

#### **SCRUTINIZER'S REPORT**

December 17, 2024

**To, The Company Secretary, Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited,** Utkarsh Tower, NH-31 (Airport Road), Sehmalpur, Kazi Sarai, Harhua, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, PIN- 221105.

## Sub: Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited - Scrutinizer's Report on Postal Ballot (Evoting) Results

(CIN: limited **Bank** Utkarsh Small Finance The Board of Directors of L65992UP2016PLC082804) (hereinafter referred to as "the Bank" or "the Company") at their meeting held on November 09, 2024 appointed Mr. Avinash Bagul, Partner of M/s. BNP & Associates, Practicing Company Secretaries as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the Postal Ballot through e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner in respect of Ordinary and Special Resolutions as stated in the Postal Ballot Notice along with the Explanatory Statement thereto dated November 09, 2024 (the "Postal Ballot Notice").

In compliance with the provisions of Section 110 and other applicable provisions, if any of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act"), as amended from time to time, read with Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended (the "SEBI Listing Regulations"), Secretarial Standard 2 on General Meetings ("SS-2") issued by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India which are mandatory in application, including any circulars, statutory modification(s), clarification(s), substitution(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force, guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (the "MCA"), Government of India, for holding general meetings/conducting postal ballot process through e-voting vide for the time being in force) read with General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020, 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, 10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, 20/2021 dated December 08, 2021, 03/2022 dated May 05, 2022, 11/2022 dated December 28, 2022, General Circular No. 09/2023 dated September 25, 2023 and latest being General Circular No. 09/2024 dated September 19, 2024, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (the "MCA Circulars") and the Securities and Exchange Board of India Circular Nos. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/ P/2020179 dated May 12, 2020, SEBI/HO/CFD/ CMD2/CIR/P/ 2021 /11 dated January 15, 2021 and SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/167 dated October 07, 2023 ("SEBI Circulars") and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, the ordinary and special business mentioned in the Postal Ballot Notice dated November 09, 2024, was proposed to be passed by the Members of the Bank through Postal Ballot via remote electronic voting (e-voting) only. The Bank had, accordingly, provided the facility of e-voting to all Members to enable them to cast their votes electronically on the ordinary and special businesses mentioned in the Notice.



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The Bank had engaged the services of KFin Technologies Limited as the Electronic Voting Service Provider ("**KFINTECH /KFIN**" or "**ESP**") who had made necessary arrangements to facilitate e-voting by the shareholders of the Bank on their website at <u>https://www.kfintech.com/</u>. The Registrar and Share Transfer Agent for the Bank is KFINTECH.

Accordingly, the Bank on November 14, 2024, had sent the Postal Ballot Notice including all the requisite information required by the members to cast their votes in electronic form only, to all those Members who had registered their e-mail addresses with the Bank / RTA / Depository Participants, as on Friday, November 01, 2024 (being the cut-off date specified for this purpose). The communication of the assent or dissent of the Members was sought through the e-voting system only.

The Bank and the ESP had uploaded the Postal Ballot Notice together with the Explanatory Statement on their respective websites viz. <u>https://www.utkarsh.bank/investors/</u> and the e-Voting website of Kfin, the BSE Limited (BSE) at <u>www.bseindia.com</u> and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) at <u>www.nseindia.com</u> and EVEN "8485" was generated for casting the votes through the e-voting mode. The Bank and the ESP have complied with all the necessary formalities specified under the Act, the Rules framed thereunder, and the MCA Circulars issued in this regard.

The Management of the Bank is responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of the Act and the Rules made thereunder and SEBI Listing Regulations relating to the items placed for approval of the Members of the Bank through postal ballot by e-voting. Our responsibility as the Scrutinizer of the voting process (through e-voting), was restricted to scrutinizing the e-voting process, in a fair and transparent manner and to prepare a Scrutinizer's Report on the votes cast in favour and against the resolution stated in the Notice, based on the data generated from the e-voting system provided by the ESP.

We report that the Postal Ballot Notice was sent through e-mail to November 14, 2024 members whose e-mail addresses were registered with the Bank / RTA / Depositories and as made available with the RTA. The total Number of Members as on the Cut-off date were 2,35,289 Members holding 1,10,14,65,305 shares.

The e-voting period commenced on Friday, November 15, 2024 at 09.00 A.M. (IST) and ended on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 5.00 P.M. (IST). As prescribed in the said Rules and the MCA circulars, the Bank has also published an advertisement in newspapers having nationwide circulation on Friday, November 15, 2024 in English daily in "Financial Express" newspaper and in Hindi daily in "Aaj and Jansatta" newspapers. It carried the required information as specified in the said rules and MCA circulars.

The item for which the approval of the Members of the Bank was sought as stated in the Postal Ballot Notice is mentioned hereunder: -



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Sr. No.	Type of Resolution	Description of the Resolution
1.	Ordinary Resolution	Appointment of Mr. Pramod Kumar Dubey (DIN: 10174154) as a Whole-time Director of the Bank and fixation of his remuneration
2.	Special Resolution	Approval for the increase in the limit of share pool of USFBL Employee Stock Option Plan 2020 and implementation of USFBL Employee Stock Option 2024 -Scheme II

#### **SUMMARY OF VOTES CAST**

The E-voting process concluded at 5:00 p.m. (IST) on Saturday, December 14, 2024. After the closure of E-voting facility, the votes cast through E-voting platform were duly unblocked by us as the Scrutinizers in the presence of Ms. Priyanka Naagar and Mr. Rishi Jain, witnesses, not in employment of the Bank, as prescribed under sub-rule 4(xii) of Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014. Since e-voting facility was provided by KFINTECH, the details of the e-voting exercised by the Members were duly compiled by KFINTECH. The details of the e-voting, compilation of the Register containing the statement of Member's name, DP ID, Client ID and/or folio number, number of shares held, number of votes exercised, votes in favour, votes against were generated by KFINTECH from their website were duly scrutinized.

On scrutiny, we report that out of 2,35,289 Members holding 1,10,14,65,305 shares as on the cut-off date, i.e., Friday, November 01, 2024, 585 Members holding 88,05,94,487 shares have exercised their votes through remote E-voting.

The details of Postal Ballot result for the special business placed for consideration and approval of the Members are given below:

#### NOTES:

- Vote(s) cast in favour or against have been considered on the basis of number of shares held as on the cut-off date as stated above reckoned for the purpose of postal ballot.
- \*Vote(s) cast in favour or against have been calculated based on the valid votes cast through Remote E-voting process.
- There were no related parties in respect of the aforesaid resolution except to the extent already disclosed in the Postal Ballot Notice.



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## **ITEM NO 1: AS AN ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

# Appointment of Mr. Pramod Kumar Dubey (DIN: 10174154) as a Whole-Time Director of the Bank and fixation of his remuneration

Total no. of Members	23,52,89			
Total no. of Equity Shares	1,10,14,65,305			
E-voting as per the Postal Ballot Notice	From 9.00 a.m. (IST) on Friday, November 15, 2024 till 5.00 p.m. (IST) on Saturday, December 14, 2024			
		Number of Votes	Number of Shares	
Total votes cast through E-voting	Α	585	88,05,94,487	
Less: Invalid E-voting ( <i>abstained/less voted</i> ) *refer to note above	В	12	5,380	
Net number of E-votes (A-B) considered valid	C	573	88,05,89,107	

#### Summary of Postal Ballot through E-voting:

Promoter /	No. of shares	No. of votes	% of	No. of votes -	No. of	% of	% of
Public	held	cast	votes	in favour	votes -	votes in	votes
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Group							
Public-	14,91,05,379	11,07,59,928	74.2830	11,07,56,189	3,739	99.9966	0.0033
Institutional							
holders							
Public-others	19,30,87,704	1,05,56,957	5.4674	1,05,36,387	20,570	99.8051	0.1948
Total	1,10,14,65,305	40,76,97,864	46.2983	40,76,73,555	24,309	99.9040	0.0060
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Percentage of votes cast in Favour: 99.9940 P

Percentage of votes cast Against: 0.006





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# **ITEM NO 2: AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

# Approval for the increase in the limit of share pool of USFBL Employee Stock Option Plan 2020 and implementation of USFBL Employee Stock Option 2024 - Scheme II

Total no. of Members	2,35,289				
Total no. of Equity Shares	1,10,14,65,305				
E-voting as per the Postal Ballot Notice		From 9.00 a.m. (IST) on Friday, November 15 2024 till 5.00 p.m. (IST) on Saturday, December 14, 2024 Number of Votes Number of Shares			
		Number of Votes	Number of Shares		
Total votes cast through E-voting	Α	585	88,05,94,487		
Less: Invalid E-voting (abstained/less voted) *refer to note below	В	13	3,42,06,637		
Net number of E-votes (A-B) considered valid	Ĉ	572	84,63,87,850		

#### **Summary of Postal Ballot through E-voting:**

Promoter	No. of shares	No. of votes	% of	No. of votes -	No. of votes	% of	% of
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*Promote	75,92,72,222	28,59,36,875	37.6593	28,59,36,875	0	100	0.0000
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Promoter							
Group							
Public-	14,91,05,379	7,65,58,294	51.34	6,21,82,289	1,43,76,005	81.2221	18.7778
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nal							
holders							
Public-	19,30,87,704	1,05,57,334	5.4676	5,76,965	99,80,369	5.4650	94.5349
others							
Total	1,10,14,65,305	37,30,52,503	44.0758	3486,96,129	2,43,56,374	93.4711	6.5289
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Percentage of votes cast in Favour: 93.4711 Percentage of votes cast Against: 6.5289



\*In terms of provisions of Section 12(2) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 ("Banking Regulations") read with Gazette Notification DBR.PSBD. No.1084/16.13.100/2016-17 dated July 21, 2016 ("Gazette Notification") and Reserve Bank of India Guidelines on Acquisition and Holding of Shares or Voting Rights in Banking Companies dated January 16, 2023 ("RBI Guidelines"); the voting rights of a Promoter of the Bank are restricted to 26% of the total voting rights in the Bank. Accordingly, the same has been considered.

#### **RESULTS:** -

In view of above scrutiny, we report that the Ordinary and Special Resolutions as per Item Nos. 1 and 2 as set forth in the Postal Ballot Notice dated November 09, 2024 has been approved by the Members with requisite majority. The Resolutions are deemed to be passed on the last date for e-voting i.e., Saturday, December 14, 2024.

We further report that the Postal Ballot Notice of the Bank which was approved by the Board on November 09, 2024, and the Board had authorised the Chairman or the Managing Director or the Company Secretary to declare and confirm the above results of voting by postal ballot in respect of the Resolution referred above and the postal ballot result to be declared within two working days of the closure of the remote e-voting period. The result of the Postal Ballot will be displayed on the website of the Bank <u>www.utkarsh.bank/investors/</u> and on the website of KFINTECH <u>https://www.kfintech.com/</u>. The results will also be forwarded to the BSE Limited (BSE) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) and hosted on their websites. The same shall also be displayed at the Registered and Corporate Office of the Bank.

We further report that Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 has been duly complied with and the records maintained by us including the data as obtained from KFINTECH, ESP for the e-voting facility extended by them recording the consent or otherwise received from the Members, by e-voting which includes all the particulars of the members such as the name, folio number/DP ID and Client ID, number of shares held, number of shares voted and number of shares assented, number of shares dissented, number of shares rejected, and other related data/papers are in my safe custody and will be handed over to the Company Secretary of the Bank.





We thank the Board of Directors of the Bank for giving us the opportunity to act as the Scrutinizer for the above Postal Ballot process of the Bank.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully

For BNP & Associates Company Secretaries [Firm Regn. No.: -P2014MH037400] PR No.: -637/2019

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The following were the witnesses to the unblocking of the votes on December 14,2024

1. Priyanka Naagar

2. Rishi Jain

Received the Report For Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited

Muthiah Ganapathy Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Place: Mumbai Date: December 17, 2024