

HCL TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED

Corporate Identity Number: L74140DL1991PLC046369

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POSTAL BALLOT FORM

- Name(s) of the Shareholder(s) including joint holders, if any Serial No.
- Registered address of the Sole/ First named Shareholder
- Registered Folio No./ *DP ID-Client ID No. (*Applicable to the shareholders holding shares in dematerialized form)
- Number of Shares held
- I/We hereby exercise my/our vote(s) in respect of the following Special Resolution to be passed through postal ballot / remote e-voting for the business stated in the Postal Ballot Notice dated July 14, 2018 of the Company (the "Notice") by sending my/our assent/dissent to the said Special Resolution by placing the tick (✓) mark at the appropriate boxes below:

Description of Special Resolution	Number of Shares for which Vote cast	FOR I/We assent to the Resolution	AGAINST I/We dissent to the Resolution
Approval for the Buy-back of Equity Shares of the Company			

Place:

Date:

(Signatures of the Shareholder)

Note: Please read carefully the instructions printed below before exercising your vote.

INSTRUCTIONS

- The voting rights for the Equity Shares of the Company are one vote per Equity Share on the paid-up value of Equity Shares registered in the name of the shareholders.
- Voting by postal ballot, in the physical form or remote e-voting, can be exercised only by the shareholder or his/her duly constituted attorney, or in case of bodies corporate, by the duly authorised person. Voting rights in a postal ballot cannot be exercised by a Proxy.
- Voting period (including e-voting) commences from July 18, 2018 at 9.00 A.M. (IST) and ends on August 16, 2018 at 5.00 P.M. (IST). During this period, shareholders of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on July 12, 2018 (the "cut-off date"), may cast their vote. The e-voting module shall be disabled for voting thereafter. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the shareholder, he/she shall not be allowed to change it subsequently or cast vote again.
- Kindly note that the shareholder(s) can opt for only one mode of voting, i.e. either physical postal ballot or remote e-voting. However, in case shareholder(s) cast their vote by physical postal ballot and remote e-voting both, then voting done through valid remote e-voting shall prevail and the voting done by physical postal ballot will be treated as invalid.
- Any query in relation to the resolution proposed to be passed by postal ballot may be sent to: The Company Secretary, HCL Technologies Limited, 806, Siddharth, 96, Nehru Place, New Delhi – 110019; email id: investors@hcl.com.
- Mr. Nityanand Singh, Practicing Company Secretary, (Membership no. FCS: 2668) has been appointed as the Scrutinizer for conducting the postal ballot / remote e-voting process in accordance with the Act and the Rules made thereunder, in a fair and transparent manner.
- The Scrutinizer shall, immediately after the conclusion of voting through postal ballot, (i) count the votes cast, (ii) unblock the votes cast through remote e-voting in the presence of at least two witnesses not in the employment of the Company and (iii) make a consolidated scrutinizer's report of the total votes cast in favour or against and submit the final report to the Chairman or any other duly authorized person of the Company. The Scrutinizer's decision on the validity of the Postal Ballot Form will be final and binding. The results will be announced in accordance with the provisions of Section 110 of the Act read with the Management Rules at the Registered Office of the Company on or before August 22, 2018 and the results and scrutinizer's report will be available at www.hcltech.com and will be intimated to the stock exchanges and to NSDL. The date of declaration of results of the postal ballot will be taken as the date of passing the Special Resolution.

I. INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING BY PHYSICAL POSTAL BALLOT FORM

1. A shareholder desirous of exercising vote by physical postal ballot should complete the Postal Ballot Form in all respects and send it after signatures to the Scrutinizer in the attached postage pre-paid business reply envelope which bears the address of the Scrutinizer appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company and which shall be properly sealed with adhesive or adhesive tape. However, envelopes containing Postal Ballot Form, if sent by courier or by registered post or speed post, at the expense of the shareholder will also be accepted. The Postal Ballot Form(s) may also be deposited personally. The shareholders are requested to convey their assent or dissent in this Postal Ballot Form only. The assent or dissent received in any other form or manner shall be considered as invalid.
2. The Postal Ballot Form should be signed by the shareholder as per the specimen signatures registered with the Registrar/ Depository. In case the Equity Shares are jointly held, Postal Ballot Form should be completed and signed (as per specimen signatures registered with Registrar/Depository) by the first named shareholder and in his/her absence, by the next named shareholder. Holder(s) of Power of Attorney(s) ("POA") on behalf of the Shareholder(s) may vote on the Postal Ballot enclosing an attested copy of the POA. Unsigned Postal Ballot Forms will be rejected.
3. In case of Equity Shares held by the shareholders other than individual shareholders (e.g. Institutions, Companies, Trusts, Societies etc.) the duly completed Postal Ballot Form should be signed by the authorized signatory, whose signature is already registered with the Registrar/Depository or it should be accompanied by a certified true copy of board resolution / authority and with attested specimen signature(s) of the duly authorized signatories giving requisite authorities to the person voting on the Postal Ballot Form.
4. Duly completed Postal Ballot Form should reach the Scrutinizer not later than the close of working hours of August 16, 2018. Postal Ballot Form received after this date will be treated as if reply from such shareholder has not been received. The shareholders are requested to send the duly completed Postal Ballot Form well before the last date providing sufficient time for the postal transit.
5. Shareholders are requested not to send any paper (other than the resolution/ authority as mentioned under instruction above) along with the Postal Ballot Form in the enclosed self- addressed postage pre-paid business reply envelope as all such envelopes will be sent to the Scrutinizer and if any extraneous paper is found in such envelope, the same would not be considered and would be destroyed by the Scrutinizer.
6. There will be only one Postal Ballot Form for every folio / client ID irrespective of the number of the joint shareholders. In case a Member is desirous of obtaining a printed Postal Ballot Form or a duplicate, he or she may write to investors@hcl.com or to The Company Secretary, HCL Technologies Limited, 806, Siddharth, 96, Nehru Place, New Delhi – 110019. On receipt of the duplicate Postal Ballot Form, the original will be rejected. However, the duly completed duplicate Postal Ballot Form should reach the Scrutinizer not later than the date and time specified in Point No. 4 above.
7. The votes should be cast either in favour of or against the resolution by putting the tick (✓) mark in the column provided for assent or dissent. Postal Ballot Form bearing (✓) in both the columns will render the Form invalid. Unsigned/ incomplete/ incorrectly ticked Postal Ballot Form will be rejected.

II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOTE E-VOTING

Step 1: Log-in to NSDL e-voting system at <https://www.evoting.nsd.com/>

Step 2: Cast your vote electronically on NSDL e-voting system.

Details on Step 1 are mentioned below:

1. Visit the e-voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: <https://www.evoting.nsd.com/> either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile phone.
2. Once the home page of e-voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholders' section.
3. 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 e-services i.e. IDEAS, you can log-in at <https://eservices.nsd.com/> with your existing IDEAS login. Once you log-in to NSDL e-services 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:
For Members who hold shares in demat account with NSDL	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*****
For Members who hold shares in demat account with CDSL	16 Digit Beneficiary ID For example, if your Beneficiary ID is 12***** then your user ID is 12*****
For Members holding shares in Physical Form	EVEN Number followed by Folio Number registered with the Company For example, if EVEN is 101456 and folio number is 001*** then user ID is 101456001***

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'?
 - (i) 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, your 'initial password' has been provided in this Postal Ballot Form.
6. 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.nsd.com
 - b) "Physical User Reset Password?" (If you are holding shares in physical mode) option available on www.evoting.nsd.com

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.
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.
9. After you click on the "Login" button, Home page of e-voting will open.

Details on Step 2 are given below:

1. 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.
2. 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 E-voting event number" (EVEN) of "HCL Technologies Limited" for casting your vote.
4. Now you are ready for e-voting as the Voting page opens.
5. 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.
6. 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 Members

1. 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 etc. with the attested specimen signature of the duly authorized signatory(ies) who are authorized to vote, to the Scrutinizer by e-mail to officecnns@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.nsd.com to reset the password.
3. 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.nsd.com or call on toll free no.: 1800-222-990 or send a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in.

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POSTAL BALLOT NOTICE

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

Dear Members,

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013, (the “**Act**”) read with Rules 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (the “**Management Rules**”), including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force and other applicable provisions of the Act and the Management Rules, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy Back of Securities) Regulations, 1998 (the “**Buy-back Regulations**”), and other applicable provisions, seeking the approval of the shareholders of HCL Technologies Limited (the “**Company**”) to the proposed Special Resolution appended below by way of postal ballot including voting through electronic means (“**remote e-voting**”).

An explanatory statement setting out the material facts concerning the said resolution pursuant to Section 102 of the Act and instructions for remote e-voting are annexed to this postal ballot notice along with the postal ballot form (“**Postal Ballot Form**”). The Company has engaged National Securities Depository Limited (“**NSDL**”), as an agency for providing remote e-voting platform.

Pursuant to Rule 22(5) of the Management Rules, the Company has appointed Mr. Nityanand Singh, Practicing Company Secretary, FCS No. 2668, as the scrutinizer (“**Scrutinizer**”) for conducting the postal ballot and remote e-voting process in accordance with the Act and the Management Rules made thereunder in a fair and transparent manner. Shareholders have the option to vote either by postal ballot or through remote e-voting. Shareholders desiring to exercise their vote by postal ballot are requested to carefully read the instructions printed in the Postal Ballot Form and return the same duly completed and signed in the enclosed postage pre-paid self-addressed business reply envelope. A Postal Ballot Form sent by courier or by registered post/speed post at the expense of the shareholder(s) will also be accepted.

The Special Resolution, if approved by the requisite majority, shall be passed on the date on which the results of this postal ballot are declared.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Approval for the Buy-back of Equity Shares of the Company

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

“**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Sections 68, 69, 70, 110 and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013, (the “**Act**”) and the provisions of the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014, the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, to the extent applicable, Article 4 of the Articles of Association of the Company, applicable provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the “**LODR Regulations**”) as amended, and in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy back of Securities) Regulations, 1998 (“**Buy-back Regulations**”) as amended, Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India) Regulations, 2017, and the rules and regulations framed there under, if applicable, including any amendment(s), statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof and any other statutory provision for the time being in force, and subject to such other approvals, permissions and sanctions as may be necessary and subject to such conditions and modifications, if any, as may be prescribed or imposed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (“**SEBI**”), the stock exchanges on which the Equity Shares of the Company are listed (the “**Stock Exchanges**”) and other authorities, institutions or bodies (the “**Appropriate Authorities**”) while granting such approvals, permissions and sanctions, which may be agreed by the Board of Directors of the Company (the “**Board**”, which expression shall include any committee constituted by the Board to exercise its powers, including the powers conferred by this resolution (the “**Buy-back Committee**”) and on the terms and conditions set out in the explanatory statement), the approval of the shareholders of the Company be and is hereby accorded for the buy-back by the Company of up to 3,63,63,636 (Three Crores Sixty Three Lacs Sixty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Six Only) fully paid-up equity shares of ₹ 2 each of the Company (the “**Equity Shares**”) representing upto 2.61% of the total paid-up equity share capital of the Company, at a price of ₹ 1,100 (Rupees One Thousand One Hundred Only) per Equity Share (the “**Buy-back Price**”) payable in cash for an aggregate amount of up to ₹ 4,000 crores (Rupees Four Thousand Crores only) excluding any expenses incurred or to be incurred for the Buy-back like filing fee payable to SEBI, advisors’ fees, public announcement publication expenses, printing and dispatch expenses, transaction costs viz. brokerage, applicable taxes such as securities transaction tax, goods and service tax, stamp duty, etc. which is 14.83% and 11.59%, of the aggregate of the fully paid-up equity share capital and free reserves (including securities premium) of the Company as per the latest audited standalone and consolidated financial statements of the Company, respectively, for the year ended March 31, 2018 (the “**Buy-back Size**”), through the “**Tender Offer**” route as prescribed under the Buy-back Regulations and circulars issued thereunder, including the “Mechanism for acquisition of shares through Stock Exchange” notified by SEBI vide circular CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated April 13, 2015 read with the circulars issued in relation thereto, including the circular CFD/DCR2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated December 09, 2016, or such other mechanism as may be applicable, on a proportionate basis, from the equity shareholders / beneficial owners of the Equity Shares of the Company as on the record date to be determined by the Board (the “**Record Date**”) (hereinafter referred to as the “**Buy-back**”).”

“RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Buy-back shall be made out of the free reserves based on the audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2018 and the payments be made out of the Company’s current balances of cash and cash equivalents and other current investments or internal accruals of the Company.”

“RESOLVED FURTHER THAT all the equity shareholders / beneficial owners of the Equity Shares of the Company as on the Record Date (**“Eligible Shareholders”**) will be eligible to participate in the Buy-back including promoters and promoter group of the Company.”

“RESOLVED FURTHER THAT 15% (fifteen per cent) of the Equity Shares which the Company proposes to Buy-back or the number of Equity Shares entitled as per the shareholding of small shareholders as on the Record Date shall be reserved for small shareholders in accordance with the provisions of the Buy-back Regulations.”

“RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Buy-back from the Eligible Shareholders who are residents outside India, including non-resident Indians, foreign nationals, foreign corporate bodies (including erstwhile overseas corporate bodies) and qualified institutional buyers including foreign portfolio investors, shall be subject to such approvals, if any and to the extent required from the concerned authorities including approvals from the Reserve Bank of India (**“RBI”**) under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India) Regulations, 2017, and the rules and regulations framed there under, and that such approvals shall be required to be taken by such non-resident Eligible Shareholders.”

“RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board be and is hereby authorized to delegate all or any of the power(s) conferred herein above as it may in its absolute discretion deem fit, to any committee(s), director(s), officer(s), authorised representative(s) of the Company in order to give effect to the aforesaid resolutions, including but not limited to finalizing the terms of the Buy-back such as the Record Date, entitlement ration timeframe for completion of Buy-back, appointing merchant bankers, brokers, legal counsels, registrars, escrow agents, advisors, consultants, intermediaries, agencies, as may be required, for the implementation of the Buy-back, finalizing their terms of appointment including the fees payable and executing agreements, initiating all necessary actions for preparation and issue of various documents including public announcement, draft letter of offer, letter of offer, declaration of solvency, certificate of extinguishment of shares, share certificates and all other documents with respect to the Buy-back, making all necessary applications to the Appropriate Authorities for their approvals including but not limited to approvals as may be required from SEBI, RBI; preparing, signing and filing of the public announcement, draft letter of offer, letter of offer with SEBI, the stock exchanges on which the Equity Shares are listed (the **“Stock Exchanges”**) and other Appropriate Authorities; obtaining all certificates and reports from statutory auditors and other third parties, as required under applicable law, entering into escrow arrangements as required in terms of the Buy-back Regulations, opening, operating and closing of all necessary accounts including escrow account, special payment account, broker trading account and demat account as required in terms of the Buy-back Regulations, extinguishing dematerialized shares and physical destruction of share certificates in respect of the Equity Shares bought back by the Company, and filing such other undertakings, agreements, and documents as may be required to be filed in connection with the Buy-back with SEBI, the Stock Exchanges, Registrar of Companies, Depositories and any other regulatory, governmental and statutory authorities as may be required from time to time.”

“RESOLVED FURTHER THAT nothing contained herein shall confer any right on the part of any shareholder to offer and/or any obligation on the part of the Company or the Board or the Buy-back Committee to Buy-back any shares, and/or impair any power of the Company or the Board or the Buy-back Committee to terminate any process in relation to such Buy-back, if so permissible by law.”

“RESOLVED FURTHER THAT for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution, the Board or the Buy-back Committee be and is hereby authorized severally to accept and make any alteration(s), modification(s) to the terms and conditions as it may deem necessary, concerning any aspect of the Buy-back, in accordance with the statutory requirements as well as to give such directions as may be necessary, to settle any questions, difficulties or doubts that may arise and generally, to do all acts, deeds, matters and things as it may, in absolute discretion deem necessary, in relation to or in connection with or for matters consequential to the Buy-back without seeking any further consent or approval of the shareholders or otherwise to the end and intent that they shall be deemed to have given their approval thereto expressly by the authority of this resolution.”

By Order of the Board
For **HCL Technologies Limited**

Manish Anand
Company Secretary
FCS-5022

Place: Noida (U.P.)

Date: July 14, 2018

NOTES –

1. The explanatory statement pursuant to Section 102(1) read with Section 110 of the Act, setting out all material facts and reasons for the proposed Special Resolution to be passed through postal ballot including remote e-voting is appended herein below. It also contains the disclosures as specified in Schedule II Part A of the Buy-back Regulations.
2. In accordance with the provisions of Section 68(2) and Section 110 of the Act read with the Management Rules, and other applicable provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder, the Company is required to obtain the approval of its shareholders by way of a special resolution through postal ballot for the Buy-back of equity shares of the Company. Accordingly, your approval is sought for the resolutions contained in this notice through postal ballot (**“Postal Ballot Notice”**). The said resolution and the explanatory statement are being sent to you along with the postal ballot form (**“Postal Ballot Form”**) for your consideration.
3. The Postal Ballot Notice is being sent to all the shareholders whose names appear in the Register of Members or the list of beneficial owners, as received from National Securities Depository Limited (**“NSDL”**) or Central Depository Services (India) Limited (**“CDSL”**) as at close of business hours on July 12, 2018 (the **“Cut-Off Date”**).

4. As per Section 110 of the Act, read with Rule 22 of the Management Rules, the Postal Ballot Notice may be served on the shareholders through electronic means. Shareholders who have registered their e-mail IDs with the depositories or with the Company for receipt of documents in electronic mode under the Green Initiative of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs are being sent this Postal Ballot Notice by e-mail and the shareholders who have not registered their e-mail IDs will receive the Postal Ballot Notice along with the Postal Ballot Form and postage pre-paid self-addressed business reply envelope by registered post or speed post.
5. There will be one Postal Ballot Form or remote e-voting facility for every folio or client ID irrespective of the number of joint holders of Equity Shares.
6. Voting rights in the postal ballot and remote e-voting cannot be exercised by a proxy. However, corporate and institutional shareholders shall be entitled to vote through their authorised representatives with the proof of their authorisation.
7. A Postal Ballot Form and a postage pre-paid self-addressed business reply envelope are attached to this Postal Ballot Notice. The said envelope bears the address of the Scrutinizer to which the duly completed Postal Ballot Form should be sent.
8. In compliance with the provisions of Section 108 and 110 of the Act and Rule 20 and 22 of the Management Rules, and Regulation 44 of the LODR Regulations, the Company is pleased to offer facility for voting by electronic means to its shareholders to enable them to cast their votes through remote e-voting instead of returning duly filled Postal Ballot Forms. The Company has engaged the services of NSDL as its agency for providing remote e-voting facility to the shareholders. It may be noted that remote e-voting is optional. A shareholder may opt for only one mode of voting and in case the shareholder has voted through remote e-voting, he/she shall not use the Postal Ballot Form to cast his or her vote. If a shareholder casts vote through remote e-voting as well as Postal Ballot Form, the vote cast through valid remote e-voting would be considered and vote cast through Postal Ballot Form shall be treated as invalid. The instructions for electronic voting are annexed to the Postal Ballot Form.
9. The remote e-voting commences on July 18, 2018 at 9.00 a.m. (IST) and ends on August 16, 2018 at 5.00 p.m. (IST). The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter.
10. The shareholders who do not receive the Postal Ballot Form may apply to the Company at investors@hcl.com or write to The Company Secretary, HCL Technologies Limited, 806, Siddharth, 96, Nehru Place, New Delhi -110019 for receiving the duplicate thereof.
11. The shareholders desiring to exercise their vote by Postal Ballot are requested to carefully read the instructions printed in the Postal Ballot Form and record their assent (For) or dissent (Against) to the item so listed, by returning the same duly completed and signed in the attached postage pre-paid self-addressed business reply envelope. Postal Ballot Form(s), if sent by courier or registered/speed post at the expense of the shareholder(s) will also be accepted. The Postal Ballot Form(s) may also be deposited personally at the address of the Scrutinizer given thereon. The duly completed Postal Ballot Form(s) should reach the Scrutinizer on or before the closing of working hours of August 16, 2018, to be being considered, failing which, it will be strictly treated as if no reply has been received from the shareholder(s). Unsigned Postal Ballot Form(s) will also be rejected.
12. The Scrutinizer shall, immediately after the conclusion of voting through postal ballot, first count the votes cast, thereafter unblock the votes cast through remote e-voting in the presence of at least two witnesses not in the employment of the Company and make a consolidated scrutinizer's report of the total votes cast in favour or against. The Scrutinizer's decision on the validity of a Postal Ballot Form will be final and binding.
13. After the scrutiny of the Postal Ballot Forms, the Scrutinizer shall submit his final report to the Chairman of the Company or any other duly authorised person of the Company and the results of voting by postal ballot will be announced in accordance with the provisions of Section 110 of the Act read with the Management Rules at the registered office of the Company at 806, Siddharth, 96, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110 019 on or before August 22, 2018. The results of the postal ballot including the report of the Scrutinizer will be posted on the website of the Company at www.hcltech.com and intimated to BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE") (together the "**Stock Exchanges**") and to National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL"). The date of declaration of results of the postal ballot will be taken as the date of passing the resolutions.
14. Resolution passed by the shareholders through postal ballot including remote e-voting is deemed to have been passed as if the same has been passed at a general meeting of the Company.
15. All the material documents referred to in the explanatory statement are available for inspection by the shareholders at the registered office of the Company on any working day between 10.00 a.m. (IST) and 4.00 p.m. (IST), except Saturday and Sunday, up to the last date of receipt of Postal Ballot Forms specified in this Notice.
16. Shareholders can also contact the Scrutinizer, Mr. Nityanand Singh, Practicing Company Secretary, to resolve any grievances with regard to voting by postal ballot including remote e-voting. The details of the Scrutinizer are provided below:

Address: 14, Second Floor, Arjun Nagar, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi – 110 029
Email ID: officenns@gmail.com
Phone number: +91 11 42430736
17. A copy of the Postal Ballot Notice is available on the website of the Company, at www.hcltech.com, website of NSDL at www.nsdl.co.in, website of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited, at www.nseindia.com and website of BSE Limited, at www.bseindia.com.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 102 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013

The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) at its meeting held on July 12, 2018 (“**Board Meeting**”) has, subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company by way of Special Resolution through postal ballot including voting by electronic means and subject to such approvals of statutory, regulatory or governmental authorities as may be required under the applicable laws, approved the buy-back of upto 3,63,63,636 (Three Crores Sixty Three Lacs Sixty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Six Only) fully paid-up Equity Shares of face value of ₹ 2 (Rupees Two) each (“**Equity Shares**”) of the Company, at a price of ₹ 1,100 (Rupees One Thousand One Hundred Only) per Equity Share payable in cash for an aggregate consideration not exceeding ₹ 4,000 crores (Rupees Four Thousand Crores Only) (excluding transaction costs viz. brokerage, applicable taxes such as securities transaction tax, goods and service tax, stamp duty, etc.) (the “**Buy-back Size**”) on a proportionate basis through the “Tender Offer” route through the Stock Exchange mechanism in accordance with the Companies Act, 2013 (the “**Act**”), the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 (the “**Share Capital Rules**”), the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (the “**Management Rules**”) to the extent applicable, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the “**LODR Regulations**”), the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy back of Securities) Regulations, 1998, (the “**Buy-back Regulations**”), as amended from time to time, read with the Securities and Exchange Board of India circular CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated April 13, 2015 and circular CFD/DCR2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated December 09, 2016 (“**SEBI Circulars**”) (hereinafter referred to as the “**Buy-back**”).

The Buy-back shall be within 25% of the aggregate of paid-up equity share capital and free reserves of the Company as per the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended March 31, 2018 (the latest audited financial statements available as on the date of Board Meeting recommending the proposal of the Buy-back). The Buy-back Size represents 14.83% of the aggregate of the paid-up equity share capital and free reserves of the Company, and represents 2.61% of the total issued and paid-up equity share capital of the Company.

Since the Buy-back is more than 10% of the total paid-up equity share capital and free reserves of the Company, in terms of Section 68(2) (b) of the Act, it is necessary to obtain the consent of the shareholders of the Company, for the Buy-back, by way of a Special Resolution. Further, as per Section 110 of the Act read with Rule 22(16) (g) of the Rules, the consent of the shareholders of the Company for the Buy-back is required to be obtained by means of postal ballot including voting by electronic means.

As per the requirements of Section 102 read with Section 68 and other applicable provisions of the Act and the Buy-back Regulations, the relevant and material information to enable the shareholders to consider and approve the Special Resolution for Buy-back of the Company’s Equity Shares is set out below:

1) Necessity for the Buy-back

The Buy-back is being proposed by the Company to return surplus funds to the shareholders, which are over and above its ordinary capital requirements and in excess of any current investment plans of the Company, in an expedient, efficient and cost effective manner. Additionally, the Company’s management strives to increase shareholder’s value and is of the opinion that the Buy-back would result in the following benefits, amongst other things:

- The Buy-back will improve the Earnings Per Share (EPS), Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) and Return on Equity (ROE);
- The Buy-back will help in achieving an optimal capital structure;
- The Buy-back will help the Company to distribute surplus cash to its shareholders broadly in proportion to their shareholding, thereby, enhancing the overall return to the shareholders;
- The Buy-back, which is being implemented through the tender offer route as prescribed under the Buy-back Regulations, would involve allocation of higher number of shares as per their entitlement or 15% of the outlay to small shareholders. The Company believes that this reservation for small shareholders would benefit a large number of public shareholders, who would get classified as a “small shareholder” as defined under the Buy-back Regulations;
- The Buy-back gives an option to the shareholders, to either (i) choose to participate and get cash in lieu of Equity Shares to be accepted under the Buy-back or (ii) choose not to participate and enjoy a resultant increase in their percentage shareholding, post the Buy-back Offer, without additional investment.

After considering several factors and benefits to the shareholders and considering the increase in accumulated free reserves as well as the cash liquidity reflected in the audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2018, the Board decided to recommend the Buy-back of up to 3,63,63,636 (Three Crores Sixty Three Lacs Sixty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Six Only) fully paid-up Equity Shares of ₹ 2 each (representing up to 2.61% of the total number of Equity Shares of the Company) at a price of ₹ 1,100 (Rupees One Thousand One Hundred Only) per Equity Share for an aggregate consideration not exceeding ₹ 4,000 crores (Rupees Four Thousand Crores Only).

2) Class of shares, number intended to be purchased, price per share, maximum price at which the shares are proposed to be bought back and basis of determining the Buy-back price

Class of Shares	:	Equity
Face Value	:	₹ 2 each
Proposed Buy-back Price per Share	:	₹ 1,100
Total (maximum) amount required under the Buy-back	:	₹ 4,000 crores
As a % of paid-up equity share capital and free reserves as at March 31, 2018	:	14.83%
Number of Equity Shares proposed to be bought back	:	3,63,63,636
As a % of paid-up equity share capital as at March 31, 2018	:	2.61%

Basis of determining the Buy-back price:

The Equity Shares of the Company are proposed to be bought back at a price of ₹ 1,100 per Equity Share. The Buy-back Price has been arrived at after considering various factors including, but not limited to the trends in the volume weighted average prices of the Equity Shares on the BSE Limited (“**BSE**”) and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (“**NSE**”) where the Equity Shares are listed, the net worth of the Company, price earnings ratio, impact on other financial parameters and the possible impact of Buy-back on the earnings per share.

The Buy-back Price represents:

- i. Premium of 14.43% and 14.40% over the closing price of the Equity Shares on BSE and on NSE, respectively, as on July 9, 2018, being the date on which the Company intimated the Stock Exchanges of the date of the Board Meeting, wherein the proposal of Buy-back was considered.
- ii. Premium of 16.20% and 16.26% over the average of daily weighted average market price of the Equity Shares on BSE and on NSE, respectively, during the three months preceding July 9, 2018, being the date on which the Company intimated the Stock Exchanges of the date of the Board Meeting, wherein the proposal of Buy-back was considered.

3) Maximum amount required under the Buy-back, its percentage of the total paid-up equity share capital and free reserves and the sources of funds from which the Buy-back would be financed

The maximum amount required under the Buy-back will not exceed ₹ 4,000 crores (Rupees Four Thousand Crores only) (which is 14.83% and 11.59%, of the aggregate of the total paid-up equity share capital and free reserves of the Company, on the basis of the audited standalone and consolidated financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2018) excluding any expenses incurred or to be incurred for the Buy-back like filing fee payable to SEBI, advisors’ fees, public announcement publication expenses, printing and dispatch expenses, transaction costs viz. brokerage, applicable taxes such as securities transaction tax, goods and service tax, stamp duty, etc.

The Buy-back would be funded out of the free reserves of the Company. The Company shall transfer a sum equal to the nominal value of the Equity Shares bought back through the Buy-back to the Capital Redemption Reserve Account and the details of such transfer shall be disclosed in its subsequent audited financial statements.

4) Method to be adopted for Buy-back

The Buy-back shall be on a proportionate basis from the shareholders through the “Tender Offer” route and the Stock Exchange Mechanism, as notified by SEBI vide circular CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated April 13, 2015 read with circular CFD/DCR2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated December 09, 2016. The Buy-back will be implemented in accordance with the Act and the rules made thereunder to the extent applicable, and on such terms and conditions as may be deemed fit by the Company.

As required under the Buy-back Regulations, the Company will announce a record date (the “**Record Date**”) for determining the names of the Equity Shareholders / beneficial owners of the Equity Shares of the Company who will be eligible to participate in the Buy-back Offer (“**Eligible Shareholders**”). In due course and subject to the approval of the Special Resolution under this Postal Ballot Notice and to SEBI’s comments on the draft letter of offer, each Eligible Shareholder, will receive a letter of offer along with a tender form indicating the entitlement of the Eligible Shareholder for participating in the Buy-back.

The Equity Shares to be bought back as a part of the Buy-back are divided in two categories:

- (a) Reserved category for small shareholders; and
- (b) General category for all other shareholders.

As defined in the Buy-back Regulations, a “**small shareholder**” is a shareholder who holds Equity Shares having market value of not more than ₹ 2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lacs only), on the basis of closing price on the stock exchange having highest trading volume as on the Record Date.

In accordance with the Regulation 6 of the Buy-back Regulations, 15% (fifteen percent) of the number of Equity Shares which the Company proposes to Buy-back or number of Equity Shares entitled as per the shareholding of small shareholders, whichever is higher, shall be reserved for the small shareholders as part of the Buy-back. The Company believes that this reservation would benefit a large number of public shareholders, who would get classified as “small shareholder”.

Based on the holding on the Record Date, the Company will determine the entitlement of each Eligible Shareholder to tender their shares in the Buy-back. This entitlement for each Eligible Shareholder will be calculated based on the number of Equity Shares held by the respective shareholder as on the Record Date and the ratio of Buy-back applicable in the category to which such Eligible Shareholder belongs.

Shareholders’ participation in the Buy-back will be voluntary. Shareholders can choose to participate and get cash in lieu of the Equity Shares to be accepted under the Buy-back or they may choose not to participate and enjoy a resultant increase in their percentage shareholding, post Buy-back, without additional investment. Shareholders may also tender a part of their entitlement. Shareholders also have an option of tendering additional Equity Shares (over and above their entitlement) and participate in the shortfall created due to non-participation of some other shareholders, if any.

The maximum tender under the Buy-back by any Eligible Shareholder cannot exceed the number of Equity Shares held by the Eligible Shareholder as on the Record Date. The Equity Shares tendered as per the entitlement by Eligible Shareholders as well as additional shares tendered, if any, will be accepted as per the procedure laid down in the Buy-back Regulations. The settlement of the tenders under the Buy-back is expected to be done using the "Mechanism for acquisition of shares through Stock Exchange" notified by SEBI vide circular CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated April 13, 2015 read with circular no. CFD/DCR2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated December 09, 2016.

Detailed instructions for participation in the Buy-back (tender of Equity Shares in the Buy-back) as well as the relevant time table will be included in the letter of offer which will be sent in due course to the Eligible Shareholders.

The Buy-back from the Eligible Shareholders who are residents outside India, including non-resident Indians, foreign nationals, foreign corporate bodies (including erstwhile overseas corporate bodies) and qualified institutional buyers including foreign portfolio investors, shall be subject to such approvals, if any and to the extent required from the concerned authorities including approvals from the Reserve Bank of India under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the rules and the Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India) Regulations, 2017 regulations framed there under, and such approvals shall be required to be taken by such non-resident Eligible Shareholders.

5) Maximum number of shares that the company proposes to Buy-back and time limit for completion of Buy-back

The Company proposes to Buy-back up to 3,63,63,636 Equity Shares of face value of ₹ 2 each of the Company.

The Buy-back, subject to regulatory consents and approvals, if any, shall be completed within one year from the date of the Special Resolution approving the Buy-back and detailed in this Postal Ballot Notice.

6) Compliance with Section 68(2)(c) of the Act

The aggregate paid-up equity share capital and free reserves as per the latest audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended March 31, 2018 is ₹ 26,972 crores on a standalone basis. Under the provisions of the Act, the funds deployed for the Buy-back cannot exceed 25% of the aggregate of the total paid-up equity share capital and free reserves of the Company i.e. up to ₹ 6,743 crores on a standalone basis. The maximum amount proposed to be utilized for the Buy-back is up to ₹ 4,000 crores and is therefore within the limit of up to 25% of the aggregate of the Company's total paid-up equity share capital and free reserves as per the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended March 31, 2018.

7) The aggregate shareholding of the Promoters / Promoter Group and Persons in Control of the Company, the Directors / Trustees of the Promoters / Promoter Group, where the Promoter is a company / trust, and the Directors and Key Managerial Personnel of the Company as on the date of this Postal Ballot Notice:

(a) Shareholding of the Promoters / Promoter Group and Persons in Control:

Sr. No.	Name	No. of Equity Shares	% of shareholding
1	Mr. Shiv Nadar	368	0.00
2	Ms. Kiran Nadar	72	0.00
3	Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra	348	0.00
4	HCL Corporation Private Limited	47,02,985	0.34
5	Vama Sundari Investments (Delhi) Private Limited	59,51,47,744	42.74
6	HCL Holdings Private Limited	23,38,87,811	16.80
7	HCL Avas Private Limited	41,41,282	0.30
Total		83,78,80,610	60.17

(b) Shareholding of the Directors / Trustees of the companies / trusts forming part of Promoters / Promoter Group:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Name of the Company / Trust	No. of Equity Shares	% of shareholding
1	Mr. Shiv Nadar	Director	HCL Corporation Private Limited	368	0.00
		Director	Vama Sundari Investments (Delhi) Private Limited		
2	Ms. Kiran Nadar	Director	HCL Corporation Private Limited	72	0.00
		Director	Vama Sundari Investments (Delhi) Private Limited		
3	Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra	Whole time Director & CEO	HCL Corporation Private Limited	348	0.00
		Director	HCL Avas Private Limited		
		Director	Vama Sundari Investments (Delhi) Private Limited		
Total				788	0.00

Apart from the above, no other Director / Trustee of the companies / trusts forming part of Promoters / Promoter Group as disclosed in 7(a) above, hold any Equity Shares in the Company.

(c) Shareholding of the Directors or Key Managerial Personnel of the Company:

Sr. No.	Name	No. of Equity Shares	% of shareholding
1	Mr. Shiv Nadar, Chairman & Chief Strategy Officer	368	0.00
2	Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Director	348	0.00
3	Mr. Subramanian Madhavan, Director	2,500	0.00
4	Mr. C. Vijayakumar, President & Chief Executive Officer	1,40,849	0.01
5	Mr. Anil Kumar Chanana, Chief Financial Officer	90,389	0.01
7	Mr. Manish Anand, Company Secretary	18,446	0.00
Total		2,52,900	0.02

Apart from the above, no other Director or Key Managerial Personnel of the Company, hold any Equity Shares in the Company.

8) Aggregate number of Equity Shares purchased or sold as well as maximum and minimum price at which such purchases and sales were made along with relevant dates by persons mentioned under (7) above for a period of six months preceding the date of the Board Meeting till the date of this Postal Ballot Notice

(a) Details of transactions by the Promoters / Promoter Group and Persons in Control of the Company:

Name	Aggregate No. of Equity Shares Purchased / Sold	Nature of Transaction	Relevant Date	Maximum Gross Rate / Trade Price per Equity Share	Minimum Gross Rate / Trade Price per Equity Share
Vama Sundari Investments (Delhi) Private Limited	75,00,000	Shares purchased under block deal through stock exchange (Promoters' inter-se transfer)	June 5, 2018	900.00	900.00
HCL Corporation Private Limited	43,00,000	Shares sold under block deal through stock exchange (Promoters' inter-se transfer)	June 5, 2018	900.00	900.00
HCL Avitas Private Limited	32,00,000	Shares sold under block deal through stock exchange (Promoters' inter-se transfer)	June 5, 2018	900.00	900.00

Apart from the above, no other Promoter / Promoter Group company has undertaken any transaction (either purchase / sale / inter-se transfer) during the period of six months preceding the date of the Board Meeting and from the date of the Board Meeting till the date of this Postal Ballot Notice.

(b) Details of transactions by the Directors of the companies / trustees of trusts forming part of Promoters / Promoter Group:

There were no transactions (either purchase / sale / inter-se transfer) undertaken by persons referred to in 7(b) above during the period of six months preceding the date of the Board Meeting and from the date of the Board Meeting till the date of this Postal Ballot Notice.

(c) Details of transactions by the Directors or Key Managerial Personnel of the Company:

There were no transactions (either purchase / sale / inter-se transfer) undertaken by persons referred to in 7(c) above during the period of six months preceding the date of the Board Meeting and from the date of the Board Meeting till the date of this Postal Ballot Notice.

9) Intention of the Promoters / Promoter Group and Persons in Control of the Company to tender Equity Shares for Buy-back indicating the number of shares, details of acquisition with dates and price

In terms of the Buy-back Regulations, under the tender offer route, the Promoters and Promoter Group of the Company have an option to participate in the Buy-back. In this regard, the Promoters and Promoter Group (the "Promoter Group") have expressed their intention to participate in the Buy-back vide their letters dated July 13, 2018 and tender upto an aggregate maximum of 3,17,73,657 Equity Shares or such lower number of shares as required in compliance with the Buy-back Regulations.

The maximum number of shares that the Promoter Group may tender are given in the table below.

Sr. No.	Name	No. of Equity Shares held	Maximum number of Equity Shares intended to tender
1	Mr. Shiv Nadar	368	NIL
2	Ms. Kiran Nadar	72	NIL
3	Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra	348	NIL
4	HCL Corporation Private Limited	47,02,985	1,22,822
5	Vama Sundari Investments (Delhi) Private Limited	59,51,47,744	1,55,42,683
6	HCL Holdings Private Limited	23,38,87,811	1,60,00,000
7	HCL Avitas Private Limited	41,41,282	1,08,152
Total		83,78,80,610	3,17,73,657

Details of the date and price of acquisition of the Equity Shares that the Promoter Group intends to tender are set-out below:

a) HCL Avitas Private Limited

S. No.	Date of Acquisition	No. of Equity Shares	Cost of Acquisition per Equity Share (in ₹)	Mode of Acquisition	Nominal value per Equity Share (in ₹)	Cumulative No. of Equity Shares
1	March 23, 2017	1,08,152	870.00	Shares purchased under block deal through stock exchange (Promoters' inter-se transfer)	2	1,08,152

b) HCL Holdings Private Limited

S. No.	Date of Acquisition	No. of Equity Shares	Cost of Acquisition per Equity Share (in ₹)	Mode of Acquisition	Nominal value per Equity Share (in ₹)	Cumulative No. of Equity Shares
1	June 6, 1999	1,60,00,000	9.94803	Secondary purchase prior to listing of shares (with prior RBI approval)	2	1,60,00,000

c) HCL Corporation Private Limited

S. No.	Date of Acquisition	No. of Equity Shares	Cost of Acquisition per Equity Share (in ₹)	Mode of Acquisition	Nominal value per Equity Share (in ₹)	Cumulative No. of Equity Shares
1	March 25, 2014	1,22,822	NIL (shares allotted under bonus issue)	Bonus Issue	2	1,22,822

d) Vama Sundari Investments (Delhi) Private Limited

S. No.	Date of Acquisition	No. of Equity Shares	Cost of Acquisition per Equity Share (in ₹)	Mode of Acquisition	Nominal value per Equity Share (in ₹)	Cumulative No. of Equity Shares
1	August 11, 2017	24,65,779	860.00	Shares acquired through stock exchange	2	24,65,779
2	December 4, 2017	5,00,000	850.00	Shares acquired through stock exchange	2	29,65,779
3	December 5, 2017	1,75,000	844.90	Shares acquired through stock exchange	2	31,40,779
4	December 5, 2017	12,80,000	849.83	Shares acquired through stock exchange	2	44,20,779
5	June 5, 2018	75,00,000	900.00	Shares acquired through stock exchange	2	1,19,20,779
6	April 1, 2012 (Appointed date of Merger)	36,21,904	395.00	Merger*	2	1,55,42,683

*Shares were transferred to Vama Sundari Investments (Delhi) Private Limited pursuant to a Scheme of Amalgamation amongst Slocum Investments (Delhi) Private Limited, Shivkiran Investments (Delhi) Private Limited (the Transferors) and Vama Sundari Investments (Delhi) Private Limited (the Transferee) which was approved by the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana vide its order dated January 31, 2013. The Scheme became effective on March 22, 2013 (i.e. the date on which the order was filed with the Registrar of Companies) and transfer of assets from Slocum Investments (Delhi) Private Limited and Shivkiran Investments (Delhi) Private Limited (the Transferors) to Vama Sundari Investments (Delhi) Private Limited (the Transferee) (including the above shares) were deemed to be transferred from the appointed date of the Scheme which was April 1, 2012.

10) No defaults

The Company confirms that there are no defaults subsisting in the repayment of deposits, interest payment thereon, redemption of debentures or interest payment thereon or redemption of preference shares or payment of dividend due to any shareholder, or repayment of any term loans or interest payable thereon to any financial institution or banking company.

11) Confirmation from the Board

The Board has confirmed that it has made a full enquiry into the affairs and prospects of the Company and after taking into account the financial position of the Company including the projections and also considering all contingent liabilities, the Board has formed an opinion:

- i. That immediately following the date of the Board Meeting, being July 12, 2018 and the date on which the results of the postal ballot including remote e-voting approving the proposed Buy-back will be declared, there will be no grounds on which the Company could be found unable to pay its debts;
- ii. That as regards the Company's prospects for the year immediately following the date of this Board Meeting being July 12, 2018 and the date on which the results of the postal ballot including remote e-voting approving the proposed Buy-back will be declared, having regard to Board's intentions with respect to the management of the Company's business during that year and to the amount and character of the financial resources which will, in the Board's view, be available to the Company that year, the Company will be able to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due and will not be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from that date; and
- iii. That in forming the aforementioned opinion, the Board has taken into account the liabilities (including prospective and contingent liabilities) as if the Company is being wound up under the provisions of the Act.

12) Report addressed to the Board of Directors by the Statutory Auditors of the Company on permissible capital payment and opinion formed by Directors regarding insolvency

The text of the report dated July 12, 2018 received from S.R. Batliboi & Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants, the Statutory Auditors of the Company, addressed to the Board is reproduced below:

Independent Auditor's Report on Buy-back of shares pursuant to the requirement of Schedule II to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-back of Securities) Regulations, 1998, as amended

The Board of Directors
HCL Technologies Limited
806, Siddharth
96, Nehru Place
New Delhi 110 019

1. This Report is issued in accordance with the terms of our service scope letter dated July, 4 2017 and master engagement agreement dated September 28, 2017 with HCL Technologies Limited (hereinafter the "Company").
2. In connection with the proposal of HCL Technologies Limited ("the Company") to Buy-back its equity shares in pursuance of the provisions of Sections 68, 69 and 70 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-back of Securities) Regulations, 2015, as amended ("the Regulations"), and in terms of the resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Company in their meeting held on July 12, 2018, which is subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company, we have been engaged by the Company to perform a reasonable assurance engagement on the Statement of determination of the maximum amount of permissible capital payment (the "Statement"), which we have initialed for identification purposes only.

Board of Directors' Responsibility for the Statement

3. The preparation of the Statement is the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the Company, including the preparation and maintenance of all accounting and other relevant supporting records and documents. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Statement and applying an appropriate basis of preparation; and making estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.
4. The Board of Directors is responsible to make a full inquiry into the affairs and prospects of the Company and to form an opinion that the Company will not be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from the date of passing the board meeting resolution and from the date on which the results of the shareholders resolutions with regard to proposed Buy-back are declared.

Auditor's Responsibility

5. Pursuant to the requirements of the Regulations, it is our responsibility to provide reasonable assurance on the following "Reporting Criteria":
 - (i) Whether the amount of capital payment for the Buy-back is within the permissible limit and computed in accordance with the provisions of Section 68 of the Act;
 - (ii) Whether the Board of Directors has formed the opinion, as specified in Clause (x) of Part A of Schedule II to the Regulations, on reasonable grounds that the Company having regard to its state of affairs will not be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from the date of passing the Board meeting resolution and from date on which the results of the shareholders' resolutions with regard to the proposed buyback are declared;
 - (iii) Whether we are aware of anything to indicate that the opinion expressed by the Directors in the declaration as to any of the matters mentioned in the declaration is unreasonable in circumstances as at the date of the declaration.

6. The financial statements referred to in paragraph 9 below, have been audited by us, on which we issued an unmodified audit opinion vide our report dated May 2, 2018. Our audits of these financial statements were conducted in accordance with the Standards on Auditing, as specified under Section 143(10) of the Act and other applicable authoritative pronouncements issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.
7. We conducted our examination of the Statement in accordance with the Guidance Note on Reports or Certificates for Special Purposes issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. The Guidance Note requires that we comply with the ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.
8. We have complied with the relevant applicable requirements of the Standard on Quality Control (SQC) 1, Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements.
9. A reasonable assurance engagement involves performing procedures to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence on the Reporting criteria mention in paragraph 5 above. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks associated with the Reporting Criteria. We have performed the following procedures in relation to the Statement:
 - i) Enquired into the state of affairs of the Company in relation to its audited standalone and consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2018;
 - ii) Examined authorization for Buy-back from the Articles of Association of the Company;
 - iii) Examined that the amount of capital payment for the Buy-back as detailed in Annexure A is within the permissible limit computed in accordance with section 68 of the Act;
 - iv) Examined that the ratio of debt owned by the Company, if any, is not more than twice the capital and its free reserve after such Buy-back;
 - v) Examined that all shares for Buy-back are fully paid-up;
 - vi) Examined resolutions passed in the meetings of the Board of Directors. We have done no procedures as regard the projections as approved by the Board of Directors and accordingly do not certify the same;
 - vii) Examined Director's declarations for the purpose of Buy-back and solvency of the Company;
 - viii) Obtained necessary representations form the management of the Company.

Opinion

10. Based on our examination as above, and the information and explanations given to us, in our opinion,
 - (i) the Statement of maximum amount of permissible capital payment towards Buy-back of equity shares, as stated in Annexure A, is in our view properly determined in accordance with Section 68 of the Act; and
 - (ii) the Board of Directors, in their meeting held on July 12, 2018, have formed the opinion, as specified in clause (x) of Part A of Schedule II of the Regulations (Refer Annexure B attached), on reasonable grounds, that the Company, having regard to its state of affairs will not, be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from passing the Board meeting resolution dated July 12, 2018, and from date on which the results of the shareholders' resolutions with regard to the proposed buyback are declared and we are not aware of anything to indicate that the opinion expressed by the Directors in the declaration as to any of the matters mentioned in the declaration is unreasonable in circumstances as at the date of the declaration.

Restriction on Use

11. The certificate is addressed to and provided to the Board of Directors of the Company pursuant to the requirements of the Act and Regulations solely to enable them to include it (a) in the explanatory statement to be included in the postal ballot notice to be circulated to the shareholders, (b) in the public announcement to be made to the Shareholders of the Company, (c) in the draft letter of offer and letter of offer to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Board of India, the stock exchanges, the Registrar of Companies as required by the Regulations, the National Securities Depository Limited and the Central Depository Securities (India) Limited, and should not be used by any other person or for any other purpose. Accordingly, we do not accept or assume any liability or any duty of care for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come without our prior consent in writing. We have no responsibility to update this report for events and circumstances occurring after the date of this report.

For **S.R. Batliboi & CO. LLP**

Chartered Accountants

ICAI Firm Registration Number: 301003E/E300005

per Nilangshu Katriar

Partner

Membership Number: 58814

Place of Signature: Gurugram

Date: July 12, 2018

Annexure A

Statement of Determination of the Maximum Amount of Permissible Capital Payment for Buy-back of Equity Shares in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Regulations (the "Statement")

(Amount in ₹)

Particulars		Standalone (In crores)	Consolidated (In crores)
A)	Paid-up capital as at March 31, 2018*		
	(1,39,22,46,384 equity shares of ₹2/- each fully paid-up)	278	278
B)	Free Reserves as on March 31, 2018*		
	Securities Premium Account	5	5
	Surplus in Statement of Profit and Loss	24,302	31,634
	General Reserve	2,387	2,607
	Total (A+B)	26,972	34,524
	Maximum amount permissible for the Buy-back i.e. 25% of total paid-up equity capital and free reserves #	6,743	8,631

* Calculation in respect to Buy-back is done on the basis of standalone and consolidated audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2018.

It may be noted that as per provisions to Section 68 (2)(c) of the Act, in respect of Buy-back of equity shares in any financial year, the reference to twenty-five percent shall be construed with respect to the total paid-up equity share capital in that financial year.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of
HCL Technologies Limited

Place: New Delhi
Date: July 12, 2018

S. Madhavan
Director

Annexure - B

Declaration of the Board of Directors

It is hereby declared that the Board of Directors has made full enquiry into the affairs and prospects of the Company and after taking into account the financial position of the Company including the projections and also considering all contingent liabilities, the Board has formed an opinion:

- 1) That immediately following the date of the Board Meeting, being July 12, 2018 and the date on which the results of the postal ballot including remote e-voting approving the proposed Buy-back will be declared, there will be no grounds on which the Company could be found unable to pay its debts;
- 2) That as regards the Company's prospects for the year immediately following the date of this Board Meeting being July 12, 2018 and the date on which the results of the postal ballot including remote e-voting approving the proposed Buy-back will be declared, having regard to Board's intentions with respect to the management of the Company's business during that year and to the amount and character of the financial resources which will, in the Board's view, be available to the Company that year, the Company will be able to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due and will not be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from that date; and
- 3) That in forming the aforementioned opinion, the Board has taken into account the liabilities (including prospective and contingent liabilities) as if the Company is being wound up under the provisions of the Act.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of
HCL Technologies Limited

Place: New Delhi
Date: July 12, 2018

S. Madhavan
Director

13) Confirmation from the Company as per the provisions of the Buy-back Regulations and the Act:

1. All the Equity Shares of the Company for Buy-back are fully paid-up;
2. The Company shall not issue any Equity Shares or other securities (including by way of bonus) till the date of closure of the Buy-back;
3. The Company shall not raise further capital for a period of one year from the closure of the Buy-back, except in discharge of subsisting obligations such as conversion of warrants, stock option schemes, sweat equity or conversion of preference shares or debentures into Equity Shares;
4. The Company is undertaking the Buy-back after a period of one year from the close of the last buy-back made by the Company.
5. The Company shall not Buy-back locked-in Equity Shares and non-transferable Equity Shares till the pendency of the lock-in or till the Equity Shares become transferable;
6. The Company shall not buy-back its Equity Shares from any person through negotiated deal whether on or off the Stock Exchanges or through spot transactions or through any private arrangement in the implementation of the Buy-back;
7. The Company has been in compliance with Sections 92, 123, 127 and 129 of the Act;
8. The Company shall not withdraw the Buy-back after the draft letter of offer is filed with SEBI or public announcement of the Buy-back is made;
9. The Company shall not make any offer of buy-back within a period of one year reckoned from the date of closure of the Buy-back;
10. There is no pendency of any scheme of amalgamation or compromise or arrangement pursuant to the provisions of the Act;
11. As required under Section 68(2)(d) of the Act, the ratio of the aggregate of secured and unsecured debts owed by the Company shall not be more than twice the paid-up equity share capital and free reserves after the Buy-back;
12. The Company shall not directly or indirectly facilitate the Buy-back:
 - a. through any subsidiary company including its own subsidiary company; or
 - b. through any investment company or group of investment companies.
13. The Equity Shares bought back by the Company will be extinguished and physically destroyed in the manner prescribed under the Buy-back Regulations and the Act within 7 (seven) days of the last date of completion of the Buy-back;
14. The consideration for the Buy-back shall be paid only in cash;
15. That the maximum number of Equity Shares proposed to be purchased under the Buy-back does not exceed 25% of the total number of Equity Shares in the aggregate of the paid-up equity share capital and free reserves of the Company as at March 31, 2018;
16. The Company shall not allow Buy-back of its shares unless the consequent reduction of its share capital is affected.
17. The Company shall not utilise any funds borrowed from banks or financial institutions in fulfilling its obligations under the Buy-back;
18. The statements contained in all the relevant documents in relation to the Buy-back shall be true, material and factual and shall not contain any mis-statements or misleading information;

In the opinion of the Board, the proposal for Buy-back is in the interest of the Company and its shareholders. The Board recommends the resolution as set in this Postal Ballot Notice for approval of the shareholders as a Special Resolution.

None of the Directors or any Key Managerial Personnel of the Company including their relatives are, in anyway, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in passing of the proposed resolution, save and except to the extent of their shareholding in the Company, if any.

By Order of the Board
For **HCL Technologies Limited**

Manish Anand
Company Secretary
FCS-5022

Place: Noida (U.P.)
Date: July 14, 2018