



THE INDIAN STEEL & WIRE PRODUCTS LIMITED

REPORT ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDIAN STEEL & WIRE PRODUCTS LIMITED AT ITS MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTMEBER 22, 2022, EXPLAINING THE EFFECT OF THE SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION OF THE INDIAN STEEL & WIRE PRODUCTS LIMITED INTO AND WITH TATA STEEL LIMITED, ON EACH CLASS OF SHAREHOLDERS (PROMOTER AND NON-PROMOTERS), CREDITORS, KEY MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE INDIAN STEEL & WIRE PRODUCTS LIMITED AND LAYING OUT IN PARTICULAR THE SHARE EXCHANGE RATIO SPECIFYING ANY SPECIAL VALUATION DIFFICULTIES.

1. Background

1. Based on the recommendations of the Committee of the Audit Committee, the Board of Directors ("**Board**") of The Indian Steel & Wire Products Limited ("**Transferor Company**" or "**Company**") at its meeting held on September 22, 2022, approved the Scheme of Amalgamation, involving the Company and its holding company, Tata Steel Limited ("**Transferee Company**") and their respective shareholders (hereinafter referred to as "**Scheme**"), wherein the Transferor Company shall amalgamate into and with the Transferee Company in terms of Sections 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions, if any of the Companies Act, 2013 ("**Companies Act**") read with the rules made thereunder (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) or other amendments thereof for the time being in force) and other applicable laws including the SEBI Master Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/DIL1/CIR/P/2021/0000000665 dated November 23, 2021 and SEBI Circular no. CFD/DIL3/CIR/2017/21 dated March 10, 2017, each as amended from time to time ("**SEBI Circulars**").
2. In terms of Section 232(2)(c) of the Companies Act, a report from the Board of the Company, explaining the effect of the Scheme on each class of shareholders (promoters and non-promoter shareholders), creditors, key managerial personnel ("**KMP**"), and employees of the Company, setting out, among other things, the Share Exchange Ratio (as defined in the Scheme), specifying any special valuation difficulties, is required to be adopted by the Board. Such report is then required to be appended with the notice of the meeting of shareholders and creditors, if such meeting is ordered by the National Company Law Tribunal.
3. Accordingly, this report of the Board is prepared to comply with the requirements of Section 232(2)(c) of the Companies Act.
4. While deliberating on the Scheme, the Board, inter-alia, considered and took on record the following documents:
 - a. Draft of the proposed Scheme;

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- b. Valuation Report dated September 22, 2022, issued by Omnifin Valuation Services (OPC) P Limited, Registered Valuer (IBBI Reg no. IBBI/RV-E/01/2022/160) ("**Valuation Report**"), who in his report has recommended the cash consideration of ₹ 426/- for every 1 (one) fully paid-up equity shares of nominal value of ₹10 (Rupees ten) each held by the shareholders (except the Transferee Company) in the Transferor Company, pursuant to the Scheme;
 - c. Fairness opinion dated September 22, 2022, issued by Finshore Management Services Limited, an independent SEBI registered Merchant Banker providing fairness opinion on the cash consideration recommended in the Valuation Report prepared by Omnifin Valuation Services (OPC) P Limited ("**Fairness Opinion**");
 - d. Draft Auditor's Certificate dated September 22, 2022, issued by the Statutory Auditors of the Company i.e. Price Waterhouse & Co. Chartered Accountants LLP ("**Auditors Certificate**") in terms of *proviso* to sub-clause (j) of Section 232(3) of the Companies Act, to the effect that the Scheme is in compliance with applicable Accounting Standards specified by the Central Government under Section 133 of the Companies Act;
 - e. Report of the Audit Committee of the Company dated September 22, 2022, recommending the Scheme taking into consideration *inter alia*, the valuation report, and commenting on the need for the Scheme, rationale of the Scheme, cost benefit analysis of the Scheme, impact of the Scheme on the shareholders of the Company and synergies of business of entities involved.
5. The Scheme, amongst others, contemplates the following arrangements:
- a) Amalgamation of the Transferor Company into and with Transferee Company in accordance with Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act and other applicable laws.
 - b) Pursuant to the sanction of the Scheme by the Competent Authority (*as defined in the Scheme*) and upon the fulfilment of conditions for the Scheme, the Scheme shall become effective from the opening of business on April 1, 2022 or such other date as may be determined by the Board of Directors of the concerned Transferor Company and Transferee Company (collectively, "**Companies**") or directed / allowed by the Competent Authority ("**Appointed Date**").
 - c) With effect from the Appointed Date and upon the Scheme becoming effective, the entire Undertaking (*as defined in the Scheme*) of the Transferor Company shall stand transferred to and vested in and/or be deemed to have been and stand transferred to and vested in the Transferee Company to become the Undertaking of the Transferee Company, in the manner provided for in the Scheme, in accordance with Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act and other applicable laws.

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- d) The entire paid-up share capital of the Transferor Company including the shares held by the Transferee Company in the Transferor Company shall stand cancelled in its entirety, without being required to comply with the provisions of Section 66 of the Companies Act.
 - e) No shares shall be issued or allotted by the Transferee Company in respect of the shares held by the Transferee Company itself in the Transferor Company and all such shares shall stand cancelled and extinguished without any further act, application or deed.
 - f) Payment of cash consideration as per the approved Valuation Report to all the shareholders of the Transferor Company (other than the Transferee Company), without any further act, instrument or deed, in accordance with Part II of the Scheme.
 - g) Transfer of the authorized share capital of the Transferor Company to the Transferee Company and consequential increase in the authorized share capital of the Transferee Company as provided in Part III of the Scheme.
 - h) The Transferor Company shall stand dissolved without being wound up.
6. The effectiveness of the Scheme is conditional upon fulfilment of the actions specified in the Scheme, which *inter alia* include:
- (a) receipt of consents, no-objection letters, approvals by the Transferee Company from the BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("**Stock Exchanges**") in accordance with the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and the SEBI Circulars in respect of the Scheme (prior to filing the Scheme with the Competent Authority), which shall be in form and substance acceptable to the Companies, each acting reasonably and in good faith;
 - (b) the Scheme being agreed to (in the manner prescribed herein) by the respective requisite majorities of the various classes of shareholders of the Companies as required under the Companies Act;
 - (c) the Scheme being approved by the public shareholders of the Transferee Company through e-voting in terms of Part – I (A)(10)(a) of SEBI Master circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/DIL1/CIR/P/2020/249 dated December 22, 2020, and the Scheme shall be acted upon only if votes cast by the public shareholders in favour of the proposal are more than the number of votes cast by the public shareholders against it;
 - (d) there having been no interim or final ruling, decree or direction by any Appropriate Authority (as defined in the Scheme), which has not been stayed by an appellate authority, which has the effect of prohibiting or making unlawful, the consummation of the proposed Scheme by any of the Companies; and

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- (e) the Scheme being sanctioned by the Competent Authority under Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, on terms as originally approved by or with such modifications as are acceptable to the Companies.

Upon the fulfilment of the aforementioned conditions, the Scheme shall become effective on the date or last of the dates on which the certified copies of the order of the Competent Authority sanctioning the Scheme are filed by the Transferor Company and the Transferee Company with their respective Registrar of Companies (whichever is later) ("**Effective Date**").

2. Effect of the Scheme on each class of shareholders and Key Managerial Personnel and promoter shareholders and non-promoter shareholders of the Transferor Company:

1. The Valuation Report recommends cash consideration of Rs. 426/- for every 1 (one) fully paid up equity shares of nominal value of ₹10 (Rupees ten) each held by the shareholders (except the Transferee Company) in the Transferor Company as on the Record Date (as defined in the Scheme).

No special valuation difficulties were reported by the Valuer.

2. Effect on the equity shareholders (promoter shareholders and non-promoter shareholders):

- a) The equity shares issued by the Company to the Transferee Company shall stand cancelled in its entirety, which shall be effected as part of the Scheme and not in accordance with Section 66 of the Companies Act.
- b) For the shareholders of the Transferor Company (except the Transferee Company), the Scheme provides an opportunity to unlock the economic value by providing them with an exit opportunity.
- c) Further, upon the Scheme becoming effective, the Transferee Company shall without any further application, act, instrument, or deed, pay Rs. 426/- (Rupees four hundred and twenty-six) to the shareholders of the Transferor Company (except the Transferee Company) for every 1 (one) fully paid-up equity shares of nominal value of Rs. 10/- (Rupees ten) each held by the shareholders (except the Transferee Company) in the Transferor Company, whose name(s) appear in the register of members, including register and index of beneficial owners maintained by a depository(ies) under Section 11 of the Depositories Act, 1996 as on the Record Date (*as defined in the Scheme*).
3. Effect on the KMPs: Pursuant to the Scheme, the Transferor Company shall be dissolved without winding up and therefore current KMPs of the Transferor Company shall cease to hold their positions and cease to be the KMPs of the Transferor Company.

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The KMPs shall also be affected to the extent of the equity shares (if any), held by the KMPs or their relatives in the Transferor Company. The effect of the Scheme on the interests of the KMPs and their relatives holding shares (if any) in the Company, is not different from the effect of the Scheme on other shareholders of the Company.

4. Effect on the creditors: Under the Scheme no arrangement or compromise is being proposed with the creditors (secured or unsecured) of the Company. The liability of the creditors of the Company, under the Scheme, is neither being reduced nor being extinguished.
5. Effect on staff or employees: Under the Scheme, no rights of the staff and employees (who are on payroll of the Company) of the Company are being affected. The services of the staff and employees of the Company shall continue on the same terms and conditions applicable prior to the proposed Scheme.

Further, upon the Scheme becoming effective, the employees of the Transferor Company ("Employees") will be deemed to have become employees of the Transferee Company pursuant to the Scheme with effect from the Effective Date.

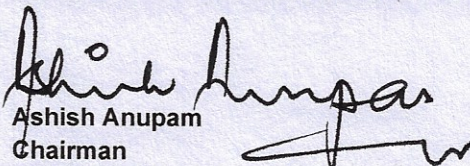
All such Employees shall be deemed to have become employees of the Transferee Company, without any break in their service and on the basis of continuity of service, and the terms and conditions of their employment with the Transferee Company, shall not be less favorable than those applicable to them with reference to their employment in the Transferor Company as on the Effective Date.

3. Conclusion

While deliberating on the Scheme, the Board has considered its impact on each of the shareholders (promoters and non-promoter shareholders), KMPs, creditors and employees. In the opinion of the Board, the Scheme is in the best interest of the shareholders (promoters and non-promoter shareholders), KMPs, creditors and employees of the Company and there will be no prejudice caused to them in any manner by the Scheme.

The Board has adopted this Report after noting and considering the documents and information set forth in this Report. In order for the Transferor Company to comply with the requirements of extant regulations applicable to companies undertaking any scheme of amalgamation, this report of the Board may please be taken on record while considering the Scheme.

By order of the Board of Directors of The Indian Steel & Wire Products Limited


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