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National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. Exchange Plaza, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Plot No. C/1, G Block Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E). Mumbai 400 051

Attn.: Manager, Listing Dept.

Dear Sirs,

Sub: Copy of Minutes of Annual General Meeting.

Ref: Scrip Code: EQ: 500002 / ABB - ISIN: EQ: INE117A01022

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Pursuant to Regulations 30 and 34 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation 2015, we are enclosing herewith a certified copy of the Minutes of the Seventy Third Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company held on May 4, 2023.

Please take the above on record.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully For ABB India Limited

Trivikram Guda Company Secretary and Compliance Officer ACS 17685

Encl: as above

Minutes of the Seventy Third Annual General Meeting of the Members of ABB India Limited commenced at 11.00 a.m. and concluded at 1.29 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at "Aura", Taj Yeshwantpur, 2275, Tumakuru Road, Yeshwantpur, Bengaluru, 560 022.

## **Directors Present**

Mr. Adrian Guggisberg - Chairman

Mr. Sanjeev Sharma - Managing Director

Mr. V K Viswanathan - Independent Director and

Chairman of Audit, Nomination & Remuneration, Risk Committees

Ms. Gopika Pant - Independent Director and

Chairperson of Stakeholders

Relationship Committee

Ms. Carolina Granat - Director

Ms. Monica Widhani - Independent Director and

Chairperson of CSR Committee

## **Also Present**

Mr. Trivikram Guda - Company Secretary
Mr. T K Sridhar - Chief Financial Officer

## **By Invitation**

Mr. Shishir Agarwal - Representative of B S R & Co.

LLP, Chartered Accountants

Mr. Naman G Joshi - Scrutinizer for E-voting

**Practicing Company Secretary** 

Mr. Pramod SM - Representative of

Messrs BMP & Co. LLP, Secretarial Auditors

The Meeting was attended by 177 persons representing 15,96,20,677 equity shares - 75.325%), out of which,

- 176 were, Members present in person;
- 1 was representing a corporate Member viz., (a) ABB Asea Brown Boveri Limited, Switzerland; and

Requisite quorum as required under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013 being present, the Chairman stated that the meeting was validly constituted and declared that the proceedings be commenced.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company and informed that this was the first time, after a gap of three years, that the Board of Directors and he was present to address the shareholders together from the same venue in-person.

He also informed that, for those members who are unable to join this meeting in person, the Company had provided the facility of live webcast for viewing this AGM proceedings.

The Chairman introduced to the Members, the Directors, the Chief Financial Officer and the Company Secretary of the Company, who were seated on the dais.

He further informed to the Members that the representative from Statutory Auditors of the Company, BSR & Co. LLP, the Secretarial Auditors, BMP & Co. LLP, were also present at the meeting in person.

He stated that Mr. Naman G Joshi, Practicing Company Secretary, Bengaluru, who had been appointed by the Board as a Scrutinizer, for scrutinizing the proceedings of this meeting, was also present for the meeting.

He further mentioned that, the Register of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel in accordance with Section 170 of the Companies Act, 2013. Auditors' Report and Report of the Secretarial Auditors were available for inspection by the Members.

He stated that the Company had received one valid proxy representing 250 equity shares in the aggregate (0.00%) and one representation under Section 113 of the Companies Act, 2013 representing 158,931,281 equity shares (75.00%) and that the same along with the instrument of proxy were tabled and available for inspection by the Members until the conclusion of the meeting.

With the consent of the Members present, the Notice convening the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company was taken as read.

The Chairman informed that in the absence of any qualification, observation or comment on financial transactions or matters which have any adverse effect on the functioning of the Company mentioned in the Auditors' Report, the Auditors' Report was not required to be read out, in terms of Section 145 of the Companies Act, 2013. Further he informed the Members that the report issued by Secretarial Auditors does not contain any qualifications, observations or matters

which have adverse functioning of the Company and was taken as read.

## **Chairman's Statement**

The Chairman then read out his Statement addressed to Members.

In his statement, the Chairman shared insights on how the Company performed in 2022, the milestones achieved by the Company, the sustainability journey and plans for 2023.

The Chairman concluded his statement by thanking the Company's shareholders, customers, channel partners, suppliers, banks, financial institutions, government and other stakeholders for their continued support, partnership and invaluable contribution in facilitating the Company's operations in India in an unprecedented year 2022.

Chairman then invited Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Managing Director to make a presentation to Members on the Company's Performance in 2022.

Mr. Sanjeev Sharma welcomed the Members who were present both in person and those who had joined through virtual means. He then made a Presentation which, inter-alia, covered journey of ABB in India; diverse businesses growing in leading segments; the value created aligned with ABB purpose; how sustainability is embedded in practice; how the Company has been partnering nation building projects; business model; record orders and the overall performance. He concluded the Presentation by providing a snapshot of the media spotlight for the Company in India and the recognition of Company as the 'MNC in India of the year' by All India Management Association.

#### **E-voting Process**

The Chairman then requested the Company Secretary to brief the Members on e-voting process. The Company Secretary informed the Members that:

- As required under the law, Company had provided remote e-voting facility to the Shareholders to cast their votes electronically in respect of all businesses mentioned in the Notice dated February 10, 2023.
- Remote e-voting facility was kept open from 9:00 am on April 29, 2023 till 5:00 pm, on May 3, 2023.
- Members who had not cast their votes yet through remote e-voting and who were participating in this meeting in-person, would have

the opportunity to cast their votes through "Insta poll" option available at the meeting.

- Members were provided with One Time Password (i.e OTP) at the Registration Counter. These Members were provided with an opportunity to cast their votes once the poll was ordered. Volunteers present in the hall assisted the Members to cast their vote electronically through tablets.
- Mr. Naman G Joshi, Practicing Company Secretary, was the Scrutinizer appointed for scrutinizing the e-voting process.

He also informed the Members that as required under law, the results of Remote e-voting, would be declared within two working days from the conclusion of the meeting and the results would be placed on the website of the Company and KFintech. The results would also be informed to Stock Exchanges.

Thereafter the Chairman opened the floor for discussion on the resolutions on which voting was to be held as mentioned in the notice including clarification on the accounts and reports.

The Chairman informed that firstly, the members participating though audio visual means would be called on by the Moderator. Once the Members participating though audio visual means have asked their questions, members present in person at the venue, may come one by one to the podium as per the order in which their names would be called by the Moderator.

The Moderator invited those registered speakers who had joined meeting through video conference, to ask their questions in the following order.

- 1. Mr. Aspi Bamanshaw Bhesania
- 2. Mr. Santosh Kumar Saraf
- 3. Mr. Aakash Manghani, Vice President & Equity Fund Manager of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited;
- 4. Mr. Yusuf Yunus Rangwala

Later on, the Moderator invited the shareholders present in person, who had registered as "speakers".

Mr. Govindraj Sreenivas, Mr. Reddepa G, Mr. Rohinton Framroze Batiwala, Mr. Muralidharan, Mr. Kirankumar K N, Mr. K Sadananda Sastry, Mr. S Ramamurthy, Mr. D R Dwarakanath, Mr. Manohar Sharma, Mr. Ashok Chakravarthi, Mr. Ponnuswamy, Mr. S Ram, and Mr. Sarvanan spoke one by one and asked questions.

The questions asked by the speakers were generally covering dividend; issue of Bonus shares; steps to reduce bad debts; general growth prospects; Corporate Social Responsibility, ESG topics, Physical / Hybrid AGM; ABB's role during pandemic; factory visit of shareholders; Capex; etc. Few shareholders appreciated the performance of the Company and thanked the Management.

The Chairman, the Managing Director, the Chief Financial Officer and the Company Secretary addressed the queries raised by the Members and also offered required explanations and additional details / information wherever needed.

Thereafter, the Chairman informed the Members that the Members attending this AGM who had not cast their vote through Remote evoting facility may cast their vote through electronic Insta-Poll facility made available to them and will remain open for 15 minutes from now.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked the Members and other participants for attending the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 1.29 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair by a Shareholder. Thereafter, e-voting was kept open for 15 minutes.

Entered on: May 30, 2023

Sd/-ADRIAN GUGGISBERG CHAIRMAN DIN: 09590850

Place: Zurich Date: June 2, 2023

## **CONDUCT OF POLL:**

Mr. Naman G Joshi, the Scrutinizer, monitored voting by poll (electronic) process in accordance with the requirements of Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules 2014 and Circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Securities & Exchange Board of India. After ensuring that all Members participating in the e-voting had cast their votes, the Scrutinizer closed the e-voting at 1.44 p.m. Thereafter, the Scrutinizer counted votes cast through e-voting process, in accordance with the requirements of Companies Act, 2013 and submitted his Report dated May 4, 2023.

# RESULTS OF THE ELECTRONIC VOTING ON THE ORDINARY AND SPECIAL BUSINESSES SET OUT IN THE AGM NOTICE:

On the basis of the Scrutinizer's Report dated May 4, 2023, in respect of Remote e-voting, and voting by poll (electronic) means conducted during the Annual General Meeting, the summary of which was mentioned hereunder, Mr. Trivikram Guda, Company Secretary who was authorized by the Chairman in this behalf, announced the results of e-voting on May 4, 2023 stating that following Resolutions in respect of Ordinary and Special Businesses as set out at Item Nos. 1 to 4 of the Notice of 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company, had been duly passed with the requisite majority in all cases.

Item No.	Description of Resolution	Total No. of votes polled	No. of votes in favour	No. of votes against	Invalid Votes/ Less Voted/ Abstained	Percentage (In favour of the resolution)	Result
Ordinary Business:							
1.	Consideration and Adoption of Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended December 31, 2022 and Reports of the Board of Directors and the Auditors thereon.	187426524	187426473	51	70323	99.9999	Passed with requisite majority
2.	Declaration of Dividend.	187463827	187463776	51	33020	99.9999	Passed with requisite majority
3.	Re-appointment of Ms. Carolina Yvonne Granat as a Director liable to retire by rotation.	187454089	186367949	1086140	42757	99.4206	Passed with requisite majority
Special Business:							
4.	Approval of remuneration to Cost Auditor of the Company for Financial Year ending December 31, 2023.	187454090	187454009	81	42757	99.9999	Passed with requisite majority

The Resolutions for the Ordinary and Special businesses as set out in Item Nos.1 to 4 of the Notice of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting, duly approved by the Members with requisite majority were recorded hereunder as part of the proceedings of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Members held on May 4, 2023:

Item No.1 Consideration and Adoption of Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended December 31, 2022 and Reports of the Board of Directors and the Auditors thereon

"RESOLVED THAT the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended December 31, 2022 and the Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon, as circulated to the Members, be and hereby adopted."

Item No.2 Declaration of Dividend

"RESOLVED THAT a Dividend of ₹ 5.50 (Rupees Five and Fifty paisa only) i.e. (275%) per Equity Share of the face value of ₹ 2 each for the financial year ended December 31, 2022 as recommended by the Board of Directors be declared and that the said Dividend be distributed out of the profits for the year ended December 31, 2022."

Item No. 3 Re-appointment of Ms. Carolina Yvonne Granat as a Director liable to retire by rotation

"RESOLVED THAT Ms. Carolina Yvonne Granat (DIN: 09477744), who retires by rotation and being eligible for re-appointment, be and is hereby re-appointed as a Director of the Company."

Item No. 4 Approval of remuneration to Cost Auditor of the Company for Financial Year ending December 31, 2023

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 148(3) and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 [including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force] read with the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, Ashwin Solanki & Associates, Cost Accountants, having Firm Registration Number 100392, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, as Cost Auditors of the Company to conduct audit of the cost records maintained by the Company as prescribed under the Companies (Cost Records and Audit) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, for the financial year ending December 31, 2023 be paid remuneration of ₹ 25,00,000 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs only) plus applicable taxes and out of pocket expenses incurred connection with the audit.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors of the Company (including its Committee thereof) be and is hereby authorised to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be necessary, expedient and desirable for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution."

Sd/-ADRIAN GUGGISBERG CHAIRMAN DIN: 09590850

Place: Zurich

Date: June 2, 2023

Certified True Copy For ABB India Limited

Trivikram Guda Company Secretary and Compliance Officer ACS 17685