

# **ICRA LIMITED**

Registered Office: 1105, Kailash Building 11th Floor, 26, Kasturba Gandhi Marg New Delhi – 110 001, India. Tel. No.: +91 11 2335 7940-45

Corporate Office: Building No. 8, 2nd Floor, Tower A, DLF Cyber City, Phase II, Gurugram – 122 002, Haryana, India. Tel. No.: +91 124 4545 300 | E-mail: investors@icraindia.com | Website: www.icra.in Company Secretary & Compliance Officer: S. Shakeb Rahman

### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE ATTENTION OF EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS/ BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF EQUITY SHARES OF ICRA LIMITED.

This Public Announcement ("Public Announcement") is being made in relation to the Buyback (as defined hereinafter) of Equity Shares (as defined hereinafter) of ICRA Limited ("Company") from the open market through stock exchange mechanism, pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 16(iv)(b) and other applicable provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-Back of Securities) Regulations, 2018, for the time being in force including any statutory modifications and amendments from time to time ("Buyback Regulations") and contains the disclosures as specified in Schedule IV to the Buyback Regulations.

### OFFER FOR BUYBACK OF EQUITY SHARES FROM THE OPEN MARKET THROUGH STOCK **EXCHANGES**

## Part A – Disclosures in accordance with Schedule I of the Buyback Regulations

### DETAILS OF THE BUYBACK OFFER AND OFFER PRICE

- Pursuant to article 88 of the articles of association of the Company and the provisions of Sections 68, 69, 70, and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013, read with the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 and other applicable Rules thereunder, each as amended from time to time (the "Companies Act") (including any re-enactment of the Companies Act or enactment of any rules framed thereunder from time to time), and the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy Back of Securities) Regulations, 1998 (as applicable during the relevant period and substituted by the Buyback Regulations with effect from September 11, 2018), and pursuant to the resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Company (the Board of Directors of the Company are hereinafter referred to as the "Board" or the "Board of Directors" which expression shall include the committee constituted by the Board to exercise its power related to the buyback i.e., the Buyback Committee) at their meeting held on August 9, 2018 (the "Board Meeting") and the members of the Company (the "Members") by way of a special resolution dated September 16, 2018 through postal ballot ("Postal Ballot") including electronic voting, approved the buyback of the fully paid-up equity shares of the face value of INR 10 (Indian Rupees Ten only) each of the Company (the "Equity Shares") from the Members/ beneficial owners, other than those who are promoters or the persons in control or the Company (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Promoters") and promoter group, from the open market through stock exchange mechanism i.e., using the electronic trading facilities of the BSE Limited ("BSE" market through stock exchange mechanism i.e., using the electronic trading facilities of the BSE Limited ("BSE") and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"), where the Equity Shares are listed (hereinafter together referred to as the "Stock Exchanges") for an aggregate amount not exceeding INR 8,540 lakh (Indian Rupees Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty Lakh only) (the "Maximum Buyback Size"), and at a price not exceeding INR 3,800 (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Eight Hundred only) per Equity Share (the "Maximum Buyback Price"), payable in cash (the process being referred hereinafter as "Buyback"). The Maximum Buyback Size does not include brokerage, costs, fees, turnover charges, taxes such as securities transaction tax, goods and services tax (if any), stamp duty and other transaction charges (collectively referred to as "Transaction Costs"). The Maximum Buyback Size represents 14.98% of the aggregate of the Company's total paid-up equity share capital and free reserves based on the standalone audited financial statements of the Company as at March 31, 2018 (being the latest available audited financial statements of the Company) which is less than 15% of the total paid-up equity share capital and free reserves of the Company in accordance with the proviso to the Regulation 4(iv) of the Buyback Regulations.
- The Maximum Buyback Price represents a premium of 11.06% and 11.40% compared to the average of the weekly high and low of the closing price of the Equity Shares of the Company on the BSE and NSE, respectively, during two weeks preceding the date of the Board Meeting. Further, the Company shall utilize at least 50% of the Maximum Buyback Size i.e.,INR 4,270 lakh (Indian Rupees Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Lakh only) ("Minimum Buyback Size") and the Company accordingly will purchase an indicative minimum of 1,12,368 (One Lakh Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Eight only) Equity Shares based on the Maximum Buyback
- The Board shall determine, at its discretion, the time frame for completion of the Buyback and may close the Buyback (which shall not be longer than (6) six months from the date of opening of the Buyback or such other period as may be permitted under the Companies Act and/or Buyback Regulations or as may be directed by the appropriate authorities) after the Minimum Buyback Size has been reached, and irrespective of whether the Maximum Buyback Size has or has not been reached, after giving appropriate notice for such closure and on completing all formalities in this regard, in accordance with the Companies Act and/or Buyback Regulations.

  The indicative maximum number of Equity Shares to be bought back at the Maximum Buyback Size and the
- Maximum Buyback Price is 2,24,736 (Two Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Six only) Equity Shares ("Maximum Buyback Shares"), which does not exceed 25% of the total paid up equity share capital of the Company.If the Equity Shares are bought back at a price below the Maximum Buyback Price, the actual number of Equity Shares bought back could exceed the indicative Maximum Buyback Shares (assuming full deployment of Maximum Buyback Size) but will always be subject to the Maximum Buyback Size. Further, the number of Equity Shares to be bought back will not exceed 25% of the total paid up equity capital of the Company. The Company shall, during the Buyback period and upon completion thereof, comply with the requirement of maintaining a minimum public shareholding of at least 25% of the total paid up Equity Share capital of the Company as provided under Regulation 38 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
- The Buyback will be implemented by the Company out of its securities premium account, free reserves or such other source as may be permitted under Section 68(1) of the Companies Act and Regulation 4(ix) of the Buyback Regulations and shall be from the open market through the Stock Exchanges, by the order matching mechanism except 'all or none' order matching system, as provided under the Buyback Regulations.
- A copy of this Public Announcement is available on the Company's website (i.e., www.icra.in) and is expected to be available on the website of the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") (i.e., www.sebi.gov.in), and on the websites of Stock Exchanges, (i.e., www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) during the period of the

## Necessity for the Buyback and details thereof

The Board is of the view that the Buyback will help the Company achieve the following objectives: (a) optimize returns to members; and (b) enhance overall members' value. The above objectives will be achieved by returning part of surplus cash back to members through the Buyback process. This may lead to reduction in outstanding Equity Shares, improvement in earnings per share, based on the assumption that the Company would earn similar profits as in the past, and enhanced return on equity capital. The Buyback will not in any manner impair the ability of the Company to pursue growth opportunities or meet its cash requirements for business operations. The Board at its meeting held on August 9, 2018, considered the accumulated free reserves as well as the cash liquidity reflected in the audited accounts as on March 31, 2018, and considering these, the Board decided to allocate a sum of INR 8,540 lakh (Indian Rupees Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty Lakh only) excluding Transaction Costs for distributing to the members holding Equity Shares of the Company through the Buyback

## Basis for arriving at the Maximum Buyback Price and other details

- The Maximum Buyback Price of INR 3,800 (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Eight Hundred only) per Equity Share has been arrived at after considering various factors, including average of the weekly high and low of the closing share price of the Equity Shares on the Stock Exchanges (till August 8, 2018), the net worth of the Company and the potential impact of the Buyback on the earnings per share of the Company. The Maximum Buyback Price excludes the Transaction Costs.
- The Maximum Buyback Price represents a premium of 11.06% and 11.40% compared to the average of the weekly high and low of the closing prices of the Equity Shares on the BSE and NSE, respectively, during the two weeks preceding the date of the Board Meeting.
- The Buyback is proposed to be completed within a maximum period of 6 (six) months from the date of opening of the Buyback or such other period as may be permitted under the Companies Act and/or Buyback Regulations or as may be directed by the appropriate authorities. Subject to the Maximum Buyback Price of INR 3,800 (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Eight Hundred only) per Equity Share, maximum validity period of 6 (six) months from the date of opening of the Buyback or such other period as may be permitted under the Companies Act and/or Buyback Regulations or as may be directed by the appropriate authorities, and achievement of the Minimum Buyback Size, the actual time frame and the price for the Buyback will be determined by the Board or the Buyback Committee or their duly authorized representatives, at their discretion, in accordance with the Buyback Regulations. However, in accordance with the Buyback Regulations, Buyback price for the Equity Shares in physical form ("Physical Shares") will be determined as the volume weighted average price of the dematerialised Equity Shares ("Demat Shares") bought back, during the calendar week in which such Physical Shares are received by Edelweiss Securities Limited ("Company's Broker") (or in case no Equity Shares are bought back in the normal market during that calendar week then the preceding week when the Company last bought back Equity Shares) and the price of Physical Shares tendered during the first calendar week of the Buyback shall be the volume weighted average market price of the Equity Shares of the Company during the
- At the Maximum Buyback Price and for Maximum Buyback Size, the indicative maximum number of Equity Shares bought back would be 2,24,736 (Two Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Six only) Equity Shares. If the Equity Shares are bought back at a price below the Maximum Buyback Price, the actual number of Equity Shares bought back could exceed the indicative Maximum Buyback Shares (assuming full deployment of Maximum Buyback Size) but will always be subject to the Maximum Buyback Size. Further, the number of Equity Shares to be bought back will not exceed 25% of the total paid up equity capital of the Company
- Further, the Company shall utilize at least 50% of the Maximum Buyback Size i.e. INR 4.270 lakh (Indian Rupees Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Lakh only) towards the Buyback and the Company will accordingly purchase an indicative minimum of 1,12,368 (One Lakh Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Eight only) Equity Shares ("Minimum Buyback Shares") based on the Maximum Buyback Price
- The actual number of Equity Shares bought back will depend upon the actual price paid for the Buyback, excluding the Transaction Costs paid for the Equity Shares bought back, and the aggregate amount paid in the Buyback, subject to the Maximum Buyback Size. The actual reduction in outstanding number of Equity Shares would depend upon the price at which the Equity Shares of the Company are traded at the Stock Exchanges as well as the total number of Equity Shares bought back by the Company from the open market through the Stock Exchanges during the Buyback period.

## Details of Promoters and promoter group's shareholding and other details

The particulars of the Equity Shares held by the Promoters, promoter group, directors of the Promoters and

directors of the promoter group, as on the date of the Postal Ballot Notice i.e., August 10, 2018 is given below:							
Name	Category	No. of Equity Shares	% of paid-up Equity Share capital				
Moody's Investment Company India Private Limited	Promoter and promoter group	2,850,900	28.79%				
Moody's Singapore Pte Ltd	Promoter and promoter group	2,154,722	21.76%				
Total		5,005,622	50.55%				

None of the persons mentioned in Paragraph 4.1 above has sold or purchased any Equity Shares of the Company (either through the stock exchanges or off market transactions) during the six months prior to the date of the Board Meeting and till the date of the Postal Ballot Notice i.e., August 10, 2018.

## Non-Participation by Promoters and promoter Group

As per Regulation 16(ii) of the Buyback Regulations, the Buyback shall not be made from Promoters and promoter group of the Company. Further, as per Regulation 24(e) of the Buyback Regulations, the Promoters and promoter group have not dealt in the Equity Shares or other specified securities of the Company either through the Stock Exchanges or off-market transactions (including inter-se transfer of Equity Shares among the Promoters) from the date of the Board meeting till the date of the Public Announcement and shall not deal in the Equity Shares or other specified securities of the Company either through the stock exchanges or off-market transactions (including inter-se transfer of Equity Shares among the Promoters) from the date of the Public Announcement till the completion of the Buyback.

Further, none of the associates of the promoter and members of the promoter group, other than the Company, have dealt in the Equity Shares or specified securities of the Company on the Stock Exchanges or off-market, during the period from the date of passing the special resolution approving the Buyback i.e., September 16, 2018 through the date thereof, and none of such associates of the promoter and members of the promote group, other than the Company, shall deal in the Equity Shares or specified securities until the completion of the Buvback.

### 4.4. No Defaults

The Company confirms that there are no defaults (either in the past or subsisting) in repayment of deposits, interest payment thereon, redemption of debentures or preference shares, payment of dividend to any member or repayment of term loans or interest payable thereon to any financial institution or any bank/banking company.

Confirmation by the Board of Directors The Board has confirmed in the Board Meeting that they have made full inquiry into the affairs and prospects of

- the Company and that they have formed the following opinion: that immediately following the date of the Board Meeting and the date on which the results of member's resolution passed by way of Postal Ballot including electronic voting were declared ("Postal Ballot Resolution"), there will be no grounds on which the Company could be found unable to pay its debts;
- as regards the Company's prospects for the year immediately following the date of the Board Meeting and for the year immediately following the date of Postal Ballot Resolution, and having regard to the Board's intention 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 during that year, the Company will be able to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due and the Company will not be rendered insolvent within such one year period from the date of the Board Meeting as well as from the date of the Postal Ballot Resolution
- in forming an opinion as aforesaid, the Board has taken into account the liabilities of the Company as if the Company were being wound up under the provisions of the Companies Act (including prospective and contingent liabilities).

### Report by the Company's Statutory Auditor

The text of the report dated August 9, 2018 received from M/s. B S R & Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants, the statutory auditor of the Company, addressed to the Board of Directors is reproduced below:

"The Board of Directors ICRA Limited

1105, Kailash Building, 11th Floor, 26 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001

### Date: 9 August 2018

Sub: Independent Auditor's Report in respect of proposed buyback of equity shares by ICRA Limited ('the Company') in terms of the clause (xi) of Part A of Schedule II of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-back of Securities) Regulations, 1998 (as amended) and Section 68 of the Companies

- This Report is issued in accordance with the terms of our agreement dated 7 December 2017 and 3 August
- 2. The accompanying Statement contains computation of the amount of permissible capital payment in rine accompanying Statement contains computation of the amount of permissione capital payment in connection with the buy-back by the Company of its equity shares in accordance with clause (xi) of PartA of Schedule II to the Securities Exchange Board of India (Buy-back of Securities) Regulations, 1998, as amended ("the Regulations") and Sections 68, 69 and 70 of the Companies Act, 2013, as amended ("the Act"). We have initiated the Statement for identification purposes only.

### Management's Responsibility

- The preparation of the accompanying Statement is the responsibility of the Management of the Company. This responsibility includes the designing, implementing and maintaining internal control 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 Management is also responsible, inter alia, for ensuring that:
- a. the amount of the permissible capital payment for the securities in question is in their view properly determined: and
- b. it has, on reasonable grounds, formed the opinion that the Company will not be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from the date of the Board Meeting approving the Buy-back of its equity shares, i.e. 9 August 2018 (hereinafter referred to as the "date of the Board meeting") and the date on which the results of the shareholders' resolution passed by way of a postal ballot including electronic voting will be declared (hereinafter referred to as the "date of the Postal Ballot Resolution"

### Auditor's Responsibility:

- Pursuant to the requirement of the Regulations, it is our responsibility, as statutory auditors of the Company, to obtain reasonable assurance on the following subject matters:
- a. inquiry into the Company's state of affairs;
- whether the amount of the permissible capital payment for buy back of equity shares is determined properly within the permissible limit computed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Regulations and the Act: and
- c. whether the Board of Directors of the Company has formed the opinion, as specified in Clause (x) of Part A of Schedule II to the Regulations, on reasonable grounds that the Company will not, having regard to its state of affairs, be rendered insolvent within a period of one-year from the date of the Board meeting and from the date of the Postal Ballot Resolution.
- A reasonable assurance engagement involves performing procedures to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence on the subject matters stated in paragraphs 5 (a), (b) and (c) above. The procedures selected, including procedures for assessment of the risks associated with the subject matters, depend on the auditor's judgment. We performed the following procedures:
  - a. examined authorisation for buy-back from the Articles of Association of the Company
  - agreed the amount of Paid up equity share capital, Securities premium account, General reserve and Retained earnings as at 31 March 2018 as disclosed in the accompanying Statement, with the audited standalone financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2018;
  - c. examined that all the equity shares for buy-back are fully paid-up;
  - d. the amount of capital payment for the buy-back is as per the resolution passed in the meeting of the Board of Directors and as detailed in Statement is within permissible limited computed in accordance with Section 68 of the Act and Regulation 4(1) of the Regulations; e. inquired into the state of affairs of the Company with reference to the audited financial statements of the
  - Company as at and for the year ended 31 March 2018 (the "Audited Financial Statements"), the unaudited limited review financial results for the quarter ended 30 June 2018 and resolutions passed by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on 9 August 2018;
  - $f. \quad \text{read the Directors'} \ declarations \ for \ the \ purpose \ of \ buy-back \ and \ solvency \ of \ the \ Company;$
  - g. verified the arithmetical accuracy of the Statement; and
- h. obtained appropriate representations from the Management of the Company. The audited financial statements referred to in paragraph 6 above, have been audited by us, on which we have issued an unmodified audit opinion vide our report dated 17 May 2018. Our audit of these financial statements was conducted in accordance with the Standards on Auditing 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. 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
- 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, issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

## Opinion

- Based on our procedures as referred to above and as per the information, explanations and representations provided to us by the Management, we report that:
  - a. We have inquired in to the state of affairs of the Company;
  - The permissible capital payment stated in the accompanying Statement has been properly determined in accordance with the Act and the Regulations;
- c. The Board of Directors of the Company, in their meeting held on 9 August 2018, have formed their opinion, as specified in clause (x) of Part A of Schedule II of the Buyback Regulations, on reasonable grounds and that the Company will not, having regard to its state of affairs, be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from that date and the date of the Postal Ballot Resolution 11 We further state that this Report has been issued in compliance with the Regulations and the Act. This
- report does not and should not be construed to provide an assurance about the future viability of the Company or the efficiency or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the

## Restriction on Use

12. This report is addressed to and provided to the Board of Directors of the Company pursuant to the requirements of the Regulations and the Act solely to enable the Board of Directors of the Company to include the Report in the notice of postal ballot and the public announcement to be made by the Company, which will be filed with (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India, (b) National Stock Exchange of India Limited, (c) BSE Limited, (d) the Registrar of Companies, as may required by the Regulations, (e) the National Securities Depository Limited and the Central Depository Services (India) Limited for the purpose of extinguishment of equity shares and (f) the authorized dealer for the purpose of capital payment, 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

For BSR & Co. LLP Chartered Accountants ICAI Firm Registration No: 101248W/W-100022

Shashank Agarwal

Place: Gurugram Date: 9 August 2018 Partner Membership No.: 095109

Statement of Computation of amount of permissible capital payment ("the Statement") towards buy back of equity shares in accordance with proviso to Regulation 4 (1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy Back of Securities) Regulations, 1998 (as ame Companies Act, 2013 based on the last audited financial statements: led) and Section 68 (2)(c) of the

Particulars		Amount (INR In lakh)
Paid up equity share capital as at 31 March 2018#	(A)	990.33
Free reserves*#		
Securities premium account		5,078.29
General reserve		11,166.12
Retained earnings		39,743.44
Total free reserves	(B)	55,987.85
Paid-up equity capital and free reserves as at 31 March 2018	C= (A)+(B)	56,978.18
Permissible capital payment in accordance with Proviso to Section 68(2)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013		14,244.54
(25% of the paid-up equity capital and free reserves)		
Permissible capital payment for Buy Back from open market in accordance with proviso to Regulation 4(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy Back of Securities) Regulations, 1998 (as amended)		8,546.72
(15% of paid up capital and free reserves)		
Proposed capital payment restricted to 15% of the total paid-up equity capital and free reserves		8,546.72

Section 68 of the Companies Act, 2013.

#The above calculation of the paid-up Equity Capital and Free Reserves as at 31 March 2018 for Buy-back of equity shares is based on the amounts appearing in the audited standalone financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2018. These financial statements were prepared and presented in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Indian Accounting Standards (IndAS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Act read with Rules made thereunder.

## For and on behalf of ICRA Limited

Naresh Takkar Managing Director & Group CEO DIN: 00253288 Date: 9 August 2018

Group Chief Financial Officer Date: 9 August 2018"

Vipul Agarwal

Unquote

The Company shall not Buyback through negotiated deals whether on or off the Stock Exchanges or through spot transactions or through any private arrangements. Further, as required under the Companies Act and Buyback Regulations, the Company will not Buyback Equity Shares which are locked-in or non-transferable until the pendency of such lock-in, or until the time such Equity Shares become transferable, as applicable.

- No scheme of amalgamation or compromise or arrangement pursuant to the Companies Act is pending in relation to the Company as on the date of this Public Announcement.
- The Buyback is subject to such sanctions and approvals as may be required under applicable laws and regulations. The Buyback shall be subject to such necessary approvals as may be required, and the Buyback from erstwhile overseas corporate bodies and other applicable categories shall be subject to such approvals of the Reserve Bank of India, if any, under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the rules and regulations framed thereunder and the same shall be procured by such Members, if applicable.
- The Company shall transfer from its free reserves and/or securities premium account a sum equal to the nominal value of the Equity Shares which are purchased through the Buyback to the capital redemption reserve account
- and the details of such transfer shall be disclosed in its subsequent audited financial statements. The Buyback shall be implemented in the manner and following the procedure prescribed in the Companies Act and the Buyback Regulations, and as may be determined by the Board (including the Buyback Committee authorized to complete the formalities of the Buyback) and on such terms and conditions as may be permitted by

### Part B - Disclosures in accordance with Schedule IV of the Buyback Regulations

Date of Board and Members' approval for the Buyback:

The Buyback has been approved by the Board in the Board Meeting dated August 9, 2018. Further, the Members approved the Buyback through Postal Ballot including electronic voting and the results of the Members' resolution were declared on September 18, 2018.

- Minimum and maximum number of Equity Shares proposed to be bought back, sources of funds and cost of financing the Buyback
- The actual number of Equity Shares bought back will depend upon the actual price paid for the Buyback, excluding the Transaction Costs paid for the Equity Shares bought back, and the aggregate amount paid in the Buyback, subject to the Maximum Buyback Size. The actual reduction in outstanding number of Equity Shares would depend upon the price at which the Equity Shares of the Company are traded at the Stock Exchanges as well as the total number of Equity Shares bought back by the Company from the open market through the Stock Exchanges during the Buyback period.
- At the Maximum Buyback Price and for Maximum Buyback Size, the indicative maximum number of Equity Shares bought back would be 2,24,736 (Two Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Six only) Equity Shares. If the Equity Shares are bought back at a price below the Maximum Buyback Price, the actual number of Equity Shares bought back could exceed the indicative Maximum Buvback Shares (assuming full deployment of Maximum Buyback Size) but will always be subject to the Maximum Buyback Size. Further, the number of Equity Shares to be bought back will not exceed 25% of the total paid up equity capital of the
- Further, the Company shall utilize at least 50% of the Maximum Buyback Size i.e., INR 4,270 lakh (Indian Rupees Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Lakh only) towards the Buyback and the Company will accordingly purchase an indicative minimum of 1,12,368 (One Lakh Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Eight only) Equity Shares, based on the Maximum Buyback Price. Further, the Maximum Buyback Shares will not exceed 25% of the total paid up Equity Share capital of the Company.
- The Buyback (including the Transaction Costs) will be funded from the accumulated surplus funds available with the Company, in the form of cash and/or investments in fixed deposits and mutual funds and will be drawn out of free reserves, the securities premium account of the Company or such other source, in accordance with Section 68(1) of the Companies Act and Regulation 4(ix) of the Buyback Regulations

Activity	Date
Date of resolution approving Buyback	August 9, 2018
Date of declaration of results of postal ballot	September 18, 2018
Date of publication of the Public Announcement	September 21, 2018
Date of opening of the Buyback	October 1, 2018
Acceptance of Demat Shares	Upon the relevant pay-out by the Stock Exchanges
Verification/Acceptance of Physical Shares	Within 15 days of pay-out by the Stock Exchanges
Extinguishment of Demat Shares	In case the Demat Shares are bought back, the same wibe extinguished in the manner specified in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 1996, as amended and the bye-laws framed thereunder.
Extinguishment of Physical Shares	In case the Physical Shares are bought back, the share certificates will be extinguished within 15 days of succeeding month in which such Equity Shares were bought back, provided that the Company shall ensure the all Equity Shares bought back are extinguished within seven days from the last date of completion of Buyback.
Last date for the completion of the Buyback	Earlier of:  (a) six months from the date of the opening of the Buyback; or  (b) when the Company completes the Buyback by deploying the amount equivalent to the Maximum Buyback Size; or
	(c) at such earlier date as may be determined by the Board or Buyback Committee, after giving notice of such earlier closure, subject to the Company having deployed an amount equivalent to the Minimum Buyback Size (evif the Maximum Buyback Size has not been reached or the Maximum Buyback Shares have not been bought back), provided, that all payment obligations relating to the Buyback shall be completed before the last date for the Buyback.

### Process and methodology to be adopted for the Buyback

- The Buyback is open to all Members holding Physical Shares, and beneficial owners holding Demat Shares. The Promoters and promoter group of the Company shall not participate in the Buyback.
- Further, as required under the Companies Act and Buyback Regulations, the Company will not Buyback Equity Shares which are locked-in or non-transferable, until the pendency of such lock-in, or until the time such Equity Shares become transferable, as applicable.
- The Buyback will be implemented by the Company by way of open market purchases through the Stock Exchanges, by the order matching mechanism except "all or none" order matching system, as provided under the Buyback Regulations.
- For the implementation of the Buyback, the Company has appointed Edelweiss Securities Limited as the Company's Broker through whom the purchases and settlements on account of the Buyback would be made by

The contact details of the Company's Broker are as follows: Edelweiss Securities Limited Edelweiss House, 5th Floor,

Off C.S.T. Road, Kalina, Mumbai 400 098 Contact Person: Atul Benke

Tel.: + 91 22 2286 4400; Fax: + 91 22 4009 4411 The Equity Shares are traded in compulsory dematerialised mode under the trading code(s) 532835 at BSE and ICRA at NSE. The ISIN of the Equity Shares of the Company is INE725G01011. As mentioned below, the Company shall make arrangements to facilitate participation in the Buyback by Members who hold Physical Shares. Members holding Physical Shares can sell their Equity Shares in the separate window created for the

physical trading segment by the Stock Exchanges. The Company shall, commencing from October 1, 2018 (i.e., the date of opening of the Buyback), place "buy' orders on the BSE and/or NSE on the normal trading segment to Buyback the Equity Shares through the Company's Broker, at least once in week, in such quantity and at such price, not exceeding the Maximum Buyback Price of INR 3,800 (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Eight Hundred only) per Equity Share, as it may deem fit, depending upon the prevailing market price of the Equity Shares on the Stock Exchanges. When the Company has placed an order for Buyback of Equity Shares, the identity of the Company as purchaser shall

appear on the electronic screen of the Stock Exchanges. Procedure for Buyback of Demat Shares: Beneficial owners holding Demat Shares who desire to sell their Equity Shares in the Buyback, would have to do so through their stock broker, who is a registered member of either of the Stock Exchanges by indicating to their broker the details of the Equity Shares they intend to sell whenever the Company has placed a "buy" order for Buyback of the Equity Shares. The Company shall place a "buy" order for Buyback of Demat Shares, by indicating to the Company's Broker, the number of Equity Shares it intends to buy along with a price for the same. The trade would be executed at the price at which the order ered by the beneficial owners and that price would be the Buybac owner. The execution of the order, issuance of contract note and delivery of the stock to the member and receipt of payment would be carried out by the Company's Broker in accordance with the requirements of the Stock

Exchanges and SEBI. Orders for Equity Shares can be placed on the trading days of the Stock Exchanges. It may be noted that a uniform price would not be paid to all the Members/beneficial owners pursuant to the Buyback and that the same would depend on the price at which the trade with that particular Members/beneficial

**Procedure for Buyback of Physical Shares**: The Company shall approach the Stock Exchanges for permission to use a separate window for the Buyback of Physical Shares in terms of Regulation 19 of the Buyback Regulations ("Physical Share Buyback Window").

4.10 Upon completion of formalities with the Stock Exchanges to use their Physical Share Buyback Window, the mpany shall Buyback the Physical Shares from the Members. The procedure for Buyback of Physical Shares in the Physical Share Buyback Window shall be subject to requirements provided by the Stock Exchanges and any directions issued in this regard. As per Regulation 19 of the Buyback Regulations

(i) The Physical Share Buyback Window shall remain open during the Buyback period, for the Buyback of

(ii) Physical Shares shall be bought back from eligible Members through the Physical Share Buyback Window, only after verification of the requisite documents by the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company, and on completion of the successful verification, the sale transaction may be executed by the broker appointed by the eligible Members or Company's Broker.

(iii) The price at which the Physical Shares are bought back shall be the volume weighted average price of the Demat Shares bought back during the calendar week in which such Physical Shares are received by the Company's Broker. In case no Equity Shares are bought back in the normal market during that calendar week then the preceding week when the Company last bought back the Equity Shares would be considered. The price of Physical Shares tendered during the first calendar week of the Buyback shall be the volume weighted average market price of the Equity Shares of the Company during the preceding calendar week.

The sale consideration would be paid immediately after the payout of the Stock Exchange, which in no event will be later than seven days after the date of sale.

4.11 Members holding Physical Shares and proposing to participate in the Buyback will be required to submit a complete set of documents for verification procedure to be carried out, including:

(i) original physical share certificate(s);

(ii) valid share transfer form(s) duly filled, stamped, signed by the transferors (by all the eligible Members in case the Equity Shares are in joint names in the same order in which they hold Equity Shares in the Company) as per the specimen signatures lodged with the Company and duly witnessed at the appropriate place authorizing the transfer of the Equity Shares bought back in favour of the Company;

(iii) In case of unregistered Member - (a) Original Equity Share certificates accompanied by valid share transfer forms as received from the market, wherein the name of the transferee has not been filled in and (b) Original broker contract note of a registered broker of a recognized Stock Exchange in relation to the purchase of the Equity Shares being tendered in this case

(iv) KYC Form (to be filled and signed by all holders), Acceptance Form and Declaration Form (to be signed by all Members(s) including by joint holders of shares). The KYC Form, Acceptance Form and Declaration Form can be obtained by contacting the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent at the details mentioned in Paragraph 14.2 below;

(v) Bank account details of the first named holder along with copy of a self-attested cancelled cheque; (vi) a self-attested copy of the Member's (including joint holders) PAN Card or other documents confirming the

member's identity

(vii) a self-attested copy of a document confirming the first holder's current address; (viii) details of telephone number and email address of all the Members (including joint Members);

(x) any other relevant documents such as power of attorney, corporate authorization (such as, board resolution/specimen signatures), notarised copy of death certificate, Reserve Bank of India approval (in case of non-resident Members) and succession certificate or probated will, if the sole Member is deceased, as applicable, either by registered post or courier or hand delivery to the following address:

(ix) copies of regulatory approvals required, if any, by the Member for the transfer of Equity Shares to the

**Edelweiss Securities Limited** Edelweiss House, 5th Floor, Off C.S.T. Road, Kalina, Mumbai 400 098

Contact Person: Atul Benke Tel.: + 91 22 2286 4400: Fax: + 91 22 4009 4411

(xi) The following documents are admissible as proof of identity: (i) Unique Identification Number (UID) (Aadhaar)/passport/voter id card/driving license, (ii) PAN card with photograph, (iii) Identity card/document with applicant's photo, issued by any of the following: Central/State Government and its departments, statutory/regulatory authorities, public sector undertakings, scheduled commercial banks, public financial institutions, colleges affiliated to Universities, professional bodies such as ICAI, ICWAI, ICSI, Bar council etc., to their members; and credit cards/debit cards issued by banks, (iv) certificate of incorporation,

continued on next page.

- memorandum and articles of association in case of companies, (v) a certified copy of certificate of registration issued under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 in case of limited liability partnerships and (vi) trust deed in case of trusts; and
- (xii) The following documents are admissible as proof of address: (i) passport/voters identity card/ration card/ registered lease or sale agreement of residence/driving license/flat maintenance bill/insurance copy Unique Identification Number (UID) (Aadhaar), (ii) utility bills like telephone bill (only land line), electricity bill or gas bill - Not more than 3 months old, (iii) bank account statement/passbook - not more than 3 months old, (iv) self-declaration by high court and supreme court judges, giving the new address in respect of their own accounts, (v) proof of address issued by any of the following: bank managers of scheduled commercial banks/ scheduled co-operative banks/ multinational foreign banks/ gazetted officer/ notary public/ elected representatives to the legislative assembly/ parliament/ documents issued by any Government or statutory authority and (vi) identity card/ document with address, issued by any of the following: Central/ State Government and its departments, statutory/ regulatory authorities, public sector undertakings, scheduled commercial banks, public financial institutions, colleges affiliated to Universities and professional bodies such as ICAI, ICWAI, ICSI, Bar Council etc., to their members. Please note that documents having an expiry date should be valid on the date of submission
- 4.12 Members are free to sell or hold their Physical Shares entirely at their discretion and that process is designed in accordance with Buyback Regulations only to assist those Members holding Equity Shares in the physical form, who are desirous of selling their Equity Shares and who would like to have a broker to enable them to do so and with abridged KYC requirements
- 4.13 Members holding Physical Shares should note that Physical Shares will not be accepted for Buyback unless a omplete set of documents as mentioned in Paragraph 4.11 of Part B above is submitted to Company's Broke Acceptance of the Physical Shares for Buyback shall be subject to verification of the documents submitted by the Members as per the Buyback Regulations and any other directions issued by the SEBI or the Stock Exchanges in this regard. The Company will endeavour to complete the Buyback of the Physical Shares in the week subsequent to the week in which such physical shares are received by the Company's Broker. Please note that there could however be a delay in completing the transaction due to unavoidable circumstances. In case of receipt of incomplete documentation from the Members holding Physical Shares, the price payable for the Buyback of such Physical Shares will be the price applicable in accordance with Paragraph 4.10 of Part B above during the week in which the documentation in respect of the Buyback of such Physical Shares has been completed in all respects
- 4.14 Members are requested to get in touch with the Edelweiss Financial Services Limited ("Merchant Banker") or the Company's Broker or the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company to clarify any doubts in the
- 4.15 Subject to the Company purchasing Equity Shares for an amount equivalent to the Minimum Buyback Size, nothing contained herein shall create any obligation on the part of the Company or the Board to Buyback any additional Equity Shares or confer any right on the part of any Member to have any Equity Shares bought back, even if the Maximum Buyback Size has not been reached, and/or impair any power of the Company or the Board to terminate any process in relation to the Buyback, to the extent permissible by law. The Company is under no obligation to utilize the entire amount of Maximum Buyback Size or buy all the Maximum Buyback Shares. However, if the Company is not able to complete the Buyback equivalent to the Minimum Buyback Size, except for the reasons mentioned in the Buyback Regulations, the amount held in the escrow account (up to a maximum of 2.5% of the Maximum Buyback Size), shall be liable to be forfeited and deposited in the Investor Protection and Education Fund of SEBI or as directed by SEBI in accordance with the Buyback Regulations
- 4.16 The Company shall submit the information regarding the Equity Shares bought back by it to the Stock Exchanges on a daily basis in accordance with the Buyback Regulations. The Company shall also upload the information regarding the Equity Shares bought back by it on its website i.e., www.icra.in on a daily basis.

### Method of Settlement

- Settlement of Demat Shares: The Company will pay consideration for the Buyback to the Company's Broker on or before every pay-in date for each settlement, as applicable to the respective Stock Exchanges where the transaction is executed. The Company shall open a depository account styled "ICRA Limited–Buyback 2018-Escrow Account" ("Buyback Demat Account") with Edelweiss Broking Limited. Demat Shares bought back by the Company will be transferred into the Buyback Demat Account by the Company's Broker, on receipt of such Demat Shares and after completion of the clearing and settlement obligations of the Stock Exchanges. Beneficial owners holding Demat Shares would be required to transfer the number of such Demat Shares sold to the Company pursuant to the Buyback, in favour of their stock broker through whom the trade was executed, by tendering the delivery instruction slip to their respective depository participant ("DP") for debiting their beneficiary account maintained with the DP and crediting the same to the broker's pool account as per procedure applicable to normal secondary market transactions. The beneficial owners would also be required to provide to the Company's Broker, copies of all statutory consents and approvals required to be obtained by them for the transfer of their Équity Shares to the Company as referred to in Paragraph 4.11 of Part B.
- Settlement of Physical Shares: Members holding Physical Shares would be required to present the complete set of documents referred to in Paragraph 4.11 of Part B above to Company's Broker.
- Extinguishment of Demat Shares: The Demat Shares bought back by the Company shall be extinguished and destroyed in the manner specified in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depository and Participants) Regulations, 1996, as amended and by-laws, in the manner specified in the Buyback Regulations and the Companies Act. The Equity Shares lying in credit in the Buyback Demat Account will be extinguished within 15 (fifteen) days of acceptance of the Demat Shares, provided that the Company undertakes to ensure that all Demat Shares bought back by the Company are extinguished within 7 (seven) days from the last date of completion of the Buyback.
- Extinguishment of Physical Shares: Physical Shares bought back by the Company during a month shall be extinguished and physically destroyed by the Company in the presence of the Registrar/ Merchant Banker and the Statutory Auditor of the Company by the 15th (fifteenth) day of the succeeding month, provided that the Company undertakes to ensure that all Physical Shares bought back are extinguished within 7 (seven) days from the last date of completion of the Buyback, in compliance with the Buyback Regulations.
- 5.5 Consideration for the Equity Shares bought back by the Company shall be paid only by way of cash

#### Brief information about the Company 6.1

- The Company was originally incorporated as a public limited company by the name of 'Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India Limited on January 16, 1991, under the Companies Act, 1956 and its registered office is situated at 1105, Kailash Building, 11th Floor, 26, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001, India. The Company obtained its certificate of commencement of business on March 15, 1991. The name of the Company was changed to 'ICRA Limited' by a special resolution passed at the annual general meeting held on September 29, 1994 and consequently the Company obtained a fresh certificate of incorporation on February 3 1995. The Corporate Identification Number ("CIN") of the Company is L74999DL1991PLC042749. The Equity Shares of the Company are listed on the Stock Exchanges.
- The Company was set up by leading financial/investment institutions, commercial banks and financial services companies as an independent and professional investment information and credit rating agency. It has various subsidiaries involved in rating, management consulting, information services etc. The Company along with its subsidiaries provides a range of services, namely, rating services, grading services, industry research, consulting services and knowledge process outsourcing. The Company is registered as a credit rating agency with SEBI under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Credit Rating Agencies) Regulations, 1999. For more information, log on to www.icra.in.

## Brief financial information about the Company

The selected financial information of the Company on the stand-alone basis, based on the audited results for the last three financial years and the unaudited results for June 30, 2018, are given below:

Particulars	Un-audited		Audited	
	For the three months ended June 30, 2018	For the year ended on March 31, 2018		For the year ended on March 31, 2016
	(Ind AS)	(Ind AS)	(Ind AS)	(I-GAAP)
Revenue from Operations	5,652.96	22,212.56	21,090.00	19,536.63
Other Income	882.40	5,074.27	4,882.74	2,369.31
Total Income	6,535.36	27,286.83	25,972.74	21,905.94
Expenses (excluding Finance Cost, Depreciation & Amortisation, Prior Period Items and Exceptional Items)	3,334.92	12,433.46	12,923.32	11,796.37
Finance Cost / Interest	0.83	3.46	3.89	0.00
Depreciation & Amortisation	48.62	265.78	320.27	355.60
Prior Period Items [(Expenses)/Income]	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Exceptional Items [(Expenses)/Income]	0.00	0.00	681.29	(345.52)
Profit Before Tax	3,150.99	14,584.13	13,406.55	9,408.45
Provision for Tax (including Deferred Tax)	(874.53)	(4,551.94)	(3,609.22)	(3,261.90)
Profit After Tax	2,276.46	10,032.19	9,797.33	6,146.55
Total Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax	(4.01)	(21.98)	(47.95)	N.A.
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	2,272.45	10,010.21	9,749.38	N.A.
Paid up Equity Share Capital	990.33	990.33	990.33	1,000.00
Other Equity/Reserves & Surplus*		56,095.43	49,194.11	39,836.19
Net Worth*		57,085.76	50,184.44	40,836.19
Total Debt*		Nil	Nil	Nil

\*These line items are not part of the limited review report for unaudited standalone financial results for the guarter ended June 30, 2018, submitted to Stock Exchanges on August 9, 2018

	(Amount in INR, except certain ratios)						
Particulars	Un-audited		Audited				
	For the three months ended June 30, 2018	ended on	For the year ended on March 31, 2017	For the year ended on March 31, 2016			
	(Ind AS)	(Ind AS)	(Ind AS)	(I-GAAP)			
Basic Earnings per Share (INR)*	23.08	102.01	99.50	62.53			
Diluted Earnings per Share (INR)*	23.06	101.87	99.21	62.25			
Debt / Equity Ratio #		N.A.	N.A.	N.A.			
Book Value (INR per share)#		575.35	504.51	403.58			
Return on Average Net Worth (%)*#		18.70%	21.53%	15.65%			
*Figures for the three months ended Jun	e 30 2018 are not	annualized					

#These line items are not part of the limited review report for unaudited standalone financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2018, submitted to Stock Exchanges on August 9, 2018.

The key ratios have been com	ed as below:
Key Ratios	Basis
Basic Earnings per Share (I	Net Profit attributable to equity shareholders / Weighted average number of Shares outstanding during the year
Diluted Earnings per Share	<ul> <li>Net Profit attributable to equity shareholders / Weighted average number of Shares outstanding during the year (assuming issuance of all the shares kept in abeyance)</li> </ul>
Debt / Equity Ratio	Total Debt / Net Worth
Book Value (INR per share)	(Paid up Equity Share Capital + Free Reserves and Surplus) / Number of Equity Shares subscribed outstanding at year end
Return on Net Worth excluded revaluation reserves (%)	Profit after Tax / Average Net Worth excluding revaluation reserves
The selected financial informs	of the Company on the consolidated basis, based on the audited results for

the last three financial years and the unaudited results for June 30, 2018, are given below

•			(Amo	ount in INR lakhs)
Particulars	Un-audited		Audited	
	For the three months ended June 30, 2018	For the year ended on March 31, 2018	For the year ended on March 31, 2017	For the year ended on March 31, 2016
	(Ind AS)	(Ind AS)	(Ind AS)	(I-GAAP)
Revenue from Operations	7,866.59	30,886.50	33,303.44	34,115.48
Other Income	1,025.70	4,935.53	3,959.20	2,707.79
Total Income	8,892.29	35,822.03	37,262.64	36,823.27
Expenses (excluding Finance Cost, Depreciation & Amortisation, Prior Period Items and Exceptional Items)	5,054.02	19,378.72	23,177.05	24,010.61
Finance Cost / Interest	2.19	10.36	3.89	55.15
Depreciation & Amortisation	124.35	752.52	853.82	957.69
Prior Period Items [(Expenses)/Income]	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Exceptional Items [(Expenses)/Income]	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Profit Before Tax	3,711.73	15,680.43	13,227.88	11,799.82
Provision for Tax (including Deferred Tax)	(1,173.82)	(5,562.18)	(4,350.23)	(4,156.90)
Profit After Tax (before Minority Interest)	2,537.91	10,118.25	8,877.65	7,642.92
Total Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax	(0.19)	0.01	(60.78)	N.A.
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	2,537.72	10,118.26	8,816.87	N.A.
Paid up Equity Share Capital	990.33	990.33	990.33	1,000.00
Other Equity/Reserves & Surplus*		64,511.79	53,908.69	46,623.77
Net Worth*		65,502.12	54,899.02	47,623.77
Total Debt*		Nil	Nil	Nil
These line items are not part of the lim	ited review report t	or unaudited cor	nsolidated financi	ial results for the

quarter ended June 30, 2018, submitted to Stock Exchanges on August 9, 2018.

(Amount in INR, except certain ratio								
Particulars	Un-audited	I Audited						
	For the three months ended June 30, 2018	ended on						
	(Ind AS)	(Ind AS)	(Ind AS)	(I-GAAP)				
Basic Earnings per Share (INR)*	25.56	102.39	89.95	77.56				
Diluted Earnings per Share (INR)*	25.54	102.25	89.68	77.21				
Debt / Equity Ratio#		N.A.	N.A.	N.A.				
Book Value (INR per share)#		628.05	556.46	460.16				
Return on Average Net Worth (%)*#		16.81%	17.32%	16.89%				
*Figures for the three months ended Jun	a 30 2018 are not	annualizad						

#These line items are not part of the limited review report for unaudited consolidated financial results for the guarter ended June 30, 2018, submitted to Stock Exchanges on August 9, 2018,

The key ratios have been computed a	as below:
Key Ratios	Basis
Basic Earnings per Share (INR)	Net Profit attributable to equity shareholders / Weighted average number of Shares outstanding during the year
Diluted Earnings per Share (INR)	Net Profit attributable to equity shareholders / Weighted average number of Shares outstanding during the year (assuming issuance of all the shares kept in abeyance)
Debt / Equity Ratio	Total Debt / Net Worth
Book Value (INR per share)	(Paid up Equity Share Capital + Free Reserves and Surplus) / Number of Equity Shares subscribed outstanding at year end
Return on Net Worth excluding revaluation reserves (%)	Profit after Tax / Average Net Worth excluding revaluation reserves
Details of Escrow Account opened	and the amount deposited therein

In accordance with Regulation 20 of the Buyback Regulations and towards security for performance of its obligations under the Buyback Regulations, the Company has entered into an escrow agreement dated September 20, 2018 ("Escrow Agreement") with the Merchant Banker and HDFC Bank Limited ("Escrow 8.1 Bank") pursuant to which the Company has opened an escrow account titled 'Escrow Account-ICRA Limited BuyBack Offer' (the "Escrow Account"). The Company has authorized the Merchant Banker to operate the Escrow Account in compliance with the Buyback Regulations and the Escrow Agreement. The Company has deposited in the Escrow Account, cash aggregating to INR 213.50 lakh (Indian Rupees Two Hundred Thirteen Lakh Fifty Thousand only), being 2.5% of the Maximum Buyback Size ("Escrow Amount") in accordance with the Buyback Regulations

In addition, HDFC Bank Limited has issued a bank guarantee dated September 20, 2018 in favour of the Merchant Banker for an amount of INR 2.135 lakh (Indian Rupees Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty Five Lakh only) (the "Bank Guarantee") being 25% of the Maximum Buyback Size approved by the Board. The security provided by the Company for performance of its obligations under the Buyback Regulations, consisting of the Escrow Amount and the Bank Guarantee, aggregates to INR 2,348.50 lakh (Indian Rupees Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty Eight Lakh Fifty Thousand only).

The Company has authorized the Merchant Banker to operate the Escrow Account in compliance with the Buyback Regulations.

- The funds in the Escrow Account may be released for making payment to the Members subject to at least 2.5% of the Maximum Buyback Size remaining in the Escrow Account at all points in time.
- If the Company is not able to complete the Buyback equivalent to the Minimum Buyback Size, except for the reasons mentioned in the Buyback Regulations, the amount held in the Escrow Account (up to a maximum of 2.5% of the Maximum Buyback Size), shall be liable to be forfeited and deposited in the Investor Protection and Education Fund of SEBI or as directed by SEBI in accordance with the Buyback Regulations.
- The balance lying to the credit of the Escrow Account will be released to the Company on completion of all obligations in accordance with the Buyback Regulations.

### Listing details and stock market data

- The Equity Shares of the Company are listed on the BSE and the NSE. The high, low and average market prices of the Equity Shares for the preceding three years and the monthly
- high, low and average market prices of the Equity Shares for the six months preceding the date of this Public Announcement and their corresponding volumes on the BSE and the NSE are as follows:

**BSE** 

Twelve months period ended	High Price # (INR)	Date of high	No. of Equity Shares traded on that date	Low Price# (INR)	Date of low	No. of Equity Shares traded on that date	Average Price^ (INR)	Total volume traded in the period	Total turnover of business transacted in the period (INR in Lakh)
FY 2018	4,400.00*	12-May-17	82	3,520.35	23-Mar-18	129	3,951.84	1,64,179	6,488.47
FY 2017	4,518.00	26-May-16	298	3,520.05	24-Aug-16	196	4,025.15	67,282	2693.18
FY 2016	4992.85	10-Apr-15	4,669	3235.00	9-Feb-16	28	4091.23	2,92,241	11,499.48

# The High and Low Prices are based on high and low of the daily prices. ^Arithmetic average of the closing prices of all trading days during the said period. \* Considered the date with higher trading volume.

		e with highe							
Last six months	High Price # (INR)	Date of high	No. of Equity Shares traded on that date	Low Price# (INR)	Date of low	No. of Equity Shares traded on that date	Average Price^ (INR)	Total volume traded in the period	Total turnover of business transacted in the period (INR in Lakh)
Aug 1, 2018 – Aug 31, 2018	4,000.00	9-Aug-18	2,101	3,385.00*	2-Aug-18	29	3,652.99	4,624	170.12
Jul 1, 2018 – Jul 31, 2018	3,535.35	17-Jul-18	83	3,002.00	26-Jul-18	88	3,276.60	3,53,230	11,582.61
Jun 1, 2018 – Jun 30, 2018	3,446.15	7-Jun-18	60	3,072.20	4-Jun-18	756	3,282.45	3,32,314	10,935.08
May 1, 2018 – May 31, 2018	3,929.85	2-May-18	495	3,300.00	30-May-18	929	3,629.51	3,168	114.27
Apr 1, 2018 – Apr 30, 2018	3,948.00	16-Apr-18	30	3,612.00	2-Apr-18	13	3,779.75	6,270	243.73
Mar 1, 2018 – Mar 31, 2018	3,843.05	1-Mar-18	77	3,520.35	23-Mar-18	129	3,686.09	7,398	270.51

# The High and Low Prices are based on high and low of the daily prices.

^Arithmetic average of the closing prices of all trading days during the said period.

\* Considered the date with lower trading volume.

(Source: www.bseindia.com)

Twelve months period ended	High Price # (INR)	Date of high	No. of Equity Shares traded on that date	Low Price # (INR)	Date of low	No. of Equity Shares traded on that date	Average Price^ (INR)	Total volume traded in the period	Total turnover of business transacted in the period (INR in Lakh)
FY 2018	4439.95	12-May-17	35,286.00	3565.50	20-Mar-18	12,534	3961.13	12,534	29,220.56
FY 2017	4550.00	26-May-16	3,136	3537.80	16-Aug-17	1,937	4035.27	11,01,102	44,013.65
FY 2016	4998.90	10-Apr-15	14.388	3470.00	22-Mar-15	1.247	4098.77	6,12,785	25,153.42

Last six months	High Price # (INR)	Date of high	No. of Equity Shares traded on that date	Low Price # (INR)	Date of low	No. of Equity Shares traded on that date	Average Price^ (INR)	Total volume traded in the period	Total turnover of business transacted in the period (INR in Lakh
Aug 1, 2018 – Aug 31, 2018	3,994.00	9-Aug-18	43,926	3,321.05	1-Aug-18	1,401	3,652.84	72,420	2,664.68
Jul 1, 2018 – Jul 31, 2018	3,489.80	3-Jul-18	2,374	3,002.65	24-Jul-18	551	3,262.55	24,805	801.12
Jun 1, 2018 – Jun 30, 2018	3,400.00	11-Jun-18	303	3,099.95	18-Jun-18	4,430	3,276.44	25,148	812.58
May 1, 2018 – May 31, 2018	3,917.95	2-May-18	633	3,250.00	30-May-18	4,997	3,633.50	22,022	785.42
Apr 1, 2018 – Apr 30, 2018	3942.00	30-Apr-18	1,737	3600.00	2-Apr-18	391	3785.43	15,834	598.18
Mar 1, 2018 – Mar 31, 2018	3870.00	8-Mar-18	782	3565.50	20-Mar-18	12,534	3685.43	94,323	3,451.76

2

# The High and Low Prices are based on high and low of the daily prices ^Arithmetic average of the closing prices of all trading days during the said period. (Source: www.nseindia.com)

- There has been no change in the Equity Share capital of the Company including by way of bonus issue, rights issue or consolidation or split of Equity Shares during the period for which data has been disclosed in the table
- The closing market price of the Equity Shares on August 10, 2018, i.e., the first trading day after the Date of the Board Meeting, was INR 3,625.10 per Equity Share on the BSE and INR 3,630 per Equity Share on the NSE (Source: BSE and NSE websites).

### Present Capital structure and shareholding pattern

The capital structure of the Company as on the date of this Public Announcement, and the proposed capital

Particulars	INR in lakhs (As on the date of this Public Announcement)	
Authorized share capital:	1500	1500
15,000,000 Equity Shares of INR 10 each		
Issued, subscribed and fully paid up share capital: 9,903,280	990.33	967.85
Equity Shares of INR10 each		

Note: Assuming that the indicative Maximum Buyback Shares are bought back, the post Buyback issued. subscribed and paid-up capital will differ depending upon the actual number of Equity Shares bought back.

- 10.2 As on the date of this Public Announcement, there are no Equity Shares which are partly paid up, or with call-inarrears and there are no outstanding instruments convertible into Equity Shares.
- 10.3 The shareholding pattern of the Company as on September 14, 2018 (pre-Buyback) and the proposed shareholding pattern of the Company post the completion of the Buyback is given below

Shareholder	Pre-B	ıyback	Post Buyback#		
	No. of Equity Shares	% of Equity Shares		% of Equity Shares	
(A) Promoter & Promoter Group	5,005,622	50.55	5,005,622	51.72	
(B) Public	4,857,665	49.05	7	7	
(C1) Shares underlying DRs	-	-			
(C2) Shares held by Employee Trust	39,993	0.4	4,672,922	48.28	
(C) Non Promoter -Non Public (C =C1+C2)	39,993	0.4			
Grand Total (A+B+C)	9,903,280	100	9,678,544	100	

# Assuming the Company buys back the Maximum Buyback Shares, the shareholding post completion of the Buyback, may differ depending upon the actual number of Equity Shares bought back in the Buyback

As per Regulation 16(ii) of the Buyback Regulations, the Buyback shall not be made from Promoters and promoter group of the Company. Further, as per Regulation 24(e) of the Buyback Regulations, the Promoters and promoter group have not dealt in the Equity Shares or specified securities of the Company either through the Stock Exchanges or off-market transactions (including *inter*-se transfer of Equity Shares among the Promoters) from the date of the Board meeting till the date of the Public Announcement and shall not deal in the Equity Shares or specified securities of the Company either through the stock exchanges or off-market transactions (including inter-se transfer of Equity Shares among the Promoters) from the date of the Public Announcement till the completion of the Buyback.

Further, none of the associates of the promoter and members of the promoter group, other than the Company, have dealt in the Equity Shares or specified securities of the Company on the Stock Exchanges or off-market, during the period from the date of passing the special resolution approving the Buyback i.e., September 16, 2018 through the date thereof, and none of such associates of the promoter and members of the promoter group than the Company, shall deal in the Equity Shares or specified securities until the completion of the Buyback.

10.4 The particulars of the Equity Shares held by the Promoters, promoter group, directors of the Promoters and directors of the promoter group, as on the date of this Public Announcement is given below

Name	Category	No. of Equity Shares	% of paid-up Equity Share capital		
Moody's Investment Company India Private Limited	Promoter and promoter group	2,850,900	28.79		
Moody's Singapore Pte Ltd	Promoter and promoter group	2,154,722	21.76		
Total		5,005,622	50.55		
While the Promoters and promoter group are not eligible to participate in the Buyback, depending on the number					

of Equity Shares bought back by the Company, their effective shareholding percentage in the Company will increase accordingly. Any increase in the percentage holding/voting rights of the Promoters is not an active acquisition and is incidental to the Buyback and falls within the limits prescribed under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011 10.5 None of the persons mentioned in Paragraph 10.4 above have sold or purchased any Equity Shares of the

Company (either through the stock exchanges or off market transactions) during the twelve months preceding

## Management Discussion and Analysis on the likely impact of the Buyback on the Company

- 11.1 The Buyback is expected to enhance overall long term members' value for continuing members, without compromising on the future growth opportunities of the Company, as well as provide an exit opportunity to the public shareholders. The Buyback is not likely to cause any material adverse impact on the earnings of the Company, except a reduction in the treasury income which the Company could have otherwise earned from vestments in fixed deposits and mutual funds. The Company will also bear the cost of the Buyback transaction.
- 11.2 The Buyback is proposed, considering the accumulated surplus funds available with the Company being in excess of the surplus amount needed to be retained by the Company for future growth of the Company as
- envisaged by the Board. 11.3 The Buyback will be funded from the accumulated surplus funds available with the Company, in the form of cash and/or investments in fixed deposits and mutual funds, and will be drawn out of free reserves, securities premium account of the Company or such other source, in accordance with Section 68(1) of the Companies Act and Regulation 4(ix) of the Buyback Regulations.
- 11.4 The Buyback may lead to reduction in outstanding Equity Shares, improvement in 'earnings per share' and enhanced return on equity, assuming that the Company would earn similar profits as in the past.
- 11.5 Pursuant to Regulation 16(ii) of the Buyback Regulations, the Promoters and promoter group of the Company will not participate in the Buyback. The Buyback will not result in a change in control or otherwise affect the existing management structure of the Company.
- 11.6 Consequent to the Buyback (which excludes participation by the Promoters and promoter group) and based on the number of Equity Shares bought back by the Company from the members including members resident outside India, erstwhile overseas corporate bodies, foreign portfolio investors and non-resident Indian members, the shareholding pattern of the Company would undergo a change; however public shareholding shall not fall below 25% of the total fully paid up Equity Share capital of the Company
- 11.7 The Company is debt free. In accordance with Section 68(2)(d) of the Companies 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 post the Buyback.
- 11.8 In compliance with the provisions of the Buyback Regulations, the Company shall not raise further capital for a period of 1 (one) year from the expiry of the buyback period, except in discharge of its subsisting obligations. Further, the Company shall not issue any Equity Shares or other securities including by way of bonus issue or convert any outstanding employees stock options/outstanding instruments into Equity Shares, till the date of closure of the Buyback in accordance with the Companies Act and the Buyback Regulations.
- 11.9 Unless otherwise determined by the Board or Buyback Committee or as may be directed by the appropriate authorities, the Buyback will be completed within a maximum period of 6 (six) months from the date of opening of the Buyback. In accordance with Buyback Regulations, the Company shall not withdraw the Buyback post Public Announcement.
- 11.10 Consideration for the Equity Shares bought back by the Company shall be paid only by way of cash through normal banking channels, i.e., by way of demand draft/pay order/NEFT/RTGS/Cheque) to the Company's Broker.

## Statutory approvals

- Pursuant to Sections 68, 69, 70, and all other applicable provisions of the Companies Act and applicable Rules thereunder and the provisions of the Buyback Regulations, and article 88 of the articles of association of the Company, the Company has obtained the Board approval and the approval of the members, as mentioned
- 12.2 The Buyback from each Member is subject to all statutory consents and approvals as may be required by such Member under applicable laws and regulations. The Members shall be solely responsible for obtaining all such statutory consents and approvals (including, without limitation the approvals from the Reserve Bank of India, if any) as may be required by them in order to sell their Equity Shares to the Company pursuant to the Buyback. Members would be required to provide copies of all such consents and approvals obtained by them to the
- 12.3 The Buyback shall be subject to such necessary approvals as may be required, and the Buyback from erstwhile overseas corporate bodies and other applicable categories shall be subject to such approvals of the Reserve Bank of India, if any, under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the rules and regulations framed thereunder
- 12.4 To the best of the knowledge of the Company, no other statutory approvals are required by it for the Buyback as on the date of this Public Announcement. Subject to the obligation of the Members to obtain the consents and approvals necessary for transfer of their Equity Shares to the Company as set out in Paragraph 12.2 of Part B above, the Company shall obtain such statutory approvals as may be required, from time to time, if any, for completion of the Company's obligations in relation to the Buyback.
- 12.5 In accordance with Regulation 29 of the Buyback Regulations, anything done or any action taken by the Company under the the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy Back of Securities) Regulations, 1998, preceding the date of notification of the Buyback Regulations i.e., September 11, 2018, including certain disclosures made thereto in this Public Announcement, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of the Buyback Regulations.
- 13. Collection and bidding centers
- The Buyback will be implemented by the Company by way of open market purchases through the Stock Exchanges using their nationwide trading terminals. Therefore, the requirement of having collection and bidding centres is not applicable.

## Compliance Officer and Investor Service Centre

- S. Shakeb Rahman, the Company Secretary & Compliance Officer of the Company, has been appointed as the Compliance Officer for the Buyback in terms of Regulation 24(iii) of the Buyback Regulations. Address: Building No. 8, 2nd Floor, Tower A, DLF Cyber City, Phase II, Gurugram – 122 002, Haryana, India; Tel.: +91 124 4545300; E-mail: investors@icraindia.com; Website: www.icra.in
- 14.2 Link Intime India Private Limited, having its office at 44, Community Centre, 2nd floor, Naraina Industrial Area. Phase - I, New Delhi-110 028 is appointed as the investor service centre for the purposes of the Buyback, in terms of Regulation 24(iii) of the Buyback Regulations. Tel.: +91 011-41410592,93,94; Fax: +91 011-41410591; E-mail: neeraj.jain@linkintime.co.in; Contact Person: Neeraj Jain; Website: www.linkintime.com; SEBI Registration No: INR000004058.
- Merchant Banker for the Buyback

The Company has appointed the following as Merchant Banker to the Buyback:



## Edelweiss House, Off, C.S.T. Road,

Tel: +91 22 4009 4400. Fax: +91 22 4086 3610 E-mail: icra.buyback@edelweissfin.com; Contact Person: Disha Doshi

### 16. Directors' responsibility As per Regulation 24(1)(a) of the Buyback Regulations, the Board accepts responsibility for the information

contained in this Public Announcement and any advertisements, circulars, brochures, publicity materials etc. which may be issued in relation to the Buyback and confirms that the information in such documents contain and will contain true, factual and material information and does not and will not contain any misleading information.

### For and on behalf of the Board of ICRA Limited

Arun Dugga Naresh Takkar Chairman & Managing Director & Independent Director Group CEO

S. Shakeb Rahman Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Date: September 20, 2018 Place: Gurugram