# Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the Members that the 16th Annual General Meeting of International Steels Limited will be held on September 26, 2023 at 10.30 a.m. at the Jasmine Hall, Beach Luxury Hotel, Off: M.T. Khan Road, Karachi to transact the following business. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting through video conferencing:

#### ORDINARY BUSINESS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Annual Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended June 30, 2023, together with the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.

As required under Section 223 of the Companies Act 2017 and in terms of S.R.O No. 389(I)/2023 dated March 21, 2023, the Annual Report including Financial Statements of the Company has been transmitted to the Shareholders and uploaded on the website of the Company which can be viewed using the following link and QR enable code:

### http://www.isl.com.pk/investors/



#### DIVIDEND

2. To consider and approve the payment of Rs. 2.5 per share (25%) as the final cash dividend in addition to the 30% interim cash dividend announced and already paid, making a total dividend of Rs. 5.5 per share (55%) for the financial year ended June 30, 2023, as recommended by the Board of Directors.

#### **AUDITORS**

3. To appoint statutory auditors of the Company for the year ending June 30, 2024 and fix their remuneration. The retiring Auditors, M/s A. F. Ferguson & Co., Chartered Accountants, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-appointment at a fee to be mutually agreed and reimbursements of out-of-pocket expenses at actuals.

#### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

#### TRANSMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

4. To approve, as and by way of an Ordinary Resolution, the transmission of the annual balance sheet, profit & loss account, auditors report, directors report (the "Audited Annual Financial Statements") and the notice of general meetings etc. to the Company's shareholders through email or QR enabled code and weblink as allowed by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan via S.R.O No. 389(I)/2023 dated March 21, 2023:

**"RESOLVED THAT** as notified by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan via S.R.O No.389(I)/2023 dated March 21, 2023 transmission of Audited Annual Financial Statements to the members through QR enabled code and weblink instead of transmitting the Audited Annual Financial Statements through CD/DVD/USB, be and is hereby ratified and approved for future."

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#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

5. To transact with the permission of the Chair any other business which may be transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

The information as required under section 134(3) of the Companies Act, 2017 is being provided along with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting being sent to the Shareholders.

Karachi: August 21, 2023

By Order of the Board International Steels Ltd. Schaane Ansari Company Secretary & Head of Legal Affairs

## Notes:

#### 1. PARTICIPATION IN THE AGM VIA THE VIDEO CONFERENCING FACILITY:

Shareholders interested in attending the meeting through video conferencing are requested to email the following information with the subject "Registration for International Steels Limited AGM 2023" along with a valid copy of both sides of their Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) to investors@isl.com.pk. Video link and login credentials will be shared with only those members whose emails, containing all the required particulars, are received at least 48 hours before the time of AGM.

Registration to attend the Annual General Meeting through Video Conferencing Facility

- 1. Folio No. / CDC Investors A/c No./ Sub-A/c No.:
- 2. Name of Shareholder : \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Cell Phone Number : \_\_\_\_
- 4. Email Address : \_\_\_\_
- 5. No. of Shares held at the 1st day of the Book Closure to establish the right to attend AGM:

Shareholders can also provide their comments and questions for the agenda items of the AGM at the email address: investors@isl.com.pk

#### 2. CLOSURE OF SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS

The Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books will be closed from September 19, 2023 to September 26, 2023 (both days inclusive). Transfers received in order at the office of the Company's Registrar namely THK Associates (Pvt.) Limited, Plot No. 32-C, Jami Commercial Street 2, D.H.A., Phase VII, Karachi-75500, by the close of business on September 18, 2023 will be considered in time for the purpose of determining the entitlement for final cash dividend and to establish the right to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **3. ATTENDING AGM AND APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

- A. A Member entitled to attend, speak and vote at the Annual General Meeting is entitled to appoint another member as his/her proxy to attend, speak and vote on his/her behalf.
- B. An instrument appointing proxy and the power of attorney or other authority under which it is signed or a notarized certified copy of the power or authority must be deposited at the registered office of the Company at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting. Form of Proxy is enclosed.
- C. CDC Account Holders will further have to follow the under-mentioned guidelines as laid down in Circular 1 dated January 26, 2000 issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan.

#### i) For Attending AGM

- a) In case of individuals, the account holder or sub-account holder whose securities and their registration details are uploaded as per the Regulations, shall produce proof of his / her identity by showing their Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) at the time of attending the meeting.
- b) In case of a corporate entity, a Board of Directors' resolution/power of attorney with specimen signature of the nominee shall be produced (unless it has been provided earlier) at the time of the Meeting.

#### ii) For Appointing Proxy

- a) In case of individuals, the account holder or sub-account holder whose registration details are uploaded as per CDC regulations shall submit the Proxy Form as per the above requirement.
- b) Attested copies of CNIC of the beneficial owners and the proxy shall be furnished with the Proxy Form. The proxy shall produce his original CNIC at the time of the meeting.

#### 4. MANDATORY INFORMATION - (EMAIL, CNIC, IBAN AND ZAKAT DECLARATION)

- A. In compliance with Section 119 of the Companies Act, 2017 and Regulation 19 Companies (General Provisions and Forms) Regulations, 2018 members are requested to immediately provide their mandatory information such as CNIC number, updated mailing address, email, contact mobile/telephone number and International Banking Account Number (IBAN) together with a copy of their CNIC to update our records and to avoid any non-compliance of the law. Otherwise, all dividends will be withheld in terms of Regulation 6 of the Companies (Distribution of Dividends) Regulations, 2017;
  - For physical shares to M/s THK Associates (Pvt.) Ltd.
  - For shares in CDS to CDC Investors A/c Services or respective participant
- B. Members are requested to submit a declaration (CZ-50) as per Zakat & Ushr Ordinance 1980 for zakat exemption and advise a change in address if any.

#### **5. UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS**

Shareholders, who for any reason, could not claim their dividend are advised to contact our Shares Registrar M/s THK Associates (Pvt.) Ltd. to collect/enquire about their unclaimed dividends if any.

#### 6. E-DIVIDEND MANDATE

As per Section 242 of the Companies Act, 2017, in the case of a Public listed company, any dividend payable in cash shall only be remitted through electronic mode directly into the bank account designated by the entitled shareholders.

Therefore, through this notice, all shareholders are requested to update their bank account No. (IBAN) and details in the Central Depository System through respective participants. In case of physical shares, to provide bank account details to our Share Registrar, M/s THK Associates (Pvt.) Limited. Please ensure an early update of your particulars to avoid any inconvenience. The e-Dividend mandate form is enclosed.

#### 7. CONVERSION OF PHYSICAL SHARES INTO BOOK ENTRY FORM

As per Section 72 of the Companies Act, 2017 all existing companies are required to convert their physical shares into book-entry form within a period not exceeding four years from the date of commencement of the Companies Act, 2017.

The Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan through its circular # CSD/ED/Misc./ 2016-639-640 dated March 26, 2021 has advised the listed companies to pursue their such members who still hold shares in physical form to convert their shares into book-entry form.

We hereby request all such members of International Steels Limited who are holding shares in physical form to convert their shares into book-entry form at the earliest. They are also suggested to contact the Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited or any active member/stockbroker of the Pakistan Stock Exchange to open an account in the Central Depository System to facilitate the conversion of physical shares into book-entry form.

Members are informed that holding shares in book-entry form has several benefits including but not limited to;

- Secure and convenient custody of shares
- Conveniently tradeable and transferable
- No risk of loss, damage or theft
- No stamp duty on transfer of shares in book-entry form
- Seamless credit of bonus or right shares

We once again strongly advise members of the Company, in their best interest, to convert their physical shares into book-entry form at the earliest.

#### 8. FILER AND NON-FILER STATUS

- i) The Government of Pakistan through the Finance Act, 2023 in Section 150 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 prescribed the following rates for withholding tax against dividend payments by the companies;
  - a) For filers of income tax returns 15%
  - b) For non-filers of income tax returns 30%

Members whose names are not entered into the Active Taxpayers List (ATL) provided on the FBR website, despite the fact that they are filers, are advised to make sure that their names are entered into ATL to avoid higher tax deductions against any future dividends.

ii) For any query/problem/information, the investors may contact the Share Registrar at the following phone numbers, or email addresses:

M/s THK Associates (Pvt) Ltd. 32-C, Jami Commercial Street 2, D.H.A., Phase VII, Karachi-75500 Phone: +9221-111-000-322, +9221-37120628-29 E-mail : sfc@thk.com.pk

iii) Corporate shareholders having CDC accounts are required to have their National Tax Number (NTN) updated with their respective participants, whereas corporate physical shareholders should send a copy of their NTN certificate to the Share Registrar i.e. M/s THK Associates (Pvt) Limited. The shareholders while sending NTN or NTN certificates, as the case may be, must quote the company name and their respective folio number.

#### 9. ELECTRONIC VOTING

The members are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 143-145 of the Companies Act, 2017 and Companies (Postal Ballot) Regulations, 2018 amended through Notification dated December 5, 2022, issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan ("SECP"), wherein, SECP has directed all the listed companies to provide the right to vote through the electronic voting facility and voting by post to the members on all businesses classified as special business.

Accordingly, members of International Steels Limited (the "Company") will be allowed to exercise their right to vote through the electronic voting facility or voting by post for the special business in its 16th Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 10.30 a.m. in accordance with the requirements and subject to the conditions contained in the aforesaid Regulations.

For the convenience of the Members, the ballot paper is annexed to this notice and the same is also available on the Company's website at www.isl.com.pk for download.

#### Procedure for E - Voting:

- (a) Details of the e-voting facility will be shared through an e-mail with those members of the Company who have their valid CNIC numbers, cell numbers, and e-mail addresses available in the register of members of the Company by the close of business on September 18, 2023.
- (b) The web address, and login details, will be communicated to members via email. The security codes will be communicated to members through SMS from the web portal M/s THK Associates (Pvt.) Limited (being the e-voting service provider).
- (c) Identity of the Members intending to cast a vote through e-Voting shall be authenticated through electronic signature or authentication for login.
- (d) E-Voting lines will start on September 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. and shall close on September 25, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Members can cast their votes at any time during this period. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by a Member, he/she shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.

#### Procedure for Voting Through Postal Ballot:

(a) The members shall ensure that duly filled and signed ballot paper along with a copy of the Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) should reach the Chairman of the meeting through post on the Company's registered address, 101 Beaumont Plaza, 10 Beaumont Road, Karachi- 75530 or email at investors@isl.com.pk by September 25, 2023 one day before the Annual General Meeting. The signature on the ballot paper shall match the signature on CNIC.

# STATEMENT OF MATERIAL FACTS UNDER SECTION 134(3) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2017 RELATING TO THE SPECIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2023.

#### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

#### Agenda Item 4 - Transmission of Annual Report Including Notice of General Meetings

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan has allowed listed Companies, through its S.R.O No.389(I)/2023 dated March 21, 2023 to circulate the Audited Annual Financial Statements to their Members through QR-enabled code and weblink instead of transmitting the Audited Annual Financial Statements through CD/DVD/USB. The Company shall circulate Audited Annual Financial Statements through email address in case it has been provided by the member to the Company, and upon demand, supply hard copies of the Audited Annual Financial Statements to the shareholders free of cost upon receipt of a duly completed Request Form, which may be obtained from the Company's Website i.e. http://www.isl.com.pk

None of the Directors of the Company have any direct or indirect interest in this special business.