

Scrutinizer's Report

[Pursuant to Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended]

Dated: 25th September, 2024

To, The Chairman **THE HIGHLAND PRODUCE COMPANY LIMITED,** W-21/674, Beach Road, Alappuzha – 688012.

Dear Sir,

<u>Subject: Consolidated Scrutinizer's Report on remote e-voting pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 (Act) read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and amendments thereto for the 98th Annual General Meeting of The Highland Produce Company Limited held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 11:30 A.M at W-21/674, Beach Road, Alappuzha – 688012.</u>

We, V Suresh Associates, Practising Company Secretaries, have been appointed by the Board of Directors of The Highland Produce Company Limited, (the Company) as a Scrutinizer for the purpose of scrutinizing the remote e-voting/ voting through Ballot Papers at the AGM venue and ascertaining the requisite majority, on the resolutions contained in the notice to the 98th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of the Company.

The Notice dated 05th August, 2024 under Section 102 of the Act were sent to the Shareholders in respect of the below mentioned resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Company.

The Public Advertisement with respect to dispatch of notices and conducting of voting through electronic means was published in an English newspaper "Financial Express" in all editions and in a vernacular newspaper "Mangalam" Alappuzha Edition on 3rd September 2024

The management of the Company is responsible to ensure the compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules relating to voting through electronic means on the resolutions contained in the Notice of 98th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of the Company.

Our responsibility as a Scrutinizer for the e-voting process is restricted to presenting a Scrutinizer's Report on the votes cast "in favour" or "against", in respect of the resolutions stated below, based on the reports generated from the e-voting system provided by Central Depository Services (India) Limited (**'CDSL'**), the authorized agency to provide e-voting facilities, engaged by the Company.

The members of the Company as on the "cut-off" date i.e. 18th September, 2024 were entitled to vote on the resolutions (items no. 1 to 4 as set out in the notice of the 98th AGM of the Company.)

Further to the above, we submit our report as under: - **<u>Remote E-voting:</u>**

- The e-voting period remained open from Sunday, 22nd September, 2024 (9.00 A.M. IST) to Tuesday, 24th September, 2024 (5.00 p.m. IST) (both days inclusive).
- ii. The votes cast under remote e-voting facility were thereafter unblocked in presence of two witnesses who were not in employment of the Company.
- i. The Corporate member who had participated in the remote e-voting had provided scanned copy of the resolution passed at their Board of Directors Meeting for authorization to exercise their votes through e-voting.

Voting through Ballot Papers at the AGM venue:

- i. The Company had provided the facility for voting through ballot paper at the AGM and members, who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting were allowed to exercise their right to vote at the meeting.
- The Ballot papers in Form MGT-12 as per Section 109(5) of the Act and rule 21(1)(c) of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 were distributed to the shareholders present. The shareholders cast their votes in the ballot box kept at convenient places in the venue.
- iii. The Ballot papers were collected and diligently scrutinized. They were also reconciled with the records maintained by the Company and the authorizations/proxies lodged with the Company.

Thereafter, the consolidated results containing, inter alia, list of Equity Shareholders, who voted "for", or "against", in respect of the each of the resolutions that were put to vote, were generated from the e-voting website of Central Depository Services (India) Ltd, (i.e.) www.evotingindia.com was prepared.

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The consolidated results are as follows:

Resolution No 1: Ordinary Resolution

Ordinary Business: Adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended March 31, 2024 together with the reports of the Board of Directors' and Auditors' thereon.

Voting Method	Total Valid Votes	Votes in favour of the resolution			Votes a	gainst the r			
		No. of folios	No. of Shares	% of total number of valid votes cast	No. of folios	No. of Shares	% of total number of valid votes cast	Invalid Votes	Abstained Votes
Remote E-Voting	3,47,501	16	3,47,501	100	-		610, -	-	-
Voting at AGM	38,126	2	38,126	100	-	-	-	-	
Total	3,85,627	18	3,85,627	100	-	_	-	-	-

Resolution No 2: Ordinary Resolution

Ordinary Business: Declaration of Final Dividend.

Voting Method	Total Valid Votes	Votes in favour of the resolution			Votes against the resolution				
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Resolution No 3: Ordinary Resolution

Ordinary Business: Appointment of Director in place of Mrs. Priyalatha Thomas, Director, (DIN: 00052237), who retires by rotation and is eligible for re-appointment.

Voting Method	Total Valid Votes	Votes in favour of the resolution			Votes ag	ainst the r			
		No. of folios	No. of Shares	% of total number of valid votes cast	No. of folios	No. of Shares	% of total number of valid votes cast	Invalid Votes	Abstained Votes
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Voting at AGM	38,126	2	38,126	100			-	· -	-
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Resolution No 4: Ordinary Resolution

Ordinary Business: Appointment of Director in place Mr. K Ashok, Director (DIN: 02272068), who retires by rotation and is eligible for re-appointment.

Voting Method	Total Valid Votes	Votes in favour of the resolution			Votes ag	ainst the r			
		No. of folios	No. of Shares	% of total number of valid votes cast	No. of folios	No. of Shares	% of total number of valid votes cast	Invalid Votes	Abstained Votes
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Voting at AGM	38,126	2	38,126	100	_	_	N	-	
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All the resolutions have been passed with requisite majority.

Thanking you, Yours Faithfully, **For V Suresh Associates**

V Suresh Senior Partner Practising Company Secretaries Membership No. 2969 CP No. 6032 UDIN: F002969F001309043

