

## kaveri seed company limited



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## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE ATTENTION OF EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS/BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF EQUITY SHARES OF KAVERI SEED COMPANY LIMITED FOR BUYBACK OF EQUITY SHARES THROUGH TENDER OFFER

This Public Announcement (the "Public Announcement") is being made pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 8(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 1998, as amended (including any statutory modifications or re-enactments that may be introduced (the "Buyback Regulations") and contains the disclosures as specified in Part A of Schedule II to the Buyback Regulations.

**OFFER FOR BUYBACK OF UP TO 29,63,000 (TWENTY NINE LAKHS SIXTY THREE THOUSAND ONLY) FULLY PAID UP EQUITY SHARES OF THE FACE VALUE OF ₹ 2 (RUPEES TWO ONLY) EACH AT A PRICE OF ₹ 675 (RUPEES SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE ONLY) PER FULLY PAID UP EQUITY SHARE ON A PROPORTIONATE BASIS THROUGH THE TENDER OFFER ROUTE.**

## 1. DETAILS OF THE BUYBACK OFFER AND OFFER PRICE

1.1. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Kaveri Seed Company (the "Company") passed a resolution on Thursday, May 24, 2018 (the "Board Meeting") to approve the proposal for buyback of equity shares of the Company and sought approval of its shareholders, by a special resolution, through postal ballot notice dated Thursday, May 24, 2018, the results of which were announced on Thursday, July 19, 2018. Through the postal ballot, the shareholders of the Company have approved, by way of special resolution, the buyback (the "Buyback") for up to 29,63,000 (Twenty Nine Lakhs and Sixty Three Thousand Only) fully paid-up Equity Shares (representing 4.48% of the total number of outstanding equity shares in the paid-up share capital of the Company) of face value ₹ 2 each ("Shares" or "Equity Shares") from all the existing shareholders/beneficial owners of Equity Shares of the Company as on the Record Date (i.e. as on Friday, August 03, 2018) ("Equity Shareholders"), on a proportionate basis, through the tender offer route (the "Buyback"), at a price of ₹ 675.00 (Rupees Six Hundred and Seventy Five Only) per Equity Share (the "Buyback Price") payable in cash, for an aggregate maximum amount of ₹ 2,000,025,000 (Rupees Two Hundred Crores and Twenty Five Thousand Only) excluding the transaction costs viz. brokerage, applicable taxes such as securities transaction tax, goods and service tax, SEBI Turnover fees, stamp duty, etc. (the "Buyback Size").

1.2. The Buyback is in accordance with the provisions contained in Article 75 of the Article of Association of the Company, Section 68, 69 and 70 and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013, as amended (the "Companies Act"), the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 (as amended) (the "Share Capital Rules") to the extent applicable, (including any statutory modifications or re-enactments that may be introduced), and the provisions contained in the Buyback Regulations and subject to approvals, permissions and sanctions of Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), Registrar of Companies, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana at Hyderabad (the "ROC") and/or other authorities, institutions or bodies, as may be applicable and subject to such conditions and modifications as may be prescribed or imposed by the appropriate authorities while granting such approvals, permissions and sanctions which may be agreed to by the Board. The Buyback is subject to approvals as may be necessary, from time to time from statutory authorities including but not limited to BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE") (BSE and NSE collectively referred as, "Stock Exchanges"), where the Equity Shares of the Company are listed.

1.3. In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, the Buyback Size is ₹ 2,000,025,000 (Rupees Two Hundred Crores and Twenty Five Thousand Only), which represents 20.24% and 20.42% of the aggregate of the fully paid-up equity share capital and free reserves (including securities premium) as per the standalone and consolidated audited accounts of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2018, respectively (the last audited financial statements available as on the date of the Board Meeting approving the buyback) and is within the statutory limits of 25% of the aggregate of the fully paid-up equity share capital and free reserves (including securities premium) as per the last standalone audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2018. Further, under the Companies Act, the number of equity shares that can be bought back in any financial year cannot exceed 25% of the total paid-up equity share capital of the company in that financial year. The Company proposes to buy-back up to 29,63,000 (Twenty Nine Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Only) Equity Shares representing 4.48% of the total paid up equity share capital of the Company as at March 31, 2018, the same is within the aforesaid limit. Post Buyback, the debt-equity ratio of the Company will be less than 2:1, as prescribed by Section 68 of the 2013 Act, assuming full acceptance by the Shareholders.

1.4. The Buyback Price has been arrived at after considering various factors such as the average closing prices of the Equity Shares of the Company on BSE and NSE, the net worth of the Company and the impact of the Buyback on the key financial ratios of the Company. The closing market price of the Equity Shares as on the date of intimation of the date of the Board meeting for considering the Buyback, being May 14, 2018 was ₹ 503.50 and ₹ 505.50 on BSE and NSE respectively, and the Buyback Price of ₹ 675.00 (Rupees Six Hundred and Seventy Five Only) per Equity Share represents a premium of 34.06% and 33.53% over the closing price of the Equity Shares on BSE and NSE, respectively and a premium of 31.25% and 31.24% over the average closing prices of the Company's Equity Shares on BSE and NSE respectively for 6 months preceding the date of intimation to BSE and NSE for the Board Meeting to consider the proposal of the Buyback, being May 14, 2018 and 32.82% and 32.81% over the average closing prices of the Company's equity shares on BSE and NSE respectively for 2 weeks preceding the date of intimation to BSE and NSE for the Board Meeting to consider the proposal of the Buyback.

1.5. The Buyback shall be on a proportionate basis from all the Equity Shareholders of the Company as of the Record Date being Friday, August 03, 2018, through the "Tender Offer" route, as prescribed under Regulation 4(1) (a) of the Buyback Regulations. Additionally, the Buyback shall be, subject to applicable laws, facilitated by tendering of Equity Shares by such Shareholders and settlement of the same, through the stock exchange mechanism as specified by SEBI in the circular bearing number CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated 13 April 2015 and CFD/DCR2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated 9 December 2016 (the "SEBI Circular"). Please see paragraph 10 below for details regarding Record Date and share entitlement for tender in the Buyback. For the purpose of this Buyback, BSE would be the Designated Stock Exchange.

1.6. In terms of Buy-back regulations, under the tender offer process, members of the promoter and promoter group have the option to participate in the Buy-back. In this regard, the promoters and members of promoter group of the company, have informed the company, vide their letters dated May 25, 2018 regarding their intention to participate in the Buy-back and tender upto 15,00,000 (Fifteen lakhs only) equity shares or such lower number of shares as required to comply with the Buyback Regulations. The extent of its participation in the Buyback has been detailed in paragraph 4 of this Public Announcement.

1.7. Pursuant to the proposed Buyback and depending on the response to the Buyback, the voting rights of the promoter and promoter group in the Company may change from the existing 54.79% holding in the total equity capital and voting rights of the Company. The promoter and promoter group of the Company are already in control over the Company and therefore such change in voting rights of the promoter and promoter group will not result in any change in control over the Company.

## 2. NECESSITY OF THE BUYBACK

2.1. Buyback will be beneficial to the Company and its Equity Shareholders, inter-alia, for the following reasons:

- The Buyback will help the Company to return surplus cash to its members, holding equity shares and tendering under the Buyback, broadly in proportion to their shareholding, thereby, enhancing the overall return to the members;
- The Buyback, which is being implemented through the Tender Offer route as prescribed under the Buyback Regulations, would involve allocation of higher of number of shares as per their entitlement or 15% of the number of shares to be bought back, reserved for the small shareholders. The Company believes that this reservation for small shareholders would benefit a large number of public shareholders, who would get classified as "small shareholder";
- The Buyback may help in improving return on equity, by reduction in the equity base, thereby leading to long term increase in shareholders' value;
- The Buyback gives an option to the members holding equity shares of the Company, who can choose to participate and get cash in lieu of equity shares to be accepted under the Buyback offer or they may choose not to participate and enjoy a resultant increase in their percentage shareholding, post the Buyback offer, without additional investment.
- Optimizes the capital structure.

2.2. After considering the above mentioned factors and benefits to the Equity Shareholders, the Board of Directors decided to recommend Buy-back of up to 29,63,000 (Twenty Nine Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Only) Equity Shares of ₹ 2 each (representing 4.48% of the total number of the equity share capital of the Company as at March 31, 2018) at the Buyback Price i.e., ₹ 675 per Equity Share aggregating to ₹ 2,000,025,000 (Rupees Two Hundred Crores and Twenty Five Thousand Only).

## 3. DETAILS OF PROMOTERS' SHAREHOLDING AND INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BUYBACK

3.1. The aggregate shareholding of the Promoters and members of Promoter Group and the persons who are in control of the Company, as on the date of the Board Meeting at which the Buyback was approved and the date of postal ballot notice i.e., May 24, 2018 is given below:

Sr. No.	Name of Shareholder	No. of Equity Shares held	Percentage (%) of Issued Equity Share Capital
1	Venkata Bhaskar Rao Gundavaram (HUF)	1,08,19,018	16.37
2	Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	58,05,735	8.78
3	Vanaja Devi Gundavaram	1,51,83,341	22.97
4	Pawan Gundavaram	24,14,890	3.65
5	Vamsheedhar Chennamaneni	10,58,087	1.60
6	Mithunchand Chennamaneni	9,28,895	1.41
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,62,09,966</b>	<b>54.79</b>

3.2. No equity shares or other specified securities of the Company were either purchased or sold by any of the persons mentioned at 3.1 above, during the period of six months preceding the date of the Board Meeting at which the Board recommended the proposal for Buyback and from that date till the date of postal ballot notice i.e., May 24, 2018 for Buyback.

## 4. INTENTION OF THE PROMOTERS / PERSON IN CONTROL OF THE COMPANY TO TENDER EQUITY SHARES FOR BUYBACK INDICATING THE NUMBER OF SHARES, DETAILS OF ACQUISITION WITH DATES AND PRICE.

4.1. In terms of the Buyback Regulations, under the Tender Offer, the members of the Promoters and Promoter Group of the Company have an option to participate in the Buyback. In this regard the Promoters and members of Promoter group have expressed their intention to participate in the Buyback vide their letters dated May 25, 2018 and they may tender up to an aggregate maximum of 15,00,000 Equity Shares or such lower number of Equity Shares in accordance with the provisions of the Buyback Regulations:

Sr. No.	Name of Shareholder	Maximum number of shares which may be Tendered
1	Venkata Bhaskar Rao Gundavaram (HUF)	4,48,178
2	Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	2,40,502
3	Vanaja Devi Gundavaram	6,28,971
4	Pawan Gundavaram	1,00,037
5	Vamsheedhar Chennamaneni	43,832
6	Mithunchand Chennamaneni	38,480
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,00,000</b>

The details of the date and price of acquisition of the Equity Shares that the Promoters intend to tender are set out below:

Date	No. of Shares	Nature of Transaction	Nominal Value (In ₹)	Issue Price / Transfer Price (In ₹)	Cumulative No. Shares
26.07.2006	5,79,000	Purchase	57,90,000	10.00	5,79,000
04.08.2006	5,79,000	Bonus Issue	57,90,000	NA	11,58,000
20.09.2006	11,58,000	Rights Issue	1,15,80,000	10.00	23,16,000
28.01.2013	(67,871)	Market sale	6,78,710	1,402.00	22,48,129
<b>Split of Each equity share of ₹10 each into Five equity shares of ₹2 Each</b>					
03.08.2017	(4,21,627)	Buyback of Shares	8,43,254	675.00	1,08,19,018

Date	No. of Shares	Nature of Transaction	Nominal Value (In ₹)	Issue Price / Transfer Price (In ₹)	Cumulative No. Shares
27.08.1986	100	Subscription to Memorandum	1,000	10.00	100
26.02.1991	12,400	Allotment	1,24,000	10.00	12,500
29.03.1996	44,000	Allotment	4,40,000	10.00	56,500
27.06.2005	3,90,000	Allotment	39,00,000	10.00	4,46,500
23.06.2006	6,50,000	Allotment	65,00,000	10.00	10,96,500
26.07.2006	1,43,500	Purchase	14,35,000	50.00	12,40,000
29.07.2006	(3,00,000)	Sale	30,00,000	50.00	9,40,000
01.08.2006	(71,000)	Sale	7,10,000	50.00	8,69,000
01.08.2006	(5,79,000)	Sale	57,90,000	10.00	2,90,000
04.08.2006	2,90,000	Bonus	29,00,000	NA	5,80,000
20.09.2006	5,80,000	Rights	58,00,000	10.00	11,60,000
20.09.2006	1,70,400	Acquisition of Agritek	17,04,000	NA	13,30,400
20.09.2006	(82,400)	Gift to C.Vamsheedhar and C.Mithunchand	8,24,000	NA	12,48,000

12.08.2009	45,852	Market Purchase	4,58,520	229.17	12,93,852
22.08.2009	43,401	Market Purchase	4,34,010	214.89	13,37,253
09.09.2009	21,145	Market Purchase	2,11,450	220.80	13,58,398
22.09.2009	48,000	Market Purchase	4,80,000	222.62	14,06,398
26.03.2011	(50,000)	Gift	5,00,000	NA	13,56,398
26.03.2011	(50,000)	Gift	5,00,000	NA	13,06,398
13.07.2012	(50,000)	Gift	5,00,000	NA	12,56,398
13.07.2012	(50,000)	Gift	5,00,000	NA	12,06,398
<b>Split of Each equity share of ₹10 each into Five equity shares of ₹2 Each</b>					
03.08.2017	(2,26,255)	Buyback of Shares	4,52,510	675.00	58,05,735

Date	No. of Shares	Nature of transaction	Nominal Value (In ₹)	Issue Price / Transfer Price (In ₹)	Cumulative No. Shares
27.08.1986	100	Subscription to Memorandum	1,000	10.00	100
26.02.1991	8,900	Allotment	89,000	10.00	9,000
29.03.1996	30,000	Allotment	3,00,000	10.00	39,000
27.06.2005	5,95,000	Allotment	59,50,000	10.00	6,34,000
26.07.2006	(97,000)	Sale	9,70,000	50.00	5,37,000
04.08.2006	5,37,000	Bonus issue	53,70,000	NA	10,74,000
20.09.2006	10,74,000	Rights	1,07,40,000	10.00	21,48,000
20.09.2006	74,600	Acquisition of Agritek	7,46,000	NA	22,22,600
<b>Split of Each equity share of ₹10 each into Five equity shares of ₹2 Each</b>					
09.07.2014	(31,62,552)	Market sale	63,25,104	836.15	79,50,448
03.11.2014	73,20,000	Gift	1,46,40,000	NA	1,52,70,448
24.08.2015	4,19,865	Market purchase	8,39,730	426.63	1,56,90,313
26.08.2015	84,737	Market purchase	1,69,474	472.31	1,57,75,050
03.08.2017	(5,91,709)	Buyback of Shares	11,83,418	675.00	1,51,83,341

Date	No. of Shares	Nature of Transaction	Nominal Value (In ₹)	Issue Price / Transfer Price (In ₹)	Cumulative No. Shares
26.02.1991	2,000	Allotment	20,000	10.00	2,000
29.03.1996	12,500	Allotment	1,25,000	10.00	14,500
27.06.2005	99,000	Allotment	9,90,000	10.00	1,13,500
26.07.2006	(14,500)	Sale	1,45,000	50.00	99,000
04.08.2006	99,000	Bonus issue	9,90,000	NA	1,98,000
20.09.2006	1,98,000	Rights	19,80,000	10.00	3,96,000
20.09.2006	1,05,800	Acquisition of Agritek	10,58,000	NA	5,01,800
<b>Split of Each equity share of ₹10 each into Five equity shares of ₹2 Each</b>					
03.08.2017	(94,110)	Buyback of Shares	1,88,220	675.00	24,14,890

Date	No. of Shares	Nature of Transaction	Nominal Value (In ₹)	Issue Price / Transfer Price (In ₹)	Cumulative No. Shares
20.09.2006	77,600	Acquisition of Agritek	7,76,000	NA	77,600
20.09.2009	22,400	Gift from Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	2,24,000	NA	1,00,000
03.05.2010	2,060	Off Market Purchase	20,600	300.00	1,02,060
02.04.2011	44,135	Market Purchase	4,41,350	386.60	1,46,195
26.07.2011	6,000	Off Market Purchase	60,000	330.00	1,52,195
26.03.2011	50,000	Gift From Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	5,00,000	NA	2,02,195
13.10.2011	57,138	Market Purchase	5,71,380	440.72	2,59,333
13.07.2012	50,000	Gift From Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	5,00,000	NA	3,09,333
07.03.2013	5,000	Market Purchase	50,000	1,355.00	3,14,333
22.07.2013	(39,682)	Market sale	3,96,820	1,590.00	2,74,651
<b>Split of Each equity share of ₹10 each into Five equity shares of ₹2 Each</b>					
10.06.2014	(50,000)	Market sale	1,00,000	658.93	13,23,255
23.06.2015	(2,23,935)	Market sale	4,47,870	806.70	10,99,320
03.08.2017	(41,233)	Buyback of Shares	82,466	675.00	10,58,087

Date	No. of Shares	Nature of Transaction	Nominal Value (In ₹)	Issue Price / Transfer Price (In ₹)	Cumulative No. Shares
26.07.2006	4,000	Gift received from Raghupathi Rao Rangineni	40,000	NA	4,000
04.08.2006	4,000	Bonus	40,000	NA	8,000
20.09.2006	8,000	Rights	80,000	10.00	16,000
20.09.2006	60,000	Gift received from Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	6,00,000	NA	76,000
10.12.2009	3,000	Market Purchase	30,000	211.31	79,000
03.05.2010	1,175	Market purchase	11,750	300.00	80,175
02.04.2011	22,614	Market purchase	2,26,140	333.57	1,02,789
26.07.2011	6,500	Market purchase	65,000	330.00	1,09,289
13.10.2011	5,200	Market purchase	52,000	479.00	1,14,489
26.03.2011	50,000	Gift from Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	5,00,000	NA	1,64,489
19.01.2012	60,000	Market purchase	6,00,000	474.00	2,24,489
13.07.2012	50,000	Gift from Gundavaram Venkata Bhaskar Rao	5,00,000	NA	2,74,489
28.01.2013	70,800	Market purchase	7,08,000	1402.00	3,45,289
07.03.2013	(2,512)	Market sale	25,120	1295.00	3,42,777
28.03.2013	(1,553)	Market sale	15,530	1198.00	3,41,224
02.08.2013	(22,245)	Market sale	2,22,450	1534.64	3,18,979
<b>Split of Each equity share of ₹10 each into Five equity shares of ₹2 Each</b>					
10.06.2014	(6,66,000)	Market sale	13,32,000	654.00	9,28,895

5. The Board confirms that there are no defaults subsisting in the repayment of deposits accepted either before or after the commencement of the Companies Act, interest payment thereon, redemption of debentures or preference shares or payment of dividend to any shareholder, or repayment of any term loan or interest payable thereon to any financial institution or banking company.

6. The Board has confirmed on the date of the Board Meeting (i.e. dated May 24 2018) that it has made a full enquiry into the affairs and prospects of the Company and that it has formed the opinion that:

- immediately following the date of the Board Meeting held on May 24, 2018, and the date on which the results of postal ballot approving the buyback are declared, 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 convened for approving the Buy-back i.e., May 24, 2018 and the date on which the results of postal ballot approving the Buyback are declared, having regard to their intentions with respect to the management of 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 will not be rendered insolvent within a period of one year from the date of the Board Meeting or as the case may be within a period of one year from the date on which the results of postal ballot will be declared, as the case may be; and

- informing its opinion as aforesaid, the Board has taken into account the liabilities (including prospective and contingent liabilities) as if the Company were being wound up under the provisions of the Companies Act.
7. THE TEXT OF THE REPORT DATED MAY 24, 2018 RECEIVED FROM M. BHASKARA RAO & CO., CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, STATUTORY AUDITORS OF THE COMPANY, ADDRESSED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY IS REPRODUCED BELOW:



