SUNDARAM FINANCE LIMITED

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POSTAL BALLOT NOTICE

(Pursuant to Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013)

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The Members

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, for obtaining the approval of the Members by way of passing the following Resolutions through postal ballot:

- a) Special Resolution Appointment of Dr. Kshama Fernandes (holding DIN: 02539429) as an Independent Director of the Company to hold office for a term of five (5) consecutive years with effect from 11th August 2023.
- b) Ordinary Resolution Reclassification of Mr. Pradeep Chakravarthy, Promoter, as Public.

The draft resolutions, together with the Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 (1) of the Companies Act, 2013, setting out the material facts and reasons thereto, are enclosed.

| Chennai 600 002 | P.N. SRIKANT |
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| Date: 11.08.2023 | CCO & Company Secretary |

Notes:

- This Notice is being sent only in electronic form, in accordance with the relaxation granted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs vide Circular dated 28th December 2022, to all the shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members / list of Beneficial Owners as received from National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) / Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on Friday, the 11th August 2023 and who have registered their email id with the Company / Depositories.
- 2. The postal ballot facility through e-voting is being provided to the members in accordance with the provisions of Sections 108 and 110 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rules 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
- The Company has engaged the services of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) to provide e-voting facilities, enabling the members to cast their vote electronically in a secure manner.
- The detailed instructions on e-voting are enclosed. Grievances, if any, connected with e-voting may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager, Central Depository Services India Limited (CDSL), A Wing,

25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013 or send an email to helpdesk. evoting@cdslindia.com or call at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33 @cdslindia.com or call on 022-23058542/43.

By Order of the Board

- The e-voting will commence on Tuesday, the 22nd August, 2023 (9:00 A.M.) and end on Wednesday, the 20th September, 2023 (5:00 P.M.).
- The Board of Directors has appointed Mr. T.K. Bhaskar, Partner, H&B Partners, Advocates, Chennai, as the Scrutinizer, for conducting the postal ballot process in a fair and transparent manner.
- 7. The Scrutinizer will submit his report to the Executive Vice Chairman / Managing Director of the Company after completion of the scrutiny and the results of the postal ballot will be announced by the Executive Vice Chairman / Managing Director on Thursday, the 21st September, 2023 at 5:00 P.M, at the Registered Office of the Company at 21, Patullos Road, Chennai 600 002.
- 8. The date of declaration of the postal ballot results will be taken to be the date of passing the resolutions.
- 9. The results of the postal ballot will be posted on the Company's website www.sundaramfinance.in.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

SPECIAL BUSINESS

 To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modifications, the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

"RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of Sections 149,152 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014, read with Schedule IV to the Companies Act, 2013, and pursuant to Reg. 16(1)(b), 17 and other applicable provisions of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. Dr Kshama Fernandes (holding DIN:02539429), who was appointed as an Additional Director to function as Independent Director of the Company by the Board of Directors with effect from 11th August 2023, and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing from a member under Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013, signifying the member's intention to propose Dr. Kshama Fernandes as a director of the Company, be and is hereby appointed as an Independent Director of the Company to hold office for a term of five (5) consecutive years upto 10th August 2028, not liable to retire by rotation."

2. To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modifications, the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution:**

"**RESOLVED** that pursuant to Regulation 31A of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and other applicable provisions, if any, the consent of the Company be and is hereby accorded for the re-classification of the status of Mr. Pradeep Chakravarthy, promoter, as public."

"FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel of the Company be and are hereby severally authorised to do all acts and take all such steps as may be necessary, proper or expedient for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution, execute applications / other documents to be submitted to the stock exchange(s) and take all other steps in this regard."

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 102(1) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013

SPECIAL BUSINESS

ITEM 1

Considering the scale of operations of the Company, together with the volume, diversified nature of the business, macro-economic conditions and frequent changes in accounting / regulatory procedures, it is intended to broad base the Board by inducting a professional, with skills, expertise and experience that are considered suitable for the Company's line of business, as an Independent Director.

Accordingly, based on the recommendations of the Nomination, Compensation and Remuneration Committee, your Board of Directors at its meeting held on 11th August 2023, has co-opted Dr. Kshama Fernandes, aged 55 years, as an Independent Director of your Company with effect from the said date. The details of her profile are furnished under Particulars of Directors annexed to the Notice.

In terms of Section 149 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Reg. 16(1)(b) and

17 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (LODR Regulations), Dr. Kshama Fernandes, being eligible and offering herself for appointment, is proposed to be appointed as an Independent Director for a term of five (5) consecutive years as mentioned in the Special Resolution.

According to the provisions of Reg.17(1C) read with Reg. 25(2A) of the LODR Regulations, the Company is required to obtain the approval of the Shareholders by way of a Special Resolution, for the appointment of Dr. Kshama Fernandes as an Independent Director on the Board at the next annual general meeting or within three months from the date of appointment, i.e., 10th November 2023, whichever is earlier. Hence, approval of the shareholders is being sought through Postal Ballot for the appointment of Dr. Kshama Fernandes as an Independent Director on the Board, not liable to retire by rotation. Notice has been received from a member proposing Dr. Kshama Fernandes as an Independent Director. In the opinion of the Board, Dr. Kshama Fernandes fulfils the conditions specified in the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder, as well as the applicable provisions of the LODR Regulations and Master Direction -Non-Banking Financial Company - Systemically Important Non-Deposit taking Company and Deposit taking Company (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016, for her appointment as an Independent Director of the Company and is independent of the management.

A copy of the draft Letter of Appointment of the Independent Director, setting out the terms and conditions would be available for inspection, without any fee, by the members, on the website of the Company.

The Board considers that Dr. Kshama Fernandes's association would be of immense benefit to the Company and it is desirable to avail her services as an Independent Director. Accordingly, the Board recommends the Special Resolution in relation to the appointment of the Independent Director, for the approval by the shareholders of the Company.

Interest of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel

Except, Dr. Kshama Fernandes, Director and her relatives, none of the Directors and Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives is concerned or interested in the resolution.

ITEM 2

The Company has received a request from Mr. Pradeep Chakravarthy, promoter, seeking re-classification of his status as 'public', subject to necessary approvals, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 31A – 'Conditions for re-classification of any person as promoter / public', of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (LODR Regulations).

Mr. Pradeep Chakravarthy, as part of his rationale for seeking such re-classification, has cited domestic commitments as the reason for which he may have to disinvest his shares in the future, which would require him to comply with complex regulatory requirements, resulting in considerable loss of time and return. He has also stated that he had been categorised as a promoter only by virtue of ancestral association and he did not have any participation in the day-to-day operations of the Company. Further, Mr. Pradeep Chakravarthy and his relative:

- i. hold only 1.23% of the total voting rights in the Company;
- ii. do not have any participation in the day-to-day operations and therefore do not exercise control over the affairs of the Company directly or indirectly;
- iii. do not have any special rights with respect to the Company through formal or informal arrangements, including through any shareholder agreements;
- iv. are not represented on the board of directors of the Company in any manner;
- v. do not act as a key managerial person in the Company;
- vi. are not 'wilful defaulters' as per the Reserve Bank of India Guidelines;
- vii. are not fugitive economic offenders.

As required under Reg.31A.(3).(a).(ii) of the LODR Regulations, the Board of Directors of the Company, at its meeting held on 11th August 2023, considered Mr. Pradeep Chakravarthy's request and approved the same for submission to the shareholders for approval. Further, as required under Reg. 31A.(8) of the LODR Regulations, the request letter received from Mr. Pradeep Chakravarthy and the extract of the Board Resolution have been submitted to the National Stock Exchange of India Limited on 14th July 2023 and 11th August 2023 respectively.

The Board of Directors of the Company is of the view that the request made by Mr. Pradeep Chakravarthy is fair and legitimate. Further, Mr. Pradeep Chakravarthy is not disqualified from seeking such re-classification under any of the points mentioned under Reg.31A.(3).(b) of the LODR Regulations. Accordingly, the enclosed draft Ordinary Resolution, approving the re-classification of the status of Mr. Pradeep Chakravarthy, promoter, as 'public', is submitted for the consideration of the shareholders and the Board recommends that the resolution be passed.

Interest of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel

None of the Directors and Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives is concerned or interested in the resolution.

By Order of the Board

Chennai 600 002 Date : 11.08.2023 P.N. SRIKANT CCO & Company Secretary

Particulars of the Director seeking appointment pursuant to Regulation 36(3) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

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| Audit and Financial Management Treasury Legal and Regulatory Framework Business Policies Capital Markets |
| Dr. Kshama Fernandes is the Non-Executive Vice Chairperson of the Northern Arc Group and Executive Chairperson of Northern Arc Investment Managers. Dr. Kshama served as the Managing Director and CEO of Northern Arc Capital from 2012 to 2022. Deeply respected for her knowledge and commitment towards the cause of unleashing the power of finance for the greater good, Dr. Kshama has been a member of various High Powered Committees setup by the Government of India and has worked on consulting assignments for the World Bank, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, and NSEIT. Dr. Kshama has been featured by FMO as a role model in banking. She is also a recipient of Accion's Edward W. Claugus award for leadership in financial inclusion. She holds a bachelor's degree in science, a master's degree as a well as a PhD in management, risk advisory and academia. Dr. Kshama is a financial risk manager certified by the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP). Prior to joining Northern Arc, she was a professor at the Goa Institute of Management. She has also served as Chief Risk Officer of Northern Arc from 2009 to 2012. |
| PhD Finance |
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| Director: Northern Arc Capital Limited NSE Investments Limited |
| Member: Northern Arc Capital Limited - Risk Management Committee - Stakeholders' Relationship Committee - Corporate Social Responsibility Committee |
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THE INTRUCTIONS OF SHAREHOLDERS FOR REMOTE E-VOTING AS ISSUED BY CDSL:

- (i) The voting period begins on Tuesday, the 22nd August 2023 at 9:00 A.M. and ends on Wednesday, the 20th September 2023 at 5:00 P.M. During this period, shareholders of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date of Friday, the 11th August 2023, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.
- (ii) Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated 09.12.2020, under Regulation 44 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, listed entities are required to provide remote e-voting facility to its shareholders, in respect of all shareholders' resolutions. However, it has been observed that the participation by the public non-institutional shareholders/ retail shareholders is at a negligible level.

Currently, there are multiple e-voting service providers (ESPs) providing e-voting facility to listed entities in India. This necessitates registration on various ESPs and maintenance of multiple user IDs and passwords by the shareholders.

In order to increase the efficiency of the voting process, pursuant to a public consultation, it has been decided to enable e-voting to all the demat account holders, by way of a single login credential, through their demat accounts/ websites of Depositories/ Depository Participants. Demat account holders would be able to cast their vote without having to register again with the ESPs, thereby, not only facilitating seamless authentication but also enhancing ease and convenience of participating in e-voting process.

Step 1: Access through Depositories CDSL/NSDL e-Voting system in case of individual shareholders holding shares in demat mode.

(iii) In terms of SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are advised to update their mobile number and email Id in their demat accounts in order to access e-Voting facility.

Pursuant to above said SEBI Circular, Login method for e-Voting for Individual shareholders holding securities in Demat mode CDSL/NSDL is given below:

| Type of shareholders | Login Method |
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| Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with CDSL Depository | Users who have opted for CDSL Easi / Easiest facility, can login through their existing user id and password. Option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any further authentication. The users to login to Easi / Easiest are requested to visit CDSL website www.cdslindia.com and click on login icon & New System Myeasi Tab. |
| | 2) After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e-Voting option for eligible companies where the evoting is in progress as per the information provided by company. On clicking the evoting option, the user will be able to see e-Voting page of the e-Voting service provider for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting. Additionally, there is also links provided to access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers, so that the user can visit the e-Voting service providers' website directly. |

| | 3) If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at cdsl website www.cdslindia.com and click on login & New System Myeasi Tab and then click on registration option. |
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| | 4) Alternatively, the user can directly access e-Voting page by providing Demat Account Number and PAN No. from a e-Voting link available on www.cdslindia.com home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile & Email as recorded in the Demat Account. After successful authentication, user will be able to see the e-Voting option where the evoting is in progress and also able to directly access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers. |
| Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL Depository | 1) If you are already registered for NSDL IDeAS facility, please visit the e-Services website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://eservices.nsdl.com either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Services is launched, click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under 'IDeAS' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting services. Click on "Access to e-Voting" under e-Voting services and you will be able to see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name and you will be re-directed to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period. |
| | 2) If the user is not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is available at https://eservices.nsdl.com. Select "Register Online for IDeAS "Portal or click at https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp |
| | 3) Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/ either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholder/Member' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID (i.e. your sixteen digit demat account number hold with NSDL), Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen. After successful authentication, you will be redirected to NSDL Depository site wherein you can see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period. |
| Individual Shareholders (holding securities in demat mode) login through their Depository Participants (DP) | You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account through your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-Voting facility. After Successful login, you will be able to see e-Voting option. Once you click on e-Voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL/CDSL Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see e-Voting feature. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period. |

Important note: Members who are unable to retrieve User ID/ Password are advised to use Forget User ID and Forget Password option available at abovementioned website.

<u>Helpdesk for Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode for any technical issues related to</u> <u>login through Depository i.e. CDSL and NSDL</u>

| Login type | Helpdesk details |
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| Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with CDSL | Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33 |
| Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with NSDL | Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or call at toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30 |

Step 2: Access through CDSL e-Voting system in case of shareholders holding shares in physical mode and non-individual shareholders in demat mode.

- (iv) Login method for Remote e-Voting for Physical shareholders and shareholders other than individual holding in Demat form.
 - 1) The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website www.evotingindia.com.
 - 2) Click on "Shareholders" module.
 - 3) Now enter your User ID
 - a. For CDSL: 16 digits beneficiary ID,
 - b. For NSDL: 8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digits Client ID,
 - c. Shareholders holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company.
 - 4) Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.
 - 5) If you are holding shares in demat form and had logged on to **www.evotingindia.com** and voted on an earlier e-voting of any company, then your existing password is to be used.
 - 6) If you are a first-time user follow the steps given below:

| | For Physical shareholders and other than individual shareholders holding shares in Demat. |
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| PAN | Enter your 10 digit alpha-numeric *PAN issued by Income Tax Department (Applicable for both demat shareholders as well as physical shareholders) |
| | • Shareholders who have not updated their PAN with the Company/Depository Participant are requested to use the sequence number sent by Company/RTA or contact Company/RTA. |
| Dividend Bank Details OR | Enter the Dividend Bank Details or Date of Birth (in dd/mm/yyyy format) as recorded in your demat account or in the company records in order to login. |
| Date of Birth (DOB) | • If both the details are not recorded with the depository or company, please enter the member id / folio number in the Dividend Bank details field. |

- (v) After entering these details appropriately, click on "SUBMIT" tab.
- (vi) Shareholders holding shares in physical form will then directly reach the Company selection screen. However, shareholders holding shares in demat form will now reach 'Password Creation' menu wherein they are required to mandatorily enter their login password in the new password field. Kindly note that this password is to be also used by the demat holders for voting for resolutions of any other company on which they are eligible to vote, provided that company opts for e-voting through CDSL platform. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential.
- (vii) For shareholders holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-voting on the resolutions contained in this Notice.
- (viii) Click on the EVSN for the relevant <Company Name> on which you choose to vote.
- (ix) On the voting page, you will see "RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION" and against the same the option "YES/NO" for voting. Select the option YES or NO as desired. The option YES implies that you assent to the Resolution and option NO implies that you dissent to the Resolution.
- (x) Click on the "RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK" if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
- (xi) After selecting the resolution, you have decided to vote on, click on "SUBMIT". A confirmation box will be displayed. If you wish to confirm your vote, click on "OK", else to change your vote, click on "CANCEL" and accordingly modify your vote.
- (xii) Once you "CONFIRM" your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.
- (xiii) You can also take a print of the votes cast by clicking on "Click here to print" option on the Voting page.
- (xiv) If a demat account holder has forgotten the login password then Enter the User ID and the image verification code and click on Forgot Password & enter the details as prompted by the system.
- (xv) There is also an optional provision to upload BR/POA if any uploaded, which will be made available to scrutinizer for verification.
- (xvi) Additional Facility for Non Individual Shareholders and Custodians –For Remote Voting only.
 - Non-Individual shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) and Custodians are required to log on to www.evotingindia.com and register themselves in the "Corporates" module.
 - A scanned copy of the Registration Form bearing the stamp and sign of the entity should be emailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com.
 - After receiving the login details a Compliance User should be created using the admin login and password. The Compliance User would be able to link the account(s) for which they wish to vote on.
 - The list of accounts linked in the login will be mapped automatically & can be delink in case of any wrong mapping.
 - It is Mandatory that, a scanned copy of the Board Resolution and Power of Attorney (POA) which they have issued in favour of the Custodian, if any, should be uploaded in PDF format in the system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.

 Alternatively Non Individual shareholders are required mandatory to send the relevant Board Resolution/ Authority letter etc. together with attested specimen signature of the duly authorized signatory who are authorized to vote, to the Scrutinizer and to the Company at the email address viz; investorservices@sundaramfinance.in, if they have voted from individual tab & not uploaded same in the CDSL e-voting system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.

PROCESS FOR THOSE SHAREHOLDERS WHOSE EMAIL/MOBILE NO. ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE COMPANY/DEPOSITORIES.

- 1. For Physical shareholders- please provide necessary details like Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to investor@cameoindia.com
- 2. For Demat shareholders -, Please update your email id & mobile no. with your respective Depository Participant (DP)
- 3. For Individual Demat shareholders Please update your email id & mobile no. with your respective Depository Participant (DP) which is mandatory while e-Voting & joining virtual meetings through Depository.

If you have any queries or issues regarding e-Voting from the CDSL e-Voting System, you can write an email to **helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com** or contact at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33

The detailed instructions on e-voting are enclosed. Grievances, if any, connected with e-voting may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager, Central Depository Services India Limited (CDSL), A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013 or send an email to helpdesk. evoting@cdslindia.com or call at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33 @cdslindia.com or call on 022-23058542/43.