

Rail & Engineering Ltd.



REPORT ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS OF TEXMACO RAIL AND ENGINEERING LIMITED ("TREL / COMPANY") ON OCTOBER 13, 2023, RECOMMENDING THE DRAFT SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT AND DEMERGER BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND BELGHARIA ENGINEERING UDYOG PRIVATE LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS UNDER SECTIONS 230 TO 232 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013.

PRESENT:

Mr. Utsav Parekh
Mr. Amitabha Guha
Mr. D. R. Kaarthikeyan
Ms. Rusha Mitra
Mr. Virendra Sinha
Mr. P. S. Bhattacharyya

- Chairman
- Member
- Member
- Member
- Member

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Hemant Bhuwania - Chief Financial Officer
Mr. K. K. Rajgaria - Company Secretary

1. Background

- 1.1. A meeting of the Committee of Independent Directors of the Company was held on October 13, 2023, to adopt consider and recommend to the board of directors of the Company, the proposed scheme of arrangement and demerger between the Company and Belgharia Engineering Udyog Private Limited ("BEL") and their respective shareholders and creditors for the demerger of Infra Rail and Green Energy Division under Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 (" 2013 Act") and other applicable laws including the Master Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/POD-2/P/CIR/2023/93, issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") on June 20, 2023 (as amended from time to time) or any other circulars issued by SEBI applicable to schemes of arrangement from time to time ("SEBI Master Circular"), ("Scheme").
- 1.2. The Company is a listed public limited company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956. The equity shares of the Company are listed on BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"), (collectively referred to as the "Stock Exchanges").

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- 1.3. BEL is a private limited company incorporated under the provisions of the 2013 Act, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, and the shares and securities of BEL are not listed on any Stock Exchange.
- 1.4. In terms of the SEBI Master Circular, a report from the Committee of Independent Directors recommending the draft Scheme is required, taking into consideration, *inter alia*, that the Scheme is not detrimental to the shareholders of the Company. This report of the Committee of Independent Directors is made in compliance with the requirements of the SEBI Master Circular pursuant to the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

2. Documents placed before the Committee of Independent Directors

- Draft Scheme of arrangement and demerger, duly initialled by the Chairperson of the committee of Independent Directors of the Company for the purpose of identification;
- (ii) Share Entitlement Report dated 13 October 2023 issued by Mr. Harpreet Singh, a registered valuer (as defined in the Companies (Registered Valuers and Valuation) Rules, 2017) with IBBI registration number IBBI/RV/06/2019/12112;
- (iii) Fairness Opinion dated 13 October 2023 issued by M/s. Ekadrisht Capital Private Limited, SEBI Registered Category 1 Merchant Bankers holding Permanent registration INM000013040, providing its opinion on the fairness of the share entitlement ratio as recommended in the Share Entitlement Report;
- (iv) The certificate dated October 13, 2023 issued by M/s. L. B. Jha & Co., the Statutory Auditor of the Company, certifying that the accounting treatment proposed in the Scheme is in compliance with the accounting standards prescribed under the 2013 Act;
- (v) The Certificate dated October 13, 2023 issued by M/s. L. B. Jha & Co., the Statutory Auditor of the Company under Para 10(c) of the SEBI Master Circular with respect to the Company's undertaking regarding non-applicability of requirements mentioned in Para 10(b) read with Para 10(a) of Part I-A of the SEBI Master Circular in relation to the Scheme.
- (vi) Other presentations, reports, documents and information made to / furnished before the Committee of Independent Directors pertaining to the draft Scheme.

3. Salient features of the Scheme

- 3.1. The "Appointed Date" under the Scheme means April 01, 2024 (beginning the business hours) or such other date as may be directed / approved by the Tribunal, from which date the Scheme will become operative, post effectiveness of this Scheme.
- 3.2. Inter alia the following are proposed under the Scheme:
 - (a) the demerger of the Demerged Undertaking (as defined in the Scheme) (comprising of the Infra Rail & Green Energy (as defined in the Scheme)) of the Company into BEL, as a going concern, together with, inter alia, all its properties, assets, rights, benefits and interests and liabilities and obligations, therein, and in consideration, the consequent issuance of New Equity Shares of BEL (as defined in the Scheme) to all the shareholders of the Company in accordance with the Share Entitlement Ratio (as defined in the Scheme), pursuant to the provisions of Section 2(19AA) read with Section 2(41A) and other relevant provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (including any statutory modifications, re-enactments or amendments thereof and the rules made thereunder, for the time being in force) ("Demerger");
 - (b) Reorganisation and increase of the authorised share capital of BEL for issuance of New Equity Shares of BEL by BEL to the shareholders of the Company as elaborated under Part III of the Scheme;
 - (c) Listing and admission of all the Equity Shares of BEL (including the New Equity Shares of BEL) to trading in terms of SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, read with Applicable Laws on the Stock Exchanges, after the Scheme become effective upon approval by National Company Law Tribunal, Kolkata ("NCLT") and filing with jurisdictional Registrar of Companies, in accordance with SEBI Master Circular and in a manner set out in Part III of the Scheme;
 - (d) Cancellation of the Existing Equity Shares of BEL (as defined in the Scheme) held by the Company and its nominee shareholders, simultaneously with the issue and allotment of the New Equity Shares of BEL without any further act or deed, with the approval of NCLT in terms of section 66 of the Act, as elaborated under Part III of the Scheme; and
 - (e) various other matters consequential or otherwise integrally connected therewith.

- 3.3. Upon the Scheme becoming effective and in consideration of the Demerger, BEL shall issue and allot New Equity Shares (as defined in the Scheme) of INR 1 (Indian Rupee one) each, credited as fully paid-up to the shareholders of the Company, on the Record Date in the following manner, such that pursuant to such issuance and allotment upon the Scheme becoming effective, the shareholding pattern (in terms of ratio of equity shares) and inter-se shareholding percentage of shareholders of BEL shall mirror the shareholding pattern (in terms of ratio of equity shares) and inter-se shareholding percentage of the shareholders of TREL, as on the Record Date:
 - "one (1) Equity Share of BEL having a face value of INR 1 (Indian Rupee one) each shall be issued and allotted to shareholders of TREL for every 3 (three) Equity Shares of TREL having a face value of INR 1 (Indian Rupee one) each, held by shareholders of TREL as of the Record Date"
- 3.4. The issuance of equity shares in accordance with paragraph 3.3 above, in consideration of the Demerger, will be undertaken simultaneously following effectiveness of the Scheme. Upon the Scheme becoming effective and following such issuance of the New Equity Shares of BEL (as defined in the Scheme) above, the existing shareholding of the Company in BEL shall stand cancelled and extinguished without any further act, instrument or deed and without any payment in this regard to the existing shareholders of BEL (i.e., TREL and its nominee shareholders).
- 3.5. On the Effective Date (as defined in the Scheme), the Scheme shall be made effective and operative.
- 4. **Need and Rationale of the Scheme and synergies involved therein** the Committee of Independent Directors noted the potential synergies on account of the Scheme along with the rationale and the benefits of the Scheme which, *inter alia*, are stated hereinafter.
 - 4.1. The Company is primarily engaged in four lines of business through separate business divisions as follows: (i) "Heavy Engineering Division", engaged in the business of manufacturing of freight car and its components, etc; (ii) "Steel Foundry Division", engaged in the business of manufacturing of steel castings etc; (iii) "Infra Electrical" engaged in the business of execution of electrical projects etc; and (iv) "Infra Rail & Green Energy" engaged in execution of projects related to green/renewable power, track laying, signalling and telecommunication, etc.
 - 4.2. Each of these businesses carried on by the Company have significant potential for growth and profitability, however, the nature of risk, competition, challenges, opportunities, management focus and expertise, requirement of working capital, construction period for the Infra Rail & Green Energy Division is very different. Accordingly, it is intended to segregate and transfer of the Infra Rail & Green Energy Division into BEL through demerger.

- 4.3. This Scheme is expected to result in the following benefits for the Company and/or BEL (as applicable):
 - Enable value unlocking of Infra Rail & Green Energy Division within BEL and of the other divisions in TREL and giving option of investment to public shareholders into respective businesses and enable their independent value discovery;
 - (ii) greater management focus for Infra Rail & Green Energy Division and other divisions and provide opportunity to address independent business opportunities, pursue efficient capital allocation;
 - (iii) providing scope for independent growth, collaboration and expansion of the segregated business verticals for enhancing their valuation;
 - (iv) enabling independent focus towards Infra Rail & Green Energy Division and the other divisions, better alignment of Infra Rail & Green Energy Division and the other divisions to their customers and strengthening of their position in the relevant market segment, resulting in a more sustainable long-term growth and competitive edge.

5. Scheme not detrimental to the shareholders of the Company.

- The members of the Committee of Independent Directors discussed and deliberated upon the rationale and salient features of the Scheme. The committee also noted that upon the Scheme becoming effective, pursuant to the Demerger and vesting of the Company's Infra-Rail & Green Energy Division into BEL, and in consideration of the said transfer, BEL will issue and allot equity shares of INR 1 (Indian Rupee one) each, fully paid-up to the shareholders of the Company, in the manner as set out in paragraphs 3.3 above, and in accordance with the recommendations under the Share Entitlement Report and the Fairness Opinion. The New Equity Shares of BEL to be issued by BEL to the members of the Company pursuant to the Scheme shall rank pari passu in all respects with the then Existing Equity Shares of BEL. Further, upon the Scheme becoming effective, the shareholding pattern (in terms of ratio of equity shares) and inter-se shareholding percentage of shareholders of BEL shall mirror the shareholding pattern (in terms of ratio of equity shares) and inter-se shareholding percentage of the shareholders of the Company, as on the Record Date. Further, the New Equity Shares of BEL (as defined in the Scheme) issued pursuant to the Scheme shall be listed on the Stock Exchanges giving more liquidity and flexibility to the shareholders of the Company and BEL.
- 5.2. Accordingly, there will be no detrimental impact on the shareholders of the Company due to the proposed Scheme.

5.3. Thus, on the basis of the above, the committee is of the opinion that the proposed Scheme is in the best interests of the Company and its respective shareholders.

6. Recommendation of the Committee of Independent Directors

The Committee of Independent Directors after due deliberations and due consideration of all the terms of the draft Scheme, the above rationale, the Share Entitlement Report, Fairness Opinion and the specific points mentioned above including that the Scheme is in the best interests of the Company and its respective shareholders, recommends the draft Scheme of arrangement and demerger for favourable consideration and approval by the board of directors of the Company, Stock Exchanges, SEBI and other appropriate authorities.

By order of the committee of Independent Directors For and on behalf of Texmaco Rail and Engineering Limited

Utsav Parekh Chairman

Meeting of the Committee of Independent Directors

DIN: 00027642

Date: October 13, 2023

Place: Kolkata