

MRF LIMITED, Regd. Office: No. 114, Greams Road, Chennai 600 006, CIN: L25111TN1960PLC004306, Tel: 044-28292777, Fax: 91-44-28295087, E-mail:mrfshare@mrfmail.com, Website: www.mrftyres.com

### NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty Ninth Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of MRF Limited will be held on Thursday, the 24th September, 2020, at 11.00 A.M. through Video Conferencing ("VC")/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the following business:

## **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

- To receive, consider and adopt the audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31st March, 2020 and the Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31st March, 2020 and the Reports of the Auditors thereon.
- 2. To declare a final dividend on equity shares.
- To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Varun Mammen (DIN: 07804025), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.
- To appoint a Director in place of Dr (Mrs) Cibi Mammen (DIN: 00287146), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers herself for re-appointment.

### SPECIAL BUSINESS

5. To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification, the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of section 148 and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof, Mr. C. Govindan Kutty, Cost Accountant (Membership No. 2881), appointed as Cost Auditor by the Board of Directors of the Company to conduct an audit of the Cost Records of the Company for the financial year ending 31st March, 2021, be paid a remuneration of ₹ 8.40 Lakhs (Rupees Eight Lakhs Forty thousand only) (excluding taxes, as applicable) in addition to reimbursement of out of pocket expenses and conveyance as

recommended by the audit committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors of the Company be and is hereby authorised to do all such acts, deeds and things as may be necessary for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution".

By Order of the Board,

Chennai Date: 29th June, 2020 S DHANVANTH KUMAR Company Secretary

### Notes:

- a) In view of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") has vide its circular dated May 5, 2020 read with circulars dated April 8, 2020 and April 13, 2020 (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") permitted the holding of the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") through VC / OAVM, without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue. In compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act"), SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and MCA Circulars, the AGM of the Company is being held through VC / OAVM.
- b) The information required to be provided as per section 102 of Companies Act, 2013, secretarial standard - 2 on General Meetings issued by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, are furnished in the explanatory statement which is annexed hereto.
- c) Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, a Member entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf and the proxy need not be a Member of the Company. Since this AGM is being held pursuant to the MCA Circulars through VC / OAVM, physical attendance of Members has been dispensed with. Accordingly, the facility for appointment of proxies by the Members will not be available for the AGM and hence the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip are not annexed to this Notice.

- d) In compliance with the aforesaid MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular dated May 12, 2020, Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report 2019-2020 is being sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/ Depositories. Members may note that the Notice and Annual Report 2019-2020 will also be available on the Company's website: www.mrftyres.com, 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 https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/
- e) The register of members and transfer books of the Company will remain closed from 16th September, 2020 to 24th September, 2020 both days inclusive, for the purpose of payment of final dividend.
- f) Upon declaration of final dividend as recommended by the Directors is declared at the meeting the payment of such dividend, subject to deduction of tax at source, will be made on or after 16th October, 2020 to the shareholders whose names appear on the Company's Register of Members on 24th September, 2020.
- g) In respect of shares held in electronic form, the dividend will be payable on the basis of beneficial ownership as per details furnished by National Securities Depository Ltd. (NSDL) and Central Depository Services (India) Ltd. (CDSL) for this purpose.
- h) Members are requested to notify immediately any change in their address/change in bank details or demise of any member as soon as possible to the Company's registered office quoting their ledger folio number. In respect of shares held in electronic form, members may notify these changes to their depository participants.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has mandated the submission of Permanent Account Number (PAN) and Bank account details by every participant in securities market. Accordingly, members

- holding shares in electronic form are requested to submit their PAN to their Depository Participants with whom they are maintaining their demat accounts. Members holding shares in physical form are required to submit their PAN and Bank account details to the Company in terms of SEBI Circular dated 20th April, 2018.
- Members holding shares in electronic form may please note that their bank details as furnished by the respective depositories to the Company will be printed on the dividend warrants as per applicable regulations of the depositories and the Company will not entertain any direct request from such member for change/deletion in such bank details. Members may therefore give instructions regarding bank accounts to their respective depository participants only.
- k) The Company is also extending the facility of NACH for the receipt of dividend. In case you wish to avail of this facility, please send NACH mandate form, (which could be obtained from the Company) duly filled in, to the registered office of the Company at the earliest. Members holding shares in electronic form may forward their details to their respective depository participants only.
- Members may note that the Income Tax Act, 1961, ("the IT Act") as amended by the Finance Act 2020, mandates that dividends paid or distributed by a company after April 01, 2020 shall be taxable in the hands of members. The Company shall therefore be required to deduct tax at source (TDS) at the time of making the payment of final dividend.

For resident shareholders, tax shall be deducted at source under Section 194 of the IT Act as follows-

Members having valid PAN	7.5% or as notified by the Government of India
Members not having PAN / valid PAN	20% or as notified by the Government of India



However, no tax shall be deducted on the dividend payable to a resident individual if the total dividend to be received by them during financial year 2020-21 does not exceed ₹ 5,000 and also in cases where members provide Form 15G / Form 15H (applicable to individuals aged 60 years or more) subject to conditions specified in the IT Act. PAN is mandatory for members providing Form 15G / 15H.

The format of the aforementioned documents may also be accessed from the Company's website at https://www.mrftyres.com/shareholder-info.

Non-resident shareholders can avail beneficial rates under tax treaty between India and their country of residence, subject to providing necessary documents i.e. No Permanent Establishment and Beneficial Ownership Declaration, Tax Residency Certificate, Form 10F, any other document which may be required to avail the tax treaty benefits by sending an email to mrfshare@mrfmail.com.

The aforesaid declarations and documents need to be submitted by the shareholders by 15th September, 2020.

TDS certificates will be sent to shareholders by email after payment of dividend.

m) Under section 124 of the Companies Act, 2013, the amount of dividend remaining unpaid or unclaimed for a period of seven years from the date of transfer to unpaid dividend account of the Company shall be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) set up by the Government of India. Accordingly, unclaimed dividend amounts upto final dividend 2011-2012 have been transferred to the said fund. The shareholders are advised to forward all unencashed dividend warrants from interim dividend 2012-2013 to the registered office of the Company for revalidation and encash the same before the respective due date of transfer to IEPF.

Last date for claiming unclaimed dividend from the Company is given below:

Year	Dividend	Date of Declaration	Last date for claiming unclaimed dividend
2012-2013	I-Interim	25-07-2013	25-08-2020
	II-Interim	24-10-2013	24-11-2020
	Final	06-02-2014	06-03-2021
2013-2014	I-Interim	23-07-2014	23-08-2021
	II-Interim	30-10-2014	30-11-2021
	Final	12-02-2015	12-03-2022
2014-2016	I-Interim	27-07-2015	27-08-2022
	II-Interim	29-10-2015	29-11-2022
	Final	11-08-2016	11-09-2023
2016-2017	I-Interim	27-10-2016	27-11-2023
	II-Interim	03-02-2017	03-03-2024
	Final	04-08-2017	04-09-2024
2017-2018	I-Interim	10-11-2017	10-12-2024
	II-Interim	01-02-2018	01-03-2025
	Final	09-08-2018	09-09-2025
2018-2019	I-Interim	08-11-2018	08-12-2025
	II-Interim	07-02-2019	07-03-2026
	Final	09-08-2019	09-09-2026
2019-2020	I-Interim	08-11-2019	08-12-2026
	II-Interim	10-02-2020	10-03-2027

n) With respect to dividends which remain unclaimed for a period of 7 years or more, the Company in due compliance with Section 124 (6) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016, has transfered to IEPF authority the corresponding equity shares. Details of shares transferred to the IEPF Authority are available on the website of the Company: www.mrftyres.com and on the website of the IEPF Authority: www.iepf.gov.in.

Members may note that the shares as well as unclaimed dividends transferred to IEPF Authority can be claimed back from them. The members, whose unclaimed dividends/shares have been transferred to IEPF, may claim the same by making an online application to the IEPF Authority in web Form No. IEPF-5 available on www.iepf.gov.in/IEPF/corporates.html. For details, please contact Secretarial Department of the Company for lodging claim for refund of shares and/or dividend from the IEPF Authority.

- o) As per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, facility for making nominations is available to individuals holding shares in the Company. The prescribed nomination form can be obtained from the Company. Members holding shares in electronic form may forward nomination form duly filled to their respective depository participants only.
- p) Since the AGM will be held through VC / OAVM, the Route Map is not annexed in this Notice.
- q) Institutional / Corporate Shareholders (i.e. other than individuals / HUF, NRI, etc.) are required to send a scanned copy (PDF/JPG Format) of its Board or governing body Resolution/Authorization along with a ID proof of the representative, authorizing its representative to attend the AGM through VC / OAVM on its behalf and to vote through remote e-voting. The said Resolution/Authorization shall be sent to the Scrutinizer by email through its registered email address to jandsca@gmail.com with a copy marked to evoting@nsdl.co.in.
- r) Instructions for members for attending the AGM through VC / OAVM are as under:
  - NSDL will be providing facility for voting through remote e-Voting, for participation in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and e-Voting during the AGM.
  - Members may note that the VC/OAVM facility, allows participation of atleast 1,000 Members on a first-come-first-served basis.
  - iii. Members will be able to attend the AGM through VC/ OAVM or view the live webcast of AGM provided by NSDL at https://www.evoting.nsdl.com by using their remote e-voting

login credentials and selecting the link available against the EVEN for Company's AGM.

Members who do not have the User ID and Password for e-Voting or have forgotten the User ID and Password may retrieve the same by following the remote e-Voting instructions mentioned below in the Notice.

- iv. Facility of joining the AGM through VC / OAVM shall open 30 minutes before the time scheduled for the AGM and will be available for Members on first-come-first-served basis.
- Members who need assistance before or during the AGM, can contact NSDL on evoting@nsdl.co.in / 1800-222-990 or contact Mr. Amit Vishal, Senior Manager – NSDL at amitv@nsdl.co.in /022-24994360 or Mrs Pallavi Mhatre, Manager - NSDL at pallavid@nsdl.co.in /022-24994545.
- vi. Members attending the AGM through VC / OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Act.
- vii. Members are advised to send their queries in advance mentioning their name demat account number / folio number, email id, mobile number to mrfshare@mrfmail.com. Questions / queries received by the Company till 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 22nd September, 2020 shall only be considered and responded during the AGM.
- viii. Members who would like to express their views/ask questions during the meeting may register themselves as a speaker and send their request mentioning their name, demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number to mrfshare@mrfmail.com between 9.00 a.m. on Saturday, 19th September, 2020 and 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 22nd September, 2020.
- ix. The Company reserves the right to restrict the number of questions and number of speakers, depending on the availability of time for the AGM.



## s) E-Voting:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Act, read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, and Regulation 44 of the SEBI Listing Regulations, the Members are provided with the facility to cast their vote electronically, through the e-voting services provided by NSDL, on all the resolutions set forth in this Notice.

The remote e-voting period commences on 19th September, 2020 (9.00 A.M.) and ends on 23rd September, 2020 (5.00 P.M.). During this period, Members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on 17th September, 2020 i.e. cut-off date, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter. Those Members, who will be present in the AGM through VC / OAVM facility and have not cast their vote on the Resolutions through remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-voting system during the AGM.

The process and manner for e-voting are as under:

Step 1 : Log-in to NSDL e-Voting system at https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/

- 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 'Shareholders' section.
- A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID, your Password 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)		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.	, , , ,
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 113511 then user ID is 113511001***

# 5. Your password details are given below:

- a) If you are already registered for e-Voting, then you can use 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'?
  - 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 in the Notice for registering your email address.
- 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) **"Physical User Reset Password?"** (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.co.in mentioning your demat account number/folio number, your PAN, your name and your registered address.
  - 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.
- 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?

- After successful login at Step 1, you will be able to see the Home page of e-Voting. Click on e-Voting. Then, click on Active Voting Cycles.
- 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" of company for which is 113511
- 4. Now you are ready for e-Voting as the Voting page opens.
- 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.
- 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:

- Institutional shareholders (i.e. other than individuals, HUF, NRI etc.)
  are required to send scanned copy (PDF/JPG Format) of the relevant
  Board Resolution/ Authority letter and ID proof of the person who is
  authorised to vote to the Scrutinizer by e-mail to jandsca@gmail.com
  with a copy marked to evoting@nsdl.co.in.
- 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.



- 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 toll free no.: 1800-222-990 or send a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in.
- You can also update your mobile number and e-mail ID in the user profile details of the folio which may be used for sending future communication(s).
- 5. The voting rights of members shall be in proportion to their shareholding in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date i.e., 17th September, 2020.
- 6. Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and become member of the Company after dispatch of the notice and holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e, 17th September, 2020, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in.
  - 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" option available on www.evoting.nsdl.com or contact NSDL at the following toll free no.: 1800-222-990.
- 9. Mr. N C Sarabeswaran, Chartered Accountant, will be acting as the Scrutinizer for conducting the voting and remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.
- 10. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend/ participate in the AGM through VC / OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.
- 11. The Scrutinizer shall, immediately after the conclusion of voting at the AGM, first count the votes cast during the AGM, thereafter unblock the votes cast through remote e-voting and make, not later than 48 hours of conclusion of the AGM, a consolidated Scrutinizer's Report of the total votes cast in favour or against, if any, to the Chairman or a person authorised by him in writing, who shall countersign the same.

12. The results declared along with the report of the Scrutinizer shall be placed on the website of the Company, www.mrftyres.com and on the website of NSDL immediately after the declaration of result by the Chairman or a person authorized by him in writing and communicated to BSE Limited & National Stock Exchange of India Limited.

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### Item No. 3

In compliance with the provisions of section 152 of the Companies Act, 2013, Mr. Varun Mammen retires by rotation at the ensuing annual general meeting of the Company. Mr. Varun Mammen being eligible has offered himself for re-appointment.

Mr. Varun Mammen aged about 37 years is on the Board of the Company from 04th August, 2017. He is a graduate in Chemical Engineering from the University of Madras, Chennai. He holds a Masters degree (MSc) in Polymer Materials Science and Engineering from The University of Manchester, UK. He has also obtained a Masters degree in Business Administration (MBA) from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, USA. He joined the Company as Deputy General Manager in the Manufacturing Division in 2011 and was later promoted as General Manager-Manufacturing in the Company. He has undertaken many projects within Manufacturing to make improvements to the existing processes, resulting in greater efficiency, smoother operations and significant cost savings across all factories. In 2017, he was appointed as Whole-time Director of the Company.

Mr. Varun Mammen holds 8706 shares of the Company. He is not holding any Directorship in other Companies. During the last financial year, Mr. Varun Mammen attended all the 4 Board meetings of the Company. The details of remuneration paid to Mr. Varun Mammen for the year 2019-2020 in his capacity as Whole time Director of the Company is as follows:
(a) Salary and perquisites − ₹ 23858709 (b) Commission − ₹ 18000000 (c) Total - ₹ 41858709.

Mr. Varun Mammen and his relatives may be deemed to be concerned or interested in the resolution. None of the other Directors and key managerial personnel of the Company or their relatives are concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the above resolution. Mr. Varun Mammen has the requisite skills and experience expected of a member of the Board and accordingly, the Board (on the basis of the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee) recommends this ordinary resolution for the approval of the shareholders.

### Item No. 4

In compliance with the provisions of section 152 of the Companies Act, 2013, Dr.(Mrs) Cibi Mammen retires by rotation at the ensuing annual general meeting of the Company. Dr.(Mrs) Cibi Mammen being eligible has offered herself for re-appointment.

Dr. (Mrs) Cibi Mammen aged about 49 years, is on the Board of the Company since 12th February, 2015. Dr. (Mrs) Cibi Mammen is a BDS graduate from Dr MGR University, Chennai. She is on the Board of Funskool (India) Limited, a leading toy Company in India offering wide range of brands. She has good experience in administration and in Management. She has moderated forums in the spouses wing of the Young Presidents' Organisation. She is a member of the Indian Women's Association (IWA).

Dr.(Mrs) Cibi Mammen holds directorships in Devon Machines Private Limited, Pearl Investments & Finance Co. Ltd., Comprehensive Investment & Finance Company Private Limited, Funskool (India) Ltd., Peninsular Investments Private Limited, Coastal Rubber Equipment Private Limited, Tranquil Investments P Ltd, Avittam Investments Private Limited and V A Investments P Ltd. Dr.(Mrs) Cibi Mammen is not a member/chairman of any committees of the Board in which she is a Director.

Dr.(Mrs) Cibi Mammen holds 500 shares in the Company. During the last financial year, Dr.(Mrs) Cibi Mammen attended 3 Board meetings of the Company. The details of sitting fees paid to Dr.(Mrs) Cibi Mammen for the year 2019-2020 is ₹ 65000.

Dr.(Mrs) Cibi Mammen and her spouse Mr Arun Mammen, Vice Chairman and Managing Director and their relatives may be deemed to be concerned or interested in the above resolution.

None of the other Directors and key managerial personnel and their relatives are concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the above resolution

Dr.(Mrs) Cibi Mammen has the requisite skills and experience expected of a member of the Board and accordingly, the Board (on the basis of the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee) recommends this ordinary resolution for the approval of the shareholders.

## Item No. 5

The Board at its meeting held on 29th June, 2020, on the recommendations of the Audit Committee, has appointed Mr. C Govindan Kutty, Cost Accountant as the Cost Auditor to conduct the audit of the cost records of the Company for the financial year ending 31st March, 2021 on a remuneration of ₹ 8.40 Lakhs (Rupees Eight Lakhs Forty Thousand only) (excluding taxes, as applicable) plus reimbursement of out of pocket expenses.

In accordance with the provisions of section 148 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, the remuneration as mentioned above, payable to the Cost Auditor is required to be ratified by the shareholders of the Company. The Board recommends the aforesaid resolution for approval of the shareholders.

None of the Directors and key managerial personnel of the Company or their relatives are concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the above resolution.

Accordingly, the Board recommends this Ordinary Resolution for the approval of the shareholders.

By Order of the Board,

Chennai 29th June, 2020 S DHANVANTH KUMAR Company Secretary