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# ORIENT CEMENT EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION SCHEME 2023

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## Orient Cement Employee Stock Option Scheme 2023

This Scheme (defined hereunder) has been formulated by the Board (defined hereunder) of Orient Cement Limited ("**Company**") and approved by it at its meeting held on April 28, 2023 subject to the authority vested in it by, and approval of, the shareholders by way of special resolution passed on August 1, 2023.

### 1. NAME AND OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME

- 1.1 This Scheme shall be called the "Orient Cement Employee Stock Option Scheme 2023" ("**Scheme**") which expression shall include any alterations, amendments or modifications to it, from time to time.
- 1.2 In today's competitive world, the employees of a company are its most important resource and asset. Company fully recognizes the same and therefore wants its Employees (defined hereunder) to participate and share the fruits of growth and prosperity of the Company.
- 1.3 The objectives of the Scheme are:
  - 1.3.1 create a sense of ownership and participation amongst the Employees;
  - 1.3.2 motivate the Employees with incentives and reward opportunities;
  - 1.3.3 drive entrepreneurship mindset of value creation for the organization;
  - 1.3.4 provide means to enable the Company to attract and retain appropriate human talent in the employment of the Company; and
  - 1.3.5 achieve sustained growth of the Company and the creation of shareholder value by aligning the interests of the Employees with the long-term interests of the Company.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

The terms defined in this Scheme shall for the purposes of this Scheme, have the meanings specified herein and terms not defined shall have the meanings as defined in the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (as statutorily amended and modified); the Companies Act, 2013 (as statutorily amended and modified); the SEBI (SBEB and SE) Regulations, 2021 (as statutorily amended and modified) (as statutorily amended and modified) or in any statute or re-enactments hereof, as the case may be:

- 2.1 **Applicable Law** shall mean laws of India including rules, regulations and guidelines to the extent applicable to the Company and this Scheme, as amended and modified from time to time. Accordingly, any action taken under the Scheme shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India, without regard to the application of the conflict of laws' provisions under the Applicable Law;
- 2.2 **Associate Company** in reference to the Company, shall have the same meaning ascribed to it in the Companies Act, 2013;
- 2.3 **Award Letter** means a written understanding entered into between the Company and a Participant with respect to the terms and conditions specific to the Options Granted to the Eligible Employee. The Award Letter shall be subject to the terms and conditions stipulated in

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this Scheme and as may be suggested/ recommended by the Remuneration Committee from time to time;

- 2.4 **Board of Directors / Board** means the Company's Board of Directors and includes any committee constituted by the Board;
- 2.5 **Business Day** means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or any day on which banks in Bhubaneswar, India is permitted to be closed;
- 2.6 **Cause** includes the following: (i) convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude or that disentitles the Eligible Employee from being an Employee in accordance with the Company's policies and/or Applicable Law; or (ii) commission of fraud, misappropriation or embezzlement by an Employee; (iii) wilful dishonesty, gross misconduct; and/or (iv) any other action(s) that, in view of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee is disruptive or detrimental to the functioning of the Company;
- 2.7 **Closing Date** shall have the same meaning assigned to it as in Clause 4.2;
- 2.8 **Company** means Orient Cement Limited, a public listed company incorporated in India under the provisions of the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office at Unit-VIII, Plot No. 7 Bhoingar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India – 751 012, the shares of which are listed on BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited or its holding or subsidiary company, if any;
- 2.9 **Corporate Action** means one of the following events:
- 2.9.1 rights / bonus issue;
- 2.9.2 reorganisation of the Shares;
- 2.9.3 restructuring of the share capital of the Company;
- 2.9.4 Other reorganization of the Company in which the Shares are converted into or exchanged for:
- (a) a different class of securities of the Company, or
- (b) any securities of any other issuer, or
- (c) cash, or
- (d) other property;
- 2.9.5 Sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially whole of the assets/ undertaking of the Company to any other company or entity;
- 2.9.6 Bankruptcy proceedings against the Company;
- 2.9.7 Adoption by the shareholders of the Company of a scheme of liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- 2.10 **Director** means a member of the Board of the Company;

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- 2.11 **Effective Date** shall have the same meaning assigned to it as in Clause 4.1;
- 2.12 **Eligible Employee** means an Employee selected by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, for the purpose of Granting Options under this Scheme;
- 2.13 **Employee** in reference to the Company shall have the same meaning assigned to it SEBI (SBEB and SE) Regulations;
- 2.14 **Exercise** means submission of Exercise Letter by the Eligible Employee for allotment of Shares, in respect of the Vested Options accompanied by the Exercise Price within the Exercise Period;
- 2.15 **Exercise Date** means the date on which the Eligible Employee elects to Exercise the Options;
- 2.16 **Exercise Letter** shall mean a letter in a near form as annexed to this Scheme as Annexure A for the purpose of Exercising the Options along with a cheque / demand draft or any other mode of payment of Exercise Price for every Option that is being Exercised;
- 2.17 **Exercise Period** means the period as provided in the Award Letter or such other period as may be intimated by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, from time to time, within which the Eligible Employee may elect to Exercise the Vested Options;
- 2.18 **Exercise Price** means the price payable by the Eligible Employee for the Exercise of each Option Granted under the Scheme for the allotment of one Share. This price will be determined by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee at the time of Grant of Options and detailed in the Award Letter which under no circumstance shall be below 20% of the Market Price of the Share on the date of Grant, however, in no event shall it be below the face value of each Share;
- 2.19 **Grant** means grant of Options. The terms Granted and Granting shall be construed accordingly;
- 2.20 **Grant Date** means the date as specified in the Award Letter by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee on which a Grant is made to an Eligible Employee under the Scheme;
- 2.21 **Holding Company** in reference to the Company, shall have the same meaning ascribed to it in the Companies Act, 2013;
- 2.22 **Long Leave** means permission granted to the Employee to be absent from work for a period beyond fifteen Business Days but not more than 45 Business Days or such other period as the Company / employing entity may determine in its sole and absolute discretion;
- 2.23 **Market Price** means the latest available closing price on a recognised stock exchange having higher trading volume which the shares of the Company are listed on the date immediately prior to the relevant date;
- 2.24 **Nomination and Remuneration Committee** means the committee, by whatever name called, set up by the Company under the Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013;
- 2.25 **Nominee** means: (A) an individual appointed by the Eligible Employee by submitting a letter in the form specified by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee in this regard, which may be revoked or change any time but before the Exercise of Options; (B) if no such

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nomination has been made in accordance with (A) herein or if the individual nomination is not in existence, then Nominee shall mean the spouse of the Option Holder or if the Option Holder is unmarried at the time of death or Permanent Disability, then the nearest kin of the Option Holder;

- 2.26 **Notice Period** means the period commencing on the date of tendering of notice of termination of employment, either by the Company / employing Entity or by the Employee, till the termination of employment;
- 2.27 **Option** means the right, without any obligation, granted to the Eligible Employee to subscribe to Shares upon such terms and conditions as may be specified in the Scheme. One Option shall entitle the Eligible Employee to one Share;
- 2.28 **Option Holder** means an Eligible Employee who has been Granted the Options and has been issued an Award Letter and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Scheme as well as the Award Letter;
- 2.29 **Permanent Disability** means any disability of whatsoever nature, be it physical, mental or otherwise, which incapacitates or prevents or handicaps an Employee from performing any specific job, work or task which the said Employee was capable of performing immediately before such disablement, as determined by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee based on a medical certificate from an expert identified by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee;
- 2.30 **Person** means any natural person, firm, company, Governmental Authority, joint venture, partnership, association or other entity (whether or not having separate legal personality);
- 2.31 **Promoter** in reference to the Company shall have the same meaning assigned to it under the SEBI (SBEB and SE) Regulations;
- 2.32 **Promoter Group** in reference to the Company shall have the same meaning assigned to it under the SEBI (SBEB and SE) Regulations;
- 2.33 **Sabbatical Leave** means paid or unpaid leave granted by the Company and/or its employing entity to the Employees to be absent from work but still be employed with the Company and/or employing entity;
- 2.34 **Scheme** means the Orient Cement Employee Stock Option Scheme 2023 as set out herein and shall include any modification and variations thereof;
- 2.35 **SEBI** means the Securities and Exchange Board of India constituted under Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992;
- 2.36 **SEBI (SBEB and SE) Regulations** means the SEBI (Share Base Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021 and shall include any statutory amendments and modifications;
- 2.37 **Share** means the equity share of the Company listed on the BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited;
- 2.38 **Shareholder** means a person who is registered as a holder of Share/s in the register of shareholders maintained by the Company;

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- 2.39 **Subsidiary Company** in reference to the Company, shall have the same meaning ascribed to it in the Companies Act, 2013;
- 2.40 **Vesting Date** in relation to an Option means the date on which the Option has Vested;
- 2.41 **Vesting** means the process of fulfilment of the criteria and conditions enumerated in the Scheme and/ or Award Letter by an Option Holder in order to be eligible to Exercise his Options;
- 2.42 **Vesting Date** in relation to an Option means the date on which the Options have Vested;
- 2.43 **Vesting Period** means the period from the Grant Date till the Vesting Date;
- 2.44 **Vested Option** means an Option granted, in respect of which the relevant vesting conditions have been satisfied and the Option Holder has become eligible to Exercise the Option; and
- 2.45 **Unvested Option** means an Option granted, in respect of which the relevant vesting conditions have not been satisfied and as such, the Option Holder has not become eligible to Exercise the Option.

### **3. INTERPRETATION**

In this Scheme, unless the contrary intention appears:

- 3.1 the Clause headings are for ease of reference only and shall not be relevant to interpretation;
- 3.2 the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- 3.3 any word or expression importing the masculine, feminine or neuter genders only, shall be taken to include all three genders;
- 3.4 a reference to a Clause or a Sub-Clause, unless otherwise specified, is a reference to a Clause or Sub-Clause as the case may be of this Scheme; and
- 3.5 References in this Scheme to statutory provisions shall be construed as references to those provisions as modified or re-enacted from time to time (whether before or after the date of this Scheme) and to any subordinate legislation made under such provisions and shall include references to any repealed statutory provision which has been so re-enacted (whether with or without modification).

### **4. APPLICABILITY AND TERM**

- 4.1 The Scheme applies only to Eligible Employees. This Scheme shall become effective from the date of approval of the Scheme by the Shareholders ("**Effective Date**").
- 4.2 The Scheme shall continue to be in force until the expiry of 10 (ten) years from the Effective Date ("**Closing Date**"). Options under the Scheme can be granted till the Closing Date and all Options granted till this date shall remain live till they are Vested, lapsed, cashed out or otherwise cancelled in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme. **Provided however**, the Scheme can be terminated before the Closing Date on a date on which all the Options available for issuance under the Scheme have been issued and Exercised or have lapsed and the Nomination and Remuneration Committee does not intend to re-issue the lapsed Options or

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the Nomination and Remuneration Committee in its absolute discretion decides to terminate the Scheme before the Closing Date. The term Closing Date shall therefore be construed accordingly.

- 4.3 Any Options which are not granted by the Closing Date, shall automatically lapse. Where the Scheme has been terminated but there are Options that remain outstanding, these Options will be dealt with in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Scheme as if the Scheme has not been terminated.

## **5. SCOPE AND ELIGIBILITY; OPTIONS/SHARES SUBJECT TO THE SCHEME**

- 5.1 The maximum aggregate number of Options that may be granted and thereby the issuance of Shares under the Scheme shall not exceed 36,00,000 options (“**Plan Pool**”), on such terms and conditions, as is approved by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on August 1, 2023.
- 5.2 The Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall determine the Grant in its absolute discretion, taking into consideration such factors but not limited to Eligible Employee’s performance appraisal, seniority, period of service, role of the Eligible Employee, the present and potential contribution to the growth of the Company. Thereafter, from time to time, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee may grant Options to one or more Eligible Employee/s.
- 5.3 If the Option expires or becomes unexercisable without having been Exercised in full, the Shares which were subject to such Options, shall become available for future Grant under the Scheme unless the Scheme stands terminated pursuant to Clause 4 of the Scheme.
- 5.4 Where the Shares are allotted to Option Holder upon Exercise under the Scheme, the Plan Pool will stand reduced to the extent of such Shares.
- 5.5 The Exercise Price for each Grant made to an Employee under an Award Letter will be stipulated in the said Award Letter.
- 5.6 Shares to be issued to the Option Holder pursuant to Exercise, will be allotted directly by the Company.
- 5.7 Shares to be issued to the Option Holder pursuant to Exercise, will be allotted directly by the Company and shall be listed on the stock exchange where the Shares are listed.

## **6. IMPLEMENTATION**

- 6.1 The Scheme shall be implemented as per the provisions hereunder and Applicable Law.
- 6.2 All the actions required to be effected pursuant to the Scheme will be undertaken by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

## **7. ADMINISTRATION**

- 7.1 The Scheme shall be administered by Nomination and Remuneration Committee. All questions of interpretation of the Scheme or any Option shall be determined by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and such determination shall be final and binding upon all persons having an interest in the Scheme or such Option(s).

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- 7.2 The Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall in accordance with this Scheme and Applicable Law be empowered to undertake the following actions:
- 7.2.1 determine the Eligible Employees to become the Option Holders;
  - 7.2.2 determine the performance parameters for Grant and/or Vesting of Options to an Eligible Employee;
  - 7.2.3 determine and alter the Vesting and/or lock-in-period of the Grant made to any Option Holder and/or any conditions subject to which such Vesting may take place;
  - 7.2.4 assess the performance of an Eligible Employee for Granting of the Options;
  - 7.2.5 determine the criteria for Vesting of Options;
  - 7.2.6 determine the number of Options to be Granted, to each Eligible Employee and in the aggregate, and the times at which such Grants shall be made;
  - 7.2.7 lay down the procedure for making a fair and reasonable adjustment to the number of Options and to the Exercise Price, terms of grant of Options in case of Corporate Action in accordance SEBI (SBEB and SE) Regulations;
  - 7.2.8 determination if the employment of an Option Holder has been terminated for Cause;
  - 7.2.9 specify the method which the Company shall use to value its Options;
  - 7.2.10 provide for the right of an Option Holder to Exercise all the Options Vested in him at one time or at various points of time within the Exercise Period;
  - 7.2.11 lay down the method for satisfaction of any tax obligation arising in connection with the Options or such Shares;
  - 7.2.12 lay down the procedure for cashless Exercise of Options, if any;
  - 7.2.13 provide for the Grant, Vesting and Exercise of Options in case of Option Holders who are on Sabbatical Leave, Long Leave, Notice Period or who have been seconded to any other company or who have joined Holding Company or a Subsidiary or an Associate Company at the instance of the Company; and
  - 7.2.14 such other matters in respect of which the Nomination and Remuneration Committee is required to formulate terms and conditions under Applicable Law.
- 7.3 In the event of any clarifications being required on the interpretation or application of the Scheme, the same shall be referred to the Nomination and Remuneration Committee. The decision of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall be final and binding on the Employees in this regard.
- 7.4 With regard to the matters specifically not provided for in this Scheme or any other documents that may be issued in connection with the Options, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall have an absolute discretion to decide such matters in the manner deemed fit by them in the best interests of the Employees and the Company as may be permissible under

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the Applicable Law, rules and regulations for the time being in force. The decision of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall be final and binding on the Employees.

- 7.5 Any dispute or disagreement which shall arise under, or as a result of, or pursuant to, or in connection with this Scheme shall be referred to the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and shall be determined by it from time to time. All such determination / decision / interpretation by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall be final and binding on all the Employees affected thereby.

## **8. GENERAL RISKS**

Participation in this Scheme shall not be construed as any guarantee of return on Shares allotted upon Exercise of Options.

## **9. GRANT OF OPTIONS**

- 9.1 The Nomination and Remuneration Committee may make Grants to one or more Eligible Employee(s), which shall include recurring Grants to the same Eligible Employee in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Scheme.
- 9.2 The Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall determine the Vesting criteria/Period, Exercise Price and Exercise Period of the Options granted under the Scheme.
- 9.3 Options Granted to an Eligible Employee shall be evidenced by an Award Letter which shall contain such details and terms and conditions as may be required by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee including the number of Options Granted, the Exercise Price, the Vesting criteria, Exercise Period and the other terms and conditions thereto.
- 9.4 The Option Holder shall not assign, transfer, pledge or hypothecate his rights or obligations relating to the Options, to any third party. The Option shall be Exercisable by such Option Holder only or in case of death or Permanent Disability of an Option Holder, by the Nominee as provided in the Scheme.
- 9.5 In case Options are being Granted to any Eligible Employee which are equal to or exceeding 1% (one per cent) of the issued capital (excluding outstanding warrants and conversions) of the Company at the time of Grant, or if Grant is being made to an Employee of the Subsidiary Company or Holding Company of the Company, then the Company shall take approval of Shareholders by way of special resolution.
- 9.6 The Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall make necessary disclosures as per Regulation 16(2) of the SEBI (SBE and SE) Regulations to the Eligible Employees to whom Grant is being made.
- 9.7 In the event, an Eligible Employee is a nominee of an institution nominated by such institution as its representative on the Board, then such Eligible Employee shall comply with the disclosure requirement as provided under the Explanation to Regulation 4 of SEBI (SBE and SE) Regulation.

## **10. VESTING**

- 10.1 Notwithstanding anything contrary in this Scheme, the Vesting criteria for the Options Granted to Eligible Employees shall be determined by the Nomination and Remuneration

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Committee in accordance with the Applicable Law and provided in the Award Letter. However, there shall be a minimum period of one year, or such other period as may be prescribed by SEBI from time to time, between Grant and Vesting.

10.2 Subject to Clause 16 of the Scheme,

10.2.1 the Unvested Options shall vest with the Option Holder as per the Vesting criteria mentioned in the Award Letter given to the Eligible Employee; and

10.2.2 the Vested Options shall entitle the Option Holder to Exercise the Vested Options and apply for the Shares at the Exercise Price within the Exercise Period.

10.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Scheme, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall subject to Applicable Laws, be entitled, in its absolute discretion, to vary or alter the terms of the Vesting, including but not limited to the Vesting Period of any Option to be Granted or any Option Holder (accelerating the Vesting, relaxation of Vesting Conditions), as it may deem fit. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee may also vary or alter the terms of the Vesting the Options already Granted but not yet Exercised, as it may deem fit; provided however, that such variation shall not be disadvantageous to the Option Holder.

10.4 It is hereby clarified that if an Option Holder is on Long Leave or Sabbatical Leave or Notice Period, then the days, during which the said Option Holder was on such Long Leave or Sabbatical Leave or Notice Period, will not be included in determining whether the said Option Holder has satisfied the Vesting Period / criteria as laid down in the Award Letter. However, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee may alter or vary such conditions on a case-to-case-basis.

## **11. EXERCISE OF OPTIONS**

11.1 The Option Holder may exercise the Vested Options within the Exercise Period. In the event the Option Holder fails to Exercise his Vested Options within the Exercise Period, then such Vested Options shall lapse and revert to the Plan Pool. The Company and/or the Nomination and Remuneration Committee will not have any obligation towards such Option Holder with respect to such lapsed Options. No further communication in this regard shall be made to the Option Holder in this regard.

11.2 To Exercise the Options, the Option Holder has to submit an Exercise Letter to the Nomination and Remuneration Committee accompanied by the Exercise Price which shall be paid either by or through, as the case may be:

11.2.1 cheque drawn on the Company; or

11.2.2 online to the Company's bank account as may be intimated from time to time; or

11.2.3 the Option Holder's authority to the Company to deduct such amount from his salary due and payable; or

11.2.4 such other mode as may be approved by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee from time to time to the extent permitted by Applicable Law; or

11.2.5 a combination of any of the abovementioned methods.

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### 11.3 Cashless Exercise

Under a cashless exercise, an Option Holder who Exercises the Options will have to simultaneously sell the Shares acquired on Exercise of Options and will only be entitled to receive the difference between the Selling Price and the Exercise Price for the Options exercised by him after deducting taxes payable on Exercise / sale, if any, and other amounts, expenses and charges due from him (including those in connection with the sale).

For the purpose of implementing the 'cashless exercise' the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall be entitled to specify such procedures and/or mechanisms for the Shares issued on Exercise of the Options as may be necessary and the same shall be binding on the Option Holder. For the purpose of this clause, unless otherwise stated, **Selling Price** means where the Shares of the Company are listed on a recognized stock exchange, the actual price realized on sale of the Shares.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein or elsewhere in this Scheme, it is hereby clarified that the Company is under no obligation to either buy the Shares or pay any compensation to any Option Holder under this clause as a result of the inability or unwillingness of the Option Holder to acquire any Shares, whether due to lack of funds, any restriction under law or otherwise.

11.4 Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in the Scheme, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and/or the Board may, if the Exercise of Options within the Exercise period, is prevented by any law or regulation in force, defer or refuse to permit the Exercise of Options till such time as the prohibition under the Applicable Laws is lifted and in such an event the Company shall not be liable to pay any compensation or similar payment to the Option Holder for any loss suffered due to such inability to Exercise. Provided further, that the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall have the power and is authorized to cancel all or any of the Options granted under the Scheme if so required under the Applicable Law for the time being in force.

11.5 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Clause 11 and subject to Applicable Law, in case of cessation of employment, any Exercise of the Options by such Option Holder shall be in accordance with the provisions of Clause 16 of this Scheme. Provided that no such Exercise of Options can be Exercised during the Notice Period, unless the Nomination and Remuneration Committee decides otherwise.

11.6 Upon Exercise of Options, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall cause, within a reasonable period of time, to allot such number of Shares underlying the Vested Options as are Exercised, to the Option Holder, Nominee or former Employee, as the case may be.

## 12. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SHARES AND RIGHTS AS A SHAREHOLDER

12.1 No Employee shall have a right to receive any dividend or vote at any general meeting of the Company or in any manner enjoy the benefits of a Shareholder in respect of Options Granted or Vested in the Option Holder.

12.2 All Shares allotted to the Option Holders pursuant to Exercise of Options under the Scheme shall be listed on all the stock exchanges on which the Shares are listed and will rank *pari passu* with all other Shares for the time being in issue.

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**13. AUTHORITY TO VARY/MODIFY TERMS**

- 13.1 Subject to Applicable Law, the Board shall, at its absolute discretion, have the right to vary / modify / amend the Scheme, in such manner and at such time or times as it may deem fit, subject however that any such modification / amendment shall not be detrimental to the interests of the Option Holders.
- 13.2 Such right to vary / modify / amend this Scheme as and when required will be subject as always to SEBI (SBEB and SE) Regulations. No member of the Board or the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall be primarily liable for any decision or action taken in good faith with respect to this Scheme.

**14. TRANSFERABILITY OF OPTIONS**

Unless the Applicable Law allow otherwise, the Options cannot be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, hypothecated, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by the Option Holder except under the circumstances provided under Clause 17.8 herein. Any purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance not permitted herein shall be void and unenforceable against the Company.

**15. CORPORATE ACTION**

Subject to Applicable Law, in the event of change in control of the Company or Corporate Action, a Grant made under the Scheme shall be subject to adjustment by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee at its discretion including but not limited to the number of Options or Vesting criteria or cancellation of Options (whether Vested or Unvested) in lieu of such consideration as may be determined by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee in its sole discretion. The decision of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, in this regard, shall be final and binding.

**16. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

- 16.1 In the event of termination of employment of the Option Holder due to his death or Permanent Disability, all the Unvested Options shall Vest on the date of termination of such employment. The Option Holder or his Nominee, as the case may be, may Exercise the Vested Options in accordance with Clause 11 of the Scheme within a period of six months from the date of termination of employment or such other period as may be intimated by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee to the Option Holder / Nominee. Any Options which are not Exercised within the period as stipulated by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall lapse and be cancelled and revert to the Plan Pool. The Company shall not have any further obligations towards the Option Holder or the Nominee, as the case may be, towards lapsed Options.
- 16.2 In the event of termination of employment of the Option Holder due to Cause, whether Vested or Unvested, shall lapse on the termination of employment of the Option Holder, they shall be cancelled, and shall revert to the Plan Pool. The Company shall not have any further obligations towards the Option Holder in respect of such lapsed Options.
- 16.3 In the event of termination of employment of the Option Holder due to resignation or without Cause, all the Unvested Options shall stand cancelled with immediate effect. Further, the Option Holder may Exercise his Vested Options in accordance with Clause 11 of the Scheme, within a period of three months from the date of termination of employment. If the Options

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are not Exercised in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and within three months from the date of termination of employment, then such Options shall stand cancelled and revert to the Plan Pool. The Company shall not have any further obligations towards the Option Holder in respect of such lapsed Options.

- 16.4 In the event of termination of employment of the Option Holder due to retirement as per the policies of the Company / employing entity, then the Options shall continue to Vest in accordance with the criteria as laid out in the Award Letter of such Option Holder and be eligible for Exercise within the Exercise Period as determined in the Award Letter. Failure to Exercise the Options within the Exercise Period will result in cancellation of the Options and will revert to the Plan Pool. The Company shall not have any further obligations towards the Option Holder in respect of such lapsed Options.

## **17. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **17.1 No right to a Grant:**

Neither the adoption of the Scheme nor any action of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall be deemed to give an Eligible Employee any right to be Granted any Option to acquire Shares or to any other rights hereunder except as may be evidenced by an Award Letter signed and counter signed by the Company and the Eligible Employee, respectively.

### **17.2 Surrender of Options:**

17.2.1. An Option Holder may at any time, by way of written request to the Committee, surrender any or all of his Vested or Unvested Options to the Company. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee on receipt of such request, consider it and cancel such surrendered Options vis-à-vis the Option Holder. Options so surrendered and cancelled will revert to the Plan Pool.

17.2.2 The Company would not be liable to pay any compensation to the Option Holder on account of his surrender of the Options and shall not have any further obligations towards the Option Holder in respect of such surrendered Options.

### **17.3 No employment rights conferred:**

Nothing contained in the Scheme or in any Grant made hereunder shall:

17.3.1 confer upon any Option Holder any right with respect to continuation of employment or engagement with the Company; or

17.3.2 interfere in any way with the right of the Company to terminate Employment or services of any Option Holder at any time.

### **17.4 Tax deduction / recovery:**

The Company shall have the right to deduct / recover all taxes payable either by itself or by the Option Holder, in connection with all Grants / Options / Shares under this Scheme, by way of deduction at source from salary and, in addition, to require any payments necessary to enable it to satisfy such obligations. The Option Holder will also, as a condition of the Scheme, authorize the Company or its Nominee to sell such number of Shares, as would be necessary,

to discharge the obligation in the respect of such taxes and appropriate the proceeds thereof on behalf of the Option Holder.

**17.5 No restriction on Corporate Action:**

The existence of the Scheme and the Grants made hereunder shall not in any way affect the right or the power of the Board or the Shareholders to make or authorise any 'Corporate Action', strategic sale of substantial stake by the Shareholders including any issue of Shares, debt or other Securities having any priority or preference with respect to the Shares under the Scheme or the rights thereof, whether or not such action would have an adverse effect on the Scheme or any Grant made under the Scheme. No Employee or other person shall have any claim against the Company or the new company / new entity that is formed or takes over a part of whole of the business of the Company, as a result of such action.

**17.6 Dissolution or liquidation:**

In the event of a dissolution or liquidation, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall inform each Option Holder, as soon as practicable / permissible under Applicable Law, of the same and communicate regarding the treatment of Options held by the Option Holder.

**17.7 Confidentiality:**

The Option Holder shall ensure complete confidentiality in respect of all documents, matters and discussions in relation to the Scheme, Grant, Award Letter or any connected matter except where such disclosure is made to a third-party professional (viz., lawyer, chartered accountant etc.) for seeking legal or financial advice. Any violation may result in cancellation of Options, Vested or Unvested.

**17.8 Nominee:**

A Nominee shall alone be entitled to exercise the rights of the Option Holder concerned in the event of death / Permanent Disability of the Option Holder, subject to the terms and conditions of the Scheme. It is hereby clarified that any Shares received by the Nominee shall be held in trust for the Option Holder, if alive, and not then his legal heirs or legatees (as mentioned under the Will).

**17.9 Insider trading:**

The Option Holder shall ensure that there is no violation of Insider Trading Regulations and prevention of Fraudulent and/or Unfair Trade Practices regulations as may be notified by SEBI and/or the stock exchange on which the Shares are listed. The Option Holder shall keep the Company or the Board or such other Committees of the Board, fully indemnified in respect of any liability arising for violation of the above provisions.

**17.10 New Employee Stock Option Schemes:**

Nothing contained in the Scheme shall be construed to prevent the Company from implementing another Employee Stock Option Scheme / Plan, directly or through any trust settled by Company, which is deemed by the Company to be appropriate or in its best interest, provided such other action would not have any adverse impact on the Scheme or any Grant made under the Scheme. No Option Holder or other Person shall have any claim against the Company and/or Trust as a result of such action.

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**17.11 Notice and Correspondence:**

Any notice required to be given by, or any correspondence from, an Option Holder or the Nominee or the former Employee to the Company may be given at the following address:

Attention: Head – Human Resource  
Address: Orient Cement Limited, G P Birla Centre, BM Birla Planetarium Complex,  
Adarsh Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500063

Any notice required to be given to the Option Holder or the Nominee or the former Employee, as the case may be, by the Company may be given at the address of the Option Holder/Nominee/former Employee, as maintained by the Company in its records. If there is any change of address for service, it shall be the sole responsibility of the addressee (Company or the Option Holder or the Nominee or the former Employee, as the case may be) to update the other party (Company or the Option Holder or the Nominee or the former Employee, as the case may be) about the change in address for service. However, if there is no change or updation of address, service on either address shall remain effective and it shall be sufficient discharge of obligation of service, intimation, notice or correspondence.

**17.12 Disputes:**

All disputes arising out of or in connection with the Scheme or the Grant shall be referred to the Nomination and Remuneration Committee for mutual resolution by the parties.

**17.13 Governing law and jurisdiction:**

The terms and conditions of the Scheme shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Applicable Law.

**17.14 No Discrimination:**

Nothing in this Scheme may be deemed to be discriminating amongst the Employees or the Eligible Employees on the grounds of gender, age, nationality, race, ethnicity, language or otherwise. The Scheme in terms of coverage of the Eligible Employees is in consonance with prevailing management practices and remuneration principles and is not discriminating against any section of Employees.

**17.15 Accounting and Disclosure Policies:**

The Company shall follow the 'Guidance Note on Accounting for Employee Share-based Payments' and/or any relevant Accounting Standards as may be prescribed by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India from time to time, including the disclosure requirements prescribed therein or such other policies as may be prescribed under SEBI (SBEB and SE) Regulations.

**17.16 This Scheme will operate inter-alia, under Companies Act 2013 and SEBI (SBEB and SE) Regulations, provisions not specifically provided herein but set out in in such aforesaid laws.**

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS OF APRIL 28, 2023**

**APPROVED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS AS OF AUGUST 1, 2023**

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**PROFORMA - EXERCISE LETTER**

*From:*

*[Name of the Employee]  
[Designation], [Name of the Company]  
[Residential Address/Office Address]  
PAN: [•]*

*To:*

*Nomination and Remuneration Committee  
[Name of the Company]  
[Address of the Company]*

**Subject: Exercise of Options Granted under the Orient Cement Employee Stock Option Scheme 2023 (“Scheme”)**

Dear Sir

- I was granted Options under the Scheme vide the Award Letter dated [•] which entitles me to equal number of the shares of the Company (“**Shares**”). I am desirous of Exercising some/ all of the Vested Options. Set out below are the details of the Grant, Vested Options, Exercise Price and the number of Vested Options that I am hereby Exercising.

**2. DETAILS OF OPTIONS:**

Date of Grant		
Total number of shares of the Company covered by the Options granted under the Award Letter		
Exercise price per share		
Vesting of Options	Date of Vesting	Number of Options vested
Number of Options Exercised Till Date		

**3. DETAILS OF EXERCISE OF OPTIONS:**

Number Options being Exercised as of this Date	Total amount payable on Exercise (Number of Options being exercised * Exercise price per share)

**4. DETAILS OF PAYMENT OF EXERCISE PRICE**

- [ ]: Enclosed cheque of INR [•] dated [•] made payable to [Name of the Company]  
[ ]: Online transfer of INR [•] on [•] to the designated account of the Company

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- [ ]: Deduct INR [•] from my Salary
- [ ]: Combination of the above mentioned methods, *[please provide]*
- [ ]: Such other manner, as the Nomination and Remuneration Committee has intimated to the Option Holder under Clause 11 of the Scheme or otherwise.

5. Upon receipt of the Exercise Price, request you to kindly allot the Shares underlying the Vested Options being Exercised herein. My demat account details are as under:

[•]

**6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURE**

I hereby acknowledge that:

- (a) I have understood, signed and agreed with the terms and conditions of the Award Letter and the Scheme under which the Options detailed above were issued, and understand the tax consequences of an Exercise.
- (b) Issuance of Shares on Exercise of Options is subject to Applicable Law and compliances, and allotment of Shares thereof by the Company shall be upon due compliance of such Applicable Law.
- (c) The Company may have withholding tax obligation arising from the Exercise of the Options, which will be appropriated from my monthly salary enabling the Company to meet the said obligation. In the event that the salary is insufficient to cover the withholding taxes, I may be asked to deposit the amount of withholding tax with the Company as may be notified to me.
- (d) I am solely responsible for my individual tax filings in relation to the Granting, Vesting or Exercise of the Options Granted to me.
- (e) Upon allotment of Shares, I shall strictly adhere to the provisions of the Insider Trading Policies of the Company and co-operate with the Company in the matters concerning the said provisions as may be required.

Thanking you,  
Yours Sincerely,

*[Name of the Employee]*

Date:

*To be completed by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee:*

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_