Pidilite Industries Limited - Dividend 2023-24 – Communication on Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) on Dividend payout



## PIDILITE INDUSTRIES LIMITED

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#### THIS COMMUNICATION IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Dear Shareholder,

We are pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors of the Company, at its meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, have recommended a dividend of Rs. 16.00/- per equity share of Re. 1/- each held as on the date of book closure for the dividend payment, for the Financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

In terms of the Income Tax Act, 1961 ('the Act'), as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, dividends paid or distributed by a company on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 shall be taxable in the hands of the shareholders. The Company is required to deduct tax at source at the time of making the payment of the dividend, if approved, at the ensuing Annual General Meeting (AGM).

If there is any change in the information, you are requested to update your records such as tax residential status, PAN and register your e-mail address, mobile numbers and other details with your relevant depositories through your depository participants in case you are holding shares in dematerialised form and if you are holding shares in physical mode, you are requested to furnish details to M/s. Link Intime India Private Limited, the Registrar and Transfer Agent of the Company. The records may please be updated before the record date to ensure correct deduction of tax, if applicable.

This communication provides a brief of the applicable Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) provisions under the Act for Resident and Non-Resident shareholder categories.

# I. For Resident Shareholders

Tax is required to be deducted at source under Section 194 of the Act, at the rate of 10% on the amount of dividend where shareholders have registered their valid Permanent Account

Number (PAN). In case, shareholders do not have PAN/inoperative/invalid PAN/ PAN not linked with Aadhaar/ not registered their valid PAN details in their account or classified as specified person in the Income-tax portal, TDS at the rate of 20% shall be deducted under Section 206AA / 206AB of the Act or as per the applicable law.

#### a. Resident Individuals:

No tax shall be deducted on the dividend payable to resident individuals if:

- i. Total dividend amount to be received by them during the Financial Year (FY) 2024-25 does not exceed Rs. 5,000/-; or
- ii. The shareholder provides valid Form 15G (applicable to individual) / Form 15H (applicable to an Individual above the age of 60 years), provided that all the required eligibility conditions are met. Please note that all fields are mandatory to be filled up and Company may at its sole discretion reject the form, if it does not fulfil the prescribed requirement under the Act. The template of valid Form 15G and 15H are enclosed as <a href="Annexure 1">Annexure 1</a> and <a href="Annexure 2">Annexure 2</a>, respectively.
- iii. Exemption certificate is issued by the Income-tax Department, if any.

Note: Recording of the 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 20%, as per Section 206AA of the Act.

#### b. Resident Non-Individuals:

No tax shall be deducted on the dividend payable to the following resident non-individuals where they provide details and documents as per the format attached in **Annexure 3**.

- i. Insurance Companies: 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 ordinary shares owned by it along with self-attested copy of PAN card and certificate of registration with Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA)/ LIC/ GIC.
- ii. Mutual Funds: Self-declaration that it is registered with SEBI and is notified under Section 10 (23D) of the Act along with self-attested copy of PAN card and certificate of registration with SEBI.
- iii. Alternative Investment Fund (AIF): 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 along with self-attested copy of the PAN card and certificate of AIF registration with SEBI.
- iv. New Pension System (NPS) Trust: Self-declaration that it qualifies as NPS trust and income is eligible for exemption under Section 10(44) of the Act and being regulated by the provisions of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 along with self-attested copy of the PAN card.
- v. Other Non-Individual shareholders: Self-attested copy of documentary evidence supporting the exemption along with self-attested copy of PAN card.

c. In case, shareholders (both individuals or non-individuals) provide certificate under Section 197 of the Act, for lower / NIL withholding of taxes, rate specified in the said certificate shall be considered, on submission of self-attested copy to the company.

Provisions of Section 206AB of the Act are applicable with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021, which states that TDS is to be deducted at higher rate as specified therein on payments to "specified persons".

### **II. For Non-resident Shareholders**

### a. As per Domestic Tax Law

Taxes are required to be withheld in accordance with the provisions of Section 195 or Section 196D of the Act as per the rates as applicable. As per the relevant provisions of the Act, the withholding tax shall be at the rate of 20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) on the amount of dividend payable to them. In case, non-resident shareholders provide a certificate issued under Section 197/195 of the Act, for lower/ Nil withholding of taxes, rate specified in the said certificate shall be considered, on submission of self-attested copy of the same.

# b. As per Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA)

As per Section 90 of the Act, the non-resident shareholder has the option to be governed by the provisions of the DTAA between India and the country of tax residence of the shareholder, if they are more beneficial to them. For this purpose, i.e., to avail DTAA benefit, the non-resident shareholders are required to submit the following:

- i. Self-attested copy of the PAN card allotted by the Indian Income Tax authorities.
- ii. Self-attested copy of Tax Residency Certificate (TRC) (for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 or 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024) obtained from the tax authorities of the country of which the shareholder is a resident (format attached herewith as **Annexure 4**).
- iii. Shareholders who have PAN and propose to claim treaty benefit need to mandatorily file the Form 10F online (Notification No. 03/2022 dated July 16, 2022) at the link <a href="https://eportal.incometax.gov.in/">https://eportal.incometax.gov.in/</a> to avail the benefit of DTAA (format attached herewith as <a href="https://eportal.incometax.gov.in/">Annexure 5</a>).
- iv. Self-declaration by shareholder of meeting treaty eligibility requirement and satisfying beneficial ownership requirement (for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 or 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024) (format attached herewith as <u>Annexure 6</u>).
- v. In case of Foreign Institutional Investors and Foreign Portfolio Investors, copy of SEBI registration certificate.
- vi. In case of shareholder being tax resident of Singapore, please furnish the letter issued by the competent authority or any other evidence demonstrating the non-applicability of Article 24 Limitation of Relief under India-Singapore Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA). It is recommended that shareholders should independently satisfy their eligibility to claim DTAA benefit including meeting of all conditions laid down by DTAA.

All shareholders are requested to check / update their correct name, PAN, address, residential status, etc. from/to your broker / Depository Participant Agent.

Kindly note that the Company is not obligated to apply beneficial DTAA rates at the time of tax deduction / withholding on dividend amounts. Application of beneficial rate as per DTAA for the purpose of withholding taxes shall depend upon completeness and satisfactory review by the Company of the documents submitted by the non-resident shareholder.

### **PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND**

The following provisions under the Act will also be considered to determine the applicable TDS rate:

### A. TDS to be deducted at higher rate in case of non-filers of Return of Income

The provisions of Section 206AB requires the deductor to deduct tax at higher of the following rates from amount paid/ credited to specified person:

- i. At twice the rate specified in the relevant provision of the Act; or
- ii. At twice the rates or rates in force; or
- iii. At the rate of 5%

The non-resident who does not have the permanent establishment and resident who is not required to file a return under section 139 of the Act are excluded from the scope of a specified person.

## B. TDS to be deducted at higher rate in case of non-linkage of PAN with Aadhaar

As per Section 139AA of the Income Tax Act, every person who has been allotted a PAN and who is eligible to obtain Aadhaar, shall be required to link the PAN with Aadhaar. In case of failure to comply to this, the PAN allotted shall be deemed to be invalid/inoperative and tax shall be deducted at the rate of 20% as per the provisions of section 206AA of the Act. The Company will be using functionality of the Income-tax department for the above purpose. Shareholders may visit <a href="https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal/">https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal/</a> for FAQ issued by Government on PAN Aadhar linking.

# C. <u>Declaration under Rule 37BA</u>

In terms of Rule 37BA of the Income-tax Rules, 1962, if dividend income on which tax has been deducted at source is assessable in the hands of a person other than the deductee, then such deductee should file declaration with the Company in the manner prescribed in the Rules.

# D. For shareholders having multiple accounts under different status / category:

Shareholders holding equity shares under multiple accounts under different status / category and single PAN or without 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.

# **SUBMISSION OF TAX RELATED DOCUMENTS:**

## **Resident Shareholders**

The documents such as Form 15G/ 15H, documents under section 196, 197A, etc. can be uploaded on the link <a href="https://liiplweb.linkintime.co.in/formsreg/submission-of-form-15g-15h.html">https://liiplweb.linkintime.co.in/formsreg/submission-of-form-15g-15h.html</a> on or before 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 to enable the Company to determine the appropriate TDS/ withholding tax rate applicable. Any communication on the tax determination/deduction received post 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 shall not be considered.

Shareholders can send the other documents at the following email id:

Resident Shareholders	csgexemptforms2425@linkintime.co.in
Non-Resident Shareholders	investor.relations@pidilite.co.in

These documents sent to any other email ids may lead to non-submission of documents and attract TDS as per the provisions of the Act. These documents should reach us **on or before 20**<sup>th</sup> **July, 2024** in order to enable the Company to determine and deduct appropriate TDS / withholding tax rate. No communication on the tax determination / deduction shall be entertained post **20**<sup>th</sup> **July, 2024**.

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

The tax credit can also be viewed in Form 26AS by logging in with your credentials (with valid PAN) at TRACES <a href="https://www.tdscpc.gov.in/app/login.xhtml">https://www.tdscpc.gov.in/app/login.xhtml</a> or the e-filing website of the Income Tax department of India <a href="https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal/">https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal/</a>.

## **UPDATION OF BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:**

Shareholders are requested to ensure that their bank account details in their respective demat accounts/physical folios are updated, to enable the Company to make timely credit of dividend in their bank accounts. We seek your cooperation in this regard.

The shareholders holding shares in physical folios are requested to note that SEBI vide its Master Circular no. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/POD-1/P/CIR/2024/37 dated 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 issued to the Registrar & Transfer Agents and SEBI Circular no. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/POD-1/P/CIR/2023/181 dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023, as amended, has mandated that effective 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024,

dividend to the security holders holding shares in physical mode shall be paid only through electronic mode. Such payment to the eligible shareholders holding physical shares shall be made only after they have furnished their PAN, Choice of Nomination, Contact Details (Postal Address with PIN and Mobile Number) Bank Account Details and Specimen Signature for their corresponding physical folios to the Company or the RTA.

This Communication is not exhaustive and does not purport to be complete analysis or listing of all potential tax consequences in the matter of dividend payment. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors for requisite action to be taken by them.

No claim shall lie against the Company for such taxes deducted.

Post payment of the said Dividend, shareholders will also be able to see the credit of TDS in Form 26AS, which can be downloaded from their e-filing account at income tax department's website <a href="https://eportal.incometax.gov.in/">https://eportal.incometax.gov.in/</a>.

Yours faithfully, For Pidilite Industries Limited

Manisha Shetty
Company Secretary

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