

LETTER OF OFFER

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This Letter of Offer is sent to you as an equity shareholder(s) of STEP TWO CORPORATION LIMITED. If you require any clarifications about the action to be taken, you may consult your Stock Broker or Investment Consultant or Manager/Registrar to the Offer. In case you have recently sold your shares in the Target Company, please hand over this Letter of Offer and the accompanying Form of Acceptance cum Acknowledgement and Transfer Deed to the Member of Stock Exchange through whom the said sale was affected.

OPEN OFFER BY

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To the shareholders of

STEP TWO CORPORATION LIMITED (“STCL” or the “Target Company”)

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For the acquisition of 1416780 (Fourteen Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty) fully paid-up equity shares of the Target Company of face value of Rs. 10/- each, representing 19.15% of the expanded equity and voting share capital of the Target Company at a price of Rs. 16.50 (Rupees Sixteen and Fifty Paise Only) per equity share (“Offer Price”) payable in cash (“Offer” or “Open Offer”).

Please Note:

1. This Offer is being made by the Acquirer pursuant to Regulations 3(1) & 4 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011 and subsequent amendments thereto (“SEBI (SAST) Regulations”) for substantial acquisition of shares/ voting rights accompanied with change in control and management of the Target Company.
2. The Target Company, being a non-deposit taking Non-Banking Financial Company is registered with the Reserve Bank of India, hence this Offer is subject to prior approval from Reserve Bank of India (“RBI”), being statutory approval in terms of Master Direction- Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Company- Scale Based Regulation) Directions, 2023, dated October 19, 2023 for acquisition/ transfer of management and control of NBFCs. Reserve Bank of India vide its letter KOL.DOR.DOR.No S688 /01-01-001/2024-2025 dated March 26, 2025 have issued its approval.
3. If there is any upward revision in the Offer Price/ Size at any time prior to the commencement of the last one (1) working day before the date of commencement of the tendering period viz. 11.04.2025 in terms of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, the same would also be informed by way of a Public Announcement in the same newspapers where the original Detailed Public Statement dated 10.01.2024 had appeared. If the Offer is withdrawn pursuant to Regulation 23, the same would be communicated within two (2) working days by an Announcement in the same newspapers in which the Detailed Public Statement had been published.
4. **There is no competitive bid.**
5. Shareholders, who have accepted the Offer by tendering the requisite documents in terms of the Public Announcement/ Detailed Public Statement/ Letter of Offer, shall not be entitled to withdraw such acceptance during the tendering period.
6. This Offer is not conditional upon any minimum level of acceptance in terms of the Regulation 19(1) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
7. The Procedure for acceptance and settlement of the Offer is set out in Para 8 of this Letter of Offer. A Form of Acceptance is enclosed with this Letter of Offer.
8. The Public Announcement, Detailed Public Statement, the Draft Letter of Offer and this Letter of Offer (including Form of Acceptance cum Acknowledgement) would also be available at the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and CSE Limited at www.cse-india.com.

 MANAGER TO THE OFFER: VC Corporate Advisors Private Limited SEBI REGN NO: INM000011096 Validity of Registration: Permanent CIN : U67120WB2005PTC106051 (Contact Person : Ms. Urvi Belani / Mr. Premjeet Singh) 31, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, 2 nd Floor, Suite No.-2C, Kolkata-700 013 Phone No.: (033) 22253940 Email: mail@vccorporate.com Website: www.vccorporate.com TENDERING PERIOD OPENS ON: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025	 REGISTRAR TO THE OFFER: Niche Technologies Private Limited CIN: U74140WB1994PTC062636 SEBI REGN. No.: INR000003290 Validity of Registration: Permanent (Contact Person: Mr. Ashok Sen) 3A, Auckland Place, 7 th Floor, Room No. 7A & 7B, Kolkata- 700017 Tel. No.: (033) 2280 6616 / 17 / 18; Fax No.: (033) 2280 6619 Email ID: nichetechpl@nichetechpl.com Website: www.nichetechpl.com TENDERING PERIOD CLOSING ON: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025
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A SCHEDULE OF SOME OF THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE OFFER IS GIVEN BELOW:

Activities	Original Date	Original Day	Revised Date	Revised Day
Date of the Public Announcement (PA)	January 03, 2024	Wednesday	January 03, 2024	Wednesday
Publication of Detailed Public Statement (DPS) in newspapers	January 10, 2024	Wednesday	January 10, 2024	Wednesday
Last date of Filing of the Draft Offer Document with the SEBI	January 17, 2024	Wednesday	January 17, 2024	Wednesday
Last date for a Competing Offer	February 01, 2024	Thursday	February 01, 2024	Thursday
Identified Date*	February 12, 2024	Monday	March 28, 2025	Friday
Date by which the Letter of Offer will be dispatched to the shareholders	February 20, 2024	Tuesday	April 07, 2025	Monday
Last date by which Board of the Target Company shall give its recommendation	February 22, 2024	Thursday	April 09, 2025	Wednesday
Last date for upward revision of Offer Price and/or Offer Size	February 23, 2024	Friday	April 11, 2025	Friday
Advertisement of Schedule of Activities for Open Offer, status of statutory and other approvals in newspapers and sending the same to SEBI, Stock Exchanges and Target Company	February 26, 2024	Monday	April 15, 2025	Tuesday
Date of commencement of tendering period	February 27, 2024	Tuesday	April 16, 2025	Wednesday
Date of closing of tendering period	March 12, 2024	Tuesday	April 30, 2025	Wednesday
Date by which communications of rejection/ acceptance and payment of consideration for applications accepted shall be made	March 27, 2024	Wednesday	May 16, 2025	Friday

**Identified Date is only for the purpose of determining the names of the shareholders as on such date to whom the Letter of Offer would be sent. All owners (registered or unregistered) of equity shares of the Target Company (except the existing members of the Promoters and Promoter Group of the Target Company, parties to the Share Purchase Agreement, the Acquirer and the proposed allottees for the said Preferential Issue) are eligible to participate in the Offer any time before the Closure of the Tendering Period.*

Risk Factors relating to the transaction, the proposed offer and probable risks involved in associating with the Acquirer: -

The risk factors set forth below pertain to the underlying transaction, i.e. this Open Offer and are not intended to be a complete analysis of all risks in relation to this Open Offer or in association with the Acquirer or the Target Company, but are only indicative. The risk factors set forth below do not relate to the present or future business or operations of the Target Company and any other related matters. These are neither exhaustive nor intended to constitute a complete analysis of the risks involved in participation or otherwise by a Equity Shareholder in this Open Offer, but are merely indicative. Equity shareholders are advised to consult their stock brokers, tax advisers and/ or investment advisers/consultants, for analyzing all the risks with respect to their participation in this Open Offer.

Relating to the Open Offer

1. The Open Offer involves an offer to acquire 19.15% of the expanded equity and voting share capital of STCL from the eligible persons for the Offer.
2. In the event that either(a) a regulatory approval is not received in a timely manner, (b) there is any litigation leading to stay on the Offer, or (c) SEBI instructs the Acquirer not to proceed with the Offer, then the Offer process may be delayed beyond the schedule of activities indicated in this Letter of Offer. Consequently, the payment of consideration to the equity shareholders of shares that have been accepted in the Offer as well as the return of Shares not accepted by the Acquirer may be delayed. In case of the delay, due to non-receipt of statutory approvals, that may be required by the Acquirer as per regulation 18(11) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, SEBI may, if satisfied that the non-receipt of such statutory approvals was not due to willful default or negligence or failure on the part of the Acquirer to diligently pursue such approvals, grant an extension for the purpose of completion of the Offer subject to the Acquirer paying interest to the shareholders for the delay, as may be specified by SEBI.
3. Shareholders should note that the shareholders who have tendered their equity shares in acceptance of the Open Offer shall not be entitled to withdraw such acceptance during the tendering period even if the acceptance of equity shares under the Offer and dispatch of consideration gets delayed.

4. In compliance with SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/CFD/DCR-III/CIR/P/2021/615 dated August 13, 2021, a lien will be marked in the depository system by the Depositories against the Equity Shares tendered in the Offer. Upon finalization of the entitlement, only accepted quantity of equity shares will be debited from the demat account of the shareholders and the lien marked against the unaccepted equity shares will be released. It is understood that the Shareholders will be solely responsible for their decisions regarding their participation in this Offer.
5. The Target Company, being a non-deposit taking Non-Banking Financial Company registered with the Reserve Bank of India, hence this Offer is subject to prior approval from Reserve Bank of India ("RBI"), being statutory approval in terms of Master Direction- Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Company- Scale Based Regulation) Directions, 2023, dated October 19, 2023 for acquisition/ transfer of management and control of NBFCs. Reserve Bank of India vide its letter KOL.DOR.DOR.No S688 /01-01-001/2024-2025 dated March 26, 2025 have issued its approval. However, if any other statutory or government Approval(s) are required or become applicable at a later date before closure of the Tendering Period, this offer shall be subject to such statutory approvals and the Acquirer shall make the necessary applications for such statutory and other Government approvals.
6. The Acquirer may not be able to proceed with the Offer in the event the approvals are not received in terms of Regulation 23 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. Delay, if any, in the receipt of these approvals may delay completion of the Offer.

Risks involved in associating with the Acquirer:

7. The Acquirer intends to acquire 1416780 fully paid-up equity shares of face value of Rs. 10/- each, representing 19.15% of the total fully paid-up equity and voting share capital of STCL at an Offer Price of Rs. 16.50 (Rupees Sixteen and Fifty Paise Only) per equity share, payable in cash under the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. STCL does not have any partly paid-up equity shares as on the date of PA. Post this Offer, assuming full acceptance, the Acquirer will have significant equity ownership & become the sole Promoter of the Target Company and thereby exercise effective management control over the Target Company. Consequently, this Open Offer is pursuant to Regulations 3(1) & 4 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
8. The Acquirer makes no assurance with respect to the market price of the equity shares during the Offer Period and upon the completion of the Offer and disclaims any responsibility with respect to any decision by the shareholders on whether or not to participate in the Offer. The Acquirer makes no assurance with respect to the financial performance of the Target Company.
9. The Acquirer and the Manager to the Offer accept no responsibility for the statements made otherwise than in the Public Announcement, Detailed Public Statement, Draft Letter of Offer or this Letter of Offer or in the advertisement or any materials issued by or at the instance of the Acquirer and the Manager to the Offer, and any person placing reliance on any other source of information would be doing so at its own risk.
10. The risk factors set forth above pertain to the acquisition and the Offer and is not related to the present or future business operations of the Target Company or other related matters, and are neither exhaustive nor intended to constitute a complete analysis of the risks involved in participation or otherwise by a shareholder in the Offer. Shareholders of the Target Company are advised to consult their stockbroker or investment consultant, if any, for further risk with respect to their respective participation in the Offer.

THE RISK FACTORS SET FORTH ABOVE ARE NOT A COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF ALL RISKS IN RELATION TO THE UNDERLYING TRANSACTION, THE OFFER OR IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ACQUIRER AND ARE ONLY INDICATIVE IN NATURE.

Currency of Presentation:

- a. In this Letter of Offer, all references to "Rs."/ "Rupees"/ "INR"/ "₹" are references to Indian Rupee(s), the official currency of the Republic of India.
- b. In this Letter of Offer, any discrepancy in any table between the total and sums of the amounts listed are due to rounding off and/or regrouping.

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1. DEFINITIONS/ABBREVIATIONS:

Acquirer	Mr. Anuj Agarwal
Act	Companies Act, 2013 as amended and other rules as applicable
Board	The Board of Directors of the Target Company
Book Value per Share	Net Worth/Number of shares
BSE	BSE Limited, being one of the stock exchanges where presently the Equity Shares of the Target Company are listed, also being the Designated Stock Exchange.
Buying Broker	Stock Broker appointed by the Acquirer for the purpose of this Open Offer i.e. Nikunj Stock Brokers Limited, having registered office at A-92, Ground Floor, Left Portion, Kamla Nagar, New Delhi-110007
CDSL	Central Depository Services (India) Limited
CIN	Corporate Identification Number
Clearing Corporation / ICCL	Indian Clearing Corporation Limited
CSE	The Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited, being the other stock exchange where presently the Equity Shares of the Target Company are listed.
Control	Shall have the meaning ascribed to it under the SEBI (SAST) Regulations
DIN	Director Identification Number
DIS	Delivery Instruction Slip
DP	Depository Participant
DPS	Detailed Public Statement dated 10.01.2024
Draft Letter of Offer / DLOF	Draft Letter of Offer dated 17.01.2024
EPS	Earning per Equity Share
Escrow Account	The escrow account opened with the Escrow Banker under the name and title “STCL-Open Offer Escrow Account” bearing account number 57500001407691
Escrow Banker	HDFC Bank Limited
Expanded Equity and voting share capital	The total equity and voting share capital of the Target Company on a fully diluted basis expected as of the 10 th (Tenth) working day from the closure of the Tendering Period for the Offer. This includes the existing 42,47,300 (Forty-Two Lakhs Forty- Seven Thousand and Three Hundred) fully paid-up Equity Shares of the Target Company, and the proposed Preferential Issue of 31,50,000 (Thirty- One Lakhs and Fifty Thousand) Equity Shares of the Target Company, aggregating to 73,97,300 (Seventy- Three Lakhs Ninety- Seven Thousand and Three Hundred) Equity Shares of the Target Company post-Preferential allotment.
FEMA	Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, as amended
FOA or Form of Acceptance	Form of Acceptance– cum– Acknowledgment accompanying the Letter of Offer
Identified Date	Date for the purpose of determining the names of the shareholders as on such date to whom the Letter of Offer would be sent. All owners (registered or unregistered) of equity shares of the Target Company (except the existing members of the Promoters and Promoter Group of the Target Company, parties to the Share Purchase Agreement and the proposed allottees for the said Preferential Issue) are eligible to participate in the Offer any time before the Closure of the Tendering Period.
Letter of Offer / LOF	Letter of Offer dated 02.04.2025
Manager to the Offer / Merchant Banker	VC Corporate Advisors Private Limited
MPSR	Minimum public shareholding requirement of 25% in the Target Company
NRI(s)	Non- Resident Indians
NSDL	National Securities Depository Limited
Offer Period	03.01.2024 to 16.05.2025
Offer Price	Rs. 16.50 (Rupees Sixteen and Fifty Paise Only) per equity share payable in cash. In compliance with Regulation 8(12) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, the Offer Price of Rs. 15/- per Equity Share has been enhanced by Rs. 1.50 per equity share, being the interest determined at the rate of 10% p.a. on the Offer Price for the delay of 365 days in making payment to eligible shareholders on account of delay in receipt of prior approval from the RBI.
Offer/Open Offer	Cash Offer being made by the Acquirer to acquire 1416780 equity shares of face value of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten Only) each, representing 19.15% of the expanded equity and voting share capital at a price of Rs. 16.50 (Rupees Sixteen and Fifty Paise Only) per equity share
PA	Public Announcement dated 03.01.2024
PAC	Person(s) acting in concert as defined under regulation 2(1)(q)(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

PAT	Profit After Tax
Persons eligible to participate in the Offer	All owners (registered or unregistered) of equity shares of the Target Company (except the existing members of the Promoters and Promoter Group of the Target Company, parties to the Share Purchase Agreement, the Acquirer and the proposed allottees for the said Preferential Issue).
Persons deemed to be acting in concert with such parties	Mrs. Sapna Agarwal and Mr. Ashok Kumar Sharma or any other persons connected with the Acquirer or Seller thereto
Promoters/ Promoter Group	Mr. Anuj Agarwal, Mr. Raj Kumar Agarwal, Mrs. Sapna Agarwal and Mr. Ashok Kumar Sharma.
RBI	Reserve Bank of India
Registrar to the Offer	Niche Technologies Private Limited
Return on Net Worth	(Profit After Tax/Net Worth) *100
SCRR	Securities Contract (Regulation) Rules, 1957, as amended
SEBI	Securities & Exchange Board of India
SEBI (ICDR) Regulations	Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended.
SEBI (LODR) Regulations	Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended
SEBI (SAST) Regulations	Securities & Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011 and subsequent amendments thereof.
Seller	Mr. Raj Kumar Agarwal
Selling Broker	Respective stock brokers of all Shareholders who desire to tender their Equity Shares under the Open Offer
Stock Exchanges	Collectively BSE and CSE
Target Company / STCL	Step Two Corporation Limited
Tendering Period	Period within which Eligible Shareholders of the Target Company may tender their Equity Shares in acceptance to the Offer, i.e. the period between and including Wednesday, April 16, 2025 and Wednesday, April 30, 2025.
Working Day	A working day of SEBI, as defined in the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011.

Note: All terms beginning with a capital letter used in this LOF, but not otherwise defined herein, shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in that particular section or in the SEBI (SAST) Regulations unless specified.

2. DISCLAIMER CLAUSE

“IT IS TO BE DISTINCTLY UNDERSTOOD THAT FILING OF LOF WITH SEBI SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY BE DEEMED OR CONSTRUED THAT THE SAME HAS BEEN CLEARED, VETTED OR APPROVED BY SEBI. THE LOF HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO SEBI FOR A LIMITED PURPOSE OF OVERSEEING WHETHER THE DISCLOSURES CONTAINED THEREIN ARE GENERALLY ADEQUATE AND ARE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE REGULATIONS. THIS REQUIREMENT IS TO FACILITATE THE SHAREHOLDERS OF STCL TO TAKE AN INFORMED DECISION WITH REGARD TO THE OFFER. SEBI DOES NOT TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY EITHER FOR FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS OF THE ACQUIRER OR THE TARGET COMPANY WHOSE SHARES/CONTROL IS PROPOSED TO BE ACQUIRED OR FOR THE CORRECTNESS OF THE STATEMENTS MADE OR OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE LETTER OF OFFER. IT SHOULD ALSO BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT WHILE ACQUIRER IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CORRECTNESS, ADEQUACY AND DISCLOSURE OF ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION IN THIS LETTER OF OFFER, THE MANAGER TO THE OFFER IS EXPECTED TO EXERCISE DUE DILIGENCE TO ENSURE THAT THE ACQUIRER DULY DISCHARGES HIS RESPONSIBILITY ADEQUATELY. IN THIS BEHALF, AND TOWARDS THIS PURPOSE, THE MANAGER TO THE OFFER VC CORPORATE ADVISORS PRIVATE LIMITED HAS SUBMITTED A DUE DILIGENCE CERTIFICATE DATED 17.01.2024 TO SEBI IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SEBI (SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION OF SHARES AND TAKEOVERS) REGULATIONS, 2011 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THEREOF. THE FILING OF THE LOF DOES NOT, HOWEVER, ABSOLVE THE ACQUIRER FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF OBTAINING SUCH A STATUTORY CLEARANCES AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFER.”

3. DETAILS OF THE OFFER:

3.1. Background of the Offer:

- 3.1.1 The Acquirer has entered into a Share Purchase Agreement dated January 03, 2024 with the Seller, both being part of the Promoter Group of the Target Company, to acquire from him in aggregate 17,83,900 (Seventeen Lakhs Eighty-Three Thousand and Nine Hundred) equity shares ("**Sale Shares**") of face value of Rs. 10/- each representing 24.12% of the expanded equity and voting share capital of the Target Company, on a fully diluted basis, at a price of Rs. 11/- (Rupees Eleven Only) per equity share, payable in cash ("**Negotiated Price**") for an aggregate consideration of Rs. 1,96,22,900/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety-Six Lakhs Twenty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Only). Further, the Acquirer has also agreed to acquire 13,00,000 (Thirteen Lakhs) Equity Shares of the Target Company, representing 17.57% of the expanded equity and voting share capital of the Target Company via preferential issue by the Target Company at an issue price of Rs. 15/- (Rupees Fifteen Only) per equity Share [including a premium of Rs. 5/- (Rupees Five Only) per equity share], aggregating to an amount not exceeding Rs.1,95,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore and Ninety-Five Lakhs Only), subject to the approval of the members and other regulatory approvals, if any. Pursuant to aforesaid acquisition/subscription of the equity shares in terms of the SPA and the preferential issue, the aggregate shareholding of the Acquirer in the Target Company would exceed the threshold limit prescribed and hence this mandatory Offer is being made under Regulations 3(1) and 4 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. The Target Company was in receipt of in-principle approval from BSE vide letter bearing reference number 'LOD/PREF/VK/FIP/1481/2023-24' dated March 21, 2024, however, no in-principle approval was received from CSE since equity shares are presently under suspension.
- 3.1.2 The prime object of the Offer is to comply with the applicable requirements of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations with respect to the substantial acquisition of shares/voting rights accompanied with the change in control and management of the Target Company subject to receipt of all statutory approvals required in this Open Offer under the applicable provisions of the Companies Act / RBI / other applicable rules and regulations.
- 3.1.3 This Open Offer is for acquisition of 19.15% of total expanded equity and voting share capital of the Target Company. Assuming that the Open Offer is tendered in full, after the completion of this Open Offer, the Acquirer shall hold the majority of the Equity Shares of the Target Company and become the sole Promoter by virtue of which he shall be in a position to exercise effective management and control over the Target Company. Pursuant to the completion of the Open Offer, the Acquirer will be the sole Promoter of the Target Company and the present Promoters of the Target Company including the Sellers will cease to be the Promoters of the Target Company.
- 3.1.4 The Acquirer has not acquired any equity shares/voting rights of STCL during the fifty- two weeks (52) period immediately preceding the date of the Public Announcement except for acquisition of 17,83,900 equity shares acquired pursuant to the Share Purchase Agreement between the Acquirer and the Seller and 13,00,000 equity shares proposed to subscribe vide his commitment letter dated 03.01.2024 via preferential issue made by the Target Company.
- 3.1.5 There is no Person Acting in Concert ("**PAC**") with the Acquirer for the purpose of this Open Offer in terms of regulation 2(1)(q)(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
- 3.1.6 The payment of consideration shall be made in cash to all the equity shareholders, who have tendered their equity shares in acceptance of the Open Offer, within ten working days of the expiry of the Tendering Period.
- 3.1.7 Subject to satisfaction of the provisions under the Companies Act, 2013 and/ or any other applicable Rules/ Regulation(s), the Acquirer intends to make changes in the management of the Target Company.
- 3.1.8 The Acquirer proposes to continue existing business of the Target Company and may diversify its business activities in future with prior approval(s) of the shareholders of the Target Company and such statutory and/or regulatory authority, as may be applicable, in due compliance with applicable laws. The main purpose of takeover is to expand the Company's business activities in same/diversified line through exercising effective control over the Target Company. However, no firm decision in this regard has been taken or proposed so far.
- 3.1.9 **The Salient features of the transactions triggering the Open Offer are as under:**
- The Seller holds 17,83,900 equity shares of the Target Company representing 24.12% of the expanded equity and voting share capital of the Target Company.
 - The Seller, forms part of the Promoter Group of the Target Company and has agreed to sell and the Acquirer has agreed to acquire 17,83,900 equity shares of the Target Company at a price of Rs. 11/- (Rupees Eleven Only) per

share in cash for an aggregate consideration of Rs. 1,96,22,900/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety-Six Lakhs Twenty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Only). [**“Negotiated Price”**].

- The Sale Shares are free from all charges, encumbrances or liens and are not subject to any lock in period.
- The Acquirer shall after the expiry of twenty-one working days from the date of Detailed Public Statement be entitled to, act upon the Agreement and may complete the acquisition of shares or voting rights in, or control over the Target Company as contemplated under Regulation 22(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations on deposit of 100% of the consideration payable, assuming full acceptance, in cash, in the Escrow Account.
- The Seller undertakes that in case the Acquirer so desires, it shall immediately facilitate to appoint him or his nominees on the Board of Directors of the Target Company in terms of Proviso to Regulation 24(1) read with Regulation 17 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations and also transfer the shares in the demat account of the Acquirer in the proportion as mentioned in the SPA in terms of compliance of Regulation 22(2) and 24(1) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
- Against payment of the entire Negotiated Price, the Seller shall sell, convey and transfer to the Acquirer and the Acquirer shall purchase, acquire and accept from the Seller the above-mentioned Sale Shares at and for the Negotiated Price, on a spot delivery contract basis.
- That the Acquirer and the Seller agree to abide by their obligations as contained in the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
- In case of non-compliance of any provisions of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, the Agreement for such sale shall not be acted upon by the Seller or the Acquirer and the same shall be treated as null and void.
- That it is clearly understood between the parties that it will be the responsibility of the Acquirer to comply with the provisions of the applicable laws and obtain necessary approvals wherever required in respect of the compliance of the Open Offer Formalities as per the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

3.1.10 This Offer is not pursuant to any global acquisition resulting in an indirect acquisition of equity shares of the Target Company.

3.1.11 The Acquirer has not been categorised as a willful defaulter or a fugitive economic offender and therefore he is in compliance with Regulations 6A and 6B of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations for the purpose of this Open Offer.

3.1.12 The Acquirer is desirous of acquiring majority shareholding in the Target Company along with acquiring the sole management and control of the Target Company. Therefore, the Acquirer has entered into a SPA with fellow constituent of the Promoter Group of the Target Company and has also agreed vide his commitment letter dated 03.01.2024 to subscribe 13,00,000 equity shares of the Target Company pursuant to preferential issue, thereby triggering this mandatory Open Offer in compliance with Regulations 3(1) & 4 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. Upon the completion of the Offer, assuming full acceptances in the Offer and Equity Shares acquired pursuant to the aforesaid acquisitions which triggered Open Offer, the Acquirer will hold 55,47,300 (Fifty-Five Lakhs Forty-Seven Thousand and Three Hundred) Equity Shares leading to a change in management and control of the Target Company and emerging as the sole Promoter of the Target Company.

3.1.13 The Equity Shares that will be allotted pursuant to Preferential Issue will be kept in a share escrow account (“Share Escrow”). The Acquirer will not be entitled to exercise voting rights with respect to the Equity Shares kept in the Share Escrow, as required under the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. The Acquirer will be permitted to transfer such Equity Shares to its demat account and exercise voting rights in relation thereto either after the expiry of the Offer Period or after compliance with requirements specified in Regulation 22(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, as the case may be.

3.1.14 The Manager to the Offer, VC Corporate Advisors Private Limited, does not hold any equity shares in the Target Company as on the date of DPS or this Letter of Offer. The Manager to the Offer further declares and undertakes that they will not deal on their own account in the equity shares of the Target Company during the Offer Period.

3.1.15 The Acquirer undertakes that he will not sell the equity shares of the Target Company held by him during the Offer period, if any, in terms of Regulation 25(4) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

3.1.16 The Acquirer, has not been prohibited by SEBI from dealing in the securities, in terms of direction issued under Section 11B of SEBI Act, 1992 as amended or under any other Regulations made under the SEBI Act.

- 3.1.17 The Acquirer has not yet made any firm decision regarding proposed change in the Board of Directors of the Target Company.
- 3.1.18 As per Regulation 38 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations read with Rule 19(2) and 19A of the Securities Contract (Regulation) Rules, 1957 as amended ("SCRR") the Target Company is required to maintain at least 25% public shareholding, as determined in accordance with SCRR, on continuous basis for listing. Pursuant to completion of this Offer, assuming full acceptance to this Offer, the public shareholding in the Target Company will not fall below the MPSR.
- 3.1.19 As per Regulation 26(6) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, the Board of Directors are required to constitute a committee of 'Independent Directors' to provide reasoned recommendation on this Offer to the Equity shareholders. Such recommendation of the committee of Independent Directors of the Target Company on the Offer will be published at least two (2) working days before the commencement of the tendering period, in the same newspapers where the DPS was published and a copy of the same shall be sent to SEBI, BSE, CSE and Manager to the Offer in compliance of Regulation 26(7) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

3.2. Details of the proposed Offer:

- 3.2.1 The Detailed Public Statement pursuant to the Public Announcement made by the Acquirer has appeared in The Business Standard (English Daily) all editions, Business Standard (Hindi Daily) all editions, Mumbai Lakshadeep (Marathi Daily) and Arthik Lipi (Bengali Daily) on 10.01.2024 in compliance with Regulation 14(3) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. The Detailed Public Statement made on 10.01.2024 is available on the website of SEBI and Stock Exchanges at www.sebi.gov.in, at www.bseindia.com and www.cseindia.com respectively.
- 3.2.2 The Acquirer is making this mandatory Open Offer under the provisions of Regulation 3(1) and 4 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations to acquire upto 14,16,780 (Fourteen Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty) equity shares of face value of Rs.10/- each representing 19.15% of the expanded equity and voting share capital of the Target Company, on a fully diluted Basis, at a price of Rs. 16.50 (Rupees Sixteen and Fifty Paise Only) per equity share (the "**Offer Price**") payable in cash, aggregating to Rs. 2,33,76,870/- (Rupees Two Crores Thirty-Three Lakhs Seventy-Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Only) ("**Offer Size**"), subject to the terms and conditions mentioned hereinafter.
- 3.2.3 This Open Offer is being made to all the equity shareholders of the Target Company as on March 28, 2025 ("**Identified Date**"), except the existing members of the Promoters and Promoter Group of the Target Company, parties to the Share Purchase Agreement, the Acquirer and the proposed allottees for the said Preferential Issue.
- 3.2.4 The payment of consideration shall be made to all the equity shareholders, who have tendered their equity shares in acceptance of the Open Offer, within ten working days of the expiry of the Tendering Period.
- 3.2.5 As on date of PA, the Target Company does not have any partly paid- up equity shares. There are no outstanding warrants or options or similar instruments, convertible into equity shares at a later stage. No equity shares are subject to any lock-in obligations.
- 3.2.6 The Target Company, being a non-deposit taking Non-Banking Financial Company registered with the Reserve Bank of India, hence this Offer is subject to prior approval from Reserve Bank of India ("RBI"), being statutory approval in terms of Master Direction- Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Company- Scale Based Regulation) Directions, 2023, dated October 19, 2023 for acquisition/ transfer of management and control of NBFCs. Reserve Bank of India vide its letter KOL.DOR.DOR.No S688 /01-01-001/2024-2025 dated March 26, 2025 have issued its approval. However, if any other statutory or government Approval(s) are required or become applicable at a later date before closure of the Tendering Period, this offer shall be subject to such statutory approvals and the Acquirer shall make the necessary applications for such statutory and other Government approvals.
- 3.2.7 This Offer is not pursuant to any global acquisition resulting in an indirect acquisition of equity shares of the Target Company.
- 3.2.8 This Offer is not conditional upon any minimum level of acceptance in terms of the regulation 19(1) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, and not a Competitive Bid in terms of the Regulation 20 the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
- 3.2.9 There are no conditions as stipulated in the Share Purchase Agreement, the meeting of which would be outside the reasonable control of the Acquirer and in view of which the Offer might be withdrawn under Regulation 23(1) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
- 3.2.10 Since the date of PA to the date of this LOF, the Acquirer has not acquired any equity shares of STCL.

3.2.11 No competitive bid has been received as on date of this LOF.

3.2.12 There are no conditions as stipulated in the SPA or in the terms of the preferential issue to be made by the Target Company, the meeting of which would be outside the reasonable control of the Acquirer and in view of which the Offer might be withdrawn under Regulation 23(1) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

Upon the completion of all the formalities pertaining to the Open Offer [assuming full acceptance in the Offer] and Equity Shares acquired pursuant to the preferential issue, the Acquirer will collectively hold 5547300 Equity Shares representing 74.99% of the total expanded equity and voting share capital of the Target Company and hence there will be a change in the management and control pursuant to this Open Offer. Accordingly, the Acquirer, will become the sole Promoter of the Target Company. The other constituents of the present Promoter Group (including the Seller) will also be reclassified into non-promoter category under Regulation 31A of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations.

3.2.13 The Manager to the Offer, M/s. VC Corporate Advisors Private Limited, does not hold any equity shares in the Target Company as on the date of the DPS. The Manager to the Offer further declares and undertakes that they will not deal on their own account in the equity shares of the Target Company during the Offer Period.

3.3. Object of the Offer:

3.3.1 The prime object of the Offer is to comply with the applicable requirements of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations with respect to the substantial acquisition of shares/voting rights accompanied with the change in control and management of the Target Company subject to receipt of all statutory approvals required in this Open Offer under the applicable provisions of the Companies Act / RBI / other applicable rules and regulations.

3.3.2 This Open Offer is for acquisition of 19.15% of the total expanded equity and voting share capital of the Target Company. After the completion of this Open Offer, assuming full acceptance, the Acquirer shall hold the majority of the Equity Shares of the Target Company by virtue of which he shall be in a position to exercise effective management and control over the Target Company.

3.3.3 The Acquirer does not have any plans to dispose off or otherwise encumber any significant assets of STCL in the succeeding 2 (two) years from the date of closure of the Open Offer, except in the ordinary course of business of the Target Company and except to the extent required for the purpose of restructuring and/or rationalization of the business, assets, investments, liabilities or otherwise of the Target Company. In the event any substantial asset of the Target Company is to be sold, disposed off or otherwise encumbered other than in the ordinary course of business, the Acquirer undertakes that he shall do so only upon the receipt of the prior approval of the shareholders of the Target Company through a special resolution in terms of Regulation 25(2) of SEBI (SAST) Regulations and subject to the provisions of applicable law as may be required.

4. BACKGROUND OF THE ACQUIRER:

Mr. Anuj Agarwal (“Acquirer”)

4.1. Mr. Anuj Agarwal, S/o. Mr. Sushil Kumar Agarwal, aged about 37 years, is a resident of India currently residing at Gardenia House, 8th Floor, Room No. 8A, 227/1A, A.J.C. Bose Road, L. R. Sarani, Circus Avenue, Kolkata- 700020, contact number +91-9836450055 and Email Id: agarwalanuj.87@gmail.com. He has completed his Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) in Family Managed Business (FMB) from SP Jain Institute of Management and Research, Mumbai in 2013. He started his career as a Corporate Manager in Korp Securities Ltd, Kolkata in the year 2009 and became the Whole Time Director of the Company in 2013. The Acquirer also has more than 16 (Sixteen) years of experience in the field of Financial and Non- Financial Analysis.

4.2. As on the date of PA, the Acquirer is one of the Promoters of the Target Company holding 10,46,620 (Ten Lakhs Forty-Six Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty) equity shares representing 24.64% of the Pre-Preferential Equity and Voting Share Capital of STCL, (equivalent to 14.15% of the expanded Equity and Voting Share Capital of STCL) and is also the Managing Director of the Target Company. The Acquirer does not belong to any group.

4.3. Pursuant to the execution of the SPA dated January 03, 2024, the Acquirer has agreed to acquire from Mr. Raj Kumar Agarwal, the Seller, 17,83,900 (Seventeen Lakhs Eighty-Three Thousand and Nine Hundred) equity shares [“**Sale Shares**”] representing 42.00% of the Pre-Preferential Issue Paid-Up Share Capital of the Target Company (equivalent to 24.12% of the Expanded Equity and Voting Share Capital of the Target Company) at a price of Rs. 11/- (Rupees Eleven Only) per equity share, subject to the conditions specified in the SPA.

- 4.4. Subsequently, the Acquirer has also agreed to subscribe 13,00,000 (Thirteen Lakhs) equity shares representing 17.57% of the Expanded Equity and Voting Share Capital of the Target Company via preferential issue by the Target Company at an issue price of Rs. 15/- (Rupees Fifteen Only) per equity share, subject to the approval of the members and other regulatory approvals, if any.
- 4.5. As on the date of PA, the Acquirer is not directly or indirectly related in any manner to the other Promoter, Directors or Key Employees of the Target Company except Mr. Jaswinder Singh appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of the Target Company w.e.f. 03.01.2024 and as mentioned above.
- 4.6. The net worth of the Acquirer is Rs. 10,61,56,377/- (Rupees Ten Crores Sixty-One Lakhs Fifty- Six Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy- Seven Only) as on 31.03.2023 and Rs. 11,18,95,302/- (Rupees Eleven Crores Eighteen Lakhs Ninety-Five Thousand Three Hundred and Two Only) as on 31.12.2024, as certified vide unique document identification numbers 24066575BKC PFM4190 dated January 03, 2024 and 25066575BMLAHA2502 dated March 03, 2025, respectively, by Mr. Vikash Gadia bearing membership number 066575, partner of Gadia Vikash & Co. (Chartered Accountants) situated at Room No. 36B, 5th Floor, Martin Burn House, 1, R.N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata-700 001, West Bengal, India, Tel. No.: (033) 4066 4620 and Email Id: cavikash80@gmail.com.
- 4.7. As on the date of PA, the Acquirer does not hold any position on the Board of Directors of any Listed Company, except for the position of Managing Director in the Target Company. Also he does not hold the position of the Whole-time Director in any Company. The Acquirer does not belong to any Group.
- 4.8. As on the date of this LOF, the Acquirer has not been prohibited by SEBI from dealing in the securities, in terms of direction issued under Section 11B of SEBI Act, 1992 as amended or under any other Regulations made under the SEBI Act. Further, there are no other directions or pending proceedings against the Acquirer under SEBI Act, 1992 or by any other Regulator and no penalties have been levied against the Acquirer by SEBI/RBI/Stock Exchanges or by any other Regulator.
- 4.9. The Acquirer has not been categorized as a willful defaulter or fugitive economic offender and therefore he has complied with Regulations 6A and 6B of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
- 4.10. There is no Person Acting in Concert ("PAC") with the Acquirer for the purpose of this Open Offer in accordance with provisions of regulation 2(1)(q)(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
- 4.11. As stated above, the Acquirer is one of the Promoters of the Target Company holding 10,46,620 (Ten Lakhs Forty-Six Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty) equity shares representing 24.64% of the Pre-Preferential Equity and Voting Share Capital of STCL, (equivalent to 14.15% of the expanded Equity and Voting Share Capital of STCL). He is also acting as the Managing Director of the Company and is related to the Chief Financial Officer of the Company i.e., Mr. Jaswinder Singh. He had also provided short-term financial assistance to the Target Company during the Financial Year 2024-2025 which has been duly repaid by the Target Company during the Financial Year 2024-2025. Other than as stated above, the Acquirer does not have any other relationship &/or interest in the Target Company including with its Directors, Promoters & key employees. Except as stated above, there are no persons on the Board of the Target Company, representing the Acquirer.
- 4.12. The Acquirer undertakes that he will not sell the equity shares of the Target Company, held and acquired by him, if any, during the Offer Period in terms of Regulation 25(4) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
- 4.13. The Acquirer undertakes that the Equity Shares that will be allotted pursuant to Preferential Issue will be kept in a share escrow account ("**Share Escrow**") and he will not be entitled to exercise voting rights with respect to the Equity Shares kept in the Share Escrow, as required under the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. The Acquirer will be permitted to transfer such Equity Shares to its demat account and exercise voting rights in relation thereto either after the expiry of the Offer Period or after compliance with requirements specified in Regulation 22(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, as the case may be.
- 4.14. The Acquirer has undertaken that if he will acquire any equity shares of the Target Company during the Offer Period, he shall inform BSE, CSE, the Target Company and the Manager to the Offer within 24 hours of such acquisition in compliance with Regulation 18(6) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. Further, he has also undertaken that he will not acquire or sell any equity shares of the Target Company during the period between three working days prior to the commencement of the Tendering Period and until the closure of the Tendering Period as per Regulation 18(6) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

5. BACKGROUND OF THE TARGET COMPANY:

- 5.1. Step Two Corporation Limited ('STCL') was incorporated as a Private Limited Company on November 25, 1994 under the Companies Act, 1956 in the name and style of "Step Two Finance Private Limited" vide Certificate of Incorporation issued by the Registrar of Companies, Calcutta, West Bengal (Registrar). Pursuant to passing of a Special Resolution the name of the Target Company was changed to "Step Two Finance Limited" vide a Fresh Certificate of Incorporation dated August 07, 1995, issued by the Registrar. The equity shares of the Target Company are presently listed with the BSE and CSE. Further the name of the Target Company changed to its present name "Step Two Corporation Limited" and a fresh Certificate of Incorporation consequent to the change in name was issued on December 24, 1996. The Target Company bearing Corporate Identification Number L65991WB1994PLC066080, Tel No.: (033) 6628 9111 and email: admin@steptwo.in is a Non-Banking Finance Company not accepting Public Deposit registered with Reserve Bank of India, bearing Registration Number 05.02614 vide Certificate dated June 04, 1998. The registered office of STCL was shifted from 21, Hemanta Basu Sarani, 5th Floor, Room No-507, PS Hare Street, Kolkata-700013, West Bengal to its present address at Avani Signature, 91A/1, Park Street, 7th Floor, Kolkata, 700016, w.e.f. 15.03.2023.
- 5.2. Prior to the date of PA, the Authorised Share Capital of STCL is Rs. 5,35,00,000/- (Rupees Five Crores and Thirty-Five Lakhs Only) divided into 53,50,000 Equity Shares of the face value of Rs. 10/- each. The Issued, Subscribed & Paid-up Capital of the STCL is Rs 4,24,73,000/- (Rupees Four Crores Twenty-Four Lakhs and Seventy-Three Thousand Only) comprising of 42,47,300 equity shares of face value of Rs. 10/- each. Pursuant to the board meeting dated January 03, 2024 and subject to approval of the Shareholders of STCL vide a Special Resolution to be passed at a duly convened Extra Ordinary General Meeting scheduled to be held on Friday, February 02, 2024 and other requisite approvals, the Authorised Share Capital of STCL would increase to Rs. 7,85,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Crores Eighty-Five Lakhs Only) divided into 78,50,000 equity shares of face value of Rs. 10/- each and the Issued, Subscribed & Paid-up Equity Share Capital of STCL would increase to Rs. 7,39,73,000/- (Rupees Seven Crores Thirty-Nine Lakhs Seventy-Three Thousand Only) comprising of 73,97,300 equity shares of face value of Rs. 10/- each, pursuant to issue and allotment of 31,50,000 equity Shares of face value of Rs. 10/- each on Preferential basis, at an issue price of Rs. 15/- each [including a premium of Rs. 5/- each]. During the year 2016, 8,04,800 (Eight Lakhs Four Thousand and Eight Hundred) Equity Shares had been forfeited w.e.f. August 12, 2016, pursuant to non-payment of allotment/call monies and after dispatching final reminder on May 05, 2016, to the public shareholders of STCL. The Target Company has already established connectivity with both the Depositories, i.e., National Securities Depositories Limited and Central Depositories Services (India) Limited. The equity shares of STCL are presently listed at BSE and the CSE. The Target Company was in receipt of in-principle approval for 31,50,000 equity Shares of face value of Rs. 10/- each on Preferential basis from BSE vide letter bearing reference number 'LOD/PREF/VK/FIP/1481/2023-24' dated March 21, 2024. However, the equity shares STCL are suspended at the CSE and no steps have been taken by STCL to revoke the suspension till date. Further, the forfeiture and the captioned preferential issue of equity shares is yet to be recorded with the CSE as well.
- 5.3. As on the date of PA, the Target Company does not have any partly paid- up equity shares. There are no outstanding warrants or options or similar instruments, convertible into equity shares at a later stage. No equity shares are subject to any lock-in obligations.
- 5.4. The Equity Shares bearing ISIN 'INE623D01015' are presently listed on the BSE Limited bearing Scrip ID 'STEP2COR' and Scrip Code '531509' and on CSE Limited bearing Scrip Code '29182'. The equity shares of STCL are infrequently traded on both the BSE and the CSE within the meaning of definition "frequently traded shares" under regulation 2(1)(j) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
- 5.5. There has been no merger / demerger or spin off involving STCL during the last 3 years.
- 5.6. The present and expanded equity and voting share capital of the Target Company is as follows:

Paid up Equity Shares of Target Company	Pre- preferential Equity Share Capital		Post- preferential Equity Share Capital	
	No. of Shares / Voting Rights	% of Shares / Voting Rights	No. of Shares / Voting Rights*	% of Shares / Voting Rights
Fully Paid-up Equity Shares	4247300	100%	7397300	100%
Partly Paid-up Equity Shares	-	-	-	-
Total Paid-up Equity Shares	4247300	100%	7397300	100%
Total Voting Rights in the STCL	4247300	100%	7397300	100%

*Calculated on the basis of preferential issue of 31,50,000 equity shares yet to be allotted.

- 5.7. As on the date of this LOF, the Board of Directors of STCL are as follows:

Names of Directors	DIN No.	Designation	Date of Appointment
Mr. Anuj Agarwal	02984121	Managing Director	16/01/2023
Mrs. Laxmi Jajodia	00570216	Director	16/01/2023
Mr. Anup Chattopadhyay	10042485	Director	15/03/2023
Mrs. Poonam Bhathwal	10045592	Director, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer	15/03/2023

Note: The Acquirer, Mr. Anuj Agarwal, holds the position of the Managing Director of the Company, w.e.f. 16.01.2023 and is related to the Chief Financial Officer of the Target Company. Except these, no other Directors/ KMP representing the Acquirer are on the Board of the Target Company.

5.8. Financial Information:

Brief standalone audited financial information of the Target Company for the Financial Years ended 31st March, 2022, 31st March, 2023, 31st March, 2024 and the certified and un-audited standalone financial statements for the nine (9) months period ended 31st December, 2024 are as follows:

Profit & Loss Statement

(Amount Rs. in Lakhs)

For the Year Ended	Year ended 31 st March, 2022 (Audited)	Year ended 31 st March, 2023 (Audited)	Year ended 31 st March, 2024 (Audited)	Nine (9) months Period ended 31 st December, 2024 (Un-Audited & certified)
Income from Operations	39.10	86.35	23.14	235.06
Other Income	8.14	4.03	61.01	70.78
Total Income	47.24	90.38	84.15	305.84
Total Expenditure	27.53	26.57	130.50	593.83
Profit/ (Loss) before Tax, Depreciation & Interest	19.71	63.81	(46.35)	(287.99)
Depreciation	0.11	0.11	0.21	0.15
Interest and Tax	0.00	3.48	2.78	3.30
Profit/ (Loss) before Tax	19.82	67.40	(49.34)	(291.44)
Provision for Tax (including fringe benefit tax)	5.38	14.26	(19.48)	(73.40)
Profit/ (Loss) after tax	14.33	49.55	(29.86)	(218.04)

Balance Sheet

(Amount Rs. in Lakhs)

As at	Year ended 31 st March, 2022 (Audited)	Year ended 31 st March, 2023 (Audited)	Year ended 31 st March, 2024 (Audited)	Nine (9) months Period ended 31 st December, 2024 (Un-Audited & Certified)
Sources of funds				
Equity Share Capital	459.69	459.69	459.69	459.69
Other Equity	82.96	134.77	104.90	(113.14)
Misc. expenditure to the extent w/o	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Worth	542.65	594.46	564.59	346.55
Secured loans	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unsecured loans	0.00	0.00	0.00	170.73
Total	542.65	594.46	564.59	517.28
Uses of funds				
Net Fixed/ Non- Current Assets	0.65	0.54	0.69	0.53
Investments	0.00	0.00	498.31	391.56
Long Term Loans and advances	469.81	85.61	5.00	0.00
Net Current Assets	72.19	508.31	60.59	125.19
Total	542.65	594.46	564.59	517.28

Other Financial Data

For the year ended	Year ended 31 st March, 2022 (Audited)	Year ended 31 st March, 2023 (Audited)	Year ended 31 st March, 2024 (Audited)	Nine (9) months Period ended 31 st December, 2024 (Un-Audited & Certified)
Dividend (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Earnings Per Share (Rs.)	0.34	1.17	(0.70)	(5.13)*
Return on Net worth (%)	2.64	8.34	(5.29)	(62.92)*
Book Value Per Share (Rs.)	12.78	14.00	13.29	8.16

*Non-Annualized.

Note:

- (i) EPS = Profit after tax / number of outstanding equity shares at the close of the year.
(ii) Return on Net Worth = Profit after Tax / Net Worth.
(iii) Book Value per Share = Net Worth / No. of equity shares.
(iv) Source: Annual Reports/ Certified & Un-audited Financial Statements of STCL.

5.9. Pre-Offer and Post-Offer Shareholding Pattern of STCL based on Issued, Subscribed & Paid-up Equity and Voting Share Capital is as under:

Shareholders' Category	Shareholding/voting rights prior to the SPAs/ acquisition and Offer		Shares/voting rights agreed to be acquired which triggered off the SEBI (SAST) Regulations*		Shares/voting rights agreed to be subscribed which triggered off the SEBI (SAST) Regulations**		Shares/ voting rights to be acquired in Open Offer (assuming full acceptances)**		Shareholding/ voting rights after Acquisition and Offer (A+B+C+D)**	
	(A)		(B)		(C)		(D)		(E)	
	No. of shares	%	No. of shares	%	No. of shares	%	No. of shares	%	No. of shares	%
1. Promoter Group:										
(a) Parties to the Agreement/ Existing Promoters										
o Raj Kumar Agarwal	17,83,900	42.00	(17,83,900)	(42.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Promoters other than (a) above										
o Sapna Agarwal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
o Ashok Kumar Sharma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total 1 (a+b)	17,83,900	42.00	(17,83,900)	(42.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Acquirer: *										
- Mr. Anuj Agarwal	10,46,620	24.64	17,83,900	42.00	13,00,000	17.57	14,16,780	19.15	55,47,300	74.99
Total 2	10,46,620	24.64	17,83,900	42.00	13,00,000	17.57	14,16,780	19.15	55,47,300	74.99
3. Parties to Agreement other than 1(a) & 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Public (other than Parties to Agreement & Acquirer)										
a. FIs/MFs/FILs/Banks/ SFIs:	-	-	-	-						
b. Others:	14,16,780	33.36	-	-	18,50,000	25.01	(14,16,780)	(19.15)	18,50,000	25.01
Total No. of Public Shareholders [as on 28.03.2024] = 1299	14,16,780	33.36	-	-						
Total (4) (a+b)										
Grand total (1+2+3+4)	42,47,300	100.00	-	-			-	-	73,97,300	100.00

*Calculated on the basis of pre-preferential equity & voting share capital i.e., 42,47,300 equity shares.

**Calculated on the basis of Expanded equity & voting share Capital of the Target Company, i.e., 73,97,300 equity shares.

5.10. The Acquirer has not acquired any Equity Shares after date of PA till the date of this LOF.

5.11. The Closing Market Price of the Equity Shares of the Target Company as on the date of Public Announcement and the Detailed Public Statement, the trading day after the date of Public Announcement was as below: -

Particulars	Closing Market Price on the BSE Limited
Wednesday, January 03, 2024 being the date of PA	24.61
Thursday, January 04, 2024 being the next Trading date after the date of PA	25.84
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 being the date of DPS	31.39
Thursday, January 11, 2024 being the next Trading date after the date of DPS	32.90

5.12. As on date there are no directions or pending proceedings pending against Step Two Corporation Limited its Promoters and its Directors under SEBI Act, 1992, as amended and regulations made thereunder or by any other Regulator.

5.13. As on date there are no penalties levied against the Target Company by SEBI/ RBI /Stock Exchanges or by any other Regulator except the Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited wherein the equity shares of the Target Company are suspended.

- 5.14. As on date none of the promoters or the directors of the Target Company are wilful defaulters or fugitive economic offender.
- 5.15. The details of non-compliances and/ or delayed compliances under Chapter V of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations by the Promoters/ Promoter Group of the Target Company in the current financial year and post completion of the Previous Open Offer are as follows:

Sr. No	Regulation	Financial Year	Due Date For Compliance	Actual Date of Compliance			Delay, if any			Status of Compliance with Takeover Regulations	Remarks, if any
				BSE	CSE	Target Co.	BSE	CSE	Target Co.		
1	Regulation 30(1) & 30(2)	2023-2024 N.A. w.e.f. 01.04.2022	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2		2022-2023 N.A. w.e.f. 01.04.2022	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
3		2021-2022 N.A. w.e.f. 01.04.2022	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
4	Regulation 29(1)	2022-23	21.10.2022	20.10.22	*	20.10.22	N.A.	*	N.A.	*	*We have not received the submission proof of CSE
5	Regulation 29(2)	2021-2022	28.02.2022	26.02.22	26.02.22	26.02.22	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Complied	N.A.
6	Regulation 31 (4)	2023-2024	10.04.2024	05.04.24	05.04.24	05.04.24	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Complied	N.A.
7		2022-2023	13.04.2023	06.04.23	06.04.23	06.04.23	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Complied	N.A.
8		2021-2022	11.04.2022	06.04.22	06.04.22	06.04.22	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Complied	N.A.

There is an instance of non-compliance with the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011 by the members of Promoters/ Promoter Group along with persons acting in concert for which SEBI may initiate suitable actions against the said entity(ies).

- 5.16. The Target Company has changed its management beyond the threshold limit by appointing Ms. Poonam Bathwal as professional Non-Executive Director on 15.03.2023 without taking prior approval from the RBI thereby breaching Para 42 of Master Direction - Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Company - Scale Based Regulation) Directions, 2023. In this regard the RBI may take action on the Target Company, hence the investors may take a view as deemed fit.

6. OFFER PRICE & FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

6.1. Justification of Offer Price:

6.1.1 The equity shares of the Target Company are presently listed at both BSE and CSE. The equity shares are placed under Scrip Code of "531509" and "29182" on BSE and CSE respectively. The marketable lot for equity shares is 1 (One) equity share. This Open Offer for the acquisition of equity shares is as per the Regulations 3 (1) & 4 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

6.1.2 Since, the Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited is non-operational and the equity shares of the Target Company are suspended at the CSE, there has been no trading in the equity shares of the Target Company for last many years. The total trading turnover in the Equity Shares of the Target Company on BSE, i.e., the nationwide trading terminal, based on trading volume during the twelve calendar months prior to the month of Public Announcement ["PA"] 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023 is as given below:

Stock Exchanges	Total No. of equity shares traded during the twelve calendar months prior to the month of PA	Total No. of equity shares of the Target Company	Trading -Turnover (as % of total equity shares)
BSE	2,59,318	42,47,300	6.11%
CSE	Nil	42,47,300	Not Ascertainable

6.1.3 Based on the information available on the website of BSE and CSE, the equity shares of STCL are infrequently traded on the both the BSE and CSE within the meaning of explanation provided in Regulation 2(1)(j) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

6.1.4 The Offer Price of Rs. 16.50 (Rupees Sixteen and Fifty Paise Only) per fully paid-up equity share of the Target Company is justified in terms of Regulation 8(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Price (In Rs.)
1.	Highest negotiated price per share for acquisition under the agreement attracting the obligations to make a public announcement for the Offer	Rs. 11/-
2.	The Volume- Weighted Average Price paid or payable for acquisitions by the Acquirer during 52 weeks immediately preceding the date of PA	Not Applicable
3.	Highest price paid or payable for acquisitions by the Acquirer during 26 weeks immediately preceding the date of PA	Not Applicable
4.	The Volume-Weighted Average Market Price of shares for a period of sixty trading days immediately preceding the date of the PA as traded on the Stock Exchange where the maximum volume of trading in the shares of the Target Company are recorded during such period	Not Applicable
5.	Where the equity shares are not frequently traded, the price determined by the Acquirer and the Manager to the Open Offer taking into account valuation parameters per Share including, book value, comparable trading multiples, and such other parameters as are customary for valuation of shares	Rs. 12.99

Mr. Vishnu Kumar Tulsyan, an Independent Registered Valuer (IBBI/RV/06/2019/12710) and Chartered Accountants, having office at P- 2, New C. I. T Road, 2nd Floor, Kolkata – 700 073, Tel. No. (033) 40070480, Email Id: tulsyanvk@gmail.com vide certificate dated 03.01.2024, through his valuation report bearing UDIN: 24061953BKCKQW5464 has certified that the fair value of the equity shares of the Target Company is Rs. 12.99 per equity share. Further, pursuant to delay in receipt of prior approval from the RBI, resulting in delay of 365 days in making payment to the eligible shareholders, an interest at the rate of 10% (ten percent) per annum for the period of 365 days i.e., Rs. 1.50 has been added to the Offer Price. Thus, the final Offer Price is arrived at Rs. 16.50 (Rupees Sixteen and Fifty Paise Only) per equity share.

In view of the parameters considered and presented in the table above, in the opinion of the Acquirer and Manager to the Offer, the Offer Price of Rs. 16.50 (Rupees Sixteen and Fifty Paise Only) per equity share is justified in terms of Regulation 8(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

6.1.5 During the last three years preceding the date of Public Announcement, the Company has not undertaken any Buyback of equity shares. Further, there has been no corporate action in the Company in the last one year from the date of public announcement under Regulation 8(9) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. The Offer Price will be adjusted in the events of any corporate actions like bonus, rights issue, stock split, consideration, etc. where the record date effecting such corporate actions falls between the date of this Detailed Public Statement upto 3 (three) working days prior to the commencement of the Tendering Period and the same would be notified to the shareholders also.

6.1.6 As on date of this LOF pursuant to revision in Open Offer price the Acquirers and the PACs have deposited the required amount in the Escrow Account in compliance with regulation 18 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations and all other applicable provisions of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. However there has been no change in the no. of shares for which Open Offer has been made.

6.1.7 If there is any revision in the Offer price on account of future purchases/ competing offers, it will be done only up to the period prior to the commencement of the last one (1) working day before the date of commencement of the tendering period and would be notified to the shareholders.

6.1.8 If the Acquirer acquires equity shares of the Target Company during the period of twenty-six weeks after the tendering period at the price higher than the Offer Price, then the Acquirer shall pay the difference between the highest acquisition price and the Offer Price, to all the equity shareholders whose equity shares have been accepted in Offer within sixty days from the date of such acquisition. However, no such difference shall be paid in the event that such acquisition is made under an open offer under the SEBI (SAST) Regulations or pursuant to SEBI (Delisting of Equity Shares), Regulations, 2021 or open market purchases made in the ordinary course on the stock exchanges, not being negotiated acquisition of shares of the Target Company in any form.

6.2. Financial arrangements:

6.2.1 The Acquirer has adequate financial resources and has made firm financial arrangements for the implementation of the Offer in full out of his own sources/ net worth and no borrowings from any Bank and/ or Financial Institutions are envisaged. Mr. Vikash Gadia (Membership No.066575), Partner of Gadia Vikash & Co. (Chartered Accountants) situated at Room No. 36B, 5th Floor, Martin Burn House, 1.R.N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata-700 001, West Bengal, India, Tel. No.: (033) 4066 4620, Email: cavikash80@gmail.com vide their certificate dated April 01, 2025, bearing UDIN

25066575BMLAHF1949 have certified that sufficient resources are available with the Acquirer for fulfilling the obligations under this "Offer" in full.

- 6.2.2 The maximum consideration payable by the Acquirer assuming full acceptance of the Offer would be Rs. 2,33,76,870/- (Rupees Two Crores Thirty-Three Lakhs Seventy-Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Only). In accordance with Regulation 17 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, the Acquirer has opened an Escrow Account, namely "STCL Open Offer Escrow Account" (bearing Account No.:57500001407691) and deposited therein Rs. 58,53,000/- (Rupees Fifty-Eight Lakhs and Fifty-Three Thousand Only) being more than 25% of the amount required for the Open Offer in an Escrow Account opened with the HDFC Bank Limited, Stephen House, 4, B.B.D. Bag, Kolkata- 700001 ("Escrow Banker").
- 6.2.3 The Manager to the Offer is authorized to operate the above-mentioned Escrow Account to the exclusion of all others and been duly empowered to realize the value of the Escrow Account in terms of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
- 6.2.4 Based on the aforesaid financial arrangements and the confirmations received from the Escrow Banker and the Chartered Accountant, the Manager to the Offer is satisfied about the ability of the Acquirer to implement the Offer in accordance with the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. The Manager to the Offer confirms that the firm arrangement for the funds and money for payment through verifiable means are in place to fulfil the Offer obligations.
- 6.2.5 In case of any upward revision in the Offer Price or the size of the Open Offer, the corresponding increase to the escrow amounts as mentioned above shall be made by the Acquirer in terms of Regulation 17(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, prior to effecting such revision.

7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER:

- 7.1 The Letter of Offer along with Form of Acceptance cum Acknowledgement will be mailed to all those shareholders of STCL (except the existing members of the Promoters and Promoter Group of the Target Company, parties to the Share Purchase Agreement, the Acquirer and the proposed allottees for the said Preferential Issue) whose name appear on the Register of Members, at the close of business hours on 28.03.2025 ("**Identified Date**"). On receipt of a request from any shareholder to receive a copy of the letter of offer in physical format, the same shall be provided.
- 7.2 All owners of the shares, Registered or Unregistered (except the existing members of the Promoters and Promoter Group of the Target Company, parties to the Share Purchase Agreement, the Acquirer and the proposed allottees for the said Preferential Issue) who own the shares any time prior to the Closing of the tendering period are eligible to participate in the Offer as per the procedure set out in Para 8 below. Eligible persons can participate in the Offer by offering their shareholding in whole or in part. No indemnity is required from the unregistered owners.
- 7.3 Accidental omission to dispatch this LOF or the non-receipt or delayed receipt of this LOF will not invalidate the Offer in anyway.
- 7.4 Subject to the conditions governing this Offer, as mentioned in the LOF, the acceptance of this Offer by the shareholder(s) must be absolute and unqualified. Any acceptance to the Offer, which is conditional or incomplete, is liable to be rejected without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- 7.5 **Locked-in Shares:** As on the date of PA, there are no locked-in shares in STCL.

7.6 Eligibility for accepting the Offer:

The Offer is made to all the equity shareholders (except the except the) whose names would appear in the register of shareholders on 28.03.2025 at the close of the business hours on 28.03.2025 and also to those persons who own shares any time prior to the closure of the Offer, but are not registered shareholders(s).

- 7.7 All Public Shareholders, (including resident or non-resident shareholders) must obtain all requisite approvals required, if any, to tender the Offer Shares (including without limitation, the approval from the RBI) held by them, in the Offer and submit such approvals, along with the other documents required to accept this Offer. In the event such approvals are not submitted, the Acquirer reserves the right to reject such Equity Shares tendered in this Open Offer. Further, if the holders of the Equity Shares who are not persons resident in India had required any approvals (including from the RBI, or any other regulatory body) in respect of the Equity Shares held by them, they will be required to submit such previous approvals, that they would have obtained for holding the Equity Shares, to tender the Offer Shares held by them, along with the other documents required to be tendered to accept this Offer. In the event such approvals are not submitted, the Acquirer reserves the right to reject such Offer Shares.

7.8 As per the provisions of Regulation 40(1) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations and SEBI's press release dated December 3, 2018, bearing reference no. PR 49/2018, requests for transfer of securities shall not be processed unless the securities are held in dematerialised form with a depository with effect from April 1, 2019. However, in accordance with the circular issued by SEBI bearing reference number SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/144 dated July 31, 2020, shareholders holding securities in physical form are allowed to tender shares in an open offer. Such tendering shall be as per the provisions of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. Accordingly, Public Shareholders holding Equity Shares in physical form as well, are eligible to tender their Equity Shares in this Open Offer as per the provisions of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

7.9 Statutory Approvals and conditions of the Offer:

- 7.9.1 The Target Company, being a non-deposit taking Non-Banking Financial Company registered with the Reserve Bank of India, hence this Offer is subject to prior approval from Reserve Bank of India ("RBI"), being statutory approval in terms of Master Direction- Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Company- Scale Based Regulation) Directions, 2023, dated October 19, 2023 for acquisition/ transfer of management and control of NBFCs. Reserve Bank of India vide its letter KOL.DOR.DOR.No S688 /01-01-001/2024-2025 dated March 26, 2025 have conveyed its approval. The acceptance of equity shares proposed to be tendered by the non-resident shareholders, if any, is subject to receiving the necessary approval(s), if any, under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and subsequent amendments thereto. In the event such approvals from the RBI are not submitted, the Acquirer reserves the sole right to reject the equity shares tendered by such shareholders in the Open Offer. The Target Company was in receipt of in-principle approval for 31,50,000 equity Shares of face value of Rs. 10/- each on Preferential basis from BSE vide letter bearing reference number 'LOD/PREF/VK/FIP/1481/2023-24' dated March 21, 2024. However, the equity shares STCL are suspended at the CSE and no steps have been taken by STCL to revoke the suspension till date. Further, the forfeiture and the captioned preferential issue of equity shares is yet to be recorded with the CSE as well. However, if any other statutory or government Approval(s) are required or become applicable at a later date before closure of the Tendering Period, this offer shall be subject to such statutory approvals and the Acquirer shall make the necessary applications for such statutory and other Government approvals.
- 7.9.2 The Acquirer, in terms of Regulation 23 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, will have a right not to proceed with the Offer in the event the statutory approvals indicated above are refused. In the event of withdrawal, a PA will be made within 2 (two) working days of such withdrawal, in the same newspapers in which the DPS had appeared.
- 7.9.3 In case of delay in receipt of any statutory approval, SEBI may, if satisfied that delayed receipt of the requisite approvals was not due to any willful default or neglect of the Acquirer or failure of the Acquirer to diligently pursue the application for the approval, grant extension of time for the purpose, subject to the Acquirer agreeing to pay interest to the shareholders as directed by the SEBI, in terms of Regulation 18(11) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. Further, if delay occurs on account of willful default by the Acquirer in obtaining the requisite approvals, Regulation 17(9) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations will also become applicable and the amount lying in the Escrow Account shall become liable to forfeiture.
- 7.9.4 No approval is required from any bank or financial institutions for this Offer.
- 7.9.5 The instructions and provisions contained in Form of Acceptance constitute an integral part of the terms of this Offer.

8. PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTANCE AND SETTLEMENT OF THE OFFER:

- 8.1 All the shareholders (registered or unregistered) of Equity Shares whether holding Equity Shares in dematerialised form or physical form, (except the existing members of the Promoters and Promoter Group of the Target Company, parties to the Share Purchase Agreement, the Acquirer and the proposed allottees for the said Preferential Issue) are eligible to participate in the Offer any time before closure of the tendering period.
- 8.2 There shall be no discrimination in the acceptance of locked-in and non-locked- in shares in the Offer. The residual lock-in period shall continue in the hands of the Acquirer. The shares to be acquired under the Offer must be free from all liens, charges and encumbrances and will be acquired together with the rights attached thereto.
- 8.3 Persons who have acquired the Equity Shares of the Target Company but whose names do not appear in the register of members of the Target Company on the Identified Date or unregistered owners or those who have acquired the Equity Shares of the Target Company after the Identified Date or those who have not received the Letter of Offer, may also participate in this Offer.
- 8.4 The Open Offer will be implemented by the Acquirer through the Stock Exchange Mechanism made available by the Stock Exchange in the form of a separate window ("**Acquisition Window**") as provided under the SEBI (SAST)

Regulations and SEBI Master circular SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD-1/P/CIR/2023/31 dated 16 February 2023, issued by SEBI.

- 8.5 BSE Limited shall be the Designated Stock Exchange for the purpose of tendering shares in the Open Offer.
- 8.6 The facility for Acquisition of shares through Stock exchange Mechanism pursuant to an Open Offer shall be available on the BSE in the form of Separate Window ("**Acquisition Window**").
- 8.7 The Acquirer has appointed Nikunj Stock Brokers Limited for the Open Offer through whom the purchases and settlement of the Offer Shares tendered under the Open Offer shall be made. The contact details of the buying broker are as mentioned below:
Name: Nikunj Stock Brokers Limited
Address: A-92, Ground Floor, Left Portion, Kamla Nagar, New Delhi-110007
SEBI Regd. No.: INZ000169335
Tel. No.: 011 (47030017- 18)/ +91 99994 92292
Email-Id: ig.nikunj@nikunjonline.com.
Website: www.nikunjonline.com
Contact Person: Mr. Anshul Aggarwal
- 8.8 As per the provisions of Regulations 40(1) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations and SEBI's press release dated December 03, 2018 bearing reference number 'PR 49/ 2018', requests for transfer of securities shall not be processed unless the securities in dematerialised form with a depository w.e.f. April 01, 2019. However, in accordance with SEBI circular bearing reference number "SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/144 dated July 31, 2020", shareholders holding securities in physical form are allowed to tender shares in an Open Offer. Such tendering shall be as per the provisions of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. Accordingly, Public Shareholders holding equity shares in physical form as well are eligible to tender their equity shares in this Offer as per the provisions of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
- 8.9 All the equity shareholders who desire to tender their equity shares under the Open Offer will have to intimate their respective stock brokers ("**Selling Brokers**") within the normal trading hours of the Secondary Market, during the Tendering period.
- 8.10 A separate Acquisition Window will be provided by the BSE to facilitate placing of sell orders. The Selling broker can enter orders for dematerialized as well as physical Equity shares.
- 8.11 The cumulative quantity tendered shall be displayed on the Exchange website throughout the trading session at specific intervals by the Stock Exchange during the Tendering period.
- 8.12 Shareholders can tender their shares only through a Broker with whom the shareholder is registered as a client.
- 8.13 In the event Selling Member/ Selling Brokers of any Eligible Shareholder is not registered with BSE trading member/ stock broker, then that Eligible Shareholder can approach any BSE registered stock broker and can register himself by using quick unique client code (UCC) facility through that BSE registered stock broker (after submitting all details as may be required by such BSE registered stock broker in compliance with applicable law). In case the Eligible Shareholder is unable to register himself by using quick UCC facility through any other BSE registered stock broker, then that Eligible Shareholder may approach the Buying Broker, viz. Nikunj Stock Brokers Limited, to register himself by using quick UCC facility. The Public Shareholder approaching BSE registered stock- broker (with whom he does not have an account) / Nikunj Stock Brokers Limited may have to submit following details:

I. In case of Public Shareholder being an individual:

(a) If Public Shareholder is registered with KYC Registration Agency ("KRA**"):**

Forms required:

1. Central Know Your Client ("**CKYC**") form including Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("**FATCA**"), In Person Verification ("**IPV**"), Original Seen and Verified ("**OSV**") if applicable.
2. Know Your Client ("**KYC**") form documents required (all documents self- attested):
 - Bank details (cancelled cheque);
3. Demat details for Equity Shares in demat mode (demat master /latest demat statement).

(b) If Public Shareholder is not registered with KRA:

Forms required:

1. CKYC form including FATCA, IPV, OSV if applicable.
2. KRA form.

3. KYC form documents required (all documents self-attested):

- Permanent Account Number (“PAN”) card copy;
- Address proof;
- Bank details (cancelled cheque);

4. Demat details for Equity Shares in demat mode (demat master /latest demat statement)

It may be noted, that other than submission of above forms and documents, in person verification may be required.

II. In case of Public Shareholder, being a Hindu Undivided Family (“HUF”):

(a) If Public Shareholder is registered with KRA:

Forms required:

1. CKYC form of karta including FATCA, IPV, OSV if applicable
2. KYC form documents required (all documents self-attested):
 - Bank details (cancelled cheque);
3. Demat details for Equity Shares in demat mode (demat master /latest demat statement)

(b) If Public Shareholder is not registered with KRA:

Forms required:

1. CKYC form of karta including FATCA, IPV, OSV if applicable.
2. KRA form.
3. KYC form documents required (all documents self-attested):
 - PAN card copy of HUF & karta;
 - Address proof of HUF & karta;
 - HUF declaration;
 - Bank details (cancelled cheque);
4. Demat details for Equity Shares in demat mode (demat master /latest demat statement).

It may be noted that, other than submission of above forms and documents, in person verification may be required.

III. In case of Public Shareholder other than Individual and HUF:

(a) If Public Shareholder is KRA registered:

Forms required:

1. KYC form documents required (all documents certified true copy):
 - Bank details (cancelled cheque).
2. Demat details for Equity Shares in demat mode (demat master /latest demat statement).
3. FATCA, IPV, OSV if applicable.
4. Latest list of directors/authorised signatories/partners/trustees.
5. Latest shareholding pattern.
6. Board resolution.
7. Details of ultimate beneficial owner along with PAN card and address proof.
8. Last 2 years financial statements.

(b) If Public Shareholder is not KRA registered:

Forms required:

1. KRA form.
2. KYC form documents required (all documents certified true copy):
 - PAN card copy of company/ firm/trust;
 - Address proof of company/ firm/trust;
 - Bank details (cancelled cheque);
3. Demat details for Equity Shares in demat mode (demat master /latest demat statement).
4. FATCA, IPV, OSV if applicable.
5. Latest list of directors/authorised signatories /partners/trustees.
6. PAN card copies & address proof of directors/authorised signatories/ partners/trustees.
7. Latest shareholding pattern.
8. Board resolution/partnership declaration.
9. Details of ultimate beneficial owner along with PAN card and address proof.
10. Last 2 years financial statements.

11. Memorandum of association/partnership deed /trust deed.

It may be noted that, other than submission of above forms and documents, in person verification may be required.

It may be noted that the above-mentioned list of documents is an indicative list. The requirement of documents and procedures may vary from broker to broker.

8.14 Procedure for tendering shares held in Dematerialized Form.

- a) The Equity shareholders who are holding the equity shares in demat form and who desire to tender their Equity shares in this offer shall approach their broker indicating to their broker the details of equity shares they intend to tender in Open Offer.
- b) Under the existing mechanism, the equity shares tendered by the shareholders, on its acceptance will be directly transferred to the account maintained by the Clearing Corporation.
- c) As per SEBI circular SEBI/HO/CFD/DCR-III/CIR/P/2021/615 dated August 13, 2021, a lien shall be marked against the shares of the shareholders participating in the tender offers. Upon finalization of the entitlement, only accepted quantity of shares shall be debited from the demat account of the shareholders. The lien marked against unaccepted shares shall be released.
- d) The revised process, applicable to all the tender offers for which Public Announcement is made on or after October 15, 2021.
- e) There is no change in existing Early Pay-in process by investors and custodians.
- f) Shareholders should therefore ensure to give the instructions in the Depository systems well in advance to ensure all their DEMAT bids placed by the Trading Members are accepted before issue closure time.
- g) Custodian(s) should deposit shares/ Units through the Early Pay-in mechanism provided by Depositories system before confirmation of the bid orders placed by the Trading Members the bids/ orders.
- h) On the date of settlement all blocked equity shares will be transferred to the Clearing Corporation and the lien on the excess equity shares will be cancelled.
- i) The details of settlement number for early pay-in of Equity Shares shall be informed in the issue opening circular that will be issued by the Stock Exchanges/ Clearing Corporation, before the opening of the Offer.
- j) Upon placing the order, the Selling Broker(s) shall provide transaction registration slip (“TRS”) generated by the Exchange bidding system to the shareholder. TRS will contain details of order submitted like Bid ID No., DP ID, Client ID, No. of equity shares tendered etc.
- k) The shareholders will have to ensure that they keep the depository participant (“DP”) account active and unblocked to receive credit in case of return of Equity Shares due to rejection or due to prorated Open Offer

The shareholders holding Equity shares in demat mode are not required to fill any Form of Acceptance-cum-Acknowledgement. The shareholders are advised to retain the acknowledged copy of the DIS and the TRS till the completion of Offer Period.

8.15 Procedure to be followed by the registered Shareholders holding Equity Shares in physical form:

- a) All the Public Shareholders holding Equity Shares in physical form, who wish to accept the Offer and tender their Equity Shares in the Open Offer can send/deliver the Form of Acceptance-cum-Acknowledgment duly signed along with all the relevant documents (envelope should be super-scribed “STCL - Open Offer”) by registered post with acknowledgement due or by courier, at their own risk and cost, to the following collection centre of the Registrar to the Offer during the working hours on or before the date of closure of the Tendering Period.

City	Contact Person	Address	Tel. No.	E-mail Id	Mode of Delivery
Kolkata	Mr. Ashok Sen	3A, Auckland Place, 7 th Floor, Room No. 7A & 7B, Kolkata- 700017	(033) 2280 6616/ 17/ 18	nichetechpl@nicetechpl.com	Hand delivery/ courier/registered post

Note: Business Hours: Monday to Friday 10 AM to 5 PM, except Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

- b) Shareholders who are holding physical equity shares and intend to participate in the offer will be required to approach their respective Selling Broker along with the complete set of documents for verification procedures to be carried out including the:
- i. The form of Acceptance-cum-Acknowledgement duly signed (by all equity Shareholders in case shares are in joint names) in the same order in which they hold the Equity Shares;
 - ii. Original Share Certificates;
 - iii. Valid shares transfer form(s) duly filled and signed by the transferors (i.e., by all registered Shareholders) in same order and as per the specimen signatures registered with the Target Company and duly witnessed at the appropriate place authorizing the transfer in favor of the Acquirer;
 - iv. Self-attested copy of the Shareholder's PAN card;
 - v. Any other Relevant documents such as (but not limited to):
 - Duly attested power of attorney if any person other than the equity shareholder has signed the relevant Form of Acceptance-cum-Acknowledgement;
 - Notarized Copy of death Certificate/ succession certificate or probated will, if the original Shareholder has deceased;
 - Necessary corporate authorizations, such as Board Resolutions, etc, in case of companies.
 - vi. In addition to the above, if the address of the Shareholders has undergone a change from the address registered in the register of members of the Target Company, the Shareholder will be required to submit a self-attested copy of address proof consisting of any one of the following documents: Valid Aadhar Card, Voter Identity card or Passport.
- c) The Investor should approach the Seller Member (Trading Member of the Exchange) with his physical share certificate(s), transfer deed etc. as specified in the Letter of Offer/ Offer Documents/ Prospectus.
- d) The Seller Member(s) should place bids on the Exchange Platform with relevant details as mentioned on physical share certificate(s). The Seller Member(s) to print the Transaction Registration Slip (TRS) generated by the Exchange Bidding System. TRS will contain the details of order submitted like Folio No., Certificate No. Dist. Nos., No. of shares etc.
- e) The Seller Member/ Investor has to deliver the shares & documents along with TRS to the Registrar & Transfer Agent (RTA). Physical Share Certificates to reach RTA within 2 days of bidding by Seller Member.
- f) The holders of physical equity shares shall ensure that the bidding form, together with the share certificate and transfer deed, is received by the share transfer agent appointed for the purpose before the last date of tendering period.
- g) In addition, if the address of the Public Shareholder has undergone a change from the address registered in the register of members of the Target Company, the relevant Public Shareholder would be required to submit a self-attested copy of address proof consisting of any one of the following documents: (i) valid Aadhar Card; (ii) Voter Identity Card; or (iii) Passport.
- h) Public Shareholders holding physical Equity Shares should note that physical Equity Shares will not be accepted unless the complete set of documents is submitted. Acceptance of the physical Equity Shares for the Open Offer shall be subject to verification as per the SEBI (SAST) Regulations and any further directions issued in this regard.
- i) One copy of the TRS will be retained by RTA and RTA is to provide acknowledgement of the same to the Seller Member/ Investor.
- j) The Seller Member's shall be able to view in his terminal such physical share bids as Provisional bids.
- k) The verification of physical certificates shall be completed on the day on which they are received by the RTA
- l) The reasons for RTA rejection will be available as download to the Seller Member.
- m) As and when the RTA confirms the records, such bids will be treated as confirmed and displayed on Exchange Website.

- n) In the Seller Member's terminal such physical share bids will be moved from Provisional bids to confirmed bids.
 - o) On acceptance of physical shares by the RTA, the funds received from Buying Broker by the Clearing Corporation (ICCL) will be released to the Seller Member(s) as per secondary market pay out mechanism.
 - p) Any excess physical shares pursuant to acceptance/ allotment or rejection will be returned back to the Investors directly by RTA.
- 8.16 Modification/Cancellation of orders will not be allowed during the period the Offer is open.
- 8.17 The cumulative quantity tendered shall be made available on the website of the BSE throughout the trading session and will be updated at specific intervals during the tendering period.

8.18 Procedure for Tendering the Shares in case of Non-Receipt of this Letter of Offer:

Persons who have acquired equity shares but whose names do not appear in the register of members of the Target Company on the Identified date, or those who have not received the Letter of Offer, may also participate in this Offer. A shareholder may participate in the Offer by approaching their broker and tender Equity shares in the Open Offer as per the procedure mentioned in this Letter of Offer or in the Form of Acceptance-cum-Acknowledgement. The Letter of Offer along with Form of Acceptance-cum-Acknowledgement will be dispatched to all the eligible shareholders of the Target Company as on the Identified date. In case of non-receipt of this Letter of Offer, such eligible shareholders of the Target Company may download the same from the SEBI's website (www.sebi.gov.in) or BSE's website (www.bseindia.com) or CSE's website at (www.cse-india.com) or Merchant Banker's website at (www.vccorporate.com) or obtain a copy of the same from the Registrar to the Offer on providing suitable documentary evidence of holding of the Equity shares of the Target Company. Alternatively in case of non-receipt of this Letter of Offer, shareholders holding shares may participate in the Offer by providing their application in plain paper in writing signed by all shareholder, stating name, address, number of shares held, client Id number, DP name, DP ID number, number of shares tendered and other relevant documents such as physical share certificates and Form SH-4 in case of shares being held in physical form. Such Shareholders have to ensure that their order is entered in the electronic platform to be made available by the BSE before the closure of the Offer.

- 8.19 No indemnity is needed from the unregistered shareholders.
- 8.20 Non- receipt of this Letter of Offer by, or accidental omission to dispatch this Letter of Offer to any shareholder, does not invalidate the Offer in any way.
- 8.21 The acceptance of the Offer made by the Acquirer is entirely at the discretion of the shareholders of the Target Company. The Acquirer does not accept any responsibility for the decision of any Shareholder to either participate or to not participate in this Offer. The Acquirer will not be responsible in any manner for any loss of share certificate(s) and other documents during transit and the shareholders are advised to adequately safeguard their interest in this regard.

8.22 Acceptance of Equity Shares

The Registrar to the Offer shall provide details of order acceptance to Clearing Corporation within specified timelines. In the event that the number of Equity Shares (including demat Equity Shares, physical Equity Shares and locked-in Equity Shares) validly tendered by the Shareholders under this Offer is more than the number of Offer Shares, the Acquirer shall accept those Equity Shares validly tendered by the Shareholders on a proportionate basis in consultation with the Manager, taking care to ensure that the basis of acceptance is decided in a fair and equitable manner and does not result in non-marketable lots, provided that acquisition of Equity Shares from a Shareholder shall not be less than the minimum marketable lot.

8.23 Settlement Process

- a. On closure of the Offer, reconciliation for acceptances shall be conducted by the Manager to the Offer and the Registrar to the Offer and the final list shall be provided to the Stock Exchange to facilitate settlement on the basis of Shares transferred to the Clearing Corporation. The settlement of trades shall be carried out in the manner similar to settlement of trades in the secondary market. Selling Brokers should use the settlement number to be provided by the Clearing Corporation to transfer the shares in favor of Clearing Corporation.
- b. The shares shall be directly credited to the pool account or client account(s) of the Buying Broker. For the same, the existing facility of client direct pay-out in the capital market segment shall be available. Once the basis of acceptance

is finalised, the Clearing Corporation would facilitate clearing and settlement of trades by transferring the required number of shares to the pool account of the Buying Broker. In case of partial or non-acceptance of orders or excess pay-in, demat Shares shall be released to the securities pool account of the Selling Broker / custodian, post which, the Selling Broker would then issue contract note for the shares accepted and return the balance shares to the Shareholders. Any excess physical Equity Shares, to the extent tendered but not accepted, will be returned to the Shareholder(s) directly by Registrar to the Offer.

8.24 Settlement of Funds/ Payment Consideration

The settlement of fund obligation for demats and physical Equity Shares shall be affected through existing settlement accounts of Selling Broker. The payment will be made to the Buying Broker for settlement. For Equity Shares accepted under the Open Offer, the Selling Broker/ Custodian Participant will receive funds payout in their settlement bank account. The Selling Brokers/ Custodian participants would pay the consideration to their respective clients. The funds received from Buying Broker by the Clearing Corporation will be released to the Selling Broker(s) as per secondary market pay-out mechanism. Shareholders who intend to participate in the Offer should consult their respective Selling Broker for payment to them of any cost, charges and expenses (including brokerage) that may be levied by the Selling Broker upon the selling Shareholders for tendering Equity Shares in the Offer (secondary market transaction). The consideration received by the selling Shareholders from their respective Selling Broker, in respect of accepted Equity Shares, could be net of such costs, charges and expenses (including brokerage) and the Acquirer accepts no responsibility to bear or pay such additional cost, charges and expenses (including brokerage) incurred solely by the selling Shareholder. In case of delay in receipt of any statutory approval(s), SEBI has the power to grant extension of time to Acquirer for payment of consideration to the shareholders of the Target Company who have accepted the Open Offer within such period, subject to Acquirer agreeing to pay interest for the delayed period if directed by SEBI in terms of Regulation 18 (11) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

9. NOTE ON TAXATION

- 9.1. The basis of charge of Indian income-tax depends upon the residential status of the taxpayer during a tax year. The Indian tax year runs from April 1 until March 31. A person who is an Indian tax resident is liable to income-tax in India on his worldwide income, subject to certain tax exemptions, which are provided under the Income Tax Act, 1961. A person who is treated as a non-resident for Indian income-tax purposes is generally subject to tax in India only on such person's India sourced income (i.e. income which accrues or arises or deemed to accrue or arise in India) or income received or deemed to be received by such persons in India. In case of shares of a company, the source of income from shares would depend on the 'Situs' of such shares. 'Situs' of the shares is generally where a company is 'incorporated'. Accordingly, since the Target Company is incorporated in India, the Target Company's shares should be deemed to be 'situated' in India and any gains arising to a non-resident on transfer of such shares should be taxable in India under the Income Tax Act, 1961 ("IT Act").
- 9.2. Gains arising from the transfer of shares may be treated either as 'capital gains' or as 'business income' for income-tax purposes, depending upon whether such shares were held as a capital asset or business asset (i.e. stock-in-trade). The IT Act also provides for different income-tax regimes/ rates applicable to the gains arising from the tendering of Equity Shares under the Open Offer, based on the period of holding, residential status, classification of the shareholder and nature of the income earned, etc. Any applicable surcharge and education cess would be in addition to such applicable tax rates.
- 9.3. Based on the provisions of the IT Act, the shareholders would be required to file an annual income-tax return, as may be applicable to different category of persons, with the Indian income tax authorities, reporting their income for the relevant year. The summary of income-tax implications on tendering of Equity Shares on the recognized stock exchange and chargeable to Securities Transaction Tax (STT) is set out below.
- 9.4. Taxability of capital gain in the hands of the Equity Shareholders:
 - i. The Finance Act, 2024, vide Section 112A, has imposed an income tax on long-term capital gains at the rate of 12.5% (Twelve and half percent only) (On or after July 23, 2024) on transfer of equity shares that are listed on a recognized stock exchange, which have been held for more than 1 (one) year and have been subject to STT upon both acquisition and sale (subject to certain transactions, yet to be notified, to which the provisions of applicability of payment of STT upon acquisition shall not be applicable). Under this provision the capital gains tax would be calculated on gains exceeding ₹1,25,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Twenty-Five Thousand Only) (without any indexation and foreign exchange fluctuation benefits). It may also be noted that any capital gains arising up to January 31, 2018 are grandfathered under this provision. The cost of acquisition for the long-term capital asset acquired on or before January 31, 2018, will be the actual cost. However, if the actual cost is less than the fair market value of such asset (lower of consideration on transfer) as on January 31, 2018, the fair market value will be deemed to be the cost of acquisition.

- ii. As per section 111A of the IT Act, short-term capital gains arising from transfer of listed shares on which STT is paid would be subject to tax at the rate of 15% (Fifteen percent only) for Equity Shareholders (except certain specific categories).
- iii. Any applicable surcharge and education cess would be in addition to above applicable rates.
- iv. In case of resident Equity Shareholders, in absence of any specific provision under the IT Act, the Acquirer shall not deduct tax on the consideration payable to resident Equity Shareholders pursuant to the Offer. However, in case of non-resident Equity Shareholders, since the Offer is through the recognized stock exchange, the responsibility to discharge the tax due on the gains (if any) is on the non-resident Equity Shareholders. It is therefore recommended that the non-resident Equity Shareholder may consult their custodians/authorized dealer's/ tax advisors appropriately.
- v. The tax implications are based on provisions of the IT Act as applicable as on date of this LOF. In case of any amendment made effective prior to the date of closure of this Offer, then the provisions of the IT Act as amended would apply.
- vi. Notwithstanding the details given above, all payments will be made to the Equity Shareholders subject to compliance with prevailing tax laws. The final tax liability of the Equity Shareholder shall remain of such Equity Shareholder and the said Equity Shareholder will appropriately disclose the amounts received by it, pursuant to this Offer, before the Indian income tax authorities.

THE ABOVE DISCLOSURE ON TAXATION SETS OUT THE PROVISIONS OF LAW IN A SUMMARY MANNER ONLY AND IS NOT A COMPLETE ANALYSIS OR LISTING OF ALL POTENTIAL TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE DISPOSAL OF THE EQUITY SHARES. THIS DISCLOSURE IS NEITHER BINDING ON ANY REGULATORS NOR CAN THERE BE ANY ASSURANCE THAT THEY WILL NOT TAKE A POSITION CONTRARY TO THE COMMENTS MENTIONED HEREIN. HENCE, THE EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS FOR TAX TREATMENT ARISING OUT OF THE PROPOSED OFFER THROUGH TENDER OFFER AND APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION THAT THEY SHOULD TAKE. THE ACQUIRER AND THE MANAGER TO THE OFFER DO NOT ACCEPT NOR HOLD ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY TAX LIABILITY ARISING TO ANY EQUITY SHAREHOLDER AS A REASON OF THIS OFFER.

10. DOCUMENTS FOR INSPECTION:

Copies of the following documents will be available for inspection at the Registered office of the Manager to the Offer, M/s. VC Corporate Advisors Private Limited at 31, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite No.-2C, Kolkata-700 013 on any working day between 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. and also on the website of the Target Company and the Manager to the Offer at www.steptwo.in and www.vccorporate.com respectively, during the period the Offer is open i.e., from 16.04.2025 to 30.04.2025.

- i) Audited Annual Accounts of STCL for the financial years ended 31.03.2022, 31.03.2023, 31.03.2024 and the certified and un-audited financial statements for the nine months period ended 31.12.2024.
- ii) Memorandum and Articles of Association of STCL including Certificate of Incorporation.
- iii) Certificates from Mr. Vikash Gadia (Membership No.: 066575), Partner of Gadia Vikash & Co, Chartered Accountants, (FRN no.: 328867E), having office at Room No. 36B, 5th Floor, Martin Burn House, 1.R.N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata-700001, West Bengal, India Tel. No.: (033) 4066 4620, Email:cavikash80@gmail.com certifying the net worth of the Acquirer as on 31.03.2023 and 31.12.2024 and the sufficient resources are available with the Acquirer for fulfilling the obligations under this "Offer" in full dated 03.01.2024 and 01.04.2025.
- iv) Certificate, from Mr. Vishnu K Tulsyan (Membership No.; 061953) an Independent Registered Valuer (IBBI/RV/06/2019/12710) and Chartered Accountants, having office at P- 2, New C. I. T Road, 2nd Floor, Kolkata – 700 073, Tel. No. (033) 40070480, Email Id: tulsyanvk@gmail.com vide certificate dated 03.01.2024, through his valuation report bearing UDIN: 24061953BKCKQW5464 has stated that the Fair Value of the equity shares of STCL is Rs. 12.99 per equity share.
- v) Copy of the letter received from HDFC Bank Limited confirming the required amount kept in the escrow account and marked lien in favour of Manager to the Offer.

- vi) Copy of Share Purchase Agreement dated 03.01.2024 between the Seller and the Acquirer which triggered the Open Offer.
- vii) Copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Acquirer and the Manager to the Offer, dated 03.01.2024.
- viii) Copy of the recommendations made by the Committee of Independent Director of the Target Company.
- ix) Copy of the Public Announcement dated 03.01.2024, published copy of the Detailed Public Statement dated 10.01.2024 and Issue of Opening Public Announcement dated 15.04.2025.
- x) Copy of the notice of Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 02.02.2024
- xi) Copy of SEBI Observation letter no SEBI/HO/CFD-RAC-DCR1/P/OW/2024/12354/1 dated March 27, 2024.
- xii) Prior approval of the Reserve Bank of India vide letter no. KOL.DOR.DOR.NO. S688/01-01-001/2024-2025 dated March 26, 2025.
- xiii) Copy of public notice dated 29.03.2025 published on 01.04.2025.
- xiv) The in-principle approval for 31,50,000 equity Shares of face value of Rs. 10/- each on Preferential basis from BSE vide letter bearing reference number 'LOD/PREF/VK/FIP/1481/2023-24' dated March 21, 2024.

11. DECLARATION BY THE ACQUIRER:

In accordance with the regulation 25(3) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, the Acquirer accepts full responsibility for the information contained in the Public Announcement, Detailed Public Statement Draft Letter of Offer and the Letter of Offer except that pertains to the Target Company and also for the obligations of the Acquirer laid down in the SEBI (SAST) Regulations and the Acquirer would be responsible for ensuring compliance with the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

On behalf of Acquirer:

Sd/-

Anuj Agarwal

Place: Kolkata

Date: 02.04.2025

FORM OF ACCEPTANCE CUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION
(All terms and expressions used herein shall have the same meaning as described thereto in the Letter of Offer)

(Public Shareholders holding shares in physical form (resident and non-resident) are required to send this Form with TRS generated by the Selling Broker along with the enclosures to the Registrar to the Offer i.e., Niche Technologies Private Limited, at their address given in the Letter of Offer, as per the mode of delivery mentioned in the Letter of Offer)

Offer Opens / Tendering Period Starts on	Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Offer Closes / Tendering Period Ends on	Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Date:
From:
Folio No:
Name:
Address:
Contact Number:
E-mail Address:

For Office Use Only	
Acceptance Number	
Number of Equity shares offered	
Number of Equity shares accepted	
Purchase Consideration (Rs.)	

To,
The Acquirer,
C/o. Niche Technologies Private Limited,
CIN: U74140WB1994PTC062636
3A, Auckland Place, 7th Floor,
Room No. 7A & 7B, Kolkata- 700017
Tel. No.: (033)- 2280 6616/17/18;
Fax No.: (033)- 2280 6619
Email ID: nichetechpl@nichetechpl.com

Dear Sir,

Subject: Open Offer by Mr. Anuj Agarwal, resident of Gardenia House, 8th Floor, Room No. 8A, 227/1A, A.J.C. Bose Road, L.R. Sarani, Circus Avenue, Kolkata- 700020 (hereinafter referred to as the “Acquirer”), to the equity shareholders of M/s. Step Two Corporation Limited (“STCL” or the “Target Company”) to acquire from them up to 14,16,780 equity shares of face value of Rs. 10/- each representing 19.15% of the total expanded equity and voting share capital of STCL.

I/We refer to the Letter of Offer dated April 02, 2025 (“LOF”) for acquiring the equity shares held by me/us in M/s. Step Two Corporation Limited.

I/We, the undersigned have read the Public Announcement, Detailed Public Statement and the LOF, and understood their contents including the terms and conditions and procedure as mentioned therein and unconditionally accept such terms and conditions.

I/We, unconditionally offer to tender shares to the Acquirer the following equity shares in STCL held by me/us at a price of Rs. 16.50 (Rupees Sixteen and Fifty Paise Only) including an interest of Rs. 1.50 (Rupee One and Fifty Paise Only) per equity share.

I/We, confirm that our residential status under the Income Tax Act is as below (tick whichever is applicable).

☐ Resident

☐ Non-Resident

I/We, Acknowledge and confirm that all the particulars/statements given herein are true and correct

DETAILS OF PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS:

DETAILS OF EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS:

Name (in Block Letters)	Holder	Name of Shareholders	Permanent Account Number (PAN)
(Please write names of the joint holders in the same order as appearing in the Equity Share Certificate(s)/ demat account)	Sole/First		
	Second		
	Third		
Contact number(s) of the first holder	Tel No. (With STD code):		Mobile No.:
Full Address of the first holder (with pin code)			
Email address of first holder			
Date and place of incorporation (if applicable)			

EQUITY SHARES HELD IN PHYSICAL FORM:

I/We, confirm that our residential status under the Income Tax Act is as below (tick whichever is applicable).

☐ Resident

☐ Non-Resident

I / We, holding the Equity Shares in physical form, accept the Offer and enclose the original share certificate(s) and duly signed transfer deed(s) in respect of my / our Equity Shares as detailed below along with enclosures as mentioned herein:

The particulars of original share certificate(s) tendered and duly signed transfer deed(s) are detailed below:

Ledger Folio No.	Number of Share Certificates attached:			
	No. of equity shares held in STCL		No. of equity shares offered	
	In Figures	In Words	In Figures	In Words

Sr. No.	Certificate No(s).	Distinctive No(s).		No. of equity shares
		From	To	
Total No. of equity shares				

(In case of insufficient space, please use additional sheet and authenticate the same)

I/We note and understand that the original equity share certificate(s) and valid share transfer deed(s) will be held in trust for me/us by the Registrar to the Offer until the time the Acquirer pays the purchase consideration as mentioned in the LOF.

I/We also note and understand that all the Acquirer will pay the purchase consideration only after verification of the documents and signatures.

Enclosures (please provide the following and ✓ whichever is applicable):

- Original Equity Share certificates
- Valid share transfer deed(s) duly filled, stamped and signed by the transferor(s) (i.e. by all registered shareholder(s) in the same order and as per specimen signatures registered with the Target Company), and duly witnessed at the appropriate place.
- Form of Acceptance (FOA) – signed by sole/joint shareholders whose name(s) appears on the share certificate(s) and in the same order and as per the specimen signature lodged with the Target Company;
- Photocopy of Transaction Registration Slip (TRS) Self attested copy of PAN card of all the transferor(s);
- Self-attested copy of the address proof consisting of any one of the following documents: valid Aadhar card, voter identity card, passport or driving license;
- Any other relevant document (but not limited to) such as Power of Attorney (if any person apart from the Shareholder has signed the FOA), corporate authorization (including board resolution/ specimen signature), notarized copy of death certificate and succession certificate or probated will, if the original shareholder has deceased etc., as applicable. Shareholders of the Target Company holding physical shares should note that Physical Shares will not be accepted unless the complete set of documents are submitted. Public Shareholders should note that physical Equity Shares will not be accepted unless the complete set of documents is submitted

FOR ALL EQUITY PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS (HOLDING EQUITY SHARES IN DEMAT OR PHYSICAL FORM)

- I/We confirm that the Equity Shares which are being tendered herewith by me/us under this Offer, are free from liens, charges, equitable interests, and encumbrances and are being tendered together with all rights attached thereto, including all rights to dividends, bonuses and rights offers, if any, declared hereafter
- I/we have obtained any and all necessary consents to sell the equity shares on foregoing basis.
- I/We declare that there are no restraints/injunctions or other order(s) of any nature which limits/restricts in any manner my/our right to tender equity shares in this Open Offer and that I/we am/are legally entitled to tender the equity shares in this Open Offer.
- I/We declare that regulatory approvals, if applicable, for holding the Equity Shares and/or for tendering the Equity Shares in the Open Offer are enclosed herewith.
- I/We agree that the Acquirer will pay the consideration as per secondary market mechanism only after verification of the certificates, documents, and signatures, as applicable submitted along with this Form of Acceptance.
- I/We undertake to return to the Acquirer any Offer consideration that may be wrongfully received by me/us.
- I/We confirm that I / We are not persons acting in concert or persons deemed to be acting in concert with the Acquirer.
- I/We give my/our consent to file form FCTRS, if applicable, on my/our behalf.
- I/We undertake to execute any further documents and give any further assurances that may be required or expedient to give effect to my/our tender/offer and agree to abide by any decision that may be taken by the Acquirer to effectuate this Offer in accordance with the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

- I /We am/are not debarred from dealing in Equity Shares or any Securities.
- I / We confirm that I / We are not persons acting in concert or persons deemed to be acting in concert with the Acquirer or the Seller.
- I / We give my/our consent to the Acquirer to file any statutory documents on my/our behalf in relation to accepting the equity shares in this Open Offer.
- I / We confirm that I / we are in compliance with the terms of the Open Offer set out in the PA, the DPS, and the LOF.
- I /We authorize the Acquirer to accept the Equity Shares so offered or such lesser number of Equity Shares which the Acquirer may decide to accept in consultation with the Manager to the Offer and the Registrar to the Offer and in terms of the LoF. I/we further authorize the Acquirer to return to me/ us in the demat account/ share certificate(s) in respect of which the Open Offer is not found valid/not accepted without specifying the reasons thereof.
- I/We further agree to receive a single share certificate for the unaccepted Equity Shares in physical form.
- In case of demat shareholders, I /We note and understand that the Equity Shares would be kept in the pool account of my/our broker and the lien will be marked by Clearing Corporation until the Settlement Date whereby the Acquirer makes payment of purchase consideration as mentioned in the LoF.
- In case of physical shareholders, I/We note and understand that the shares/ Original Share Certificate(s) and Transfer Deed(s) will be held by the Registrar in trust for me / us till the date the Acquirer makes payment of consideration as mentioned in the LoF or the date by which Original Share Certificate(s), Transfer Deed(s) and other documents are returned to the shareholders, as the case may be.
- I /We confirm that there are no taxes or other claims pending against me / us which may affect the legality of the transfer of Equity Shares under the Income Tax Act, 1961, including but not limited to Section 281 of the Income Tax Act, 1961.
- I / We note and understand that the Equity Shares would be kept in the pool account of my / our Selling Broker and the lien will be marked by Clearing Corporation until the settlement date whereby Acquirer makes payment of purchase consideration as mentioned in the LOF.
- I/We confirm that in the event of any income tax demand (including interest, penalty, etc.) arising from any misrepresentation, inaccuracy, or omission of information provided/to be provided by me/us, or as a result of income tax (including any consequent interest and penalty) on the capital gains arising from tendering of the Equity Shares or any other payments, I/we will indemnify the Acquirer for such income tax demand (including interest, penalty, etc.) and provide the Acquirer with all information/documents that may be necessary and co-operate in any proceedings before any income tax/appellate authority. .

The bank account details for the purpose of payment of consideration will be taken from the record of the depositories.

FOR NRIs/ OCBs/ FIIs AND SUB-ACCOUNTS/ OTHER NON-RESIDENT SHAREHOLDERS

I/We confirm that my/our residential status is (☐ whichever is applicable):

☐ Individual	☐ Foreign Company	☐ FII/FPI – Corporate	☐ FII/FPI – Others	☐ FVCI
☐ Foreign Trust	☐ Private Equity Fund /AIFs	☐ Pension/Provident Fund	☐ Sovereign Wealth Fund	☐ Partnership/ Proprietorship firm
☐ Financial Institution	☐ NRIs/PIOs – repatriable	☐ NRIs/PIOs – non-repatriable	☐ OCB	☐ QFI
☐ Insurance Company	☐ Indian Company	☐ Indian Trust	☐ Banks	☐ Association of person/ body of individuals
☐ Others – please specify:				

I/We confirm that my/our investment status is (please provide supporting documents and ☐ whichever is applicable):

- ☐ FDI Route
- ☐ PIS Route
- ☐ Any other – please specify _____

In Case of non-resident Public Shareholders, I/We, confirm that Equity Shares tendered by me/us are held on (☐ whichever is applicable):

- ☐ Repatriable basis
- ☐ Non-repatriable basis

I/We confirm that (☐ whichever is applicable):

- ☐ No RBI, FIPB or other regulatory approval was required by me for holding Equity Shares that have been tendered in this Open Offer and the Equity Shares are held under general permission of the RBI
- ☐ Copies of all approvals required by me for holding Equity Shares that have been tendered in this Open Offer are enclosed herewith
- ☐ Copy of RBI Registration letter taking on record the allotment of shares to me/us is enclosed herewith

I/We confirm that (☐ whichever is applicable):

- ☐ No RBI, FIPB or other regulatory approval is required by me for tendering the Equity Shares in this Open Offer
- ☐ Copies of all approvals required by me for tendering Equity Shares in this Open Offer are enclosed herewith
- ☐ There are no taxes or other claims pending against us which may affect the legality of the transfer of Equity Shares under the Income Tax Act including but not limited to section 281 of the Income Tax Act
- ☐ In the event of any income tax demand (including interest, penalty, etc.) arising from any misrepresentation, inaccuracy, error, negligence or omission of information provided / to be provided by me / us, I / we will indemnify the Acquirer for such income tax demand (including interest, penalty, cost of litigation etc.) and provide the Acquirer

with all information / documents that may be necessary and co-operate in any proceedings before any income tax / appellate authority

Additional confirmations and enclosures for all Public Shareholders, as applicable I / We, have enclosed the following documents (☐ whichever is applicable):

- ☐ Self-attested copy of PAN card.
- ☐ Self-declaration form in Form 15 G / Form 15 H, in duplicate copy.
- ☐ Certificate from Income-tax Authorities for deduction of tax at lower or nil rate.
- ☐ For Banks, LIC, Unit Trust of India and other specified entities covered under Section 194A (3)(iii) of the Income Tax Act, self-attested copy of relevant registration or notification.
- ☐ 'Valid Tax Residency Certificate' issued by the income tax authority of a foreign country of which he / it claims to be a tax resident, in case the Public Shareholder intends to claim benefit under the DTAA between India and that jurisdiction in which the Public Shareholder claims to be resident and a duly filled in 'Form 10F' as prescribed under the Income Tax Act. Such other information and documentation as may be required depending upon specific terms of the relevant DTAA, including but not limited to a declaration of not having a permanent establishment in India

SEBI registration certificate issued to Category I or Category II Alternative Investment Funds if such fund intends to claim exemption from TDS under Section 197A(1F) of the Income Tax Act.

In case of interest payments, if any, by the Acquirer for delay in payment of Open Offer consideration or a part thereof, the Acquirer will deduct taxes at source at the applicable rates as per the Income Tax Act.

Yours faithfully,

Signed and Delivered:

Particulars	Full Names (s) of the holders	Address& Telephone No.	PAN	Signature
First/Sole Holder				
Joint Holder 1				
Joint Holder 2				

Note: In case of joint holdings all must sign. Enclose duly attested power of attorney if any person apart from the shareholder has signed acceptance form or transfer deed(s). A corporation must affix its common seal and enclose necessary certified corporate authorizations. Non-resident shareholders with repatriable benefits must enclose appropriate documentation.

Place:

Date:

INSTRUCTIONS

- i. Please read the enclosed Letter of Offer carefully before filling-up this Form of Acceptance cum Acknowledgement.
- ii. The Form of Acceptance cum Acknowledgement should be filled-up in English only.
- iii. Signature(s) other than in English, Hindi, and thumb impressions must be attested by a Notary Public under his Official Seal.
- iv. **Mode of tendering the Equity Shares Pursuant to the Offer:**
 - (i) The acceptance of the Offer made by the Acquirer is entirely at the discretion of the equity shareholder of STCL.
 - (ii) Shareholders of STCL to whom this Offer is being made, are free to Offer his / her / their shareholding in STCL for sale to the Acquirer, in whole or part, while tendering his / her / their equity shares in the Offer.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP

Subject: Open Offer by Mr. Anuj Agarwal, resident of Gardenia House, 8th Floor, Room No. 8A, 227/1A, A.J.C. Bose Road, L.R. Sarani, Circus Avenue, Kolkata- 700020 (hereinafter referred to as the "Acquirer"), to the equity shareholders of M/s. Step Two Corporation Limited ("STCL" or the "Target Company") to acquire from them up to 1416780 equity shares of face value of Rs. 10/- each representing 19.15% of the total expanded equity and voting share capital of STCL.

FOR EQUITY SHARES HELD IN PHYSICAL FORM

Received from Mr. / Ms. _____

Ledger Folio Number _____ Number of share Certificates enclosed _____ under the Letter of Offer, Form of acceptance, Transfer Deed(s) and Original Share Certificate(s) as detailed hereunder:

Sr. No.	Certificate No(s).	Distinctive No(s).		No. of equity shares
		From	To	
Total No. of equity shares				

FOR EQUITY SHARES HELD IN DEMATERIALISED FORM

Received from Mr. / Ms. _____

I / We, holding Equity Shares in the dematerialized form, accept the Offer and enclose the photocopy of the Delivery Instruction in "market" mode, duly acknowledged by my/our Depository Participant in respect of my shares as detailed below:

DP Name	DP ID	Client ID	Name of Beneficiary	No. of Equity Shares

Stamp of Collection Centre	Signature of Official	Date of Receipt

Note: All Future correspondence, if any, should be addressed to Registrar to the Offer.

Niche Technologies Private Limited

SEBI REGN. NO.: INR000003290 [Validity of Registration: Permanent]

Contact Person: Mr. Ashok Sen; CIN: U74140WB1994PTC062636

3A, Auckland Place, 7th Floor, Room No. 7A & 7B, Kolkata- 700017

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Form No. SH-4
Securities Transfer Form
[Pursuant to section 56 of the Companies act, 2013 and sub-rule (1) of rule 11 of the
Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules 2014]

Date of execution _____

FOR THE CONSIDERATION stated below the "Transferor(s)" named do hereby transfer to the "Transferee(s)" named the securities specified below subject to the conditions on which the said securities are now held by the Transferor(s) and the Transferee(s) do hereby agree to accept and hold the said securities subject to the conditions aforesaid.

CIN: L65991WB1994PLC066080

Name of the company (in full): Step Two Corporation Limited

Name of the Stock Exchange where the company is listed, if any: BSE Limited and The Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES:

Kind/Class of securities (1)	Nominal value of each unit of security (2)	Amount called up per unit of security (3)	Amount paid up per unit of security (4)
Equity Shares	10/-		

No. of Securities being Transferred		Consideration Received (Rs)	
In Figures	In Words	In words	In figures

Distinctive Number	From				
	To				
Corresponding Certificate Nos:					

TRANSFEROR'S PARTICULARS

Registered Folio Number			
Name(s) in full	Seller Signature (s)		
1.			
2.			
3.			
I, hereby confirm that the Transferor has signed before me.	Witness Signature		
Name and Address of Witness			

TRANSFeree'S PARTICULARS-

	1	2	3
Name in full			
Father's/mother's/Spouse name			
Address, Mobile/Ph. No. E-mail ID			
Occupation			
Existing folio no., if any			
PAN No.			
Signature			

Folio No. of Transferee : _____

Specimen Signature of Transferee

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Declaration:

- ☐ Transferee is not required to obtain the Government approval under the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) Rules, 2019 prior to transfer of shares; or
- ☐ Transferee is required to obtain the Government approval under the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) Rules, 2019 prior to transfer of shares and the same has been obtained and is enclosed herewith

Enclosures:

- (1) Certificate of shares or debentures or other securities
- (2) If no certificate is issued, letter of allotment. Value of stamp affixed: _____ (Rs.)
- (3) Copy of PAN CARD of all the Transferees (For all listed Cos).
- (4) Other, Specify.....

Stamps:

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For office use only

Checked by _____ Signature tallies by _____

Entered in the Register of Transfer on _____ vide Transfer No. _____ Approval Date _____

Power of attorney/Probate/Death Certificate/Letter of administration Registered on _____ at No. _____