted to the Audit Committee periodically. This is the practice being followed.

#### 6. Compliance with the Corporate Governance Voluntary Guidelines 2009

With an objective of encouraging adoption of better practice in achieving the highest standard of corporate governance, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India published the Corporate Governance Voluntary Guidelines 2009. These guidelines will also translate into a much higher level of stakeholders' confidence to ensure long term sustainability and value generation by business. The guidelines broadly focus on areas such as Board of Directors, responsibilities of the Board, Audit Committee functions, roles and responsibilities, appointment of Auditors, compliance with Secretarial Standards and a mechanism for whistle blower support. The company is substantially in compliance with the Corporate Governance Voluntary Guidelines 2009 and is in the process of adopting and implementing other practices as suggested in the Guidelines.

For and on behalf of the Board

Place: Chennai Date: 25.06.2021 **Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS** Chairman and Managing Director

# CERTIFICATE BY CEO AND CFO PURSUANT TO REGULATION 17(8) OF SEBI (LISTING OBLIGATIONS AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS, 2015

To,

The Board of Directors,

Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited.

- 1. We have reviewed the financial statements and the cash flow statement for the year ended 31.03.2021 and that to the best of our knowledge and belief:
  - a) These statements do not contain any materially untrue statement or omit any material fact or contain statements that might be misleading.
  - b) These statements together present a true and fair view of the Company's affairs and are in compliance with existing accounting standards, applicable laws and regulations.
- 2. There are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, no transactions entered into by the Company during the year ended 31.03.2021 which are fraudulent, illegal or violative of the Company's code of conduct
- 3. We accept responsibility for establishing and maintaining internal controls for financial reporting and that we have evaluated the effectiveness of the internal control systems of the company pertaining to financial reporting and we have disclosed to the Auditors and the Audit Committee, deficiencies in the design or operation of such internal controls, if any, of which we are aware and the steps we have taken or propose to take to rectify these deficiencies.
- 4. We have indicated to the Auditors and the Audit Committee:
  - a) that there are no significant changes in internal control over financial reporting during the year ended 31.03.2021;
  - b) that there are no significant changes in accounting policies during the year ended 31.03.2021; and
  - c) that there are no instances of significant fraud of which we have become aware and the involvement therein, if any, of the management or an employee having a significant role in the company's internal control system over financial reporting.

#### For TAMIL NADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED

Place : Chennai Date : 25.06.2021 **Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS** Chairman and Managing Director Sathya Ananth General Manager (Finance) & CFO

# CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

As provided under Regulation 26(3) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Board Members and the Senior Management Personnel have confirmed compliance with the Code of Conduct for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

#### For TAMIL NADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED

**Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS** Chairman and Managing Director

Place: Chennai Date: 25.06.2021

# Independent Auditors' Certificate on Corporate Governance

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#### The members of Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited.

 We Brahmayya & Co., Chartered Accountants, the Statutory Auditors of M/s.Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited ("the Company"), have examined the compliance of conditions of Corporate Governance by the Company, for the year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 as stipulated in Regulations 17 to 27, clauses (b) to (i) of Regulation 46(2), and paragraphs C and D of Schedule V of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the Listing Regulations).

#### Management's Responsibility

2. The compliance of conditions of Corporate Governance is the responsibility of the Management. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control and procedures to ensure compliance with the conditions of the Corporate Governance stipulated in the Listing Regulations.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

- 3. Our responsibility is limited to examining the procedures and implementation thereof, adopted by the Company for ensuring compliance with the conditions of Corporate Governance. It is neither an audit nor an expression of opinion on the financial statements of the Company.
- 4. We have examined the books of account and other relevant records and documents maintained by the Company for the purposes of providing reasonable assurance on the compliance with Corporate Governance requirements by the Company.
- 5. We have carried out an examination of the relevant records of the Company in accordance with the Guidance Note on Certification of Corporate Governance issued by the Institute of the Chartered Accountants of India (the ICAI), the Standards on Auditing specified under Section 143(10) of the Companies Act 2013, in so far as applicable for the purpose of this certificate and as per the Guidance Note on Reports or Certificates for Special Purposes (Revised 2016) issued by the ICAI which requires that we comply with the ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics issued by the ICAI.
- 6. We have complied with the relevant applicable requirements of the Standard on Quality Control (SQC) 1,Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements.

#### Opinion

- 7. Based on our examination of the relevant records and according to the information and explanations provided to us and the representations provided by the Management, we certify that the Company has complied with the conditions of Corporate Governance as stipulated in regulations 17 to 27, clauses (b) to (i) of regulation 46(2) and paragraphs C and D of schedule V of the Listing Regulations during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.
- 8. We state that such compliance is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company nor the efficiency or effectiveness with which the Management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

For **BRAHMAYYA & CO.**, **CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS** Firm Regn No: 000511S

R. Nagendra Prasad Partner Membership No. 203377 UDIN:21203377AAAAFM7782

Date : 25<sup>th</sup>June, 2021 Place : Chennai