

- Minimum Public Shareholding - In the case of issuance of new DRs, the listed company shall ensure that the limit on foreign holding of permissible securities as prescribed under applicable FEMA regulations is not exceeded and shall comply with the minimum public shareholding norms in India, after excluding the permissible securities held by the depository.
- Minimum Price - The minimum price for the issuance or transfer of permissible securities is the price applicable to the corresponding mode of issue (i.e., public offer, preferential allotment or qualified institutions placement) to domestic investors in India under applicable laws.

The jurisdictions where DRs may be issued and exchanges where DRs may be listed pursuant to the DR Framework were set forth in a circular dated November 28, 2019. While the DR framework for listed entities has been operationalized, further amendments and requirements may be notified from time to time.

Under the DR Framework, “permissible securities” means equity shares and debt securities, which are in a dematerialized form and rank pari passu with the securities issued and listed on a recognized stock exchange. Previously, under the 2014 Depository Receipts Scheme, companies were only required to comply with eligibility requirements pertaining to prohibition from accessing capital markets or dealing in securities.

The Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance made amendments to certain provisions of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957 pursuant to Securities Contracts (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2015, on February 25, 2015. An amended, the “public shareholding” for our equity shares held by the public includes shares underlying depository receipts if the holder of such depository receipts has the right to issue voting instruction and such depository receipts are listed on an international stock exchange in accordance with the Depository Receipts Scheme.

#### **Fungibility of ADSs**

A registered broker in India can purchase shares of an Indian company that issued ADSs, on behalf of a person residing outside India, for the purposes of converting the shares into ADSs.

The Depository Receipts Scheme states that the aggregate of permissible securities which may be issued or transferred to foreign depositories for issue of depository receipts, along with permissible securities already held by persons resident outside India, shall not exceed the limit on foreign holding of such permissible securities under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.

#### **Transfer of ADSs**

A person resident outside India may transfer ADSs held in an Indian company to another person resident outside India without any permission. A person resident in India is not permitted to hold ADSs of an Indian company, except in connection with the exercise of stock options.

Shareholders resident outside India who intend to sell or otherwise transfer equity shares within India should seek the advice of Indian counsel to understand the requirements applicable at that time.

### **10.E. Taxation**

#### **Indian Taxation**

*General.* The following summary is based on the law and practice of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (the “Income-tax Act”), including the special tax regime contained in Sections 115AC and 115ACA of the Income-tax Act read with the Issue of Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds and Ordinary Shares (through Depository Receipt Mechanism) Scheme, 1993 (collectively, the “Income-tax Act Scheme”), as amended on January 19, 2000. The Income-tax Act is amended every year by the Finance Act of the relevant year. Some or all of the tax consequences of Sections 115AC and 115ACA may be amended or changed by future amendments to the Income-tax Act.

We believe this information is materially complete as of the date hereof. However, this summary is not intended to constitute an authoritative analysis of the individual tax consequences to non-resident holders or employees under Indian law for the acquisition, ownership and sale of ADSs and equity shares.

EACH PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR SHOULD CONSULT TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO TAXATION IN INDIA OR THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCATIONS ON ACQUISITION, OWNERSHIP OR DISPOSING OF EQUITY SHARES OR ADSS.

**Residence.** For purposes of the Income-tax Act, an individual is considered to be a resident of India during any fiscal year (i.e., April 1 to March 31) if he or she is in India in that year for:

- a period or periods of at least 182 days; or
- at least 60 days and, within the four preceding fiscal years has been in India for a period or periods amounting to at least 365 days.

The period of 60 days referred to above shall be 182 days in case of a citizen of India or a Person of Indian Origin living outside India for the purpose of employment outside India who is visiting India.

The Finance Act 2020 amended section 6 of the Income-tax Act. Pursuant to the amended provision, an individual shall be treated as a resident in India in a given fiscal year if such individual (i) is a citizen or person of Indian origin, (ii) has total income, other than income from foreign sources, exceeding fifteen lakh rupees (Rs.1,500,000) during such fiscal year, and (iii) stays in India for 120 days or more during such fiscal year (rather than 182 days or more as stated above).

It also amended Section 6 of the Income-tax Act to deem an Indian citizen to be a resident of India if such individual (i) is not liable to tax in any country or territory by reason of his or her domicile, residence or similar criteria, and (ii) has total income, other than income from foreign sources, that exceeds fifteen lakh rupees (Rs.1,500,000).

Any Indian citizen or person of Indian origin becoming a resident of India in view of the above two amendments under the Finance Act 2020, will be treated as "not ordinarily resident". "Income from foreign sources" means income which accrues or arises outside India (except income derived from a business controlled in or a profession set up in India).

Pursuant to the amended provision of section 6 under the Finance Act 2016, a company is deemed to be a resident in India in any previous year, if (i) it is a company formed under the laws of India; or (ii) its place of effective management, in that year, is in India. For such purposes, "place of effective management" means a place where key management and commercial decisions that are necessary for the conduct of business of an entity as a whole are in substance made.

Individuals and companies that are not residents of India are treated as non-residents for purposes of the Income-tax Act.

#### *Taxation of Distributions.*

The Finance Act, 2020 made section 115-0 and 115R of the Income-tax Act inoperative after April 1, 2020. Pursuant to this amendment, taxation of dividends declared by domestic company and income distributed by mutual funds that are equity oriented funds has been shifted from domestic companies/mutual funds to shareholders/unit holders. In essence, effective as of April 1, 2020, dividend distribution tax has been abolished and such dividend received will be taxable in the hands of shareholder/unit holder at their respective slab rates.

Consequently, section 10(34) and section 10(35) of the Income-tax Act, which provide exemption from taxation to shareholders/unit holders on dividend received from domestic company/mutual funds, became inoperative effective as of April 1, 2020. Also, section 115BBDA of the Income-tax Act, which provides for taxation of dividends received by specified assesses in excess of Rs.1,000,000, became inoperative effective as of April 1, 2020.

As the Finance Act, 2020 has shifted taxation of dividends from the distributor of dividends to the recipient, companies are under an obligation to withhold taxes at specified rates while making dividend payments to shareholders.

Any distributions of additional ADSs or equity shares by way of bonus shares (i.e., stock dividends) to resident or non- resident holders will not be subject to Indian tax.

**Taxation of Capital Gains.** The following is a brief summary of capital gains taxation of non-resident holders and resident employees relating to the sale of ADSs and equity shares received upon redemption of ADSs. The relevant provisions are contained mainly in sections 10(36), 10(38), 45, 47(viia), 111A, 115AC and 115ACA, of the Income-tax Act, in conjunction with the Income- tax Scheme. *You should consult your own tax advisor concerning the tax consequences of your particular situation.*

A non-resident investor transferring our ADS or equity shares outside India to a non-resident investor will not be liable for income taxes arising from capital gains on such ADS or equity shares under the provisions of the Income-tax Act in certain circumstances. Equity shares (including equity shares issuable on the conversion of the ADSs) held by the non-resident investor for a period of more than 12 months are treated as long-term capital assets. If the equity shares are held for a period of less than 12 months from the date of conversion of the ADSs, the capital gains arising on the sale thereof is to be treated as short-term capital gains.

Capital gains are taxed as follows:

- gains from a sale of ADSs outside India by a non-resident to another non-resident are not taxable in India;
- long-term capital gains realized by a resident and an employee from the transfer of the ADSs will be subject to tax at the rate of 10%, plus the applicable surcharges and the education cess; short-term capital gains on such a transfer will be taxed at graduated rates with a maximum of 30%, plus the applicable surcharges and the education cess;
- long-term capital gains realized by a non-resident upon the sale of equity shares obtained from the conversion of ADSs are subject to tax at a rate of 10%, excluding the applicable surcharges and the Education Cess; and short-term capital gains on such a transfer will be taxed at the rate of tax applicable to the seller; and
- long-term capital gain realized by a non-resident upon the sale of equity shares obtained from the conversion of ADSs is exempt from tax. However, effective as of April 1, 2018, long-term capital gains on sales of equity shares in excess of Rs.100,000 are subject to tax at a rate of 10% without indexation. However, gains incurred on or prior to January 31, 2018 will be grandfathered. Consequently, the current exemption under Section 10(38) of the Income-tax Act has been withdrawn and short-term capital gain is taxed at 15%, excluding the applicable surcharges and the Education Cess, if the sale of such equity shares is settled on a recognized stock exchange and the applicable securities transaction tax ("STT") is paid on such sale.

As per the Finance Act, 2015, the rate of surcharge for Indian companies having total taxable income exceeding Rs.10,000,000 but not exceeding Rs.100,000,000 is 7% and in the case of Indian companies whose total taxable income is greater than Rs.100,000,000, the applicable surcharge is 12%. For foreign companies, the rate of surcharge is 2% if the total taxable income exceeds Rs.10,000,000 but does not exceed Rs.100,000,000 and it is 5% if the total taxable income of the foreign company exceeds Rs.100,000,000.

The Finance Act, 2016 has increased the surcharge for individuals having income exceeding Rs.10,000,000 from 12% to 15%.

As per the Finance (No.2) Act, 2019, the rate of surcharge for every individual or HUF or association of persons or body of individuals, whether incorporated or not, or every artificial juridical person referred to in sub-clause (vii) of clause (31) of section 2 of the Income-tax Act, will be calculated as follows:

- At the rate of 10% of such tax, if the total income is exceeding Rs.5,000,000 but not exceeding Rs.10,000,000;
- At the rate of 15% of such tax, if the total income is exceeding Rs.10,000,000 but not exceeding Rs.20,000,000;
- At the rate of 25% of such tax, if the total income is exceeding Rs.20,000,000 but not exceeding Rs.50,000,000; and
- At the rate of 37% of such tax, if the total income is exceeding Rs.50,000,000.

As per the Taxation laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019, the surcharge of 25%/37% introduced by the Finance (No.2) Act, 2019 shall not apply to capital gains arising on the sale of equity shares in a company or units of an equity oriented fund referred to in section 111A or 112A of the Income-tax Act. The enhanced surcharge of 25%/37% shall also not apply to the income of foreign institutional investors (FIIs) from securities referred to in section 115AD of the Income-tax Act.

These amendments are applicable for assessments from the financial year beginning from April 1, 2019 and onwards.

Further as per finance Act, 2020, surcharge on dividend income shall not exceed 15%. This amendment is applicable from the financial year beginning from April 1, 2020 and onwards.

The Finance Act, 2018 replaced the Education Cess, which imposed a 2% income tax, and the Secondary and Higher Education Cess, which imposed a 1% income tax, with a new Health and Education Cess, which imposes a 4% income tax.

The Finance Act, 2020, inserted a new provision which provides an option to an individual or HUF to opt for a simplified regime with lower tax rates. However, a taxpayer opting for this simplified tax regime will not be eligible for specified deductions/exemptions.

This option may be exercised in the prescribed manner by an individual or HUF having business income on or before the due date specified under Section 139(1) for furnishing the return of income for the year ended March 31, 2020 and such option, once exercised, shall apply to subsequent assessment years. In the case of an individual or HUF having no business income, this option may be exercised along with the income tax return required to be furnished under Section 139(1) every year.

All assessees, including individuals, whose advance tax payable is Rs.10,000 or more during the year are required to pay advance tax in four installments as follows:

Due Date of Installment	Amount Payable
On or before June 15	Not less than 15% of such advance tax.
On or before September 15	Not less than 45% of such advance tax, as reduced by the amounts (if any) paid in earlier installments.
On or before December 15	Not less than 75% of such advance tax, as reduced by the amounts (if any) paid in earlier installments.
On or before March 15	The whole amount of such advance tax, as reduced by the amounts (if any) paid in earlier installments.

As per Section 10(38) of the Income-tax Act, long-term capital gains arising from the transfer of equity shares on or after October 1, 2004 in a company completed through a recognized stock exchange in India and on which sale the STT has been paid are exempt from Indian tax. The Finance Act, 2017 amended section 10(38) to provide that exemption under this section for capital gains arising upon the transfer of equity shares acquired on or after October 1, 2004 shall not be available if STT is not chargeable on the acquisition of such equity shares, unless the acquisition of equity shares falls within the scope of certain STT payment exceptions specified by the Central Government in a notification. The Finance Act, 2018, withdrew the exemption under Section 10(38) effective as of April 1, 2018.

As per Section 111A of the Income-tax Act, short-term capital gains arising from the transfer of equity shares on or after October 1, 2004 in a company completed through a recognized stock exchange in India are subject to tax at a rate of 15%, plus the applicable surcharges and the education cess.

As per the Finance Act, 2004, as modified by the Finance Act, 2008 and the Finance Act, 2013, in a sale and purchase of securities entered into through a recognized stock exchange, a Securities Transaction Tax ("STT") may be imposed upon one or both of the parties as follows:

- With respect to a sale and purchase of equity shares (i) both the buyer and seller are required to pay a STT at the rate of 0.1% of the transaction value of the securities, if the transaction is a delivery based transaction (i.e., the transaction involves actual delivery or transfer of shares); or (ii) the seller of the shares is required to pay a STT at the rate of 0.025% of the transaction value of the securities, if the transaction is a non-delivery based transaction (i.e., the transaction is settled without taking delivery of the shares).
- With respect to a sale and purchase of an option with respect to securities (i) upon the sale of the option, the seller is required to pay a STT at the rate of 0.05% of the option premium; and (ii) upon exercise of the option, the buyer is required to pay a STT at the rate of 0.125% of the settlement price.
- With respect to a sale and purchase of futures with respect to securities, the seller is required to pay a STT at the rate of 0.01% of the transaction value.

The applicable provisions of the Income Tax Act, in the case of non-residents, may offset the above taxes, except the STT. The capital gains tax is computed by applying the appropriate tax rates to the difference between the sale price and the purchase price of the equity shares or ADSs. Under the Income-tax Scheme, the purchase price of equity shares in an Indian listed company received in exchange for ADSs will be the market price of the underlying shares on the date that the Depository gives notice to the custodian of the delivery of the equity shares in exchange for the corresponding ADSs, or the "stepped up" basis purchase price. The market price will be the price of the equity shares prevailing on the Stock Exchange, Bombay or the National Stock Exchange.

There is no corresponding provision under the Income-tax Act in relation to the "stepped up" basis for the purchase price of equity shares. However, the tax department in India has not denied this benefit. In the event that the tax department denies this benefit, the original purchase price of ADSs would be considered the purchase price for computing the capital gains tax.

According to the Income-tax Scheme, a non-resident holder's holding period for the purposes of determining the applicable Indian capital gains tax rate relating to equity shares received in exchange for ADSs commences on the date of the notice of the redemption by the Depository to the custodian. However, the Income-tax Scheme does not address this issue in the case of resident employees, and it is therefore unclear as to when the holding period for the purposes of determining capital gains tax commences for such a resident employee.

It is unclear as to whether section 115AC of the Income Tax Act and the rest of the Income-tax Scheme are applicable to a non-resident who acquires equity shares outside India from a non-resident holder of equity shares after receipt of the equity shares upon redemption of the ADSs.

It is unclear as to whether capital gains derived from the sale of subscription rights or other rights by a non-resident holder not entitled to an exemption under a tax treaty will be subject to Indian capital gains tax. If such subscription rights or other rights are deemed by the Indian tax authorities to be situated within India, the gains realized on the sale of such subscription rights or other rights will be subject to Indian taxation. The capital gains realized on the sale of such subscription rights or other rights, which will generally be in the nature of short-term capital gains, will be subject to tax (i) at variable rates with a maximum rate of 40%, excluding the prevailing surcharge and education cess, in the case of a foreign company and (ii) at the rate of 30% excluding the prevailing surcharge and education cess in the case of resident employees.

**Withholding Tax on Capital Gains.** Any gain realized by a non-resident or resident employee on the sale of equity shares is subject to Indian capital gains tax, which, in the case of a non-resident is to be withheld at the source by the buyer. However, as per the provisions of Section 196D(2) of the Income-tax Act, no withholding tax is required to be deducted from any income by way of capital gains arising to FIIs (as defined in Section 115AD of the Act) on the transfer of securities (as defined in Section 115AD of the Act).

**Buy-back of Securities.** The Finance Act, 2013 inserted section 115QA to the Income-tax Act, which provides that unlisted companies are subject to tax on the buy-back of their securities. However, section 10(34A) of the Finance Act 2013 exempts shareholders from the gain, if any, arising from such transaction. The Finance Act (No.2), 2019, further amends this section to include such tax on the buyback of listed company shares. However, as per Taxation laws (Amendment) ordinance, 2019 which was subsequently enacted to The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Act, 2019 provisions of sec 115QA will not be applicable to Indian Companies which have already made a public announcement for the buy-back of listed shares before July 5, 2019 in accordance with the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-back of Securities) Regulations, 2018 made under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, as amended from time to time. Further, section 10(34A) of the Income-tax Act was consequently amended to exempt income received by the shareholders on buyback of listed shares as well.

The Government of India promulgated the Taxation laws (Amendment) ordinance, 2019, which was subsequently enacted to The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Act, 2019. As per the amendment, existing domestic companies have an option to pay tax at a concessional rate of 22% with applicable surcharge and health and education cess. However, the reduced tax rates come with consequential surrender of specified deductions/incentives. This option needs to be exercised before filing the income tax return and, once exercised, such option cannot be withdrawn for the same or subsequent years. For companies opting for this lower rate of tax regime, the minimum alternate tax (MAT) provisions would not be applicable. Companies that do not opt for the concessional tax rates will continue to be subject to MAT liability under section 115JB. The former rate of MAT of 18.5% (plus surcharge and health and education cess) was reduced to 15% (plus surcharge and health and education cess). These amendments are applicable from the financial year beginning from April 1, 2020 and onwards.

**Stamp Duty and Transfer Tax.** Upon issuance of the equity shares underlying our ADSs, we are required to pay a stamp duty of Rs.10 per share certificate evidencing such underlying equity shares. A transfer of ADSs is not subject to Indian stamp duty. A sale of equity shares in physical form by a non-resident holder is also subject to Indian stamp duty at the rate of 0.25% of the market value of the equity shares on the trade date, although customarily such duty is borne by the transferee. Shares must be traded in dematerialized form. Effective as of July 1, 2020, the issuance or transfer of shares in dematerialized form is also subject to stamp duty of 0.005% or 0.015%, respectively.

**Wealth Tax.** Currently, there is no wealth tax.

**Gift Tax and Estate Duty.** Currently, there are no gift taxes or estate duties. These taxes and duties could be restored in future. Non-resident holders are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding this issue.

**Goods and Service Tax.** Brokerage fees or commissions paid to stockbrokers in connection with the sale or purchase of shares is subject to a Goods and Service Tax ("GST") of 18%. The stockbroker is responsible for collecting the GST from the shareholder and paying it to the relevant authority. Effective July 1, 2017, the Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017 was implemented across India and GST is applicable on such fees or commissions at the rate of 18%. In the former service tax regime, the service tax rate was 15% inclusive of all cess.

#### **Material United States Federal Income and Estate Tax Consequences**

The following is intended only as a descriptive summary of the material U.S. federal income and estate tax consequences that may be relevant with respect to the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our equity shares or ADSs and is for general information only and does not purport to be a complete analysis or listing of all potential tax effects relevant to the ownership or disposition of our equity shares or ADSs. This summary addresses the U.S. federal income and estate tax considerations of holders that are U.S. holders. "U.S. holders" are beneficial holders of our equity shares or ADSs who are (i) citizens or residents of the United States, (ii) corporations (or other entities treated as corporations for U.S. federal tax purposes) created in or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or any political subdivision thereof or therein, (iii) estates, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source, and (iv) trusts having a valid election to be treated as U.S. persons in effect under U.S. Treasury Regulations or for which a U.S. court exercises primary supervision and a U.S. person has the authority to control all substantial decisions.

This summary is limited to U.S. holders who will hold our equity shares or ADSs as capital assets (generally, property held for investment). In addition, this summary is limited to U.S. holders who are not residents in India for purposes of the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of India for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income (the "Treaty"). If a partnership, including any entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, holds our equity shares or ADSs, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and upon the activities of the partnership. A partner in a partnership holding our equity shares or ADSs should consult his, her or its own tax advisor regarding the tax treatment of an investment in our equity shares or ADSs.

This summary does not address tax considerations applicable to holders that may be subject to special tax rules, such as banks, insurance companies, certain financial institutions, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, broker dealers, traders in securities that elect to use the mark-to-market method of accounting, United States expatriates, persons liable for alternative minimum tax, persons holding our equity shares or ADSs through partnerships or other pass-through entities, persons that have a "functional currency" other than the U.S. dollars, tax-exempt entities, persons that will hold our equity shares or ADSs as a position in a "straddle" or as part of a "hedging" or "conversion" transaction for tax purposes and/or corporate holders of 10% or more, by voting power or value, of the shares of our company. This summary is based on the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and as in effect on the date of this Annual Report on Form 20-F and on United States Treasury Regulations in effect or, in some cases, proposed, as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 20-F, as well as judicial and administrative interpretations thereof available on or before such date, and is based in part on the assumption that each obligation in the deposit agreement and any related agreement will be performed in accordance with its terms. All of the foregoing is subject to change, which change could apply retroactively, or the Internal Revenue Service may interpret existing authorities differently, and a court may sustain such an interpretation, any of which could affect the tax consequences described below. This summary does not address the U.S. federal tax laws other than income or estate tax, and does not address U.S. state or local or non-U.S. tax laws.

EACH INVESTOR OR PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR SHOULD CONSULT HIS, HER OR ITS OWN TAX ADVISOR WITH RESPECT TO THE U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND NON-U.S. TAX CONSEQUENCES OF ACQUIRING, OWNING OR DISPOSING OF OUR EQUITY SHARES OR ADSs.

*Ownership of ADSs.* For U.S. federal income tax purposes, holders of our ADSs will generally be treated as the holders of equity shares represented by such ADSs.

*Dividends.* Subject to the passive foreign investment company rules described below, except for our equity shares or ADSs, if any, distributed pro rata to all of our shareholders, including holders of our ADSs, the gross amount of any distributions of cash or property with respect to our equity shares or ADSs (before reduction for any Indian withholding taxes) will generally be included in income by a U.S. holder as foreign source dividend income at the time of receipt, which in the case of a U.S. holder of ADSs generally should be the date of receipt by the Depositary, to the extent such distributions are made from our current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles). Such dividends will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction generally allowed to corporate U.S. holders in respect of dividends received from other United States corporations. To the extent, if any, that the amount of any distribution by us exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits (as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles) such excess will be treated first as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the U.S. holder's tax basis in our equity shares or ADSs, and thereafter as capital gain.

With respect to certain non-corporate U.S. holders, subject to certain limitations, including certain limitations based on taxable income and filing status, qualifying dividends paid to non-corporate U.S. holders, including individuals, may be eligible for a reduced rate of taxation if we are deemed to be a "qualified foreign corporation" for United States federal income tax purposes and certain holding period requirements are met (including the requirement that the non-corporate U.S. holder holds the ADSs for more than 60 days during the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the ex-dividend date). A qualified foreign corporation includes a foreign corporation if (1) its shares (or, according to legislative history, its ADSs) are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States or (2) it is eligible for the benefits under a comprehensive income tax treaty with the United States. In addition, a corporation is not a qualified foreign corporation if it is a passive foreign investment company (as discussed below) for either its taxable year in which the dividend is paid or the preceding taxable year. Our ADSs are traded on the New York Stock Exchange, an established securities market in the United States as identified by Internal Revenue Service guidance. Due to the absence of specific statutory provisions addressing ADSs, however, there can be no assurance that we are a qualified foreign corporation solely as a result of our listing on the New York Stock Exchange. Nonetheless, we may be eligible for benefits under the Treaty. Each U.S. holder should consult his, her or its own tax advisor regarding the treatment of such dividends and such holder's eligibility for a reduced rate of taxation.

Qualifying dividends will generally be taxed at a maximum income tax rate of 15% except for U.S. holders with incomes exceeding \$445,850 or, in the case of taxpayers filing joint tax returns, with incomes exceeding \$501,600 which will be subject to tax at the rate of 20% on such qualifying dividends. Further, qualifying dividends received by U.S. holders with incomes less than \$40,400 or, in the case of taxpayers filing joint returns, \$80,800 will be subject to tax at the rate of 0% on such qualifying dividends. Each U.S. holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding the treatment of dividends and such holder's eligibility for a reduced rate of taxation.

Subject to certain conditions and limitations, any Indian withholding tax imposed upon distributions paid to a U.S. holder with respect to our equity shares or ADSs should be eligible for credit against the U.S. holder's federal income tax liability. Alternatively, a U.S. holder may claim a deduction for such amount, but only for a year in which a U.S. holder does not claim a credit with respect to any foreign income taxes. The overall limitation on foreign taxes eligible for credit is calculated separately with respect to specific classes of income. For this purpose, distributions on our equity shares or ADSs generally will be foreign source income, for purposes of computing the United States foreign tax credit allowable to a U.S. holder. The rules governing the foreign tax credit are very complex and each U.S. holder should consult his, her or its own tax advisors regarding the availability of the foreign tax credit under such holder's own particular circumstances.

If dividends are paid in Indian rupees, the amount of the dividend distribution included in the income of a U.S. holder will be in the U.S. dollar value of the payments made in Indian rupees, determined utilizing the spot exchange rate between Indian rupees and U.S. dollars applicable to the date such dividend is included in the income of the U.S. holder. Generally, any gain or loss resulting from currency exchange fluctuations during the period from the dividend date to the date such payment is converted into U.S. dollars will be treated as U.S. source ordinary income or loss. You are urged to consult your tax advisors regarding the taxation of currency gain or loss.

EACH U.S. HOLDER SHOULD CONSULT HIS, HER OR ITS OWNS TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF DIVIDENDS AND SUCH HOLDER'S ELIGIBILITY FOR REDUCED RATE OF TAXATION UNDER THE LAW IN EFFECT FOR THE YEAR OF THE DIVIDEND.

*Sale or exchange of our equity shares or ADSs.* Subject to the passive foreign investment company rules described below, a U.S. holder generally will recognize gain or loss on the sale or exchange of our equity shares or ADSs equal to the difference between the amount realized on such sale or exchange and the U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in such equity shares or ADSs, as the case may be. Such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if such equity shares or ADSs, as the case may be, were held for more than one year (currently long-term capital gains are taxed at a maximum rate of 20%). Gain or loss, if any, recognized by a U.S. holder generally will be treated as U.S. source passive category income or loss for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes. In the case of capital losses, a U.S. holder is eligible to claim a capital loss deduction subject to significant limitations. If a U.S. holder is unable to claim these losses on its, his or her U.S. Federal Tax Return, the U.S. holder may be eligible to carryover the amount of the unused capital loss to future years, subject to additional limitations provided under U.S. tax regulations. Capital gains realized by a U.S. holder upon the sale of our equity shares (but not ADSs) may be subject to certain tax in India. See "Taxation-Indian Taxation-Taxation of Capital Gains" Set forth above in this Annual Report. Due to limitations on foreign tax credits, however, a U.S. holder may not be able to utilize any such taxes as a credit against the U.S. holder's federal income tax liability.

*Estate taxes.* An individual U.S. holder who is a citizen or resident of the United States for U.S. federal estate tax purposes will have the value of our equity shares or ADSs held by such holder included in his or her gross estate for U.S. federal estate tax purposes. An individual holder who actually pays Indian estate tax with respect to our equity shares will, however, be entitled to credit the amount of such tax against his or her U.S. federal estate tax liability, subject to a number of conditions and limitations.

*Additional Tax on Investment Income.* U.S. holders that are individuals, estates or trusts and whose income exceeds certain thresholds (the lesser of the U.S. holder's net investment income or modified adjusted gross income, to that extent such amount in a taxable year exceeds \$200,000.00 or, in the case of taxpayers filing joint tax returns, \$250,000.00) will be subject to a 3.8% Medicare contribution tax on certain net investment income, including, among other things, dividends on, and capital gains from the sale or other taxable disposition of, our equity shares or ADSs, subject to certain limitations and exceptions.

*Backup withholding tax and information reporting requirements.* Any dividends paid on, or proceeds from a sale of, our equity shares or ADSs to or by a U.S. holder may be subject to U.S. information reporting, and a backup withholding tax (currently at a rate of 24%) may apply unless the holder establishes that he, she or it is an exempt recipient or provides a U.S. taxpayer identification number and certifies under penalty of perjury that such number is correct and that such holder is not subject to backup withholding and otherwise complies with any applicable backup withholding requirements.

Any amount withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or credit against the holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the Internal Revenue Service. Certain U.S. holders are required to report information with respect to their investment in our equity shares or ADSs not held through a custodial account with a U.S. financial institution on Internal Revenue Service Form 8938, which must be attached to the U.S. holder's annual income tax return. Investors who fail to report required information could become subject to substantial penalties. In addition, a U.S. holder should consider the possible obligation to file online a FinCEN Form 114 - Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts Report as a result of holding ordinary shares or ADSs. Each U.S. holder should consult his, her or its tax advisor concerning its obligation to file Internal Revenue Service Form 8938 and/or FinCEN Form 114.

*Passive foreign investment company.* A non-U.S. corporation will be classified as a passive foreign investment company for U.S. Federal income tax purposes if either:

- 75% or more of its gross income for the taxable year is passive income; or
- on average for the taxable year, 50% or more of the total value of its assets produce or are held for the production of passive income (as of the end of each quarter of its taxable year).

We do not believe that we satisfy either of the tests for passive foreign investment company status for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021. Because this determination is made on an annual basis and depends on a variety of factors (including the value of our ADS), no assurance can be given that we will not be considered a passive foreign investment company in future taxable years. If we were to be a passive foreign investment company for any taxable year, dividends would not be eligible for the preferential tax treatment applicable to qualified dividends income but would instead be taxable at rates applicable to ordinary income.

Further, if we were to be a passive foreign investment company for any taxable year, U.S. holders would be required to:

- pay an interest charge together with tax calculated at ordinary income rates on “excess distributions” (as the term is defined in relevant provisions of the U.S. tax laws) and on any gain on a sale or other disposition of our equity shares or ADSs;
- if an election is made to be a “qualified electing fund” (as the term is defined in relevant provisions of the U.S. tax laws), include in their taxable income their pro rata share of undistributed amounts of our income; or
- if the equity shares are “marketable” and a mark-to-market election is made, to mark-to-market the equity shares each taxable year and recognize ordinary gain and, to the extent of prior ordinary gain, recognize ordinary loss for the increase or decrease in market value for such taxable year.

If we are treated as a passive foreign investment company, we do not plan to provide information necessary for the U.S. holder to make a “qualified electing fund” election.

In addition, certain information reporting obligations (i.e., filing Internal Revenue Service Form 8621) may apply to U.S holders if we are determined to be a passive foreign investment company.

THE ABOVE SUMMARY IS NOT INTENDED TO CONSTITUTE A COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF ALL TAX CONSEQUENCES RELATING TO THE OWNERSHIP, ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF OUR EQUITY SHARES OR ADSS. YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR OWN TAX ADVISOR CONCERNING THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO YOU BASED ON YOUR PARTICULAR SITUATION.

#### **10.F. Dividends and paying agents**

Not applicable.

#### **10.G. Statements by experts**

Not applicable.

#### **10.H. Documents on display**

This annual report on Form 20-F and other information filed or to be filed by us with or furnished by us to the SEC can be accessed via the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Certain (but not all) of such materials are also available on our website at <https://www.drreddys.com>, as soon as reasonably practicable after having been electronically filed or furnished to the SEC. Information contained in our website, [www.drreddys.com](http://www.drreddys.com), is not part of this annual report on Form 20-F and no portion of such information is incorporated herein or any other materials filed with or furnished to the SEC.

Additionally, documents referred to in this Form 20-F may be inspected at our corporate office, which is located at 8-2-337, Road No. 3, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana, 500 034, India.

#### **10.I. Subsidiary information**

Not applicable.