



# Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited

(An ISO Certified Company)

(Promoted by Govt. of Gujarat)

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## POSTAL BALLOT NOTICE

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

To,

The Shareholder(s),

### GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of Sections 108 and 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 ("**the Act**"), read with Rules 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 ("**Rules**") & further read with General Circulars No.14/2020 dated April 8, 2020 and No.17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and other relevant circulars, including No.22/2020 dated June 15, 2020; No. 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020; No.39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, No.10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, No.20/2021 dated December 8, 2021 No. 3/2022 dated May 5, 2022 and No. 11/2022 dated December 28, 2022 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("**MCA Circulars**"); Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("**SEBI Listing Regulations**"), Secretarial Standard issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India ("**ICSI**") on General Meetings ("**SS-2**") and other applicable laws, Rules, Regulations (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force and as amended from time to time) ("**applicable laws**"), that the Resolution as set out in this Notice is proposed to be passed by the Shareholders of Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited ("**Company**") through Postal Ballot by way of remote electronic voting ("**e-voting**") process.

The proposed Resolution and Explanatory Statement setting out material facts, as required in terms of Section 102 of the Act read with the Rules, the MCA & SEBI Circulars and SEBI Listing Regulations, are appended below seeking consent of the Shareholders of the Company through remote e-voting.

In compliance with Regulation 44 of the SEBI Listing Regulations and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 108 and 110 of the Act read with the Rules and the MCA & SEBI Circulars, the Company is sending this Postal Ballot Notice in electronic form and has extended the remote e-voting facility for its Shareholders, to enable them to cast their votes electronically instead of submitting the Postal Ballot form. The Company has appointed Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("**CDSL**") for facilitating remote e-voting to enable the Shareholders to cast their votes electronically. As per the circulars issued by the MCA and SEBI from time to time, the hard copy of this Postal Ballot Notice along with Postal Ballot forms and pre-paid business envelope will not be sent to the Shareholders for this Postal Ballot. The instructions for remote e-voting are appended to this Postal Ballot Notice.

The Board of Directors of the Company has appointed Mr. Niraj Trivedi, Practicing Company Secretary, 218 to 221, Saffron Complex, Fatehgunj, Vadodara - 390002 (Gujarat), as the Scrutinizer for conducting the Postal Ballot through e-voting process in a true, fair and transparent manner. You are requested to carefully read the instructions in this Postal Ballot Notice and record your assent (FOR) or dissent (AGAINST) through the remote e-voting process not later than **5:00 p.m. IST, Saturday, May 06, 2023**.

In accordance with the provisions of the MCA Circulars, the Company has made arrangements for the shareholders to register their e-mail addresses. Therefore, those shareholders who have not yet registered their e-mail addresses are requested to register the same by following the procedure set out in the Notes to this Postal Ballot Notice.

After completion of scrutiny of the e-voting, the Scrutinizer will submit his report to the Chairman of the Company or a person authorized by the Chairman. The results of Postal Ballot shall be declared on or before **Tuesday, May 09, 2023**. The Results along with the Scrutinizer's report, will be displayed on Notice Board at the Registered as well as Corporate Office of the Company, will be communicated to the Stock Exchanges to be placed at their websites [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and will also be uploaded on the Company's website at [www.gacl.com](http://www.gacl.com) and on the website of CDSL at [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com). The proposed Resolution, if approved, shall be deemed to have been passed on the last date of voting, i.e. **Saturday, May 06, 2023**.

## **SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

### **1. APPOINTMENT OF SHRI RAJ KUMAR, IAS (DIN: 00294527) AS CHAIRMAN & DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY.**

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

**“RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Section 152 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (**“the Act”**) and the Rules made thereunder and the applicable provisions of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015 (**“SEBI Listing Regulations”**) (including any statutory modification(s) and/or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force) and as per the Articles 7 and 11 of the Articles of Association of the Company and pursuant to the Government Order No. MIS/11-2016/1765/E dated 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023 received from Energy & Petrochemicals Department, Government of Gujarat, Shri Raj Kumar, IAS (DIN: 00294527) who was appointed as Chairman & Director of the Company by the Board of Directors of the Company w.e.f. 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023, be and is hereby appointed as Chairman & Director of the Company w.e.f. 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023, not liable to retire by rotation for a tenure as may be deemed appropriate by the Government of Gujarat.

**“RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Board of Directors of the Company and/or its delegated authority be and is/are hereby authorized to do all such acts and take all such steps as may be necessary, proper or expedient to give effect to this resolution.”

**By Order of the Board  
for GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED**

**Sd/-  
SANJAY S. BHATT**

**Company Secretary  
& Chief General Manager (Legal, CC & CSR)**

Place : Gandhinagar  
Date : 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2023

## NOTES:

1. The relevant Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 read together with Rules 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 setting out material facts in respect of Item No. 1 as set out in this Notice is annexed hereto.  
The relevant details pursuant to Regulation 36(3) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“SEBI Listing Regulations”) and Secretarial Standards on General Meetings issued by the Institute of the Company Secretaries of India in respect of Directors seeking appointment are also annexed to this Notice.
2. As required by Rule 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 read with the MCA & SEBI Circulars and the SEBI Listing Regulations, the details pertaining to this Postal Ballot will be published in one English national daily newspaper circulating throughout India (in English language) and one Gujarati daily newspaper circulating in Gujarat (in vernacular language, i.e. Gujarati).
3. The Postal Ballot Notice is sent to the Shareholders who already have their email address registered with the Company/Depositories and whose names appear in the Register of Shareholders/List of Beneficial Owners as received from Depositories i.e. National Securities Depository Limited (“NSDL”)/Central Depository Services (India) Limited (“CDSL”) as on **Friday, March 31, 2023 (“cut-off date”)**, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rules made thereunder and Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India's General Circular No.14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, General Circular No.17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and other relevant circulars, including General Circular No.20/2021 dated December 8, 2021, General Circular No. 3/2022 dated May 5, 2022 and General Circular No. 11/2022 dated December 28, 2022.
4. A person who is not a Shareholder as on the **cut-off date**, should treat this Postal Ballot Notice for information purposes only. A copy of this Postal Ballot Notice will also be available on the website of the Company at [www.gacl.com](http://www.gacl.com) and at the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) on which the Equity Shares of the Company are listed and at the website of CDSL at [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com).
5. The Shareholders of the Company whose names appear in the Register of Shareholders/List of Beneficial Owners as received from Depositories i.e., NSDL/CDSL as on the **cut-off date** (including those Shareholders who may not have received this Postal Ballot Notice due to non-registration of the email address with the Company/Depositories), shall be entitled to vote in relation to the resolution specified in this Postal Ballot Notice.
6. In terms of Sections 108, 110 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, as amended, read together with the Rules, MCA Circulars and in compliance with Regulation 44 of the SEBI Listing Regulations, as amended from time to time, the Company is pleased to offer remote e-voting facility to all the Shareholders of the Company. The Company has appointed CDSL for facilitating remote e-voting to enable the Shareholders to cast their votes electronically.
7. The Company will send this Postal Ballot Notice in electronic form only. The hard copy of this Postal Ballot Notice along with Postal Ballot forms and pre-paid business envelope will not be sent to the Shareholders for the Postal Ballot in accordance with the requirements specified under the MCA & SEBI Circulars. Accordingly, the communication of the assent or dissent of the Shareholders would take place through the remote e-voting system only.
8. Shareholders holding shares in physical form are requested to update/register their PAN, Nomination, Contact Details i.e. Postal address with PIN Code, Mobile number, E-mail address, Bank Account details and Specimen Signature by providing form ISR-1, ISR-2, ISR-3 and form SH-13 complete in all respects along with other required documents as prescribed in these forms by any one of the following mode:-
  - (i) Sending hard copy of the said forms along with required documents to our RTA, Link Intime India Private Limited at C-101, 247 Park, L.B.S. Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai - 400083, Unit: Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited; or
  - (ii) In person verification (IPV) of the said forms and required documents at the local office of our RTA, Link Intime India Private Limited at B-102 & 103, Shangrila Complex, First Floor, Opp. HDFC Bank, Near Radha Krishna Char Rasta, Akota, Vadodara – 390 020; or
  - (iii) Through electronic mode, by downloading the said forms and filling the same with e-sign. The required documents should be uploaded at the website of the RTA of the Company at <https://web.linkintime.co.in/KYC/index.html>. Procedure for uploading the documents is available at the said link.
9. The remote e-voting period commences on **Friday, April 07, 2023 (9:00 a.m. IST)** and ends on **Saturday, May 06, 2023 (5:00 p.m. IST)**. The remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the said date and time. During this period, the Shareholders of the Company holding shares in physical form or in dematerialised form, as on the **cut-off date**, being **Friday, March 31, 2023** may cast their votes by electronic means in the manner and process set out herein below. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled for voting thereafter. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Shareholder, the Shareholder shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
10. The voting rights of the Shareholders shall be in proportion to their shares in the total paid-up equity share capital of the Company, as on the **cut-off date**.
11. All documents referred to in the Notice of the Postal Ballot will be available for inspection in electronic mode upto the last date of the voting. Members seeking to inspect such documents can send an email to [cossec@gacl.co.in](mailto:cossec@gacl.co.in).

12. The instructions for e-voting for the Shareholders are as under:

(i) The e-voting period commences on **Friday, April 07, 2023 (9:00 a.m. IST)** and ends on **Saturday, May 06, 2023 (5:00 p.m. IST)**. During this period, shareholders of the Company holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date, may cast their vote(s) electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Shareholder, he / she shall not be allowed to change it subsequently or cast vote again.

(ii) Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. **SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated 09.12.2020**, under Regulation 44 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, listed entities are required to provide remote e-voting facility to its shareholders, in respect of all shareholders' resolutions. However, it has been observed that the participation by the public non-institutional shareholders/retail shareholders is at a negligible level.

Currently, there are multiple e-voting service providers (ESPs) providing e-voting facility to listed entities in India. This necessitates registration on various ESPs and maintenance of multiple user IDs and passwords by the shareholders.

In order to increase the efficiency of the voting process, pursuant to a public consultation, it has been decided to enable e-voting to **all the demat account holders, by way of a single login credential, through their demat accounts/ websites of Depositories/ Depository Participants**. Demat account holders would be able to cast their vote without having to register again with the ESPs, thereby, not only facilitating seamless authentication but also enhancing ease and convenience of participating in e-voting process.

(iii) In terms of SEBI circular no. **SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 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 shares in demat mode is given below:

Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with <b>CDSL</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 to Easi / Easiest are requested to visit cdsl website <a href="http://www.cdslindia.com">www.cdslindia.com</a> and click on login icon &amp; New System Myeasi Tab.</li> <li>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 or joining virtual meeting &amp; voting during the meeting. 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.</li> <li>3) If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at cdsl website <a href="http://www.cdslindia.com">www.cdslindia.com</a> and click on login &amp; New System Myeasi Tab and then click on registration option.</li> <li>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 <a href="http://www.cdslindia.com">www.cdslindia.com</a> home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile &amp; 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.</li> </ol>
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with <b>NSDL</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If you are already registered for NSDL IDeAS facility, please visit the e-Services website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: <a href="https://eservices.nsdl.com">https://eservices.nsdl.com</a> either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile.</li> <li>2. Once the home page of e-Services is launched, click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under 'IDeAS' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting services.</li> <li>3. Click on "Access to e-Voting" under e-Voting services and you will be able to see e-Voting page. Click on Company's name "Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited" or e-Voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the e-Voting period.</li> <li>4. If the user is not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is available at <a href="https://eservices.nsdl.com">https://eservices.nsdl.com</a>. Select "Register Online for IDeAS" Portal or click at <a href="https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp">https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp</a></li> <li>5. Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: <a href="https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/">https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/</a> 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.</li> <li>6. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID (i.e. your sixteen digit demat account number held with NSDL), Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen.</li> <li>7. 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 name and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period.</li> </ol>

Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders (holding securities in demat mode) login through their <b>Depository Participants</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account through your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-Voting facility.</li> <li>2. After Successful login, you will be able to see e-Voting option. Once you click on e-Voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL/CDSL Depository site. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting feature.</li> <li>3. Click on Company's name "Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited" or e-Voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the e-Voting period.</li> </ol>

**Important note:** Shareholders who are unable to retrieve User ID/Password are advised to use "Forget User ID" and "Forget Password" option available at abovementioned website(s).

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

Login type	Helpdesk details
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with <b>CDSL</b>	Shareholders facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at <a href="mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com">helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com</a> or contact at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with <b>NSDL</b>	Shareholders facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at <a href="mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in">evoting@nsdl.co.in</a> or call at toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 224 430

**(iv) Login method for e-voting for Shareholders holding securities in physical mode and shareholders other than individual shareholders holding securities in Demat form.**

- The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com).
- Click on "Shareholders" module.
- Now enter your User ID
  - For CDSL: 16 digits beneficiary ID,
  - For NSDL: 8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digits Client ID,
  - Shareholders holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company.
- Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.
- If you are holding shares in demat form and had logged on to [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com) and voted on an earlier e-voting of any company, then your existing password is to be used.
- If you are a first-time user, follow the steps given below:

	<b>For Shareholders holding shares in physical mode and Shareholders other than Individual Shareholders holding shares in Demat mode</b>
PAN	Enter your 10 digit alpha-numeric "PAN" issued by Income Tax Department (Applicable for both demat shareholders as well as physical shareholders) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shareholders who have not updated their PAN with the Company/Depository Participant are requested to use the sequence number sent by Company/RTA or contact Company/RTA.</li> </ul>
Dividend Bank Details <b>OR</b> Date of Birth (DOB)	Enter the Dividend Bank Details or Date of Birth (in dd/mm/yyyy format) as recorded in your demat account or in the company records in order to login. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If both the details are not recorded with the depository or company, please enter the Shareholder id / folio number in the Dividend Bank details field.</li> </ul>

- g) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.
- h) Shareholders holding shares in physical mode will then directly reach the Company selection screen. However, shareholders holding shares in demat mode will now reach 'Password Creation' menu wherein they are required to mandatorily enter their login password in the new password field. Kindly note that this password is to be also used by the demat holders for voting for resolutions of any other company on which they are eligible to vote, provided that company opts for e-voting through CDSL platform. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential.
- i) For shareholders holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-voting on the resolution contained in this Notice.
- j) Click on the EVSN for 230328001 for Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited for which you choose to vote.
- k) On the voting page, you will see "RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION" and against the same the option "YES/NO" for voting. Select the option YES or NO as desired. The option YES implies that you assent to the Resolution and option NO implies that you dissent to the Resolution.
- l) Click on the "RESOLUTION FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- m) After selecting the resolution, you have decided to vote on, click on "SUBMIT". A confirmation box will be displayed. If you wish to confirm your vote, click on "OK", else to change your vote, click on "CANCEL" and accordingly modify your vote.
- n) Once you "CONFIRM" your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.
- o) You can also take a print of the votes cast by clicking on "Click here to print" option on the Voting page.
- p) If a demat account holder has forgotten the login password, then Enter the User ID and the image verification code and click on Forgot Password & enter the details as prompted by the system.
- q) **Facility for Non – Individual Shareholders and Custodians – For e-voting**
- Non-Individual shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) and Custodians are required to log on to [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com) and register themselves in the "Corporates" module.
  - A scanned copy of the Registration Form bearing the stamp and sign of the entity should be emailed to [helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com).
  - After receiving the login details a Compliance User should be created using the admin login and password. The Compliance User would be able to link the account(s) for which they wish to vote on.
  - The list of accounts linked in the login will be mapped automatically & can be delink in case of any wrong mapping.
  - It is Mandatory that, a scanned copy of the Board Resolution and Power of Attorney (POA) which they have issued in favour of the Custodian, if any, should be uploaded in PDF format in the system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.
  - Alternatively, Non Individual shareholders are required to send the relevant Board Resolution/ Authority letter etc. together with attested specimen signature of the duly authorized signatory who are authorized to vote, to the Scrutinizer and to the Company at the email address viz; [cosec@gacl.co.in](mailto:cosec@gacl.co.in), if they have voted from individual tab & not uploaded same in the CDSL e-voting system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.

**(v) PROCESS FOR THOSE SHAREHOLDERS WHOSE EMAIL/MOBILE NO. ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE COMPANY/DEPOSITORIES.**

- a. For Physical Shareholders:- Please provide necessary details like Folio No., Name of Shareholder(s), 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 sending E-mail to [vadodara@linkintime.co.in](mailto:vadodara@linkintime.co.in).
- b. For Demat Shareholders:- Please update your email id & mobile no. with your respective Depository Participant (DP).
- c. For Individual Demat Shareholders:- Please update your email id & mobile no. with your respective Depository Participant (DP) which is mandatory while e-Voting through Depository.

If you have any queries or issues regarding e-Voting from the CDSL e-Voting System, you can write an email to [helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com) or contact at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33.

All grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager, Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL), A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013 or send an email to [helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com) or contact at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33.

## STATEMENT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 102 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 ("THE ACT")

### Item No. 1

Pursuant to the Government Order No. MIS/11-2016/1765/E dated 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023 received from Energy & Petrochemicals Department, Government of Gujarat appointing Shri Raj Kumar, IAS (DIN: 00294527), Chief Secretary to Government of Gujarat as Chairman and Director of the Company as per the Articles 7 & 11 of the Articles of Association of the Company vice Shri Pankaj Kumar, IAS (Retd.) and as recommended by the Nomination-cum-Remuneration Committee, the Board of Directors has approved to appoint Shri Raj Kumar, IAS (DIN: 00294527) as Chairman & Director of the Company effective from 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023.

Shri Raj Kumar, IAS has assumed as the 31<sup>st</sup> Chief Secretary to Government of Gujarat on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023 (AN).

He is an alumnus of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur and National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo. After joining Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1987, he has worked in various leadership roles in public administration. Moreover, he has held several policy making positions in diverse sectors such as Finance, Energy, Social Security, Agriculture, Internal Security both in the State and Central Government. He has also served as Secretary to Government of India in the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence and carried out major reform of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).

During the course of his tenure in Government of India, he has represented the country in several International Institutions such as World Bank (WB), International Monetary Fund (IMF), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), New Development Bank (NDB), Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), International Social Security Association (ISSA).

He has also been closely associated with the working of corporate sector in his capacity as government nominee Director/ Chairman of the Board of Directors, in a few Public Sector Undertakings in diverse fields such as Electricity Generation & Distribution, Mining, Logistics, Gas transmission & Distribution etc.

At present, apart from his responsibility as Chief Secretary of the State and Chairman of the Company, he is also Chairman of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited, Gujarat State Fertiliser & Chemicals Ltd., Gujarat Maritime Board and Chairman & Managing Director of Gujarat State Petronet Limited.

The details as required pursuant to Regulation 36(3) of SEBI Listing Regulations and Secretarial Standards as applicable is given in the Annexure-I forming part of this Notice.

His association would be of immense benefit to the Company and it is desirable to avail his services as a Chairman & Director.

Pursuant to provisions of Section 152 and other applicable provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder and the applicable provisions of SEBI Listing Regulations (including any statutory modification(s) and/or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force) for a tenure as may be deemed appropriate by the Government of Gujarat, it is proposed to seek approval of the Shareholders for appointment of Shri Raj Kumar, IAS as Chairman & Director of the Company. He will be not liable to retire by rotation.

In terms of the SEBI Listing Regulations, effective from January 1, 2022, the listed entity shall ensure that approval of shareholders for appointment of a person on the Board of Directors is taken at the next general meeting or within a time period of three (3) months from the date of appointment, whichever is earlier. As the period of three months would conclude before the AGM in 2023, the Board recommends the passing of the Ordinary Resolution at Item No. 1 of the accompanying Postal Ballot Notice, for the approval of the Members.

Except Shri Raj Kumar, IAS and his relatives, none of the other Directors / Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives is/are, in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the aforesaid Resolution No. 1 of the Notice.

**By Order of the Board  
for GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED**

Sd/  
**SANJAY S. BHATT**  
Company Secretary  
& Chief General Manager (Legal, CC & CSR)

Place : Gandhinagar  
Date : 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2023

**ANNEXURE - I**

**DETAILS OF DIRECTORS SEEKING APPOINTMENT / REAPPOINTMENT BY THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY IN PURSUANCE OF REGULATION 36 (3) OF SEBI (LISTING OBLIGATIONS AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS, 2015 AND APPLICABLE SECRETARIAL STANDARDS**

Name of Director	Shri Raj Kumar, IAS*
DIN	00294527
Date of Birth	06.01.1965
Date of first appointment on the Board	21.02.2023
Terms and Conditions of Appointment	As provided in the Explanatory Statement to the Notice.
Details of Remuneration	Shri Raj Kumar, IAS shall not draw any remuneration from Company except sitting fees and out of pocket expenses for attending Board and Committee Meetings.
No. of Shares held in GACL either by self or any beneficial basis for any other person	NIL
Relationship with other Directors / Key Managerial Personnel	No relationship with other Directors / Key Managerial Personnel.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IAS</li> <li>- B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering from IIT, Kanpur</li> <li>- Master in Public Policy from GRIPS, Tokyo, Japan.</li> </ul>
Nature of Expertise/ Experience	<p>Shri Raj Kumar, IAS has assumed as the 31<sup>st</sup> Chief Secretary to Government of Gujarat on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023 (AN).</p> <p>He is an alumnus of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur and National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo. After joining Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1987, he has worked in various leadership roles in public administration. Moreover, he has held several policy making positions in diverse sectors such as Finance, Energy, Social Security, Agriculture, Internal Security both in the State and Central Government. He has also served as Secretary to Government of India in the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence and carried out major reform of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).</p> <p>During the course of his tenure in Government of India, he has represented the country in several International Institutions such as World Bank (WB), International Monetary Fund (IMF), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), New Development Bank (NDB), Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), International Social Security Association (ISSA).</p> <p>He has also been closely associated with the working of corporate sector in his capacity as government nominee Director/ Chairman of the Board of Directors, in a few Public Sector Undertakings in diverse fields such as Electricity Generation &amp; Distribution, Mining, Logistics, Gas transmission &amp; Distribution etc.</p> <p>At present, apart from his responsibility as Chief Secretary of the State and Chairman of the Company, he is also Chairman of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited, Gujarat State Fertiliser &amp; Chemicals Ltd., Gujarat Maritime Board and Chairman &amp; Managing Director of Gujarat State Petronet Limited.</p>



Names of other Companies in which Directorship is held	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Gujarat State Petronet Limited Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited Gujarat Gas Limited Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited GSPL India Gasnet Limited GSPL India Transco Limited Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited Diamond Research and Mercantile City Limited
Names of the Committees of the Board of Companies in which Membership/ Chairmanship is held	1 2 3  1 2 3  1  1	<b>Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited</b> Corporate Social Responsibility Committee – Chairman Corporate Environment Responsibility Committee – Chairman Project Committee – Chairman  <b>Gujarat State Petronet Limited</b> Stakeholders Relationship Committee – Member Project Management Committee – Chairman Personnel Committee – Chairman  <b>GSPL India Gasnet Limited</b> Audit Committee – Chairman  <b>GSPL India Transco Limited</b> Audit Committee – Chairman
No. of Meetings of the Board attended during the Financial Year since their respective date of appointment (2022- 2023)		1 (One)
Listed entities from which the person has resigned in the past three years	1	Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited

\*The details of directorship of Shri Raj Kumar, IAS in other companies and chairmanship/ Membership in Committees of other Companies are as on date of this Notice i.e. 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2023.