NORBEN TEA & EXPORTS LIMITED CIN: L01132WB1990PLC048991

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the 26th Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at **Indian Council for Cultural Relations**, **9A**, **Ho Chi Minh Sarani**, **Kolkata-700071** on Friday, the 2nd September, 2016 at 10.30 a.m. to transact the following business:

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the Statement of Profit & Loss of the Company for the year ended 31st March, 2016 and the Balance Sheet as at that date and the Reports of the Auditors and Directors thereon.
- 2. To appoint a Director in place of Mr. M.K.Daga (holding DIN:00123386), who retires by rotation and being eligible offers himself for re-appointment.
- 3. To appoint M/s. L.K.Bohania & Co., Chartered Accountants (FRNo.317136E) as Statutory Auditors of the Company, to fix their remuneration and to pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

"RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 139, 142 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder, pursuant to the recommendations of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, M/s. L.K.Bohania & Co., Chartered Accountants (F R No.317136E) be and are hereby appointed as the Statutory Auditors of the Company for a term of 5 (five) years from conclusion of this 26th Annual General Meeting till the conclusion of the 31st Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2021, subject to ratification by the Shareholders annually on such remuneration as may be approved by the Board of Directors."

Special Business:

4. To adopt new Articles of Association of the Company in conformity with the Companies Act, 2013 and in this regard to consider and if thought fit, to pass, with or without modification(s) the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 and all other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof, for the time being in force), the draft regulations contained in the Articles of Association submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved and adopted in substitution, and to the entire exclusion, of the regulations contained in the existing Articles of Association of the Company.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors of the Company, be and is hereby authorised to do all acts and take all such steps as may be necessary, proper or expedient to give effect to this resolution."

| | By Order of the Board |
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| Regd.Office: | For NORBEN TEA & EXPORTS LTD. |
| 15B, Hemanta Basu Sarani, 3 rd Floor | |
| Kolkata – 700 001. | |
| | Sd/- |
| Date: 15 th July, 2016 | M. K. DAGA |
| | (Mg.Director) |
| | DIN: 00123386 |

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- 1. A Statement pursuant to Section 102(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 with respect to the Special Business set out in the Notice is annexed.
- 2. The Register of Members and the Share Transfer books of the Company will remain closed from Saturday, 27th August, 2016 to Friday, 2nd September, 2016 (both days inclusive) for annual closing.
- 3. A MEMBER ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE MEETING IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT A PROXY/ PROXIES TO ATTEND AND VOTE ON A POLL INSTEAD OF HIMSELF/HERSELF. SUCH A PROXY/ PROXIES NEED NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE COMPANY.

A person can act as proxy on behalf of members not exceeding fifty (50) and holding in the aggregate not more than ten percent of the total share capital of the Company.

The instrument of Proxy in order to be effective, should be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company, duly completed and signed, not less than 48 hours before the commencement of the meeting. A Proxy form is sent herewith. Proxies submitted on behalf of the companies, societies etc., must be supported by an appropriate resolution/authority, as applicable.

The Proxy-holder shall prove his identity at the time of attending the Meeting.

- 4. Members holding shares in physical mode are requested to intimate changes in their address alongwith proof of address/bank mandate to the Registrar and Share Transfer Agents (RTA), M/s C.B. Management Services (P) Ltd. Members holding shares in electronic mode are requested to send the intimation for change of address / bank mandate to their respective Depository Participant.
- 5. Members who hold shares in physical form in multiple folios in identical names or joint holding in the same order of names are requested to write to the Company's RTA, enclosing their share certificates to enable the Company to consolidate their holdings into a single folio.
- 6. Shareholders are also requested to take immediate action to demat their shares to avail easy liquidity since trading of shares of the Company are under compulsory demat mode as per the regulation of SEBI and also to prevent any loss of physical Share Certificate (if already complied with, please ignore this).
- 7. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has mandated the submission of Permanent Account Number (PAN) by every participant in Securities market. Members holding shares in electronic form are, therefore, requested to submit their PAN to their Depository Participants with whom they are maintaining their demat accounts. Members holding shares in physical form can submit their PAN details to the R&T Agent or to the Registered Office of the Company.
- 8. To prevent fraudulent transactions, members are advised to exercise due diligence and notify the Company of any change in address or demise of any member as soon as possible. Members are also advised not to leave their demat account(s) dormant for long. Periodic

statement of holdings should be obtained from the concerned Depository Participant and holdings should be verified.

- 9. Details under Regulation 36(3) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 with the Stock Exchange in respect of the Director seeking re-appointment at the Annual General Meeting, forms integral part of the notice. The Director has furnished the requisite declaration for his re-appointment.
- 10. Electronic copy of the Notice and Annual Report of the 26th Annual General Meeting of the Company inter alia indicating the process and manner of e-voting along with Attendance Slip and Proxy Form is being sent to all the members whose email IDs are registered with the Company/Depository Participants(s) for communication purposes unless any member has requested for a hard copy of the same. For members who have not registered their email address, physical copies of the Notice and Annual Report of the 26th Annual General Meeting of the Company inter alia indicating the process and manner of e-voting along with Attendance Slip and Proxy Form are being sent in the permitted mode.
- 11. The financial statements, auditors' report and every other document annexed to the financial statements which will be laid at the Annual General Meeting and the draft Articles of Association of the Company, will be available for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company during working hours for a period of 21 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting i.e. from 12th August, 2016.
- 12. Members holding shares in physical form can now avail the facility of nomination in respect of shares held by them pursuant to the Companies Act, 2013. The prescribed Form (Form SH 13) can be obtained from the Share Department of the Company. Members desiring to avail this facility, may send their Nomination Form (in duplicate) duly filled in, to the Company or its Share Transfer Agents C.B.Management Services (P) Limited, P-22, Bondel Road, Kolkata 700 019, by quoting their respective Folio Numbers.
- 13. Members can now get their e-mail address registered with the Company if they want to receive the notices of the Company, for holding general meetings, postal ballot and any other purpose, through electronic mode in pursuance to 'Green Initiative' taken by the Company.

Shareholders holding shares in physical mode are requested to visit the following webpage to register their e-mail ID and exercise their option accordingly:-

www.cbmsl.com/green.php

Shareholders holding shares in demat mode and intending to receive the Annual Reports in physical form may likewise visit the above mentioned webpage to exercise their option.

14. Members may also note that the Notice of the 26th Annual General Meeting, the Annual Report for 2016 and the draft of the Articles of Association will also be available on the Company's website www.norbentea.com. Even after registering for e-communication, members are entitled to receive such communication in physical form, upon making a request for the same, by post free of cost. For any communication, the shareholders may also send requests to the Company's investor email id: investorcare@norbentea.com.

15. Voting at the AGM

Remote Voting through electronic means

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

The instructions for shareholders voting electronically are as under:

- (i) The voting period begins on 30th August, 2016 (9:00 am) and ends on 1st September, 2016 (5:00 pm). During this period shareholders' of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date (record date) of 26th August, 2016, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.
- (ii) The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website <u>www.evotingindia.com</u> during the voting period
- (iii) Click on "Shareholders" tab.
- (iv) Now Enter your User ID
 - a. For CDSL: 16 digits beneficiary ID,
 - b. For NSDL: 8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digits Client ID,
 - c. Members holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company.
- (v) Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.
- (vi) If you are holding shares in demat form and had logged on to <u>www.evotingindia.com</u> and voted on an earlier voting of any company, then your existing password is to be used.
- (vii) If you are a first time user follow the steps given below:

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

- (viii) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.
- (ix) Members holding shares in physical form will then directly reach the Company selection screen. However, members holding shares in demat form will now reach 'Password Creation' menu wherein they are required to mandatorily enter their login password in the new password field. Kindly note that this password is to be also used by the demat holders for voting for resolutions of any other company on which they are eligible to vote, provided that company opts for e-voting through CDSL platform. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential.
- (x) For Members holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-voting on the resolutions contained in this Notice.
- (xi) Click on the EVSN for the relevant <Company Name> i.e. Norben Tea & Exports Limited on which you choose to vote.
- (xii) On the voting page, you will see "RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION" and against the same the option "YES/NO" for voting. Select the option YES or NO as desired. The option YES implies that you assent to the Resolution and option NO implies that you dissent to the Resolution.
- (xiii) Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- (xiv) After selecting the resolution you have decided to vote on, click on "SUBMIT". A confirmation box will be displayed. If you wish to confirm your vote, click on "OK", else to change your vote, click on "CANCEL" and accordingly modify your vote.
- (xv) Once you "CONFIRM" your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.
- (xvi) You can also take out print of the voting done by you by clicking on "Click here to print" option on the Voting page.
- (xvii) If Demat account holder has forgotten the same password then Enter the User ID and the image verification code and click on Forgot Password & enter the details as prompted by the system.
- (xviii) Note for Institutional Shareholders
 - Institutional shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) are required to log on to https://www.evotingindia.com and register themselves as Corporates.
 - A scanned copy of the Registration Form bearing the stamp and sign of the entity should be emailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com.
 - After receiving the login details they have to create a compliance user should be created using the admin login and password. The Compliance user would be able to link the account(s) for which they wish to vote on.
 - The list of accounts should be mailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com and on approval of the accounts they would be able to cast their vote.
 - A scanned copy of the Board Resolution and Power of Attorney (POA) which they have issued in favour of the Custodian, if any, should be uploaded in PDF format in the system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.
 - (xix) In case you have any queries or issues regarding e-voting, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www.evotingindia.com under help section or write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact them at 18002005533.
 - (xx) Shareholders can also cast their vote using CDSL's mobile app m-Voting available for android based mobiles. The m-Voting app can be downloaded from Google Play Store. iPhone and Windows phone users can download the app from the App Store and the Windows Phone Store respectively on or after 30th June 2016. Please follow the instructions as prompted by the mobile app while voting on your mobile.

- II. As the voting would be through electronic means, the members who do not have access to e-voting, may requisite a Physical Ballot Form from the Company. You are required to fill in the ballot form and enclose it in a sealed envelope and send it to the Scrutinizer. Unsigned, incomplete or incorrectly ticked forms shall be rejected. The ballot must be received by the Scrutinizer on or before 1st September, 2016 (5:00 pm). The Srutinizer's decision on the validity of the forms will be final. Members are required to vote only through the electronic system or through ballot only and in no other form. In the event a member casts his votes through both the processes, the votes in the electronic system would be considered and the ballot vote would be ignored.
- III. Facility for voting through physical ballot paper / polling paper will also be available at the AGM and members attending the meeting, who have not already cast their vote by remote e-voting, shall be able to exercise their right at the meeting.
 - Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM and are attending the meeting will not be entitled to cast their vote again.
- IV. Investors who became members of the Company subsequent to the dispatch of the Notice / Email and holds the shares as on the cut-off date i.e. 26th August, 2016, are requested to send the written / email communication to the Company at investorcare@norbentea.com by mentioning their Folio No. / DP ID and Client ID to obtain the Login-ID and Password for e-voting.
- V. You can also update your mobile number and email id in the user profile details of the folio which may be used for sending future communication(s).
- VI. The voting rights of shareholders shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date of 26th August, 2016. A person who is not a member as on cut off date should treat this notice for information purpose only.
- VII. Ms. Swati Bajaj, of P.S.& Associates, Practising Company Secretaries, (Membership No. ACS:13216) (Address: 225D, AJC Bose Road, 3rd Floor, Kolkata 700020) has been appointed as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the remote e-voting process (including the physical ballots received from members who don't have access to the remote e-voting process) and voting at the AGM in a fair and transparent manner.
- VIII. The Scrutinizer will submit, not later than 3 days of conclusion of the AGM, a consolidated Scrutinizer's Report of the total votes cast in favour or against, if any, to the Chairman of the Company.
- IX. The Chairman shall declare the result forthwith. The Results declared alongwith the Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the Company's website www.norbentea.com and on the website of CDSL and communicated to the stock exchange(s), immediately.

16. MEMBERS HOLDING EQUITY SHARES IN ELECTRONIC FORM, AND PROXIES THEREOF, ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR DP ID AND CLIENT ID FOR IDENTIFICATION AT THE MEETING.

ATTENDANCE WILL START AT 9.30 A.M.

Statement pursuant to Section 102(1) of the Companies Act, 2013

Item No.4

The Articles of Association ("AoA") of the Company as presently in force were last updated in December, 2009 from what they were when the Company was incorporated in May, 1990. The existing AoA are based on the Companies Act, 1956 and several regulations in the existing AoA contain references to specific sections of the Companies Act, 1956 and some regulations in the existing AoA are no longer in conformity with the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") which is largely in force at present.

With the coming into force of the Act several regulations of the existing AoA of the Company require alteration or deletions in several articles. Given this position, it is considered expedient to wholly replace the existing AoA by a new set of Articles.

The draft AoA will be available for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company during business hours for a period of 21 days before the date of Annual General Meeting and also at the Annual General Meeting.

The proposed new draft AoA is being uploaded on the Company's website for perusal by the shareholders.

None of the Directors / Key Managerial Personnel of the Company / their relatives are, in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the Special Resolution set out at Item No.4 of the Notice.

The Board commends the Special Resolution set out at Item No.4 of the Notice for approval by the shareholders.

ANNEXURE TO ITEM NO.2 OF THE NOTICE

DETAILS OF DIRECTOR SEEKING RE-APPOINTMENT AT THE FORTHCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY AS REQUIRED UNDER REGULATION 36(3) OF THE LISTING REGULATION:

Re-appointment of Mr. M.K.Daga

In terms of Section 149, 152 and any other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, effective from 1st April, 2014, for the purpose of determining the directors liable to retire by rotation, the Independent Directors shall not be included in the total number of directors of the Company.

Mr. M.K.Daga shall accordingly retire at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and being eligible offers himself for re-appointment.

Mr. Daga has been working in the Tea Industry for more than 30 years. He is a Bachelor of Commerce with Honours in Accountancy.

The appointment of Mr. Daga is appropriate and in the best interest of the Company. Mr. Daga is Director in Tongani Tea Company Limited, Joonktollee Tea & Industries Ltd., Cowcoody Builders Pvt. Ltd., Daga & Company Pvt. Ltd. and Nominee Director for and on behalf of Joonktollee Tea and Industries Limited on the Board M/s. Keshava Plantations Pvt. Ltd. w.e.f. 05/04/2016. He is also a member in Tongani Tea Company Limited, Derby Electronics Pvt. Ltd., Mangalam Products Pvt. Ltd. and Anjum Investments Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Daga hold by himself 120501 Equity shares in the Company. He does not hold for any other person on a beneficial basis, any shares in the Company.

He is the Managing Director of the Company and Chairman of the Review Committee and Share Transfer Committee and member of the Stakeholders Relationship Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Accordingly, the Board recommends his re-appointment.

Except Mr. Daga, none of the Directors and Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives are concerned or interested, financial or otherwise, in Item No.2.

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

Regd.Office:

15B, Hemanta Basu Sarani, 3rd Floor, Kolkata-700001.

Date: 15th July, 2016

Sd/-

M.K.DAGA
(Mg.Director)

DIN: 00123386

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

attention of the members is drawn that in conformity with Secretarial Standards/ regulatory requirements, the Company will NOT be distributing its products for sampling at the 26^{th} AGM