IFB AGRO INDUSTRIES LIMITED

CIN: L01409WB1982PLC034590 **Regd. Office**:



Plot No-IND 5, Sector-1, East Kolkata Township, Kolkata-700107 Ph:-033-39849675 | Email: complianceifbagro@ifbglobal.com | Website: www.ifbagro.in

POSTAL BALLOT NOTICE

(Pursuant to Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 and Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014)

To The members of the Company,

Notice is hereby given that the resolution set out below is proposed to be passed by the members of IFB Agro Industries Limited ("the Company") by means of Postal Ballot, only by way of remote e-voting process ("e-voting"), pursuant to Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"), Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 ("the Rules") and other applicable provisions of the Act and the Rules, General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020 and 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 read with other relevant circulars, including General Circular No. 10/2021, 20/2021, 3/2022, 11/2022, 09/2023 dated June 23, 2021, December 8, 2021, May 5, 2022, December 28, 2022 and September 25, 2023 respectively issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars"), Regulation 44 and other applicable provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations"), Secretarial Standard on General Meetings ("SS-2") issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and other applicable laws, rules and regulations (including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force and as amended from time to time).

The Statement pursuant to Section 102(1) and other applicable provisions of the Act read with the Rules setting out all material facts relating to the resolution mentioned in this Postal Ballot Notice is annexed hereto.

The Board of Directors has appointed Mr. A K Labh, Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No. FCS 4848/CP-3238) Proprietor of M/s. A.K. Labh & Co., Company Secretaries as Scrutinizer for conducting the Postal Ballot, through the e-voting process, in a fair and transparent manner. The Scrutinizer's decision on the validity of the Postal Ballot shall be final.

The Company has engaged the services of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) as the agency to provide e-voting facility.

In accordance with the MCA Circulars, members can vote only through the remote e-voting process. Accordingly, the Company is pleased to provide remote e-voting facility to all its members to cast their votes electronically. Members are requested to read the instructions in the Notes in this Postal Ballot Notice so as to cast their vote electronically not later than 5:00 p.m. IST on Thursday, October 17, 2024, (the last day to cast vote electronically) to be eligible for being considered.

The Scrutinizer will submit his report, after the completion of scrutiny, to the Company Secretary of the Company or any person authorized by him. The results of e-voting will be announced on or before Friday, October 18, 2024, and will be displayed on the Company's website www.ifbagro.in and will also be communicated to the Stock Exchanges, National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") and Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL") (together the "Depositories"). The Company will also display the results of the Postal Ballot at its Registered Office.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Appointment of Mr. Sanjoy Dutta as an Independent Director of the Company

1. To consider and if thought fit, to pass, the following Resolution as a Special Resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the provisions of Sections 149, 150 and 152 read with Schedule IV and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") and the Companies (Appointment and Qualifications of Directors) Rules, 2014 and the applicable provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force), Mr. Sanjoy Dutta (DIN: 07192675), who was appointed as an Additional Director, designated as an Independent Director, pursuant to the provisions of Section 161(1) of the Act and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing under Section 160 of



the Act from a member proposing his candidature for the office of Director, be appointed as an Independent Director of the Company, not liable to retire by rotation and to hold office for a term of five years with effect from 30th July, 2024."

"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT any one of the Board of Directors/Company Secretary 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 the Order of the Board

Registered Office:

Plot No. IND-5, Sector - 1 East Calcutta Township, Kolkata - 700 107 CIN: L01409WB1982PLC034590

Email: complianceifbagro@ifbglobal.com

Website: www.ifbagro.in Date: 29th July, 2024 Place: Kolkata Kuntal Roy Company Secretary (Membership No:- ACS 36912)

NOTES:

- 1. A Statement pursuant to Section 102(1) of the Act read with the Rules, setting out all material facts relating to the resolution mentioned in this Postal Ballot Notice is attached.
- 2. In accordance with the MCA Circulars, this Postal Ballot Notice is being sent only by electronic mode to those members whose names appear on the Register of Members / List of Beneficial Owners as on Wednesday, 11th September, 2024 ("Cut-Off Date") received from the Depositories and whose e-mail address is registered with the Company / Depositories. Physical copies of the Postal Ballot Notice along with postal ballot forms and pre-paid business reply envelopes are not being sent to members for this Postal Ballot.
- 3. This Postal Ballot Notice will also be available on the Company's website at www.ifbagro.in, websites of the Stock Exchanges, i.e., BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively, and on the website of NSDL.
- 4. In accordance with the MCA Circulars, the Company has made necessary arrangements for the members to register their e-mail address. Members who have not registered their e-mail address are requested to register the same.
- 5. Members would be able to cast their votes and convey their assent or dissent to the proposed resolutions only through the remote evoting process. Members whose names appear on the Register of Members / List of Beneficial Owners as on the Cut-Off Date will only be considered eligible for the purpose of e-voting. A person who becomes a member after the Cut-Off Date should treat this notice for information purpose only.
- 6. Voting rights of a Member / Beneficial Owner (in case of electronic shareholding) shall be in proportion to his/her/its shareholding in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the Cut-Off Date.
- 7. Pursuant to Sections 108, 110 and other applicable provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder, the MCA Circulars and Regulation 44 of the Listing Regulations read with circular of SEBI on e-Voting Facility provided by Listed Entities, dated December 9, 2020, SS-2 and any amendments thereto, the Company is providing the facility to the members to exercise their right to vote on the proposed resolution electronically. The Company has engaged the services of NSDL as the agency to provide e-voting facility. The instructions for e-voting are provided as part of this Postal Ballot Notice which the members are requested to read carefully before casting their vote.
- 8. The e-voting period commences at 9:00 a.m. (IST) on Wednesday, 18th September, 2024 and ends at 5:00 p.m. (IST) on Thursday,17th October, 2024. Members desiring to exercise their vote should cast their vote during this period, to be eligible for being considered.
- 9. The Resolutions, if passed by requisite majority, will be deemed to be passed on the last date specified for remote e-voting i.e. October 17, 2024.



- 10. All documents referred to in this Postal Ballot Notice will be available for inspection electronically until the last date of voting. Members seeking to inspect such documents can send an email to complianceifbagro@ifbglobal.com
- 11. The details of the process and manner for remote e-Voting are explained herein below:

Step 1: Access to NSDL e-Voting system

Step 2: Cast your vote electronically on NSDL e-Voting system. Details on Step 1 are mentioned below:

A) Login method for remote e-Voting for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode

In terms of SEBI circular dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are advised to update their mobile number and email Id in their demat accounts in order to access e-Voting facility.

Login method for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode is given below:

Type of Shareholders	Login Method	
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	1. Existing IDeAS user can visit the e-Services website of NSDL Viz. https://eservices.nsdl.com either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. On the e-Services home page click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under 'IDeAS' section, this will prompt you to enter your existing User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting services under Value added services. Click on "Access to e-Voting" under e-Voting services and you will be able to see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider i.e. NSDL and you will be re-directed to e-Voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period.	
	2. If you are not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is available at https://eservices.nsdl.com . Select "Register Online for IDeAS Portal" or click at https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/LdeasDirectReg.jsp	
	3. Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/ either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholder/Member' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID (i.e. your sixteen digit demat account number hold with NSDL), Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen. After successful authentication, you will be redirected to NSDL Depository site wherein you can see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider i.e. NSDL and you will be redirected to e-Voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period.	
	4. Shareholders/Members can also download NSDL Mobile App "NSDL Speede" facility by scanning the QR code mentioned below for seamless voting experience.	



Type of Shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	NSDL Mobile App is available on App Store Google Play
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with CDSL	1. Users who have opted for CDSL Easi / Easiest facility, can login through their existing user id and password. Option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any further authentication. The users to login Easi / Easiest are requested to visit CDSL website www.cdslindia.com and click on login icon & New System Myeasi Tab and then user your existing my easi username & password.
	2. After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e-Voting option for eligible companies where the evoting is in progress as per the information provided by company. On clicking the evoting option, the user will be able to see e-Voting page of the e-Voting service provider for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period. Additionally, there is also links provided to access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers, so that the user can visit the e-Voting service providers' website directly.
	3. If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at CDSL website www.cdslindia.com and click on login & New System Myeasi Tab and then click on registration option.
	4. Alternatively, the user can directly access e-Voting page by providing Demat Account Number and PAN No. from a e-Voting link available on www.cdslindia.com home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile & Email as recorded in the Demat Account. After successful authentication, user will be able to see the e-Voting option where the evoting is in progress and also able to directly access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers.
Individual Shareholders (holding securities in demat mode) logging through their depository participants	You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account through your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-Voting facility. upon logging in, you will be able to see e-Voting option. Click on e-Voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL/CDSL Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see e-Voting feature. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider i.e. NSDL and you will be redirected to e-Voting website of NSDL for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period.



Important note: Members who are unable to retrieve User ID/ Password are advised to use Forget User ID and Forget Password option available at abovementioned website.

Helpdesk for Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode for any technical issues related to login through Depository i.e. NSDL and CDSL.

Login type	Helpdesk details
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.com or call at: 022- 4886 7000.
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with CDSL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at 1800-22 55 33.

B) Login Method for shareholders other than Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode and shareholders holding securities in physical mode.

How to Log-in to NSDL e-Voting website?

- 1. Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/ either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile.
- 2. Once the home page of e-Voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholder/Member' section.
- 3. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID, your Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen.

Alternatively, if you are registered for NSDL eservices i.e. IDEAS, you can log-in at https://eservices.nsdl.com/ with your existing IDEAS login. Once you log-in to NSDL eservices after using your log-in credentials, click on e-Voting and you can proceed to Step 2 i.e. Cast your vote electronically.

4. Your User ID details are given below:

Manner of holding shares i.e. Demat (NSDL or CDSL) or Physical		Your User ID is:
a)	For Members who hold shares in demat account with NSDL	8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digit Client ID (For example if your DP ID is IN300*** and Client ID is 12***** then your user ID is IN300***12*****
b)	For Members who hold shares in demat account with CDSL	16 Digit Beneficiary ID (For example if your Beneficiary ID is 12************************************
c)	For Members holding shares in Physical Form	EVEN Number followed by Folio Number registered with the company (For example if folio number is 001*** and EVEN is 101456 then user ID is 101456001***

- 5. Password details for shareholders other than Individual shareholders are given below:
 - a) If you are already registered for e-Voting, then you can user your existing password to login and cast your vote.
 - b) If you are using NSDL e-Voting system for the first time, you will need to retrieve the 'initial password' which was communicated to you. Once you retrieve your 'initial password', you need to enter the 'initial password' and the system will force you to change your password.

- c) How to retrieve your 'initial password'?
 - (i) If your email ID is registered in your demat account or with the company, your 'initial password' is communicated to you on your email ID. Trace the email sent to you from NSDL from your mailbox. Open the email and open the attachment i.e. a .pdf file. Open the .pdf file. The password to open the .pdf file is your 8 digit client ID for NSDL account, last 8 digits of client ID for CDSL account or folio number for shares held in physical form. The .pdf file contains your 'User ID' and your 'initial password'.
 - (ii) If your email ID is not registered, please follow steps mentioned below in **process for those shareholders** whose email ids are not registered
- 6. If you are unable to retrieve or have not received the "Initial password" or have forgotten your password:
 - a) Click on "Forgot User Details/Password?" (If you are holding shares in your demat account with NSDL or CDSL) option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com.
 - b) <u>Physical User Reset Password?</u>" (If you are holding shares in physical mode) option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com.
 - c) If you are still unable to get the password by aforesaid two options, you can send a request at evoting@nsdl.com mentioning your demat account number/folio number, your PAN, your name and your registered address etc.
 - d) Members can also use the OTP (One Time Password) based login for casting the votes on the e-Voting system of NSDL.
- 7. After entering your password, tick on Agree to "Terms and Conditions" by selecting on the check box.
- 8. Now, you will have to click on "Login" button.
- 9. After you click on the "Login" button, Home page of e-Voting will open.

Step 2: Cast your vote electronically on NSDL e-Voting system. How to cast your vote electronically on NSDL e-Voting system?

- 1. After successful login at Step 1, you will be able to see all the companies "EVEN" in which you are holding shares and whose voting cycle.
- 2. After click on Active Voting Cycles, you will be able to see all the Companies "EVEN" in which you are holding shares and whose voting cycle is in active status.
- 3. Select "EVEN 131330" of company for which you wish to cast your vote during the remote e-Voting period.
- 4. Now you are ready for e-Voting as the Voting page opens.
- 5. Cast your vote by selecting appropriate options i.e. assent or dissent, verify/modify the number of shares for which you wish to cast your vote and click on "Submit" and also "Confirm" when prompted.
- 6. Upon confirmation, the message "Vote cast successfully" will be displayed.
- 7. You can also take the printout of the votes cast by you by clicking on the print option on the confirmation page.
- 8. Once you confirm your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.

General Guidelines for shareholders

1. Any person holding shares in physical form and non-individual shareholders, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes member of the Company after the notice is send through e-mail and holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e. September 11, 2024, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at **evoting@nsdl.com** or Issuer/ RTA. However, if you are already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting, then you can use your existing user ID and password for casting your vote. If you forgot your password, you can reset your password by using "Forgot User Details/Password" or "Physical User Reset Password" option available on **www.evoting.nsdl.com** or call at: 022-4886 7000. In case of Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after sending of the Notice and holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e. September 11, 2024 may follow steps mentioned in this Postal Ballot Notice under Step 1:"Access to NSDL e-Voting system"(Above).



- 2. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential. Login to the e-voting website will be disabled upon five unsuccessful attempts to key in the correct password. In such an event, you will need to go through the "Forgot User Details/Password?" or "Physical User Reset Password?" option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com to reset the password.
- 3. In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on: 022-4886 7000 or send a request to NSDL at evoting@nsdl.com

Process for those shareholders whose email ids are not registered with the depositories for procuring user id and password and registration of e mail ids for e-voting for the resolutions set out in this notice:

- 1. In case shares are held in physical mode please provide Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to
- 2. In case shares are held in demat mode, please provide DPID-CLID (16 digit DPID + CLID or 16 digit beneficiary ID), Name, client master or copy of Consolidated Account statement, PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) to complianceifbagro@ifbglobal.com. If you are an Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode, you are requested to refer to the login method explained at **step 1 (A)** i.e. Login method for e-Voting for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode.
- 3. Alternatively shareholder/members may send a request to evoting@nsdl.com for procuring user id and password for e-voting by providing above mentioned documents.
- 4. In terms of SEBI circular dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are required to update their mobile number and email ID correctly in their demat account in order to access e-Voting facility.

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

As required under section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 the following explanatory statement sets out all material facts relating to business under Item no. 1 of the accompanying Notice:

The Board of Directors through circular resolution dated 29th July, 2024, based on recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee has recommended for the approval of the Members, the appointment of Mr. Sanjoy Dutta (DIN: 07192675) as an Independent Director of the Company for the first term of five consecutive years with effect from 30th July, 2024, in terms of Section 149 and other applicable provisions read with Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013, or any amendments thereto or modification thereof ("the Act") and Regulation 17 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

In terms of Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Company has received a notice in writing from a Member proposing the candidature of Mr. Dutta to be appointed as an Independent Director as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

Necessary declaration has also been received from Mr. Dutta that he meets the criteria of Independence as per Section 149 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Appointment & Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 16 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation & Disclosure Requirements), Regulations 2015 ('LODR Regulations') and other relevant Regulations.

In terms of Regulation 25(8) of SEBI Listing Regulations, Mr. Dutta has confirmed that he is not aware of any circumstance or situation which exists or may be reasonably anticipated that could impair or impact his ability to discharge the duties.

The members may note that Mr. Sanjoy Dutta (63 years) retired in 2020 as Chief Financial Officer, India and South East Asia having dual reporting relationship of Vesuvius India Limited. After a stint of 8 years in ICI India Ltd., he joined Vesuvius India Limited in 1998. Prior to that he was in Shaw Wallace & Company Limited for a period of four years.

He has over 34 years of rich experience in the areas of financial accounting, Banking, Costing, Taxation etc.



By means of qualification, Mr. Dutta is a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) from St. Xavier's College, (CU) and a qualified Chartered Accountant.

Mr. Dutta possesses appropriate technical skills, experience, industry knowledge and competencies in the context of Company's business. Considering Mr. Dutta's diverse experience, professional competence and extensive knowledge, his induction on the Board of Directors of the Company will be in the overall interest of the Company. Mr. Dutta's candidature is in conformity with the requirement of the Act and LODR, Regulations, 2015. Mr. Dutta is already registered with the Independent Director's Databank under MCA as mentioned with IICA. In the opinion of the Board, Mr. Dutta is independent of the Management of the Company and he is not debarred from accessing the capital markets and/or restrained from holding position of directors in any listed company. Additional information in respect of Mr. Dutta pursuant to Secretarial Standards and SEBI LODR, Regulations, 2015 are mentioned in the annexure to this notice.

No other Directors, Key Managerial Personnel of the Company or their relatives, except Mr. Dutta in his personal capacity, in any way, are concerned or interested, financially or otherwise in the resolution set out in item No. 1 of the Notice.

The board recommends the Special Resolution set forth in item no. 1 for the approval of Shareholders of the Company.

By the Order of the Board

Registered Office:

Plot No. IND-5, Sector - 1 East Calcutta Township, Kolkata - 700 107 CIN: L01409WB1982PLC034590 Email: complianceifbagro@ifbglobal.com

Website: www.ifbagro.in Date: 29th July, 2024 Place: Kolkata Kuntal Roy Company Secretary (Membership No:- ACS 36912)



Details of Director seeking appointment through Postal Ballot (in pursuance of Clause 36(3) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Name of Director	Mr. Sanjoy Dutta
DIN	07192675
Date of birth/Age	12 th April, 1961/63 years
Nationality	Indian
Date of first appointment on the board	30.07.2024
Qualification	Chartered Accountant, B. Com (Hons.)
Experience in functional area	He has over 34 years of rich experience in the areas of financial accounting, Banking, Costing, Taxation etc.
Relationship with other Directors	Not related to any Director
Shareholding in the Company (Self or as beneficial owner)	Nil
List of directorship held in other listed companies	Nil
Committee membership in other listed companies	Nil
Resignation from the directorship of the listed companies in past three years	Nil
Skills and Capabilities required for the role and the manner	Skills and capabilities required:-
in which the proposed person meets the requirements.	He has over 34 years of rich experience in the areas of financial accounting, Banking, Costing, Taxation etc.
	Manner in which proposed person meets requirements:-
	Mr. Dutta, 63 years has 34 years of working experience in the areas of financial accounting, Banking, Costing, Taxation etc. His overall knowledge and experience will enrich functioning of the Company.