پور اور گھوٹکی میں گندم سے لدے 6 ٹریلر پکڑے گئے

اضلاع سے لدے ٹریلر پنجاب جا رہے تھے، ضبط شدہ گندم سرکاری گودام منتقل

پولیس کا شراب کی بھٹی پر چھاپہ، منشیات فروش گرفتار، مقدمہ درج کرلیا گیا

حیدرآباد، گندم فروش پر آٹا چکی مالک کا تشدد

ٹنڈو آدم میں گھر کا صفایا

نوشہرو فیروز میں صوفی فنکاروں کا گاکر احتجاج

سندھ حکومت راشن کے نام پر غریبوں سے مذاق بند کرے، راشد سومرو

تاجروں اور طفروں اور مالکان سے راشن لیکر پی پی والے بلاول کے نام پر بانٹ رہے ہیں

سکھر، میرپور ماتھیلو، بدین، ٹنڈو الہیار اور نوشہرو فیروز میں راشن سے محروم لوگوں کے مظاہرے

خان پور مہر میں دو گھر جل گئے

ڈگری میں چور گرفتار

لعل شہباز قلندر کا عرس، زائرین رکاوٹیں عبور کر کے پہنچ گئے

میرپورخاص میں لاک ڈاؤن سے بیروزگار افراد چوریاں کرنے لگے

دو دکانوں سے ہزاروں روپے کی والیس، چاول، آٹا، تیل اور دیگر اشیائے خورونوش چوری

جھڈو میں تاجروں نے پابندی کا توڑ تلاش کرلیا، گاہکوں کو دکان میں بلا کر شٹر بند کردیتے ہیں

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نوٹس برائے غیر معمولی اجلاس عام

نوٹس ہذا سے مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ پاکستان کیبلز لمیٹڈ ("کمپنی") کا غیر معمولی اجلاس عام ("EOGM") مورخہ 04 مئی، 2020ء کو بروز پیر، بوقت 10:30 بجے صبح، پرل کونٹی نینٹل ہوٹل، لالہ زار، کراچی میں مندرجہ ذیل امور پر بحث کے لئے منعقد ہوگا۔

1۔ عمومی امور

I۔ 27 ستمبر 2019ء کو منعقدہ سالانہ اجلاس عام کی روئیداد کی توثیق کرنا۔

II۔ 05 مئی 2020ء سے مؤثر عرصہ 3 برس کی مدت کے لئے کمپنیز ایکٹ 2017ء کے سیکشن (1)159 اور (1)161 کے تحت مورخہ 25 مارچ، 2020ء کو بورڈ آف ڈائریکٹرز کی قرارداد میں طے شدہ نو (9) ڈائریکٹرز کو منتخب کرنا۔

مندرجہ ذیل ڈائریکٹرز ریٹائر ہو چکے ہیں اور دوبارہ منتخب ہونے کے اہل ہیں:

محترم مصطفے اے چنائے، محترم ہارون رشید، محترم رادک کوڈولٹ، محترم ثاقب ایچ شیرازی، مس سیما کانڈا والا، محترم فرخ احمد حمیدی، محترم کمال اے چنائے اور محترم فہد کمال چنائے۔

غیر معمولی اجلاس عام میں ڈائریکٹرز کے انتخاب سے متعلق کمپنیز ایکٹ 2017ء کے سیکشن (3)166 کے تحت مادی حقائق کا بیان اس EOGM نوٹس کے ساتھ منسلک ہے۔

2۔ خصوصی امور

محترم کمال اے چنائے کے کمپنی کے ڈائریکٹر کے انتخاب سے مشروط کمپنیز ایکٹ 2017ء کے سیکشن (i)(c)(1)171 کے تحت مندرجہ ذیل کو منظور کرنا:

"قرار پایا کہ محترم کمال اے چنائے، کمپنی کے منتخب ڈائریکٹر کی حیثیت میں، ڈائریکٹر کے عہدے کے علاوہ کمپنی میں نفع کے امور کا عہدہ بھی سنبھالیں گے۔"

"مزید قرار پایا کہ ایسے نفع کے عہدے کی شرائط و ضوابط بورڈ آف ڈائریکٹرز طے کرے گا۔"

کمپنیز ایکٹ 2017ء کے سیکشن (3)134 کے تحت EOGM میں زیر بحث لائے جانے والے ان خصوصی امور سے متعلق مادی حقائق کا بیان ہذا الف ہے۔

3۔ دیگر امور

بحکم بورڈ

نائلہ خان

منیجر قانونی امور و کمپنی سیکریٹری

کراچی: 3 اپریل، 2020ء

نوٹس:

1۔ کمپنی کی شیئرز ٹرانسفر بکس 27 اپریل 2020ء سے 04 مئی 2020ء (بشمول دونوں ایام) بند رہیں گی۔ اس مدت میں کسی بھی قسم کے ٹرانسفرز کو اندراج کیلئے قبول نہیں کیا جائے گا۔ 26 اپریل، 2020ء کو ہمارے شیئرز رجسٹرار میسرز THK ایسوسی ایٹس (پرائیویٹ) لمیٹڈ واقع پہلی منزل، C-40، بلاک-6، PECHS، کراچی-75400 کو درست وضع میں موصول ٹرانسفرز کو بروقت تصور کیا جائے گا تاکہ منتقل الیہ اجلاس میں شرکت کے اہل ہوں۔

2۔ کمپنیز ایکٹ 2017ء کے سیکشن (3)159 کے تحت ڈائریکٹر کا انتخاب لڑنے کے خواہشمند حضرات EOGM کے انعقاد سے چودہ (14) یوم قبل کمپنی کے رجسٹرڈ آفس واقع B-21، پاکستان کیمیکلز و اسائٹ، کراچی-75700 یا faisal.baig@pakistancables.com پر مذکورہ بالا سیکشن کے مطابق بذریعہ نوٹس مندرجہ ذیل کے ہمراہ ڈائریکٹر کے انتخاب کے لئے اپنے ارادے کا اظہار کر سکتے ہیں۔

(a) کمپنیز ایکٹ 2017ء کے سیکشن 167 کے تحت فارم 28 پر ڈائریکٹر کے فرائض سر انجام دینے کا حلف نامہ۔

(b) مورخہ 3 اکتوبر 2019ء کے مراسلہ نمبر SRO 1196(1)2019 کے تحت دفتر کے پتے کے ہمراہ تفصیلی پروفائل۔

(c) CNIC کی مصدقہ نقل۔

(d) حسب ذیل اقرار نامہ:

I۔ وہ لاگو قوانین لسٹنگ ریگولیشنز برائے پاکستان اسٹاک ایکسچینج اور کمپنی کے میمورنڈم اور آرٹیکل آف ایسوسی ایشن کے تحت اپنے فرائض اور اختیارات سے مکمل آگاہ ہے۔

II۔ وہ نابالغ نہیں ہے اور نہ ہی ذہنی معذور ہے اور نہ ہی اُسے نادہندہ قرار دیا گیا ہے۔

III۔ وہ ٹیکس دہندگان کی فہرست میں درج ہے۔

IV۔ وہ مالیاتی ادارہ/اداروں کے قرض کی ادائیگی کی مد میں عدالت کی جانب سے نادہندہ قرار نہ پایا ہو۔

V۔ وہ اس کمپنی کے ساتھ سات سے زائد لسٹڈ کمپنیز میں ڈائریکٹر کی خدمات سرانجام نہ دے رہا/رہی ہو۔

VI۔ وہ اور نہ ہی اس کا/کی جیون ساتھی اسٹاک بروکریج کے کاروبار میں شامل ہو۔

VII۔ وہ کمپنی کی جانب سے ہمہ وقت مطلع کیے گئے "بندو روانیہ" کی پابندیوں سے آگاہ اور تعمیل کرتا/کرتی ہو۔

VIII۔ آزاد ڈائریکٹر کی حیثیت میں وہ لسٹڈ کمپنیز (کوڈ آف کارپوریٹ گورننس) ضوابط 2019ء کے مطابق کمپنیز ایکٹ 2017ء کے سیکشن (2)166 کے تحت خود مختار ڈائریکٹر کا اعلامیہ فراہم کرے گا/گی۔

3۔ EOGM میں شرکت اور ووٹ کرنے کا اہل رکن اپنی جگہ شرکت اور ووٹ کرنے کے لئے اپنا پراکسی مقرر کرسکتا/سکتی ہے۔ پراکسی لازماً کمپنی کا رکن ہونا چاہیے۔ EOGM کے لئے پراکسی کا لاگو دستاویز اس نوٹس کے ساتھ فراہم کیا جارہا ہے۔ پراکسی فارم کمپنی کی ویب سائٹ www.pakistancables.com سے بھی حاصل کیا جاسکتا ہے۔

4۔ پراکسی کے تقرر کا دستاویز اور مختار نامہ یا دیگر اختیاری جس کے ماتحت اسے سائن کیا گیا ہو یا اس کی نوٹری سے تصدیق شدہ نقل کمپنی کے رجسٹرڈ آفس واقع B-21، سائٹ، کراچی یا faisal.baig@pakistancables.com پر اجلاس کے انعقاد سے کم از کم 48 گھنٹے قبل جمع کرائی جائے۔

5۔ CDC اکاؤنٹ ہولڈرز کو 26 جنوری، 2000ء کو سیکیورٹیز اینڈ ایکسچینج کمیشن آف پاکستان کے جاری کردہ مراسلہ 1 میں بیان کردہ ہدایات کی پیروی کرنا ہوگی:

A۔ اجلاس میں شرکت کے لئے:

(i) فرد واحد کی صورت میں، اکاؤنٹ ہولڈر یا ذیلی اکاؤنٹ ہولڈر جس کی سیکیورٹیز اور اندراج کی تفصیلات CDC ضوابط کے تحت اپ لوڈ کی گئی ہوں کو EOGM میں شرکت کے وقت اپنی شناخت کے لئے اپنا اصلی قومی شناختی کارڈ (CNIC) یا اصلی پاسپورٹ پیش کرنا ہوگا۔

(ii) کاروباری ادارے کی صورت میں، بورڈ آف ڈائریکٹرز کی قرارداد/مختار نامہ بمعہ نمونہ دستخط اور نامزد فرد کے جائز CNIC کی مصدقہ نقل (اگر یہ پہلے فراہم نہ کی گئی ہو) اجلاس کے موقع پر پیش کرنا ہوگی۔

B۔ پراکسیز کے تقرر کے لئے:

(i) فرد واحد کی صورت میں، اکاؤنٹ ہولڈر یا ذیلی اکاؤنٹ ہولڈر جس کی سیکیورٹیز اور اندراج کی تفصیلات CDC ضوابط کے تحت اپ لوڈ کی گئی ہوں، کو اپنا پراکسی فارم مذکورہ بالا معیار کے مطابق جمع کرانا ہوگا۔

(ii) دو افراد پراکسی فارم کی توثیق کریں گے جن کے نام، پتے اور CNIC نمبر فارم پر درج ہوں گے۔

(iii) بینفیشل اونرز اور پراکسی کے CNIC یا پاسپورٹ کی مصدقہ نقول پراکسی فارم کے ساتھ پیش کی جائیں گی۔

(iv) پراکسی EOGM کے موقع پر اپنا اصلی CNIC یا پاسپورٹ پیش کرے گا/گی۔

(v) کاروباری ادارے کی صورت میں، بورڈ آف ڈائریکٹرز کی قرارداد/مختار نامہ بمعہ کاروباری ادارے کی جانب سے پیش اور ووٹ کرنے کے لئے نامزد شخص کے نمونہ دستخط اور جائز CNIC کی مصدقہ نقل کمپنی کے پراکسی فارم کے ہمراہ جمع کرائی جائے گی۔

6۔ کمپنیز ایکٹ 2017ء اور کمپنیز پوسٹل بیلٹ ضوابط 2018ء کے تحت حصص داران کو پوسٹل بیلٹ ارسال کیا جاسکتا ہے۔

7۔ COVID-19 کے لحاظ سے اضافی معاملات

COVID-19 (کورونا وائرس) کے تدارک کے لئے احتیاطی تدابیر کے لحاظ سے اور SECP کے جاری کردہ مراسلہ نمبر 5(2020) کے تحت کمپنی اپنے حصص داران کو حسب ذیل آگاہ کرتی ہے:

a۔ حصص داران EOGM کے ایجنڈا پر اپنی رائے/تجاویز کمپنی کے ای میل ایڈریس faisal.baig@pakistancables.com یا 0303-7484995 پر واٹس ایپ کر سکتے ہیں۔

b۔ کمپنی یقینی بنائے گی کہ حصص داران کی رائے/تجاویز اجلاس کے موقع پر کمپنی سیکریٹری پڑھیں گی اور اس پر ردعمل کو اجلاس کی روئیداد کا حصہ بنایا جائے گا۔

c۔ اجلاس کے مقام پر کمپنی حفاظتی اقدامات کرے گی جس میں درجہ حرارت چیک کرنا اور EOGM کے مقام پر داخلے سے قبل ہینڈ سینیٹائزر کا استعمال شامل ہیں۔ جنہیں فلو کی علامات، کھانسی ہو یا حال ہی میں سفر کیا ہو انہیں دیگر شرکاء اور ملک کی بہتری کی غرض سے اجلاس میں شرکت نہ کرنے کی درخواست کی جاتی ہے۔

d۔ COVID-19 حالات بگڑنے اور/یا EOGM کے وقت حکومتی لاک ڈاؤن کے اطلاق کی صورت میں کمپنی ویڈیو کانفرنسنگ کے ذریعے EOGM کا انعقاد کرسکتی ہے۔ اس صورت میں EOGM کا کوئی مقام نہ ہوگا اور تمام شرکاء بذریعہ ویڈیو لنک شرکت کریں گے۔

اگر کمپنی اجلاس کے انعقاد کے لئے یہ طریقہ اختیار کرتی ہے تو کمپنی اردو اور انگریزی قومی روزنامہ میں یہ تفصیلات شائع کرے گی اور پاکستان اسٹاک ایکسچینج کو بھی آگاہ کرے گی۔ ان مراسلات میں بذریعہ ویڈیو کانفرنس EOGM میں شرکت کی تفصیلات/انتظامات سے بھی آگاہ کیا جائے گا۔

کمپنیز ایکٹ 2017ء کے سیکشن (3)166 کے تحت بیان

اس بیان میں EOGM کے دوران ڈائریکٹرز کے انتخاب سے متعلق مادی حقائق کا احاطہ کیا گیا ہے۔

لسٹڈ کمپنیز (کوڈ آف کارپوریٹ گورننس) ضوابط 2019ء کے تحت لسٹڈ کمپنی کی حیثیت سے، کمپنی کے بورڈ میں خود مختار ڈائریکٹرز ہونے چاہئیں۔ کمپنی یقینی بنائے گی کہ خود مختار ڈائریکٹرز کے انتخاب میں کمپنیز ایکٹ کے سیکشن 159 اور (2)166، کمپنیز (خود مختار ڈائریکٹرز کی وضع اور انتخاب) ضوابط 2018ء کو ملحوظ خاطر رکھا گیا ہے اور یہ کہ خود مختار ڈائریکٹرز آزاد ڈائریکٹرز کی فہرست میں شامل ہیں جس کا انتظام پاکستان انسٹیٹیوٹ آف کارپوریٹ گورننس کرتی ہے۔

آزاد ڈائریکٹرز کو حتمی شکل دیتے وقت امیدواروں کی بنیادی اہلیت، متنوع مہارت، علم اور تجربے کو بھی مد نظر رکھا جائے گا۔

مذکورہ بالا میں ڈائریکٹرز بالواسطہ یا براہ راست دلچسپی نہیں رکھتے سوائے اس حد تک کہ وہ کمپنی کے شیئر ہولڈرز ہوں اور جو کہ وہ ڈائریکٹر کے انتخاب کے اہل ہوں۔

کمپنیز ایکٹ 2017ء کے سیکشن (3)134 کے تحت بیان

اس بیان میں EOGM کے دوران زیر بحث لائے جانے والے خصوصی امور سے متعلق مادی حقائق کا احاطہ کیا گیا ہے۔

ایجنڈا آئٹم 2

کمپنی کے ڈائریکٹر کے عہدے کے علاوہ آفس آف پرافٹ کا عہدہ رکھنے کا اختیار

اس کے علاوہ تجربہ اور مہارت کی روشنی میں کمپنی نے محترم کمال اے چنائے (ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر) کو کمپنی کے مخصوص بنیادی پروجیکٹس پر کام کرنے کی وجہ سے مشیر کے عہدے پر تقرری کی ہے۔ موجودہ مدت کے لئے آفس آف پرافٹ کے عہدے کے حصص داران نے 27 ستمبر 2019ء کو منعقدہ سالانہ اجلاس عام میں منظور کیا تھا۔

چونکہ محترم کمال اے چنائے نے EOGM میں کمپنی کے ڈائریکٹر کا انتخاب لڑنے کی خواہش ظاہر کی ہے۔ لہٰذا کمپنیز ایکٹ کے سیکشن (i)(c)(1)171 کے مطابق محترم کمال اے چنائے کو کمپنی کا ڈائریکٹر منتخب کرنے سے مشروط، کمپنی کی جنرل باڈی کی منظوری/اجازت نامہ حاصل کرنے کی خواہش مند ہے تاکہ وہ کمپنی کے ڈائریکٹر کے عہدے کے علاوہ آفس آف پرافٹ کا عہدہ بھی سنبھال سکیں۔

ماسوائے محترم کمال اے چنائے، دیگر ڈائریکٹر صاحبان کمپنی کے ڈائریکٹرز اور شیئر ہولڈرز ہونے کے علاوہ بالواسطہ یا براہ راست اس خصوصی امور میں کوئی دلچسپی نہیں رکھتے۔

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Japanese PM criticised as tone deaf after lounge-at-home Twitter video

TOKYO: Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Sunday drew an angry response from some Twitter users after sharing a video of himself lounging on a sofa with his dog, drinking tea and reading, with a message telling people to stay at home. "Who do you think you are?" became a top trend on Twitter, with users saying Abe's message ignored the plight of those struggling to make a living during the coronavirus outbreak. Abe's video, which featured his pet dog, was a response to popular musician Gen Hoshino, who uploaded a video of himself singing about dancing indoors and invited people to collaborate.

"At a time when people are fighting for survival, to show a video of such luxury ... one can't help but wonder, 'who do you think you are?'," one Twitter user said.

Other Twitter users defended Abe, saying that even the prime minister should be allowed down time. Abe's representatives were not immediately available for comment outside normal office hours. The number of novel coronavirus infections in Japan has exceeded 7,000, public broadcaster NHK reported. It was the first weekend since Japan declared a state of emergency in major population centres to fight the spread of the coronavirus.—Reuters

PAKISTAN CABLES

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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Extraordinary General Meeting ("**EOGM**") of Pakistan Cables Limited (the "**Company**") will be held on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. at the Beach Luxury Hotel, Lalazar, Karachi, to transact the following business:

1. **ORDINARY BUSINESS**
   i. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on September 27, 2019.
   ii. To elect nine (9) Directors of the Company as fixed by the Board of Directors in the Board Resolution, dated March 25, 2020, in accordance with Sections 159(1) and 161(1) of the Companies Act, 2017 for a period of three (3) years commencing from May 5, 2020.

   The following Directors retire and are eligible for re-election:
   Mr. Mustapha A. Chinoy, Mr. Haroun Rashid, Mr. Roderick Macdonald, Mr. Saquib H. Shirazi, Ms. Spenta Kandawalla, Mr. Farrukh Ahmad Hamidi, Mr. Kamal A. Chinoy and Mr. Fahd Kamal Chinoy.

   A statement of material facts under Section 166(3) of the Companies Act 2017 relating to the election of Directors to be carried out in this EOGM is annexed with this Notice of EOGM.

2. **SPECIAL BUSINESS**
   In the event of election of Mr. Kamal A. Chinoy as a Director of the Company, to accord the following approval/ sanction in accordance with Section 171(1)(c)(i) of the Companies Act 2017:

   "**RESOLVED THAT** Mr. Kamal A. Chinoy, having been elected as Director of the Company, be and is hereby authorized to hold an office of profit in the Company, in addition to holding the office of Director of the Company."

   "**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the terms and conditions of holding such office of profit shall be approved by the Board of Directors."

   A statement of material facts under Section 134(3) of the Companies Act 2017, relating to this Special Business to be transacted at the EOGM, is annexed with this Notice of EOGM.

3. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

By Order of the Board

Nazifa Khan
Manager Legal Affairs and Company Secretary

KARACHI: April 3, 2020

NOTES:

1. The Shares Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from April 27, 2020 to May 4, 2020 (both days inclusive). No transfers will be accepted for registration during this period. Transfers received in good order at the offices of our Share Registrar, M/s THK Associates (Pvt.) Limited at 1st Floor, 40-C, Block-6, P.E.C.H.S., Karachi-75400, by the close of business on April 26, 2020 will be considered in time to entitle the transferees to attend the meeting.

2. Any person seeking to contest the election of Director shall file with the Company either at its registered office B-21, Pakistan Cables Road, S.I.T.E, Karachi-75700 or at faisal.baig@pakistancables.com, not later than fourteen (14) days before the date of the EOGM, his/her intention to offer himself/herself for the election of Directors in terms of section 159(3) of the Companies Act 2017, via a notice in terms of the aforementioned section, together with:
   a) Consent to act as a Director on Form 28 in accordance with section 167 of the Companies Act 2017;
   b) Detailed profile, along with office address, in accordance with S.R.O. 1196(1) 2019 dated October 3, 2019;
   c) Attested copy of CNIC;
   d) Declaration that:
      i. He/she is aware of his/her duties and powers under prevailing law, the Listing Regulations of the Pakistan Stock Exchange and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company;
      ii. He/she is not a minor, neither of unsound mind nor undischarged insolvent;
      iii. He/she is borne on the register of National Tax Payers;
      iv. He/she has not been convicted by a court as a defaulter on account of payment of a loan to financial institution(s);
      v. He/she is not serving as director of more than seven listed companies, including the Company;
      vi. Neither he/she, nor his/her spouse, is engaged in the business of stock brokerage;
      vii. He/she is aware of, and will adhere to, the restrictions of the "Closed Period", that will be announced periodically by the Company; and
      viii. He/she, in the event of being an independent director, shall provide a declaration of independence in accordance with section 166(2) of the Companies Act 2017 as required by the Listed Companies (Code of Corporate Governance) Regulations 2019.

3. A member entitled to attend and vote at the EOGM is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy must be a member of the Company. An instrument of proxy applicable for the EOGM is being provided with this notice. Proxy forms may also be downloaded from the Company's website, www.pakistancables.com

4. The instrument appointing the proxy and the Power of Attorney or other authority under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy thereof, must be lodged either at the Company's registered office, i.e. B-21, S.I.T.E., Karachi or at faisal.baig@pakistancables.com not later than 48 hours before the time of the Meeting.

5. CDC Account Holders will have to follow the guidelines below, as laid down in Circular 1 dated January 26, 2000 issued by Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan:

   A. For attending the Meeting:
   (i) In case of an individual, the account holder or sub-account holder whose securities and their registration details are up-loaded as per the CDC Regulations, shall authenticate his/her identity by showing his/her original Computerized National Identity Card ("CNIC") or original passport at the time of attending the EOGM.
   (ii) In case of corporate entity, the Board of Directors' Resolution/Power of Attorney with specimen signature and attested copy of valid CNIC of the nominee shall be produced (unless it has been provided earlier) at the time of the Meeting.

   B. For Appointing Proxies:
   (i) In case of an individual, the account holder or sub-account holder whose securities and their registration details are up-loaded as per the CDC Regulations, shall submit the proxy form as per above requirement.
   (ii) The proxy form shall be witnessed by two persons, whose names, addresses and CNIC numbers shall be mentioned on the form.
   (iii) Attested copies of CNIC or the passport of the beneficial owners and the proxy shall be furnished with the proxy form.
   (iv) The proxy shall produce his/her original CNIC or original passport at the time of the EOGM.
   (v) In case of corporate entity, the Board of Directors' Resolution/Power of Attorney with specimen signature and attested copy of valid CNIC of the person nominated to represent and vote on behalf of the corporate entity, shall be submitted along with proxy form to the Company.

6. As required by the Companies Act, 2017 and in accordance with Companies Postal Ballot Regulations 2018, a postal ballot may be sent to the shareholders.

7. **Additional matters with respect to COVID-19**
   With reference to precautions to be taken against spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and in accordance with Circular No. 5 of 2020 issued by SECP, the Company informs its shareholders as follows:
   a. Shareholders who wish to send in comments/suggestions on the agenda of the EOGM can email the Company at faisal.baig@pakistancables.com or WhatsApp at 0303-7484995.
   b. The Company shall ensure that comments/suggestions of the shareholders will be read out at the meeting by the Company Secretary and the responses will be made part of the minutes of the meeting.
   c. At the meeting venue, the Company will take protective measures, which include temperature checking and use of hand sanitizers prior to entering the EOGM premises. Those with flu symptoms/cough/recent travel are requested not to attend the meeting for the welfare of the other attendees and the country as a whole.
   d. In the event of worsening of the COVID-19 pandemic and/or imposition of a lockdown by the Government at the time of the EOGM, the Company may opt to hold the EOGM through video conferencing. In this case there will be no venue to the EOGM and all participants will attend through a video link.

   Should the Company opt for this method of holding the meeting, it shall inform the shareholders by publishing such details in the national daily newspapers, both in English and Urdu, as well as notifying the Pakistan Stock Exchange. The salient details/arrangements of attending the EOGM through video conference shall also be shared in such communication.

STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 166 (3) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2017

This statement sets out the material facts concerning the election of Directors to be carried out at the EOGM.

As a listed company, the Company is required to have Independent Directors on its Board in accordance with the requirements of the Listed Companies (Code of Corporate Governance) Regulations 2019. The Company shall ensure that its election of Independent Directors comply with the requirements of Sections 159 and 166(2) of the Companies Act 2017, the Companies (Manner and Selection of Independent Directors) Regulations 2018 and that such Independent Directors are included in the databank of independent directors maintained by the Pakistan Institute of Corporate Governance.

Core competencies, diversity, skill set, knowledge and experience of the election contestants shall also be considered during the finalization of Independent Directors.

The Directors are not interested, directly or indirectly, in the above, other than as shareholders of the Company and that they are eligible to contest the election for directorship.

STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 134 (3) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2017

This statement sets out the material facts concerning the Special Business to be transacted at the EOGM.

AGENDA ITEM 2
Authorization to hold Office of Profit in addition to the office of Director of the Company:
In light of his significant experience and expertise, the Company had appointed Mr. Kamal A. Chinoy (Executive Director) as "Advisor" in relation to certain key projects being undertaken by the Company. The proposal for him to hold office of profit for the current term had been approved by the shareholders in the Annual General Meeting held on September 27, 2019.

As Mr. Kamal A. Chinoy is intending to contest the Director election of the Company in its EOGM, in accordance with Section 171(1)(c)(i) of the Companies Act 2017, subject to Mr. Kamal A. Chinoy being elected as a Director of the Company, approval/sanction is being sought by the Company's general body to continue to allow him to hold an office of profit within the Company as well as be a Director of the Company in the next term.

The Directors, aside from Mr. Kamal A. Chinoy are not interested, directly or indirectly, in the above special businesses, other than as Directors and shareholders of the Company.

China chasing coronavirus praise from Germany

BERLIN: Chinese representatives tried to influence German government officials to give positive comments about Beijing's management of the coronavirus outbreak, Germany's Die Welt newspaper reported Sunday.

The virus first emerged in the Chinese city of Wuhan in December and Beijing has been criticised by some — most notably US President Donald Trump — over its initial handling of the crisis.

Senior officials and staff at German government ministries were invited "to speak in positive terms about China's management of the coronavirus," Die Welt said, citing a confidential foreign ministry document.

The foreign ministry recommended that all German governmental departments reject such approaches, the newspaper added. The ministry has declined to confirm or deny the report.

However a German intelligence source told Die Welt that "Chinese officials are pursuing an intensified information and propaganda policy with regard to the coronavirus".

Beijing has sought to counter the narrative that the outbreak began in China and highlighted its assistance to Western countries "in order to present the People's Republic as a trustworthy partner," Germany's Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution said.

The pandemic has shaken the world, killing more than 107,000 people and infecting over 1,745,000, wreaking vast economic damage and prompting a rash of finger-pointing.

Trump and his administration had made a point of referring to COVID-19 as the "Chinese virus" or the "Wuhan virus", infuriating Beijing.

The US president has also cast doubt on the accuracy of official Chinese virus figures and accused the World Health Organization of pro-China bias.—AFP

Lawyer says Assange fathered two kids with her while in Ecuador embassy

LONDON: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange fathered two children with one of his lawyers while holed up in Ecuador's embassy in London for much of the past decade, according to a report Sunday confirmed by the mother.

The 48-year-old Australian is the dad of two boys, aged two and one, with lawyer Stella Morris, to whom he is engaged, she confirmed following a Mail on Sunday report.

Assange is currently being held in London's high security Belmarsh prison as he fights an extradition request by the United States to stand trial there on espionage charges.

Morris detailed the revelations shortly after the report emerged, in a video posted on social media by Wikileaks chronicling her five-year relationship with Assange and the arrival of their two children. "We fell in love," she said in the nearly 12-minute film, outlining how the romance began in 2015 — three years into his seven-year stay at the Ecuadorian embassy in central London.

"This is the person... I know the most in this world — he's extraordinary," the South African-born lawyer said.

Morris said she wanted to speak out now fearing Assange's life "might be coming to an end" due to his continued detention and the spread of coronavirus.

Jennifer Robinson, one of Assange's lawyers in Britain who introduced the pair to each other in 2011, according to Morris, also confirmed to AFP they were a family.

She said a statement by Morris outlining the situation had been cited as evidence in a failed court bid last month to get Assange bailed to avoid catching COVID-19.

"Despite her statement about their family and the medical evidence about the severe risk to Assange's health, the judge refused bail and refused to grant her and the children anonymity," Robinson said.

The British government plans to allow some prisoners temporary release, amid fears COVID-19 could sweep through jails, but a judge rejected the request on March 25, saying there were "no grounds" for his release.—AFP

China toughens restrictions on border with Russia

SUIFENHE, (China): Chinese cities near the border with Russia said on Sunday they would tighten border controls and quarantine measures on arrivals from abroad after the number of imported cases of COVID-19 hit a record high.

New daily confirmed cases in mainland China reached 99 on April 11, almost doubling from 46 the previous day to a one-month high. All but two of the new recorded cases involved people travelling from abroad, many of them Chinese nationals returning from Russia.

In the commercial hub Shanghai, 51 Chinese nationals flying in on the same flight from Russia tested positive while 21 cases involved Chinese nationals travelling from Russia to the northeastern Heilongjiang province.

The border city of Suifenhe and Harbin, capital of Heilongjiang, said they would require all arrivals from abroad to undergo 28 days of quarantine, as well as nucleic acid and antibody tests.

Harbin added that it would lock down residential units where confirmed and asymptomatic coronavirus cases are found for 14 days.

Strict lockdowns had contained the disease in China, where it has killed a recorded 3,339 people since it emerged in the city of Wuhan late last year and then spread around the world.

Russia had previously halted all flights into China and closed its land border to incoming traffic from China, leaving the route through remote Suifenhe as one of the few options for many Chinese trying to return home.

Suifenhe said on Sunday it had banned all types of gatherings and listed businesses that must suspend operations. It also extended the April 9 closure of its border with Russia which had been due to end next week.

Residents there heaved a quiet sigh of relief.

"Of course people want to come back to China. I've been to markets in Russia where Chinese people do business. It's messy and crowded, no one can be safe from infection there," said a fruit-seller who goes by a single name Ming.

"If the border were to be reopened next week as previously announced, then our city will be stuck with this partial lockdown for the rest of the year."

Others also appeared torn between loyalty towards their fellow countrymen and a desire for self-preservation. Russia had recorded 15,770 cases of COVID-19 of April 12, while the number of deaths rose to 130.

A wholesale dealer in Suifenhe surnamed Yuan said: "I worry about my business and I'm scared I'll catch the virus, but we can't close our doors to them forever right? They went overseas because they have to make a living, just like us."

Last Wednesday, Suifenhe city announced restrictions on the movement of citizens similar to measures endured in Wuhan, the first virus epicentre which this month emerged from lockdown.

State-run CCTV said people should stay in their residential compounds and only one person per family could leave once every three days to buy necessities, and must return on the same day.

Chinese ambassador to Russia Zhang Hanhui told state television on April 7 that there were 160,000 Chinese nationals in Russia.

Inner Mongolia also reported 34 imported cases between 7am to 4pm on Sunday, all arriving from Russia, according to a government statement.

Down south, the economic hub of Guangzhou is enforcing precautionary measures on anyone who enters the city from across the national border, regardless of nationality, race or gender, foreign affairs official Liu Baochun told a news conference on Sunday.

"The risk of imported cases has increased dramatically," Wen Guohui, mayor of Guangzhou, said at the same event.

The comments followed concerns that Africans in the economic hub were being mistreated and harassed amid fears that the coronavirus could spread from imported cases.

China's senior medical advisor Zhong Nanshan said as the coronavirus is still spreading rapidly overseas, China could see the epidemic return.

"At the moment, the epidemic is still spreading rapidly overseas, so China's coastal, major cities with close international contact are highly vulnerable, and could see the epidemic come back again," Zhong told the official People's Daily newspaper in an interview published on Sunday, adding that even Wuhan is vulnerable to imported infection.

He cautioned that with the world's virus epicentre shifting from Europe to the United States, it is too early to judge whether the pandemic's peak is imminent.

"It's not yet time to take off masks."

Shanghai authorities have quarantined 92 other passengers who were in close contact with the 51 infected people who flew in from Russia on April 10, the city's health commission said on Sunday. A 52nd case in Shanghai involved a Chinese national arriving from a trip to Canada.

Highlighting another major source of risk, newly reported asymptomatic coronavirus cases nearly doubled to 63 on April 11, from 34 the previous day. The country's tally of recorded infections now stands at 82,052.Reuters

Sri Lanka makes cremations compulsory for virus deaths, angering Muslims

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka made cremations compulsory for coronavirus victims on Sunday, ignoring protests from the country's minority Muslims who say it goes against Islamic tradition.

Of the seven deaths from the infectious disease so far in the island nation, three were Muslims. The bodies were cremated by authorities despite protests from relatives.

"The corpse of a person who has died or is suspected to have died, of.. COVID-19 shall be cremated," Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi said Sunday.

The World Health Organisation has said victims "can be buried or cremated".

More than 200 people have tested positive for coronavirus so far in Sri Lanka, where an indefinite, nationwide curfew has been imposed.

The cremations have been criticised by rights groups.

"At this difficult time, the authorities should be bringing communities together and not deepening divisions between them," Amnesty's South Asia Director Biraj Patnaik said earlier this month.

The country's main political party that represents Muslims, which make up 10 percent of the 21 million-strong national population, has accused the government of "callous disregard" for religious rituals and the families' wishes.

Tensions between Muslims and the majority Sinhalese population came to a head last Easter after local jihadists were accused of suicide bombings at three hotels and three churches that killed 279 people.

Weeks later, Sinhalese mobs attacked Muslims, killing one and wounded dozens more. Hundreds of homes and vehicles were destroyed and the authorities were accused of failing to stop the violence — a charge denied by Colombo.

Sri Lanka's Roman Catholic Church said Sunday it forgave the suicide bombers, adding that "we offered love to the enemies who tried to destroy us".—AFP

Tourists forced to write 'sorry' 500 times over India lockdown breach

NEW DELHI: Ten foreigners who broke a coronavirus lockdown in an Indian town made famous by the Beatles, were forced to repent by writing "I am so sorry" — 500 times, officials said Sunday.

The nationwide lockdown was imposed near the end of March, with residents permitted to leave their homes only for essential services such as buying groceries and medicine.

The travellers — from Israel, Mexico, Australia and Austria — were caught taking a walk in Rishikesh, where the Beatles sought spirituality at an Ashram in 1968. Local police officer Vinod Sharma said they were each made to write "I did not follow the rules of lockdown so I am so sorry" 500 times.

More than 700 foreign tourists from the US, Australia, Mexico and Israel staying in the area had flouted the lockdown rules, Sharma said, adding the unusual punishment was handed out to teach them a lesson. Police said they would direct hotels in the area to allow foreign guests to step out only if accompanied by local helpers. Establishments that did not follow the order could face legal action, Sharma said. Police have come up with unusual methods to encourage people to stay home to halt the spread of the deadly disease, including wearing coronavirus-shaped helmets. But officers in some states were also seen in videos on social media beating drivers on roadsides and making people out and about during lockdown do squats and leapfrogs as punishment.

On Sunday, police said they arrested nine people violating the lockdown after an officer's hand was chopped off in northern Punjab state's Patiala district.—AFP

Motorsport great Moss dies aged 90

LONDON: Motorsport great Stirling Moss has died aged 90 following a long illness, the British driver's wife announced Sunday.

"It was one lap too many," Susie Moss told Britain's Press Association.

"He just closed his eyes."

Although Moss never won the Formula One title, he finished runner-up four times and third three times.

British media reported Moss's passing was the result of a chest infection he caught in Singapore in December 2016 that saw him retire from public life two years later. There is no suggestion his death was linked to the coronavirus. In an era where it was common for drivers to race in different disciplines, a 14-year career that started in 1948 saw Moss win 212 of the 529 races he entered including the 1955 Mille Miglia, where he set a new course record in the 1,000 mile event, which took place on public roads in Italy.—AFP