

STATEMENT OF POSSIBLE SPECIAL TAX BENEFITS

The Board of Directors
DOMS Industries Limited
(formerly known as DOMS Industries Private Limited)
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Umbergaon, 396 171,
Gujarat, India

Date: 02 December 2023

Subject: Statement of possible special tax benefits (“the Statement”) available to DOMS Industries Limited (formerly known as DOMS Industries Private Limited) (“the Company”) its material subsidiary and its shareholders prepared in accordance with the requirement under Schedule VI – Part A - Clause (9) (L) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 (“the ICDR Regulations”)

This report is issued in accordance with the Engagement Letter dated 24 July 2023 with subsequent addendum as on 24 November 2023.

We hereby report that the enclosed Annexure II prepared by the Company, initialed by us for identification purpose, states the possible special-tax benefits available to the Company, its shareholders and its material subsidiary which is defined in Annexure I (**List of Material Subsidiaries Considered As Part Of The Statement**), under direct and indirect taxes (together “**the Tax Laws**”), presently in force in India as on the signing date, which are defined in Annexure I. These possible special tax benefits are dependent on the Company, its shareholders and its Material Subsidiary fulfilling the conditions prescribed under the relevant provisions of the Tax Laws. Hence, the ability of the Company, its shareholders and its Material Subsidiary to derive these possible special tax benefits is dependent upon their fulfilling such conditions, which is based on business imperatives the Company and its Material Subsidiary may face in the future and accordingly, the Company, its shareholders and its Material Subsidiary may or may not choose to fulfill.

The benefits discussed in the enclosed Annexure II cover the possible special tax benefits available to the Company, its shareholders and its Material Subsidiary and do not cover any general tax benefits available to the Company, its shareholders and its Material Subsidiary. Further, the preparation of the enclosed Annexure II and its contents is the responsibility of the Management of the Company. We were informed that the Statement is only intended to provide general information to the investors and is neither designed nor intended to be a substitute for professional tax advice. In view of the individual nature of the tax consequences and the changing tax laws, each investor is advised to consult his or her own tax consultant with respect to the specific tax implications arising out of their participation in the proposed initial public offering of equity shares of the Company (the “**Proposed Offer**”) particularly in view of the fact that certain recently enacted legislation may not have a direct legal precedent or may have a different interpretation on the possible special tax benefits, which an investor can avail. Neither we are suggesting nor advising the investors to invest money based on the Statement.



We conducted our examination in accordance with the "Guidance Note on Reports or Certificates for Special Purposes (Revised 2016)" (the "**Guidance Note**") issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. The Guidance Note requires that we comply with 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.

We do not express any opinion or provide any assurance as to whether:

- i) the Company, its shareholders and its Material Subsidiary will continue to obtain these possible special tax benefits in future; or
- ii) the conditions prescribed for availing the possible special tax benefits where applicable, have been/would be met with.

The contents of the enclosed Annexures are based on the information, explanation and representations obtained from the Company and its Material Subsidiary, and on the basis of our understanding of the business activities and operations of the Company and its Material Subsidiary.

Our views expressed herein are based on the facts and assumptions indicated to us. No assurance is given that the revenue authorities/ courts will concur with the views expressed herein. Our views are based on the existing provisions of the Tax Laws and its interpretation, which are subject to change from time to time. We do not assume responsibility to update the views consequent to such changes. We shall not be liable to the Company for any claims, liabilities or expenses relating to this assignment except to the extent of fees relating to this assignment, as finally judicially determined to have resulted primarily from bad faith or intentional misconduct. We will not be liable to the Company and any other person in respect of this Statement, except as per applicable law.

We hereby give consent to include this Report in the Red Herring Prospectus, Prospectus and in any other material used in connection with the Proposed Offer, and it is not to be used, referred to or distributed for any other purpose without our prior written consent.

For **B S R & Co. LLP**
Chartered Accountants
Firm's Registration No: 101248W/W100022

Place: Mumbai
Date : 02 December 2023


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ANNEXURE I
LIST OF DIRECT AND INDIRECT TAX LAWS ('TAX LAWS')

Sr. No:	Details of tax laws
1.	Income-tax Act, 1961 and Income-tax Rules, 1962
2.	Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017
3.	Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017
4.	State Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017
5.	Customs Act, 1962 and Customs Tariff Act, 1975 read with respective rules, circulars and notifications made thereunder
6.	The Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2023

LIST OF MATERIAL SUBSIDIARIES CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE STATEMENT
(Note 1)

1. Pioneer Stationery Private Limited ('Material Subsidiary')

Note 1: Material subsidiaries identified in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, includes a subsidiary whose income or net worth in the immediately preceding year (i.e., 31 March 2023) exceeds 10% of the consolidated income or consolidated net worth respectively, of the holding company and its subsidiaries in the immediately preceding year.

For DOMS Industries Limited (formerly known as 'DOMS Industries Private Limited')

S.M. Lajani

Director

Date: 02 December 2023

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ANNEXURE II

STATEMENT OF POSSIBLE SPECIAL TAX BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO DOMS INDUSTRIES LIMITED ("THE COMPANY") AND ITS SHAREHOLDERS AND ITS MATERIAL SUBSIDIARY UNDER THE APPLICABLE DIRECT AND INDIRECT TAXES ("TAX LAWS")

Outlined below are the Possible Special Tax Benefits available to the Company, its shareholders and its Material Subsidiary under the Tax Laws in force in India (i.e., applicable for the Financial Year 2023-24 relevant to the Assessment Year 2024-25 till the signing date of this annexure). These Possible Special Tax Benefits are dependent on the Company, its shareholders and its Material Subsidiary fulfilling the conditions prescribed under the Tax Laws. Hence, the ability of the Company and its shareholders and its Material Subsidiary to derive the Possible Special Tax Benefits is dependent upon fulfilling such conditions, which are based on business imperatives it faces in the future, it may or may not choose to fulfill.

UNDER THE TAX LAWS

A. Special tax benefits available to the Company and its Material Subsidiary

Direct tax laws

Lower corporate tax rates on income of domestic companies - Section 115BAA of the income-tax Act, 1961 (the Act)

A new section 115BAA has been inserted in the Act by the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Act, 2019 ("the Amendment Act, 2019") w.e.f. from FY 2019-20 relevant to AY 2020-21. Section 115BAA grants an option to a domestic company to be governed by the section from a particular assessment year. If a company opts for section 115BAA of the Act, it can pay corporate tax at a reduced rate of 25.168% (22% plus surcharge of 10% and education cess of 4%) and the option once exercised shall apply to subsequent assessment years. In such a case, the Company may not be allowed to claim any of the following deductions/exemptions:

- Deduction under the provisions of section 10AA (deduction for units in Special Economic Zone)
- Deduction under clause (iia) of sub-section (1) of section 32 (Additional depreciation)
- Deduction under section 32AD or section 33AB or section 33ABA (Investment allowance in backward areas, Investment deposit account, site restoration fund)
- Deduction under sub-clause (ii) or sub-clause (iia) or sub-clause (iii) of sub-section (1) or sub-section (2AA) or sub-section (2AB) of section 35 (Expenditure on scientific research)
- Deduction under section 35AD or section 35CCC (Deduction for specified business, agricultural extension project)
- Deduction under section 35CCD (Expenditure on skill development)
- Deduction under any provisions of Chapter VI-A other than the provisions of section 80JJAA or Section 80M
- No set off of any loss carried forward or depreciation from any earlier assessment year, if such loss or depreciation is attributable to any of the deductions referred from clause (i) to (vii) above
- No set off of any loss or allowance for unabsorbed depreciation deemed so under section 72A, if such loss or depreciation is attributable to any of the deductions referred from clause (i) to (vii) above



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Further, it was clarified by CBDT vide Circular No. 29/ 2019 dated 2 October 2019 that if the Company opts for concessional income tax rate under section 115BAA, the provisions of section 115JB regarding Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) are not applicable. Further, such Company will not be entitled to claim tax credit relating to MAT.

In this regard, the Company and its material subsidiaries has opted to be covered under the provisions of Section 115BAA of the Act and would be eligible for a reduced tax rate of 22% (25.168% along with surcharge and health and education cess) from AY 2020-21.

B. Special tax benefits available to the Shareholders of the Company

- As per Section 112A of the Act, long-term capital gains arising from transfer of an equity share, or a unit of an equity-oriented fund or a unit of a business trust shall be taxed at 10% (without indexation) of such capital gains subject to fulfillment of prescribed conditions under the Act as well as per Notification No. 60/2018/F. No.370142/9/2017-TPL dated 01 October 2018. It is worthwhile to note that tax shall be levied where such capital gains exceed INR 1,00,000.
- Section 112 of the Act provides for taxation of long-term capital gains in case of a domestic company / resident, amount of income-tax on long-term capital gains arising from the transfer of a capital asset shall be computed at the rate of 20%. In case of non-resident (not being a company) or a foreign company, the amount of income-tax on long-term capital gains arising from the transfer of a capital asset (being unlisted securities or shares of a company not being a company in which the public are substantially interested) shall be calculated at the rate of 10% without giving effect to the first and second proviso to section 48.
- Further, where the tax payable is payable in respect of any income arising from the transfer of a long-term capital asset, being listed securities (other than a unit) or zero-coupon bond, then such income will be subject to tax at the rate of 10% of the amount of capital gains before giving effect to the provisions of the second proviso to section 48.
- As per section 111A of the Act, short term capital gains arising from transfer of an equity share, or a unit of an equity-oriented fund or a unit of a business trust shall be taxed at 15% subject to fulfillment of prescribed conditions under the Act.
- As per section 115E of the Act, long term capital gains arising to non-resident Indian from transfer of shares in an Indian company which the shareholder has acquired in convertible foreign exchange shall be taxed at the rate of 10% subject to fulfilment of prescribed conditions under the Act.
- Dividend income earned by the shareholders would be taxable in their hands and the Company would be required to deduct tax at source on the dividend paid to the shareholders, at applicable rates. However, in case of domestic corporate shareholders, deduction under Section 80M of the Act would be available on fulfilling the conditions (as discussed above). In case of shareholders who are individuals, Hindu Undivided Family, Association of Persons, Body of Individuals, and every artificial juridical person, surcharge would be restricted to 15%, irrespective of the amount of dividend.
- As per section 115A of the Act, dividend income earned by a non-resident (not being a company) or by a foreign company, shall be taxed at the rate of 20% subject to fulfilment of prescribed conditions under the Act.



- Further, any income by way of capital gains, dividends accruing to non-residents may be subject to withholding tax per the provisions of the Act or under the relevant Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement ('DTAA'), whichever is more beneficial to such non-resident. However, where such non-resident has obtained a lower withholding tax certificate from the tax authorities, the withholding tax rate would be as per the said certificate. The non-resident shareholders can also avail credit of any taxes paid by them, subject to local laws of the country in which such shareholder is resident.

In respect of non-resident shareholders, the tax rates and the consequent taxation (in relation to capital gains, dividends etc.) shall be further subject to any benefits available under the applicable DTAA, if any, between India and the country in which the non-resident has fiscal domicile.

NOTES:

1. This Annexure is as per the Income-tax Act, 1961 as amended by the Finance Act, 2023 read with relevant rules, circulars and notifications applicable for the Financial Year 2022-23 relevant to the Assessment Year 2023-24, presently in force in India.
2. The ability of the Company or its shareholders to derive the tax benefits is dependent upon fulfilling such conditions, which based on the business imperatives, the Company or its shareholders may or may not choose to fulfil.
3. The Statement has been prepared on the basis that the shares of the Company will be listed on a recognized stock exchange in India.
4. The above Statement of possible special tax benefits sets out the provisions of Tax Laws in a summary manner only and is not a complete analysis or listing of all the existing and potential tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposal of equity shares of the Company.
5. This Statement does not discuss any tax consequences in any country outside India of an investment in the equity shares of the Company. The shareholders / investors in any country outside India are advised to consult their own professional advisors regarding possible income tax consequences that apply to them under the laws of such jurisdiction.
6. No assurance is provided that the revenue authorities/courts will concur with the views expressed herein. Our views are based on the existing provisions of law and its interpretation, which are subject to changes from time to time. We do not assume responsibility to update the views consequent to such changes.

Indirect tax laws

The Company is availing the following special benefits under Indirect Taxes:

- a. Company is availing the benefit of Basic Customs duty exemption in terms of Notification No. 69/2011-Customs dated 29 July 2011 in respect of goods imported from Japan, subject to fulfilment of conditions prescribed therein;
- b. Company is availing export incentives under Foreign Trade Policy with respect to duty free import of inputs under Advance Authorization scheme and capital goods under Export Promotion Capital Goods scheme subject to fulfilment of Export Obligation and other conditions prescribed in the relevant notifications;



- c. Company has supplied goods to few merchant exporters on payment of Integrated Goods and Services tax ("IGST") at a concessional rate of 0.1% in terms of Notification No. 41/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 23 October 2017 subject to fulfilment of conditions prescribed therein;
- d. Company is availing exemption from payment of Goods and Services tax ("GST") on supply of Chalk under CGST Rate Notification No. 2/2017 dated 28 June 2017;
- e. Company is also availing the refund of IGST paid on export of goods in terms of Section 54 of CGST Act, 2017 read with Rule 96 of CGST Rules, 2017.
- f. Company is availing rebate of taxes / duties on inputs under Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products ("RoDTEP") scheme at the applicable rates;
- g. Company is availing duty drawback of duty paid on import of materials used in manufacture of exported goods under Section 75 of the Customs Act 1962.

C. Special tax benefits available to Shareholders

There are no special tax benefits available to the Shareholders under the Tax Laws,

D. Special tax benefits available to Material Subsidiary

Following are exemptions availed by Material Subsidiary under indirect taxes;

- a. Company is availing rebate of taxes / duties on inputs under Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products ("RoDTEP") scheme at the applicable rates;
- b. Company is availing duty drawback of duty paid on import of materials used in manufacture of exported goods under Section 75 of the Customs Act 1962.

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