



**PACKAGES LIMITED**

Business Recorder  
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08 April 2024

## NOTICE OF 69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of Packages Limited will be held at the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP), Chartered Accountants Avenue, Block 8 Clifton, Karachi, on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 04:00 P.M and virtually via Zoom to transact the following business:

### ORDINARY BUSINESS

- 1) To confirm the minutes of the last Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Company held on May 29, 2023.
- 2) To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements of the Company together with the Directors' and Auditors' Report thereon for the year ended December 31, 2023.



<https://www.packages.com.pk/financial-reports/>

- 3) To consider, approve and declare the dividend on the ordinary and preference shares of the Company. The Directors have recommended a final cash dividend for the year ended December 31, 2023.
  - a) to the preference share/convertible stock holder (International Finance Corporation) at the rate of Rs. 26.787 (14.098%) per preference share/convertible stock of Rs. 190 proposed by the Board in terms of and as adjusted under the Subscription Agreement between Packages Limited and International Finance Corporation, totaling Rs. 219,298,977; and
  - b) to the ordinary shareholders at the rate of Rs. 27.50 (275%) per ordinary share of Rs. 10.
- 4) To appoint external auditors of the Company for the ensuing year and to fix their remuneration. The current auditors, M/s. A.F. Ferguson & Co. (Chartered Accountants), being eligible to do so, have consented to be appointed as auditors and the Board of Directors has recommended their appointment.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

By Order of the Board

April 08, 2024  
Karachi

**IQRA SAJJAD**  
Company Secretary

### Participation in the AGM Proceedings Virtually

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan ("SECP") has vide its circulars issued from time to time has directed the listed companies to hold general meetings virtually in addition to the requirements of holding physical meetings. The shareholders interested in attending the AGM virtually are requested to get themselves registered by sending their particulars at the designated email address [shares.desk@packages.com.pk](mailto:shares.desk@packages.com.pk) mentioning their name, folio number and email address by the close of business hours on April 25, 2024. The log-in credentials and link to participate in the AGM and would be provided to the registered shareholders via a response email. The shareholders are also encouraged to send their comments/suggestions, related to the agenda items of the AGM on the abovementioned email address by the same date.

### Notes:

1. In accordance with Section 223 of the Companies Act, 2017 and pursuant to SRO 389(1)/2023 dated 21 March 2023, the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2023, along with the Directors', Auditors', and Chairman Report thereon, Notice of Annual General Meeting, and other related materials have been made available on the Company's website and published for sharing using a QR Code.

The Company has obtained shareholders' approval to do so in one of its General Meetings. Furthermore, members are hereby informed that pursuant to Section 223(6) and 473 of the Companies Act 2017, whereby circulation of Audited Financial Statements and Notice of the Meeting has been allowed in electronic format through email, the same has been circulated through email in cases where email address has been provided by the member to the Company and hence the consent of member to receive the copies through email is not required.

Members can request a hard copy of the same, which shall be provided free of cost, within one week, if a request has been made by the member on the standard request form available on the website of the Company.

2. The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed for determining the entitlement for the payment of final cash dividend from Tuesday, April 23, 2024 to Monday, April 29, 2024 (both days inclusive). Transfer requests received at the office of the Share Registrar of the Company at M/s FAMCO Shares Registration Services (Pvt.) Limited, 8-F, Next to Hotel Faran, Nursery, Block 6, P.E.C.H.S., Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi at the close of business on Monday, April 22, 2024 will be treated in time for the purposes of entitlement to the transferees.
3. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint another person as his/her proxy to attend, speak and vote at the meeting on his/her behalf. Instrument appointing proxy must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company situated at 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, The Forum, Suite # 416-422, G-20, Block 9, Khayaban-e-Jami, Clifton, Karachi not less than 48 hours before the time of the meeting.
4. Shareholders holding physical shares are also required to bring their original Computerized National Identity Card CNIC and/or copy of CNIC of shareholder(s) of whom he/she/they hold proxy(ies) for. Such shareholder(s) shall not be allowed to attend and/or sign the Register of Shareholders/Members at the AGM without such CNIC(s).
5. The CDC Account Holders and Sub-Account Holders, whose registration details are available in the Share Book Details Report, shall be required to produce their respective original CNIC or original passport at the time of attending the Annual General Meeting to facilitate identification. Such Account Holders and Sub-Account Holders should also bring/know their respective participation I.D. No. and the CDC Account No. and in case of Proxy, he/she must enclose an attested copy of his/her CNIC or Passport. Representative(s) of corporate member(s) should bring attested copy of Board Resolution/Power of Attorney and/or all such documents that are required for such purpose and enumerated under Circular No. 1 dated 26 January 2000 issued by the SECP. Proxy form is also available on the Company's website and can be downloaded from [www.packages.com.pk](http://www.packages.com.pk)

### Statutory Code of Conduct at AGM

Members are requested to observe the Statutory Code of Conduct at the AGM in accordance with Section 215 of the Companies Act, 2017 and Regulation 28 of the Companies (General Provisions and Forms) Regulations, 2018, whereby shareholders are not permitted to exert influence or approach the Management directly for decisions which may lead to creation of hurdles in the smooth functioning of the Management. As mentioned in these provisions, shareholders shall not bring material that may cause threat to participants or premises where the AGM is being held, confine themselves to the agenda items covered in the notice of the AGM and shall not conduct themselves in a manner to disclose any political affiliation. Additionally, the Company is not permitted to distribute gifts in any form to its shareholders in its meetings as per Section 185 of Companies Act, 2017.

### Withholding Tax on Dividend Income

- a. Pursuant to Section 150 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, withholding tax on dividend paid will be deducted for 'Filer' and 'Non-Filer' shareholders at 15% and 30% respectively. All members/shareholders whose names are not entered into the Active Tax-payers List (ATL) provided on the website of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), despite the fact that they are filers, are advised to make sure that their names along with their valid CNICs/NTNs (National Tax Numbers) are entered into ATL, before April 22, 2024; enabling the Company to make required tax deduction on the amount of cash dividend. Accordingly, shareholders are also advised to check and ensure their respective status as appearing in the ATL available at FBR's website <http://www.fbr.gov.pk/> as well as to ensure that their CNIC/Passport number has been recorded by the Participant/Investor Account Services or by Share Registrar (in case of physical shareholding). Corporate bodies (non-individual shareholders) should ensure that their names and NTN are available in the ATL maintained on FBR website and recorded by respective Participant/Investor Account Services or in case of physical shareholding by Company's Share Registrar.
- b. According to the FBR, withholding tax in case of joint shareholders accounts will be determined separately based on the 'Filer/ Non-Filer' status of the principal shareholder as well as the status of the joint holder(s) as per their shareholding proportions. Members that hold shares jointly with other shareholders are requested to provide, in writing, the shareholding proportions of the principal shareholder and the joint holder(s) in respect of shares held by them to the Company's Share Registrar, M/s FAMCO Shares Registration Services (Pvt.) Limited. In case the required information is not provided to the Company's Registrar by April 22, 2024 it will be assumed that the shares are held in equal proportion by the principal shareholder and the joint holder(s).
- c. Withholding tax exemption from dividend income shall only be allowed if a copy of valid tax exemption certificate is made available to the Company's Share Registrar by April 22, 2024.
- d. Non-resident shareholder(s) shall submit declaration of such undertaking with copy of valid passport under definition contained in Section 82 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 for determination of their residential status for the purposes of tax deduction on dividend to the Company Share Registrar latest by April 22, 2024. Member may send a declaration using a standard format as placed on Registrar and Company's websites as mentioned below:  
[www.famcosrs.com](http://www.famcosrs.com) & [www.packages.com.pk](http://www.packages.com.pk)

### Zakat Deduction

To claim exemption from compulsory deduction of Zakat, shareholders are requested to submit a notarized copy of Zakat Declaration Form "CZ-50" on NJSP of Rs. 50/- to the Share Registrar. In case shares are held in scrip less form such Zakat Declaration Form (CZ -50) must be uploaded in the CDC account of the shareholder, through their participant/ Investor Account Services. Further, Non-Muslim shareholders are also required to file Solemn Affirmation (on the format available on Company's website) with the Share Registrar of the Company in case shares are held in physical certificates or with CDC Participant/Investor Account Services in case shares are in scripless form. No exemption from deduction of Zakat will be allowed unless the above documents complete in all respects have been made available as above.

### Payment of Cash Dividend Through Electronic Mode (Mandatory)

Under the Section 242 of the Companies Act, 2017, it is mandatory for all listed companies to pay cash dividend to its shareholders through electronic mode directly into the bank account designated by the entitled shareholders. In order to receive dividend directly into their bank account.

Furthermore, in accordance with the Companies (Distribution of Dividend) Regulations, 2017, shareholders are advised to provide their CNIC Number and International Bank Account Number (IBAN) details, if they have not already done so, to our Share Registrar (if shares are held in physical form) at their above-referred office address or to the respective Participants/Broker (if shares are held through CDS Account). In case of non-receipt of information, the Company will be constrained to withhold payments of dividend.

### Unclaimed Dividend/Shares

Under Section 244 of the Companies Act, 2017 the Company is required to approach shareholders to claim their unclaimed dividend/shares. In this regard the Company has been reaching out to its shareholders by publishing notices in newspapers after sending individual letters. Those shareholders, who have not claimed their dividend amounts as yet, are hereby once again requested to ensure that their claims for unclaimed dividend amounts and/or shares certificate are lodged promptly.

### Submission of Copy of Valid CNIC and/or NTN (Mandatory)

Further to SECP's directives, including SRO 831(1)/2012 and other relevant rules, for processing of electronic dividend the shareholder should provide CNIC number, except in the case of minor(s) and corporate shareholders.

Accordingly, individual members who have not yet submitted a copy of their valid CNIC to the Company's Share Registrar are once again requested to send their CNIC copy at the earliest directly to the Company's Share Registrar. Corporate members are requested to provide their NTN and Folio Number along with the authorized representative's CNIC copy.

As per Regulation No. 6 of the Companies (Distribution of Dividend) Regulations, 2017 and Section 243(3) of the Companies Act, 2017, the Company will be constrained to withhold payment of dividend to shareholders in case of non-availability of CNIC and/or NTN of the shareholder or authorized person, as the case may be.

### Change of Particulars (Postal/Email Address and IBAN etc.)

Shareholders having physical shares are requested to promptly notify any change in their particulars to Company's Share Registrar, in writing whereas CDC account holders are requested to update their addresses with their CDC Participant/CDC Investor Account Services on immediate basis of any change occurring in the particulars.

### Conversion of Physical Shares into CDC Account

As per Section 72 of the Companies Act, 2017, every existing listed company shall be required to replace its physical shares with book-entry form in a manner as may be specified and from the date notified by the SECP. The Company has reached out to its shareholders through newspaper notices requesting those who have physical shareholding. The shareholders are hereby again encouraged to open a CDC sub-account with any broker or Investor Account directly with CDC to convert their physical shares into scripless form. This is beneficial in many ways, including safe custody and sale of shares, any time they want, as the trading of physical shares is not permitted as per existing regulations of the Pakistan Stock Exchange.

### Postal Ballot/E-Voting

In accordance with the Companies (Postal Ballot) Regulations, 2018, for the purpose of Election of Directors and for any other agenda item subject to the requirements of Section 143 and 144 of the Companies Act, 2017, members holding in aggregate 10% or more shareholding as per law, will be allowed to exercise their right of vote through postal ballot i.e. by post or e-voting, in the manner and subject to conditions contained in aforesaid Regulations.