OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED

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Dear Member(s),

We are pleased to inform you that, the Board of Directors of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, at its 364^{th} Meeting held on 26^{th} May 2023, has recommended Final dividend of ₹0.50/- per equity share of ₹ 5/- each (i.e., 10% of face value) subject to approval of the Members of Company at the 30^{th} Annual General Meeting for Financial Year 2022-23, to be held on 29^{th} August, 2023.

The dividend will be paid within 30 days from the date of the AGM of the Company and will be paid based on shareholding as on the Record date i.e. 18th August 2023.

As you are aware, dividend payable to a shareholder is taxable in his hands and is subject to Deduction of Tax at Source (TDS) as per the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961. Therefore, Company shall be required to deduct tax at source (TDS) at the time of making the payment of the dividend, if approved, at the AGM of the Company.

Applicable TDS rates, vary depending on the residential status, category of the shareholder and is subject to submission of requisite declarations / documents to the Company. Statutory provisions in this regard and the documents / information desired from the shareholders have been brought out as under:

A. TDS deduction on Dividend

In accordance with the provisions of the Act, as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, with effect from April 1, 2020, dividend declared and paid by a company is taxable in the hands of the Members, and, accordingly, the company is required to deduct TDS thereon at the rates prescribed by the Act.

No TDS shall, however, be deductible on dividend payable to a resident individual shareholder if the amount of such dividend, or the aggregate of the amounts of such dividend, paid during the relevant financial year (i.e. FY 2023-24) does not exceed ₹ 5,000.

TDS is also not required to be deducted on dividend payable to:

- i. The Life Insurance Corporation of India established under the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956, in respect of any shares owned by it or in which it has full beneficial interest;
- ii. The General Insurance Corporation of India (Corporation) or to any of the four companies, formed by virtue of the schemes framed under sub-section (1) of Section 16 of the General Insurance Business (Nationalization) Act, 1972, in respect of any shares owned by the Corporation or such company or in which the Corporation or such company has full beneficial interest;

- iii. Any other insurer in respect of any shares owned by it or in which it has full beneficial interest;
- iv. The Government;
- v. The Reserve Bank of India;
- vi. A Corporation established by or under a Central Act which is under any law for the time being in force exempt from income tax on its income; or
- vii. A mutual fund specified u/s. 10(23D) of the Act.

B1. Applicable rates of TDS on Dividend

In the cases of resident shareholders, the applicable TDS rate on dividend as prescribed by the Act is 10%. However, if the shareholder does not furnish its Permanent Account Number (PAN), TDS would be deductible at the rate of 20% (being higher than 10%) as per the provisions of section 206AA of the Act.

In the cases of non-resident shareholders including Foreign Institutional Investors ('FIIs') and Foreign Portfolio Investors ("FPIs"), TDS on dividend would be applicable at the rate of 20% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess).

B2. Applicable TDS rates in the cases of PAN not linked 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 AADHAR, shall be required to link the PAN with AADHAR. In case of failure to comply 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.

B3. Applicable TDS rates in the cases of non-filers of Return of Income

As per the provisions of Section 206AB of the Act, if any TDS is deductible from a "specified person", then, TDS would be deducted at **higher** of the following rates-

- (a) Twice the rate specified in the relevant provision of the Act;
- (b) Twice the rate or rates in force;
- (c) At the rate of 5%.

For the above purpose, "specified person" means a person, being a resident or a non-resident having a Permanent Establishment (PE) in India:

- (i) Who 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. For this purpose, the assessment year would be reckoned to be the one for which time limit for filing Return of Income under sub-section (1) of section 139 has expired; and
- (ii) The aggregate amount of TDS deducted and TCS collected in the case of such person is ₹ 50,000 or more in the above referred previous year.

Accordingly, if, at the time of deducting TDS, the status of a resident shareholder or a non-resident shareholder (having a PE in India), as shown by the system of the Income-tax Department, is "specified person", TDS would be deductible at twice the normally applicable rate or 5%, whichever is higher.

Further, if owing to non-availability of PAN of a shareholder who is a "specified person" under section 206AB of the Act, the provisions of section 206AA are also applicable, TDS would be deductible at the rate applicable under section 206AA or under section 206AB of the Act, whichever is higher.

In the cases of resident shareholders, if PAN of a shareholder is not updated, it shall be assumed that the shareholder is a "specified person" for the purpose of section 206AB of the Act and TDS would be regulated accordingly.

Thus, if a non-resident shareholder, who is otherwise liable for higher TDS under Section 206AB, submits a duly signed and verified declaration confirming that he/she does not have a PE in India, the provisions of Section 206AB would not come into play and TDS would be deductible at the normally applicable rate. In absence of such a declaration, TDS would be regulated as per the provisions of section 206AB of the Act.

C. <u>Transferring credit to the beneficial owner</u>

In cases where the shareholder is merely a custodian of the shares and, accordingly, not the beneficial owner of the dividend payable in respect thereof, then, in order to transfer the credit of TDS to the beneficial owner of dividend income, the custodian may provide a declaration prescribed by Rule 37BA of the Income-tax Rules, 1962. The aforesaid declaration shall contain

- i. Name, address, PAN and residential status of the person to whom credit is to be given;
- ii. Payment in relation to which credit is to be given; and
- iii. The reason for giving credit to such person.

D. <u>Submission of application-for non/lower deduction of TDS</u>

The shareholders are required-to submit an application to the Company for non-deduction of TDS or deduction of TDS at a lower rate by providing the following document/s to the company:

(a) Resident Shareholders

Category of shareholder	Documentation requirement			
Mutual Fund	Documentary evidence that the person is covered under the			
	provisions of Section 196 of the Act along with self			
	attested copy of PAN card and registration certificate.			
Insurance Company	Self-declaration that the shareholder has full beneficial			
	interest with respect to the shares owned by it along with			
	self-attested copy of PAN card and copy of			
	registration certificate issued by the IRDAI.			
Alternative Investment Fund	Self-declaration that the person is covered by Notification			
(AIF)	No. 51/2015 dated 25th June 2015 and established as			
	Category I or Category II AIF under the SEBI regulations			
	along with self-attested copy of PAN card and registration			
	certificate issued by SEBI.			
Government (Central/State)	Documentary evidence that the person, being a			

	Government is covered under Section 196 of the Act.	
Any other entity entitled to exemption from TDS under	Valid self-attested documentary evidence (e.g., copy of the relevant registration, notification, order, etc.) in support of	
section 10 of the Act	the entity being entitled to TDS exemption.	
Other resident Individual shareholder	- Duly verified Form 15G applicable to an individual who is less than 60 years (Annexure-1) or	
	Form 15H (Annexure-2) applicable to an Individual who is 60 years and above along with the copy of self-attested PAN.	
	- Certificate obtained from prescribed authority under Section 197 of the Act. (TAN to be used for this purpose – DELO07879E)	

(b) Non-resident shareholders

Category of shareholder	Documentation requirement		
FPIs and FIIs	Update/Verify the PAN and legal entity status as per the Act,		
	if not already done, with the depositories. Provide		
	declaration whether the investment in shares has been made		
	under the general FDI route or under the FPI route.		
Any entity entitled to	Valid self-attested documentary evidence (e.g., copy of the		
exemption from TDS	relevant registration, notification, order, etc. by Indian tax		
	authorities) in support of the entity being entitled to		
	exemption from TDS.		
Other non-resident	- Self-attested copy of the PAN allotted by the Indian		
shareholders	Income-tax authorities, if any;		
	As per Section 90 of the Act, the non-resident shareholder		
	has the option to be governed by the provisions of the		
	Double Tax Avoidance Treaty 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 Tax Treaty		
	benefits, the non-resident shareholders will have to provide		
	the following-		
	-Self-attested copy of valid Tax Residency Certificate (TRC)		
	obtained from the tax authorities of the country of which the shareholder is a resident;		
	- Self-attested copy of Form 10F submitted at Income Tax		
	Portal if all the details required in this form are not		
	mentioned in the TRC, however if PAN is not available then		
	a Declaration in Form No. 10F, duly filled and signed;		
	-Self-declaration from non-resident, primarily covering the		
	following: -		
	(i) The non-resident is eligible to claim the benefit of		
	respective Tax Treaty;		
	(ii) The non-resident receiving the dividend income is the		

beneficial owner of such income;

- (iii) Dividend income is not attributable/effectively connected to any Permanent Establishment (PE) or Fixed Base in India, if any, of the non-resident;
- (iv) The non-resident complies with any other condition prescribed in the relevant Tax Treaty and provisions under the Multilateral Instrument ('MLI');
- (vi) The non-resident does not have a place of effective management in India.
- (vii) Application of the beneficial rate of Tax Treaty for TDS is at the discretion of the company and shall depend upon completeness of the documentation and review of the same by the Company.

As per CBDT's Notification no 03/2022 dated 16th July, 2022, all non-resident shareholders desiring to claim DTAA benefits will need to electronically furnish Form 10F to the revenue authorities at Income-tax Department's e-filing portal. However, CBDT has vide Notification dated 28th March, 2023 extended the partial relaxation with respect to electronic submission of Form 10F wherein non-resident shareholders not having PAN and not required to have PAN are exempted from electronic filing of Form 10F and shall furnish the same in manual form till 30th September, 2023.

The non-resident shareholders may also submit Certificate obtained from prescribed authority under section 195/197 of the Indian Income Tax Act (TAN to be used for this purpose – **DELO07879E**).

The above referred documents duly completed and signed are required to be uploaded on **or before** the 26th August 2023 on the following link: https://ongc.taxosmart.com/login.jsp. If any issue is encountered in opening the above link, the requisite documentation may be e-mailed to tds_ongc@ongc.co.in by quoting your Name, Folio number/DEMAT Account No. (DP and Client ID both), Number of shares and PAN details, for Final Dividend for FY 2022-23 in order to enable the Company to determine and deduct appropriate TDS / withholding tax. Any further communication in this regard may be addressed to:

GM(F&A) - I/c Finance,

ONGC Limited, 3rd Floor,Plot No. 5A-5B, Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi – 110 070; Email Id: **tds_ongc@ongc.co.in**

Hence, to enable us to provide DTAA benefits (wherever available) for the purpose of deduction of TDS on dividend, the above documents should be submitted proposed on or before <u>26th August 2023</u>. No communication on the tax determination/ deduction shall be entertained in respect of the dividend declared after the above time limit.

E. Limitation of liability against such TDS deducted

In case of any income tax demand (including interest, penalty, etc.) arising from any misrepresentation, inaccuracy or omission of information provided / to be provided by the shareholder(s), such shareholder(s) will be responsible to indemnify the Company and also,

provide the Company with all information / documents and co-operation in any appellate proceedings.

F. Summary

To sum up, dividend will be paid after deducting TDS at the following rates: -

Sl. No.	Category of shareholder	Rate of TDS
(i)	Resident individual shareholder receiving dividend	Nil
	up to ₹.5,000/- (during a financial year) or in case	
	where duly signed Form 15G / Form 15H (as	
	applicable) along with self-attested copy of the	
	PAN card is submitted by the shareholder.	
(ii)	Resident shareholder (not covered under (i) above)	10%
	who is having a valid, operative PAN as per section	
	139AA and not a "specified person" as per section	
	206AB having a valid PAN.	
(iii)	Resident shareholder (not covered under (i) above)	20%
	not having a valid PAN or having an inoperative	
	PAN as per section 139AA and/or is a "specified	
	person" as per section 206AB.	
(iv)	Non-resident shareholder who is not a "specified	20% (plus applicable
	person" as per section 206AB.	surcharge and health
		and education cess)
(v)	Non-resident shareholder who is a "specified	40% (plus applicable
	person" as per section 206AB.	surcharge and health
		and education cess)
(vi)	A resident shareholder who submits a certificate	As per the directions of
	under Section 197 or non-resident shareholder who	the certificate, along
	submits a certificate under Section 195/197 of the	with copy of statement-
	Act, (including those mentioned in Circular No.	cum declaration in Form
	18/2017 issued by CBDT)	no.1

All communications/queries in this respect should be addressed and sent through link mentioned above.

Shareholders may note further that, in case the tax on dividend is deducted at a higher rate owing to non-receipt or incompleteness of the aforementioned details/ documents, refund of such excess TDS can be claimed by filing revised Return of Income for the relevant assessment year under the provisions of the Act.

TDS Certificates in prescribed forms would be issued to the shareholders through e-mails only. Hence, the e-mail IDs, PAN and other KYC details may be got updated with Registrar and Share Transfer Agents in case shares are held in physical mode and with Depository Participant in case shares are held in demat mode to ensure receipt of TDS certificate(s) in a timely manner. In case PAN is not registered /updated, TDS would be deducted at a higher rate even overall TDS received during the FY is less than the threshold limit of ₹ 5000/-.

i) Updation of PAN with Depository Participant.

The shareholders are advised to update their PAN with the Depository Participant, if shares are held in DEMAT form.

ii) Updation of PAN with Registrar and Share Transfer Agent.

The shareholders holding shares in physical mode are advised to update their PAN with the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA) of the Company. The address of RTA the Company is as under:

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Alankit House, 4E/2, Jhandewalan Extension, New Delhi — 110055, Telephone: 91-11- 4254 1234/ 1960, Fax: 91- 11-42541201/ 23552001, E-mail: jksingla@alankit.com; rta@alankit.com

The amount of TDS deducted from dividend can also be viewed and checked by shareholders from Form 26AS and Annual Information System by logging on to the e-filing portal of the Income-tax Department at https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal/

Regards
Sd/(Rajni Kant)
Company Secretary

Disclaimer: This document does not purport to be an exhaustive document covering all the facets of TDS on dividend nor the same constitutes tax or legal advice. In view of the fact that, TDS/income-tax implication on dividend income in a particular case depends on specific facts of the case, each investor is advised to consult his/her tax advisors in this regard.