

BIMETAL BEARINGS LIMITED

Address by **Mr.A.Krishnamoorthy**, Chairman
at the
Sixty Third Annual General Meeting
on July 19, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to extend to all of you a warm welcome for the **Sixty Third Annual General Meeting** of the Company for the year **2023-2024** which is being held in the audio-visual mode.

The Annual Report containing Directors' Report, Audited Financial Statements (both Standalone and Consolidated) and Audit Report for the year ended **31st March 2024** has been with you and with your permission I shall take this as read.

As per the requirements of Companies Act, 2013 the audited financial statements and accounts have been prepared conforming to Ind-AS on both Standalone and Consolidated basis incorporating the financials of M/s.BBL Daido Private Limited, a Joint Venture Company.

The demand moderation which happened in the 4th Quarter of the financial year 2022-2023 continued during the first half of the year under review. Various factors affected the growth rate in most segments in which the company operated with their products. While individual segments like Passenger vehicles, LCV and two wheelers recorded increases in volumes, the other segments remained flat or decelerated during the second half of the year. The company recorded a small growth of 4% for the year with better performance in the export segment. The market continues to be optimistic with the 'sale potential for the coming year.

The plants concentrated on the development of new products and processes to meet the requirements of OEMs which are likely to change on account of further changes in the emission norms in the country. Process improvements and introduction of advanced machining systems have helped in cost rationalization and improved reliability in quality.

The company rationalized the manufacturing locations to operate from its production locations at Chennai and Hosur.

The newly installed powder plant has been supplying powders for our internal consumption. The sale of powders has commenced after the stringent testing involved with various customers. It is expected that the Customer Base will improve during this current year. The Company will also focus on value added products using the powders produced in the Company.

The Government's Electric Vehicle Policy is being watched closely to understand the impact on the IC engines. The development of IC engine and related parts has not reduced despite the growth of the electric motive power. The Industry despite the high growth recorded in EV's in certain segments, continue to invest in multi-fuel and alternate fuel engines for various applications. We are closely following and addressing the potential opportunities available for future mobility for our Company.

BBL Daido in which Bimetal Bearings Limited has substantial investment, is doing well and their products Bushings and Bearings are accepted in the Original Equipment Manufacturers.

Your Directors have recommended a dividend of Rs.12.50/- per share (125%).

The Company had spent a sum of Rs.17.00 lakhs towards Corporate Social Responsibility activities during the year under review.

Mr.Krishna Srinivasan and Mr.R.Vijayaraghavan, Independent Directors of the Company will be retiring on 22nd July 2024 after completing their 2nd term as Independent Directors in the Company. Their active participation in the Board proceedings and also in the various Committee meetings needs a special mention and we thank them for their guidance throughout the period of their association with the Company.

The Committee and the Board have decided to induct Dr.N. Gowrishankar and Mr. V. Vikram as Independent Directors.

Dr. Gowrishankar is a well-qualified with B.Tech (Metallurgy) from IIT-Mumbai and M.S. & Phd. from IIT-Madras. He is the Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering. He is an active researcher in the field of Metallurgy and has several publications and a few Patents to his credit.

He served as the Chairman of National Institute of Quality & Reliability, Chennai.

Mr. Vikram Vijayaraghavan is an Advocate and Partner, specializing in corporate and taxation litigation and consultation.

He is also a qualified Computer Scientist and Software Entrepreneur and was the Founder of Efficient Frontier Technology India (Chennai), a subsidiary of Efficient Frontier Inc., USA and is the CEO of Vulcan Tech LP, USA, a boutique, high-tech software consulting Company.

He is M.S Accounting, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, IL, USA • B.L, Madras Law College, TNDALU, Chennai • M.S Electrical Engineering, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, USA • M.S Computer Science (Distinction in Research), Stanford Univ., USA • B.E., Computer Science & Engineering, University of Madras.

Mr.P.S.Rajamani, a Non-Executive Director of the Company is retiring by rotation at the 63rd Annual General Meeting and being eligible offers himself for re-election.

To facilitate participation by our share-holders, the voting facility is provided during the AGM period. The result of the voting will be announced after taking into account so exercised.

The Companies Act, 2013 has prescribed several disclosures to the share-holders which are furnished in the Annual Report.

Before I conclude I would like to place on record our appreciation of the work done by all the employees during the year.

I would also like to thank my colleagues on the Board for the valuable guidance during the year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and on my behalf, I thank the Government, Bank, Customers, Distributors and Dealers for their co-operation and support.

The Company thankfully acknowledges the continued support from Daido Metal Company, Japan.

I would like to offer our special thanks to our Share-holders for their support and the continued confidence reposed by them in the Company.

We thank NSDL for making arrangements for the meeting and make it successful.

Our thanks are due to Mr.V.R.Sankarnarayanan, Partner, KSR & Co., Company Secretaries LLP who have consented to take up the position of the Scrutinizer for the e-voting process and the support extended by the Company's Share Transfer Agents, M/s.GNSA Infotech (P) Limited for the successful conduct of the 63rd Annual General Meeting.

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you again for being with us today.

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