

INITIAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT UNDER REGULATION 8(1) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (DELISTING OF EQUITY SHARES) REGULATIONS, 2021, AS AMENDED, FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS OF

EASTERN DOOARS TEA CO LTD

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DELISTING OFFER FOR ACQUISITION OF UPTO 15,619 (FIFTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETEEN) FULLY PAID-UP EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF RS.10.00 (RUPEES TEN ONLY) EACH (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS 'EQUITY SHARES'), REPRESENTING 7.81% OF THE TOTAL PAID-UP EQUITY AND VOTING SHARE CAPITAL OF EASTERN DOOARS TEA CO LTD, (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS 'EDTCL' OR 'THE COMPANY') BY M/S BIJNI DOOARS TEA CO LTD (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE 'ACQUIRER'/ 'PROMOTER') PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 8 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (DELISTING OF EQUITY SHARES) REGULATIONS, 2021, AS AMENDED, (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS 'DELISTING REGULATIONS').

1. Details of the Delisting Proposal:

As on the date of Initial Public Announcement, M/s Bijni Dooars Tea Co Ltd (Acquirer) is the Promoter of the Company and is disclosed under "Promoter/ Promoter Group" of the Company in terms of the shareholding pattern as on December 31, 2023 submitted with The Calcutta Stock Exchange (CSE) and presently holds 3,100 Equity Shares, representing 1.55% of the paid up Equity Shares of the Company. The Acquirer together with the other members of the Promoter/ Promoter Group presently hold 1,84,381 paid up Equity Shares having face value of Rs. 10/- each representing 92.19% of the paid up Equity Shares of the Company.

The Acquirer intend to acquire 15,619 Equity Shares held by the Public Shareholders of the Company pursuant to the SEBI Delisting Regulations (hereinafter referred to as 'Delisting Proposal'), subject to receipt of approval by the Board of Directors of the Company and the public shareholders of the company by way of a special resolution through postal ballot in accordance with the SEBI Delisting Regulations wherein the number of votes cast by the shareholders in favor of the Delisting Proposal is at least two times the number of votes cast by the shareholders against the Delisting Proposal, receipt of all other necessary approvals, including relevant third-party consents.

2. Rationale for the Delisting Proposal:

The objective of the Delisting Proposal is to enable the Promoters to obtain full ownership of the Company, which in turn will provide enhanced operational flexibility. As the Company will no longer remain listed in India, there will be reduction in dedicated management time to comply with the requirements associated with the continued listings, which can be refocused on the Company's business. Further it is believed by the Acquirer that, the Delisting Proposal will enhance the Company's operational, financial and strategic flexibility including but not limited to corporate restructurings, acquisitions, exploring new financing structures including financial support from the Promoters. The long-term business plan of the Acquirer involve expanding the operations of the company into new geographies and new business activities, which may have different risk profiles, longer gestation periods compared to the current risk profile of the Company, and that the Acquirer believe that the Delisting Proposal is in the interest of the Public Shareholders as it will provide the Public Shareholders an opportunity to exit from the Company at a price determined in accordance with the SEBI Delisting Regulations, providing immediate liquidity given the heightened market volatility.

This Initial Public Announcement (hereinafter referred to as the 'IPA') is being issued by Intelligent Money Managers Private Limited (hereinafter referred to as 'Manager to the Offer') for and on behalf of the Acquirer to the Public Shareholders of the Company.




3. Undertakings/ Confirmations:

In terms of Regulation 8(3)(b) of the SEBI Delisting Regulations, the Acquirer do hereby undertake and confirms that:

1. They have not sold the equity shares of the company during the period of six months prior to the date of this IPA made in terms of Regulation 8(1) of the SEBI Delisting Regulations.
2. They have not directly or indirectly, -
 - (a) employed any device, scheme or artifice to defraud any shareholder or other person; or
 - (b) engaged in any transaction or practice that operates as a fraud or deceit upon any shareholder or other person; or
 - (c) engaged in any act or practice that is fraudulent, deceptive or manipulative

-in connection with the delisting of the equity shares sought or permitted or exit opportunity given or other acquisition of equity shares made under the SEBI Delisting Regulations.

4. Price/ Consideration:

- 4.1 The discovered price will be determined through the reverse book building process specified in Schedule II of the SEBI Delisting Regulations, after fixation of the 'floor price' which will be determined in terms of Regulation 20(2) of the SEBI Delisting Regulations read with Regulation 8 of the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011.

5. Conditions:

- 5.1 The acquisition of the Equity Shares by the Acquirer from the Public Shareholders will be conditional upon the following:
 - a. completion of the Due Diligence by a Peer Reviewed Practising Company Secretary as required under Regulations 10(2) and 10(3) and other applicable provisions of the SEBI Delisting Regulations;
 - b. the Board approving the Delisting Proposal in accordance with Regulation 10 and other applicable provisions of the SEBI Delisting Regulations;
 - c. the approval of the shareholders of the Company by way of a special resolution in accordance with the Regulation 11 of the SEBI Delisting Regulations and other applicable laws wherein the number of votes cast by the Public Shareholders in favour of the Delisting Proposal is at least two times the number of votes cast by the Public Shareholders against it;
 - d. receipt of the approval of the Stock Exchanges in accordance with the SEBI Delisting Regulations and any other statutory/ regulatory approvals and third-party consents, as may be required;
 - e. the acceptance by the Acquirer of the 'discovered price' determined by the reverse book building process or the counter-offer price, in accordance with the SEBI Delisting Regulations including other rights and obligations in terms of the SEBI Delisting Regulations;
 - f. the number of the Equity Shares being validly tendered in the delisting offer is sufficient enough to result in the delisting offer being successful in accordance with the SEBI Delisting Regulations; and
 - g. such other terms and conditions as may be set out in the 'detailed public announcement' or the 'letter of offer' to be made/ dispatched to the Public Shareholders, or any addendum or corrigendum thereto, that are proposed to be issued in accordance with the SEBI Delisting Regulations.



6. Other Details:

- 6.1. The Acquirer hereby confirm that he has firm financial arrangements for fulfilling the payment obligations under the delisting offer and he will be able to implement the delisting offer, subject to any statutory approvals for the Delisting Proposal that may be necessary.
- 6.2. The Acquirer accept full responsibility for the information contained in this Initial Public Announcement and confirm that such information is true, fair and adequate in all material aspects. The Acquirer is aware of and will comply with his obligations under the SEBI Delisting Regulations.
- 6.3. All the information pertaining to the Company contained in this Initial Public Announcement has been obtained from publicly available sources, and the accuracy thereof has not been independently verified by the Manager.

Issued by the Manager to the Offer on behalf of the Acquirer:



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Validity Period: Perpetual

Date: 22.01.2024

Place: Kolkata

A handwritten signature in blue ink is written over a circular purple stamp. The stamp contains the text 'Intelligent Money Managers Pvt. Ltd. * KOLKATA' around the perimeter.