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**(Formerly known as Astral Poly Technik Limited)**

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**COMMUNICATION ON TAX DEDUCTED AT SOURCE ON PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND**

Dear Shareholder,

We are happy to inform you that the Board of Directors at their Meeting to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 have recommended Final Dividend of Rs. 1.75/- per equity share of face value of Re. 1/- each for the financial year 2021-22 subject to approval of shareholders in the ensuing Annual General Meeting of the Company.

As you are aware that as per the Income-tax Act, 1961 (ACT), as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, dividends paid or distributed by the Company after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 shall be taxable in the hands of the Shareholders. Your Company shall therefore be required to deduct tax at source (TDS) at the time of making payment of the above said Dividend.

This communication summarizes the applicable TDS provisions in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961, for various categories, including Resident or Non-Resident members and the manner of submission of required forms/documents.

**1. For resident Shareholders:**

Sl. No.	Category of Shareholder	TDS Rate (Read with notes below)	Exemption/applicability /Documents required (if any)
(a)	Resident Member with Valid PAN	10%	Tax will be deducted at source ("TDS") under Section 194 of the Act on the amount of dividend payable unless exempt under any of the provisions of the Act  Update/Verify the PAN, and the residential status as per Income Tax Act, 1961 if not already done, with the depositories (in case of shares held in

			demat mode) and with the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agents i.e Bigshare Services Private Limited (in case of shares held in physical mode).
(b)	<b>Resident Individual Member</b>	<b>NIL</b>	In case of Individuals, TDS would not apply if the aggregate of total dividend paid to them by the Company under folio(s) during FY 2022-23 does not exceed Rs.5,000/-.
(c)	<b>Resident Individual Member Submitting Form 15G/ Form 15H</b>	<b>NIL</b>	Declaration in Form 15G (for individuals, with no tax liability on total income and income not exceeding maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax) / Form 15H (for individual above the age of 60 years with no tax liability on total income for the FY2022-23). <b>Documents required</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-attested Duly filled declaration in Form 15G/15H</li> </ul>
(d)	<b>Resident Member Submitting Order under Section 197 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (Act)</b>	<b>Rate provided in the Order</b>	Lower/NIL rate of tax as specified in exemption certificate for the FY 2022-23 obtained from tax authority <b>Document required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exemption certificate issued by the Income-tax Department</li> </ul>
(e)	<b>Mutual Fund specified under clause (23D) of Section 10 of the Income Tax Act, 1961</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>Document required :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-declaration that it is registered with SEBI and is notified under Section 10 (23D) of the Act</li> <li>Self-attested copy of PAN card and</li> <li>Certificate of registration with SEBI</li> </ul>
(f)	<b>An Insurance Company exempted under Section 194 of the Income Tax Act, 1961</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>Document required :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self declaration that it qualifies as 'Insurer' as per section 2(7A) of the Insurance Act, 1938 and has full beneficial interest with respect to the shares owned by it</li> <li>Self-attested copy of PAN card</li> <li>Certificate of registration with Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA)/ LIC/ GIC</li> </ul>
(g)	<b>Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) established in India</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>Document required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-declaration that its income is exempt under Section 10 (23FBA) of the Act and they are registered with SEBI as Category I or Category II AIF</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-attested copy of the PAN card</li> <li>Certificate of AIF registration with SEBI</li> </ul>
(h)	Entities exempt under Section 10 of the Act :	NIL	<b>Document required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-attested copy of documentary evidence supporting the exemption from TDS (entities as provided in <b>Circular No.18 of 2017</b>)</li> <li>Self-attested copy of the PAN card.</li> </ul>
(i)	Benefit under Rule 37BA	Rates based on the status of the beneficial owners	<p>In case where shares are held by Clearing Member/ intermediaries/ stock brokers and TDS is to be applied by the Company in the PAN of the beneficial shareholders, then TDS will be deducted in beneficial shareholders PAN, subject to receipt of following documents</p> <p><b>Document required :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self attested copy of declaration as per <a href="#">ANNEXURE 1</a>.</li> <li>List of beneficial owners in the format prescribed as <a href="#">ANNEXUE 1A</a>.</li> </ul> <p>In case of absence of receipt of documents as specified, the company will deduct TDS in the PAN of Clearing Member/ intermediaries/ stock brokers at applicable rate</p>
(j)	Resident shareholders without PAN/Invalid PAN/ Deleted PAN/ non-compliance of Section 206AB	20%	NA

## 2. For Non-Resident shareholders:

Sl. No.	Category of Shareholder	TDS Rate (Read with notes below)	Exemption/applicability /Documents required (if any)
(a)	Any non-resident shareholder (including Foreign Institutional Investors, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FII, FPI))	20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) OR Tax Treaty Rate (whichever is lower) provided	Update/Verify the PAN and the residential status as per Income Tax Act, 1961, if not already done, with the depositories (in case of shares held in demat mode) and with the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agents i.e Bigshare Services Private Limited (in case of shares held in physical mode).

		<p><b>documents are received (In case of non-compliance of Section 206AB, TDS will be deducted at applicable higher rate)</b></p>	<p>As per Section 90 of the Act, a non-resident shareholder has an option to be governed by the provisions of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement ('DTAA') between India and the country of tax residence of the shareholder, if such DTAA provisions are more beneficial to such shareholder.</p> <p>To avail the DTAA benefits, the non-resident shareholder will have to <b>compulsorily provide the following documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax Residency Certificate (TRC) obtained from the tax authorities of the country of which the shareholder is a resident certifying status during Financial Year 2022-23.</li> <li>• Form 10F duly filled and signed (Format attached as <a href="#">Annexure 2</a>).</li> <li>• self-attested copy of the PAN card</li> <li>• Completed and duly signed Self-declaration from Non-resident as per <a href="#">Annexure 3</a></li> <li>• In case of Foreign Institutional Investors and Foreign Portfolio Investors copy of SEBI registration certificate</li> </ul> <p>It is recommended that shareholders should independently satisfy its eligibility to claim DTAA benefit including meeting of all conditions laid down by DTAA.</p> <p>Application of beneficial DTAA rate shall depend upon the completeness and satisfactory review by the Company of the documents submitted by the Non-Resident shareholders. The Company will apply its sole discretion and is not obligated to apply the beneficial DTAA rates for tax deduction on dividend payable to shareholders.</p> <p>In case of non-residents falling under category as mentioned in note 3.1 below, please provide following document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• self-attested copy of the PAN card</li> <li>• No PE in India declaration</li> </ul>
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Submitting Order u/s 197 (i.e. lower or NIL withholding tax certificate)</b>	<b>Rate provided in the Order</b>	<p>Lower/NIL withholding tax certificate obtained from tax authority to be submitted.</p>

**\* Notes:**

1. Shareholders holding shares under multiple accounts under different status/ category (eg. Resident and Non-Resident) and single PAN, may note that, higher of the tax as applicable to the status in which shares held under a PAN will be considered on their entire holding in different accounts.
2. Recording of the Permanent Account Number (PAN) for the registered Folio/DP ID-Client ID is mandatory. In the absence of valid PAN, tax will be deducted at a higher rate of, as per Section 206AA read with 206AB of the Act.
3. **TDS to be deducted at higher rate in case of non-filers of Return of Income:**

For Shareholders who are identified as “Specified Persons” under Sec 206AB of the Act, higher tax rate as applicable would be deducted if

- a. Shareholder has not furnished the return of income for the assessment year relevant to the previous year immediately preceding the financial year in which tax is required to be deducted
- b. Aggregate of tax deducted at source and tax collected at source is rupees fifty thousand or more in the said previous years.

For the purpose of TDS, Company will verify the status (i.e., Specified Person or not) from the Government enabled online facility and deduct TDS accordingly. It may be noted that as per sections 206AB, the specified persons shall not include a non-resident who does not have a permanent establishment in India.

- 3.1 Provision related to “Specified person” shall not apply to non-resident who does not have a permanent establishment in India.

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**For the attention of all Shareholders:**

Shareholders may make an online submission of Form 15G / 15H and Form 10F, along with the requisite supporting documents (scanned copies) as mentioned above, as applicable, on the website of Bigshare Services Private Limited, the Company’s Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (“Bigshare”) at [www.bigshareonline.com](http://www.bigshareonline.com). The Shareholders may also download these forms from Bigshare’s website and send: (a) physical copies of the duly filled forms / documents mentioned above to Bigshare’s Registered Office at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Bharat Tin Works Building, Opp. Vasant Oasis, Makwana Road, Marol, Andheri (East), Mumbai – 400 059, Maharashtra, or (b) scanned copies of the duly filled forms / other documents to Bigshare’s e-mail ID [tds@bigshareonline.com](mailto:tds@bigshareonline.com) and [dividend@astralpipes.com](mailto:dividend@astralpipes.com).

The aforesaid declarations and documents need to be submitted by the Shareholders so as to reach Bigshare **on or before Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2022.**

It may please be noted that Forms received after the said date and incomplete or incorrect forms shall not be considered and shall not be eligible for non-deduction or lower deduction of tax.

The URL for downloading the aforesaid forms from the website of Bigshare is: <https://www.bigshareonline.com/Resources.aspx>

All the forms are available in under the heading “Forms & Procedures”.

Alternatively, these declarations can be submitted online also at: <https://www.bigshareonline.com/dividendTDS.aspx>

On this page the user shall be prompted to select / share the requisite particulars and upload the supporting documents.

By submission of Form 15G / 15H and Form 10F, along with the requisite supporting documents, the Shareholder is deemed to confirm to the Company that:

- a. the Shareholder satisfies the requisite criteria for submission of the same and takes full responsibility for availing the TDS deduction exemption;
- b. the Company or Bigshare will not be held responsible / liable and no claims shall lie against them in this regard;
- c. the online submission of the Form 15G/Form 15H (if made) shall be deemed to have been signed by the Shareholder.

The Company will arrange to email a soft copy of TDS Certificate to the Shareholder at the Shareholder’s registered e-mail ID in due course.

It may be further noted that in case the tax on said dividend is deducted at a higher rate in absence of receipt of the aforementioned details / documents from a Shareholder, there would still be an option available with such Shareholder to file the return of income and claim an appropriate refund, if eligible.

All communications/ queries in this respect should be addressed to the RTA, Bigshare Services Private Limited on their e-mail address [investor@bigshareonline.com](mailto:investor@bigshareonline.com)

Further, Shareholders holding shares in physical mode and who have not registered / updated their email addresses with the Company are requested to update their email addresses with Bigshare. Shareholder holding shares in dematerialized mode are requested to register / update their e-mail addresses with the relevant Depository Participant(s).

Shareholders holding shares in physical mode, who have not provided the information regarding bank particulars, are requested to register/update their Bank details (e.g. name of the bank and the branch, bank account number, 9 digits MICR number, 11 digit IFS Code and the nature of account) online with Bigshare on its website (at [www.bigshareonline.com](http://www.bigshareonline.com)) along with the copy of the signed request letter mentioning the name and address of the Shareholder,

scanned copy of the Share Certificate (front and back), self-attested copy of the PAN Card, and self-attested copy of any document (e.g.: Driving License, Election Identity Card, Passport) in support of the address of the Shareholder along with a copy of latest cancelled cheque with the Shareholder's name. Shareholders holding shares in electronic mode are requested to register their Bank details with the relevant Depository Participant. This will enable the Company to make timely credit of dividend to the Shareholders in their respective bank accounts, especially in view of the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic. For Shareholders who have not updated their bank account details, Dividend Warrants / Demand Drafts will be sent to their registered addresses upon normalization of the postal services.

Disclaimer: This communication shall not be treated as an advice from the Company or its affiliates or Bigshare Services Private Limited. Shareholders should obtain the tax advice related to their tax matters from a tax professional.

We request for your kind co-operation in this regard.

**For Astral Limited**

**Sd/-**

**Krunal Bhatt**

**Company Secretary**