

**PROCESS MEMORANDUM**

**DATED 28 DECEMBER 2024**

**FUTURE REAIL LIMITED**

**(In Liquidation under the provisions of Insolvency and  
Bankruptcy Code, 2016, vide order of Hon'ble National  
Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai Bench dated 29<sup>th</sup>  
July 2024)**

**Issued on behalf of**

**Future Retail Limited (in Liquidation)**

**by**

**Mr. Sanjay Gupta (the Liquidator)**

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**E-AUCTION PROCESS FOR SALE OF ASSETS OF THE FUTURE REAIL LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION) AS A SET OF ASSETS IN COLLECTION OR ASSETS IN PARCEL (AS THE CASE MAY BE).**

Invitation for bids for E-auction of Sale of Assets of Future Retail limited (in liquidation) as a ‘Set of Assets in Collection’ or ‘Assets of Corporate Debtor in Parcels’ (as the case may be) under the provisions of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 pursuant to the order dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 passed by the Hon’ble National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai Bench (“NCLT”).

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28 December 2024

**Issued by**

**Sanjay Gupta**

IBBI Registration No. IBBI/IPA-002/IP-N00982-C01/2017-2018/10354

As Liquidator of Future Retail Limited

(Company under Liquidation vide Hon’ble NCLT order dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024)

Authorization for Assignment valid till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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The Hon’ble NCLT has pronounced the Liquidation Order under section 33(1)(a) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (“Code” or “IBC”) in respect of Future Retail Limited (herewith referred as “Company / Corporate Debtor”) vide order dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (“Liquidation Commencement Order”). By and under the Liquidation Commencement Order, Mr. Sanjay Gupta (Registration No.: IBBI/IPA-002/IP-N00982-C01/2017-2018/10354) (“Liquidator”) has been appointed as the liquidator of the Company.

## DISCLAIMER

This process memorandum (“**Process Memorandum**”) is issued by Mr. Sanjay Gupta, the liquidator (“**Liquidator**”) of Future Retail Limited (in liquidation) (the “**Company**” or “**Corporate Debtor**”) for general information purposes, to provide general information only, without regard to specific objectives, suitability, financial situations and the requirements of any particular Person. The purpose of this Process Memorandum is to set out the process for submitting electronic auction bids for the assets of the Company in accordance with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (“**IBC**” / “**Code**”). Nothing herein or in materials relating to the Process Memorandum is intended to be construed as legal, financial, accounting, regulatory or tax advice by the Liquidator. This Process Memorandum is personal and specific to each auction process participant. Neither this Process Memorandum nor anything contained herein shall form the basis of, or be relied upon in connection with any contract, agreement, undertaking, understanding or any commitment whatsoever. This Process Memorandum does not solicit any action based on the material contained herein.

The information in this Process Memorandum, which does not purport to be comprehensive, is provided by the Company and has not been independently verified by the Liquidator. While this information has been prepared in good faith, no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, is or will be made and no responsibility or liability is or will be accepted by the Liquidator, the Company or by any of its officers, employees or agents in relation to the accuracy, fairness, authenticity or completeness of this Process Memorandum or any other written or oral information made available to any interested party or its advisers and any such liability is expressly disclaimed. In so far as the information contained in this Process Memorandum includes current or historical information, the accuracy, adequacy, authenticity, correctness, fairness, and completeness of such information cannot be guaranteed. By acceptance of this Process Memorandum, the Bidder (*defined hereinbelow*) shall be deemed to have acknowledged that it has not relied upon any representation and warranty made by the Liquidator. The participation in the E-Auction (*defined hereinbelow*) means and implies that the Bidder has read carefully and unconditionally and irrevocably agreed to and accepted all the terms and conditions laid herein.

This Process Memorandum has not been filed, registered or approved and will or may not be filed, registered, reviewed or approved by any statutory or regulatory authority in India or by any stock exchange in India or any other jurisdiction. This Process Memorandum and information contained

herein or disclosed pursuant to the terms of this Process Memorandum or any part of it does not constitute or purport to constitute any advice or information in publicly accessible media and should not be printed, reproduced, transmitted, sold, distributed, or published by the recipient without prior written approval from the Liquidator. Distributing or taking/sending/dispatching/transmitting this Process Memorandum in certain foreign jurisdictions may be restricted by Applicable Law, and Persons into whose possession this Process Memorandum comes should inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions.

Neither the Liquidator, nor his professional advisors, consultants, service providers, affiliates, directors, employees, agents, representatives or managers of the process shall be liable for any damages, whether direct or indirect, incidental, special or consequential including loss of revenue or profits that may arise from or in connection with the use of this Process Memorandum, including for the Process Memorandum not being selected as a Successful Bidder or on account of any decision taken by the Liquidator.

The Liquidator and/or the Company gives no undertaking to provide the recipient with access to any additional information or to update this Process Memorandum or any additional information, or to correct any inaccuracies in it which may become apparent, and they reserve the right, without giving reasons, at any time and in any respect, to amend or terminate the procedures set herein or to terminate negotiations with any Bidder. The issue of this Process Memorandum shall not be deemed to be any form of commitment on the part of the Liquidator or the Company to proceed with any transaction.

The Liquidator may, in his absolute discretion but without being under any obligation to do so, update, amend or supplement the information, assessment or assumptions contained in this Process Memorandum. Further, the Bidder must specifically note that the Liquidator reserves the right to change, update, amend, supplement, modify, add to, delay or otherwise annul or cease the bidding process at any point of time, for any reason whatsoever determined in his sole discretion without any obligation, including to notify any Person or Bidder of such revision or changes. In addition, the Liquidator also reserves the right to extend or change any particular date or any timeline for completion of the bidding process for acquisition of the assets of the Corporate Debtor for any reason whatsoever determined in his sole discretion or under such circumstances as the Liquidator finds appropriate, without any obligation, including the obligation to notify any person or Bidder of such revision or change.

In providing this Process Memorandum, the Liquidator or his representatives or his professional advisors do not undertake any obligation to provide the Bidders with access to any additional information or to update, expand, revise or amend the information, or to correct any inaccuracies which may become apparent in this or any other document and having said so, the Liquidator or his representatives or his professional advisors will make all endeavors to provide the additional information being sought for by the Bidders.

In addition to the provisions set out in this Process Memorandum, the Bidder shall be responsible for fully satisfying the requirements of the Code and related regulations as well as all Applicable Laws (*defined hereinbelow*) in force that are or may be applicable to the Bidder or the sale process and for obtaining requisite regulatory or other approvals, if any, that are or may be required under Applicable Laws and nothing contained in this Process Memorandum shall be deemed to relieve, wholly or partially, directly or indirectly, the Bidder from compliance with the Code and related regulations as well as any other law in force, and/ or any instrument having the force of law as may be applicable and nothing in this Process Memorandum shall be construed as, or operate either, wholly or in part, as exempting the Bidder from complying with all such laws, as are or may be applicable.

The issue of this Process Memorandum does not imply that the Liquidator is bound to select a Qualified Bidder as a ‘Successful Bidder’ (*as defined below*) or to select the Successful Bidder in respect of its Bid and the Liquidator reserves the right to reject at any stage all or any of the Bid/Bids submitted by any Bidder in accordance with Schedule I of Liquidation Process Regulations and without incurring any liability whatsoever.

By procuring a copy of this Process Memorandum, the recipient accepts the terms of this disclaimer notice, which forms an integral part of this Process Memorandum and all other terms and conditions of this Process Memorandum. Further, no Person, including the Bidder shall be entitled under any law, statute, rules or regulations or tort, principles of restitution or unjust enrichment or otherwise to claim for any loss, damage, cost or expense which may arise from or be incurred or suffered on account of anything contained in this Process Memorandum or otherwise, including the accuracy, adequacy, authenticity, correctness, completeness or reliability of the information or opinions contained in this Process Memorandum and any assessment, assumption, statement or information contained therein or deemed to form part of this Process Memorandum, and the Liquidator, Company, and their consultants, service providers, advisors, affiliates, directors, employees, agents,

representatives or managers do not have any responsibility or liability for any such information or opinions and therefore, any liability or responsibility is hereby expressly disclaimed. All expenses incurred towards legal expenses, movement / shifting of the assets of the Company post the E-Auction should be borne by the Successful Bidder. The Liquidator or the Company shall not be held responsible / liable to pay any expenses towards such movement of any assets sold in the E-Auction.

In no circumstances shall the Bidder or its officers, employees, agents and professional advisers make any contact, direct or indirect, by any mode whatsoever, with the management, employees, customers, agents or suppliers of the Company until the Liquidator gives permission to do so in writing.

A 'Set of the Assets in Collection' or 'Assets of the Company in Parcel' (as the case may be) are proposed to be sold on "*as is where is basis*", "*as is what is basis*", "*whatever there is basis*" basis, and "*no recourse basis*" and the proposed sale of the assets of the Company does not entail transfer of any title except the title which the Company had over its respective assets as on date of the transfer. The Liquidator does not take or assume any responsibility for any shortfall or defect or shortcoming in the assets of the Company.

The Bidder shall bear all its costs and charges associated with or relating to the preparation and submission of its bid including but not limited to preparation, copying, postage, delivery fees, expenses associated with any demonstrations or presentations for each assets which may be required by the Liquidator or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to its bid on of the relevant assets. This Process Memorandum shall not deem to be any form of commitment on the part of the Liquidator or the Corporate Debtor to proceed with any transaction.

All terms and conditions with respect to the sale of each asset shall be governed by the directions of the Liquidator, the Adjudicating Authority (*defined hereinbelow*) and in accordance with the provisions of Applicable Laws. As mandated by the Adjudicating Authority, the Liquidator shall exercise all rights with respect to sale of the Corporate Debtor as mentioned in the Process Memorandum and it would be open to the Liquidator to appoint such experts, professionals or other persons, as the Liquidator might think necessary, so as to enable the sale of the assets.

The Bidders are cautioned against any attempt for giving or offering any gift, bribe or inducement and any attempt to any such act, on behalf of the Bidder towards the Liquidator or his professional advisors or the Corporate Debtor or any of its representatives, for showing any favour in relation to

this Process Memorandum or the process set out herein, which if done, shall render the Bidder to such liability and penalty as the Liquidator may deem proper, including but not limited to immediate disqualification and expulsion from the bidding process.

The term “Set of Assets in Collection” wherever used in this Process Memorandum shall mean, Sale of set of assets of the Corporate Debtor in accordance with the terms enshrined under Regulation 32 (c) of Liquidation Process Regulations read with provisions of the Code, other provisions of the Liquidation Process Regulations and this Process Memorandum. The term “Assets in Parcels” wherever used in this Process Memorandum shall mean, sale of assets in parcels in accordance with Regulations 32 (d) of the Liquidation Process Regulations read with the provisions of the Code, other provisions of the Liquidation Process Regulations and this Process Memorandum.

The Bidders shall comply with all the laws of India.

The laws of the Republic of India are applicable to this Process Memorandum.

## **TO ALL BIDDERS**

Terms and conditions, Timelines including Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit as well as pre- bid qualifications, if any, Application Form, Confidentiality Undertaking and other documents required for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Process Memorandum.

The details for the E-Auction process are also available on the website <https://ebkray.in/> and <https://right2vote.in/online-auction/>

Bidders desirous to submit their bid, must submit Bids on E-Auction Portal <https://right2vote.in/online-auction/>

*The documents for the Bid have to be submitted at Liquidator's Office by post or in person or through electronic means by email at [fri.eauction@gmail.com](mailto:fri.eauction@gmail.com) .*

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## 1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 1.1. This Process Memorandum has been issued with the intent to carry out e-auction (“**E-Auction**”) of the assets of Future Retail Limited (in liquidation) as the assets of the Corporate Debtor shall be sold in ‘Set of Assets in Collection’ or ‘Assets in Parcels’ (as the case may be) under the provisions of the Code and Liquidation Process Regulations (*defined hereinbelow*).
- 1.2. All information provided in this Process Memorandum should be read together with the provisions of the Code and the Liquidation Process Regulations. In the event of a conflict between this Process Memorandum, the Code or the Liquidation Process Regulations, the provisions of the Code will prevail and if the related information is not there in the Code, the Liquidation Process Regulations shall prevail.
- 1.3. The information contained in this Process Memorandum or subsequently provided to Bidder(s), whether verbally or in documentary or any other form by or on behalf of the Liquidator, is provided to Bidder(s) on the terms and conditions set out in this Process Memorandum.
- 1.4. This Process Memorandum is neither an agreement nor an offer by the Liquidator to the Bidders or any other person. The purpose of this Process Memorandum is to provide Bidders with information that may be useful to them in making their bids pursuant to this Process Memorandum. The assumptions, assessments, statements and information contained in the Process Memorandum may not be complete, accurate, adequate or correct. Each Bidder should, therefore, conduct its own investigations and analysis and should check the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, reliability and completeness of the assumptions, assessments, statements and information contained in this Process Memorandum and obtain independent advice from appropriate sources.
- 1.5. Information provided in this Process Memorandum to the Bidder(s) has been collated from several sources. The information given is not intended to be an exhaustive account of statutory requirements and should not be regarded as complete. The Liquidator accepts no responsibility for the accuracy or otherwise for any statement contained in the Process Memorandum.

- 1.6. The Liquidator, makes no representation or warranty and shall have no liability to any Person, including any Bidder under any law, statute, rules or regulations or tort, principles of restitution or unjust enrichment or otherwise for any loss, damages, cost or expense which may arise from or be incurred or suffered on account of anything contained in this Process Memorandum or otherwise, including the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, completeness or reliability of the Process Memorandum and any assessment, assumption, statement or information contained therein or deemed to form part of this Process Memorandum or arising in any way from participation in this E-Auction.
- 1.7. The Liquidator may in its absolute discretion, but without being under any obligation to do so, update, amend or supplement the information, assessment or assumptions contained in this Process Memorandum.
- 1.8. The issue of this Process Memorandum does not imply that the Liquidator is bound to select a Bidder or to appoint the preferred Bidder as Successful Bidder for the sale of the assets of the Corporate Debtor which are sold in Set of Assets in Collection or Assets in Parcels (as the case may be) and the Liquidator reserves the right to reject all or any of the Bidders or Bids in accordance with Schedule I of Liquidation Process Regulations.
- 1.9. Each Bidder shall bear all its costs and charges associated with or relating to the preparation and submission of its Bid and/ or participation in the E-Auction, including but not limited to preparation, copying, postage, delivery fees, expenses associated with any demonstrations or presentations which may be required by the Liquidator, or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to its bid.
- 1.10. **RIGHT2VOTE INFOTECH PVT LTD – Right2vote** (“E-Auction Service Provider”) has been appointed as the E-Auction Service Provider. The sale of assets as mentioned herein shall be undertaken by the E-Auction Service Provider for and on behalf of the Seller through an e-auction platform provided on the website portal of the E-Auction Service Provider (“**Platform**”). Other details with respect to the E-Auction are as follows:

Type of Bid	E – Auction
Seller	Future Retail Limited in Liquidation acting through the Liquidator,

	Sanjay Gupta
Website of E - Auction service provider	<a href="https://right2vote.in/online-auction/">https://right2vote.in/online-auction/</a>
Service Provider	<b>RIGHT2VOTE INFOTECH PVT LTD</b>
Annexures	<p><b>Annexure 1</b> - Terms and Conditions of E-Auction</p> <p><b>Annexure 2</b> - Application Form (to be duly filed in, signed and stamped by the Auction Participant and submitted) along with Certificate of 'Positive Tangible Net-Worth' as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 certified by a Chartered Accountant.</p> <p><b>Annexure 3</b> - Affidavit certifying eligibility under section 29A of IBC by the Auction Participant (to be duly filled in and signed by the Auction Participant and submitted along with the Application Form)</p> <p><b>Annexure 4</b> - Confidentiality Undertaking (to be duly filled in and signed by the Auction Participant and submitted along with the Application Form)</p> <p><b>Annexure 5</b> - Copy of the resolution passed by the board of directors of the Auction Participant (in case the Auction Participant is a body corporate)</p> <p><b>Annexure 6</b> – Earnest Money Deposit Form</p> <p><b>Annexure 7</b> - Description of Assets</p>
Special Instructions	This bidding is a serious matter and last-minute bidding may lead to lapses. Neither the E-Auction Service Provider nor the Liquidator will be responsible for any lapses on part of the Bidders.

- 1.11. All terms and conditions with respect to the sale of the assets of the Company as a Set of Assets in Collection or Assets in Parcel (as the case may be) shall be governed by the directions

of the Liquidator, the Hon'ble NCLT and in accordance with the provisions of applicable laws.

- 1.12. As mandated by the Hon'ble NCLT, the Liquidator shall exercise all rights with respect to sale of assets of Future Retail Limited (in liquidation) as provided in the Process Memorandum and it would be open to the Liquidator to appoint such experts, professionals or other persons, as the Liquidator might think necessary so as to enable the sale of the assets of the Corporate Debtor.
- 1.13. The Annexures to this Process Memorandum shall form an integral part hereof and this Process Memorandum shall always be read in conjunction with the Annexures hereto.
- 1.14. All incidental expenses incurred towards the sale of the assets of the Corporate Debtor sold as a Aet of Assets in Collection or Assets in Parcels (as the case may be), including the expenses incurred towards movement / shifting of plant & machinery(ies) or any asset of the Company post the E-Auction process should be borne by the Successful Bidder(s). The Liquidator shall not be held responsible / liable to pay any expenses towards such movement of plant & machinery(ies) or any asset of the Company.
- 1.15. In no circumstances shall the Bidder or its officers, employees, agents and professional advisers make any contact, direct or indirect, by any mode whatsoever, with the management, employees, customers, agents or suppliers of the Company until the Liquidator gives permission to do so in writing.
- 1.16. The assets of the Corporate Debtor to be sold in a Set of Assets in Collection or Sale of the Assets in Parcel (as the case may be) are proposed to be sold on "As is where is basis", "As is what is basis", "Whatever there is basis" and "No recourse" basis and such sale of the assets of the Company does not entail transfer of any title except the title which the Company has on such assets on the date of transfer. The Liquidator does not take or assume any responsibility for any shortfall or defect or shortcoming in the moveable/immoveable assets of the Company.
- 1.17. This Process Memorandum is neither transferable nor assignable.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. “**Adjudicating Authority**” or “**NCLT**” shall mean the Hon’ble National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai Bench;
- 2.2. “**Affiliate**” in relation to a Person, (a) being a corporate entity, or limited liability partnership shall mean any entity or Person, which Controls, or is Controlled by, or is under the common Control as such Person; (b) being an individual shall mean any relative (as defined under the Companies Act, 2013) of such individual or any other Person which is Controlled by such individual; (c) being a partnership firm, shall mean the partners of such partnership firm or the relatives (as defined under the Companies Act, 2013) of such partners (if any individual) or any other Person which is Controlled by such firm or the partners;
- 2.3. “**Affidavit**” shall mean the affidavit certifying eligibility under section 29A of the Code provided by the Bidder substantially in form and manner as set out in Annexure 3 (*Affidavit certifying eligibility under section 29A of IBC by the Auction Participant*) of this Process Memorandum;
- 2.4. “**Agency**” shall mean E-Auction Service Provider viz. Right2vote Infotech Pvt. Ltd. – Right2vote;
- 2.5. “**Applicable Laws**” means, all applicable laws, regulations, rules, guidelines, circulars, re-enactments, revisions, applications and adaptations thereto, judgments, decrees, injunctions, writs and orders of any court, arbitrator or governmental agency or authority, rules, regulations, orders and interpretations of any governmental authority, court or statutory or other body applicable for such transactions including but not limited to the Code, Liquidation Regulations, Companies Act, 2013 (as applicable), Competition Act, 2002, Transfer of Property Act, 1882, Sale of Goods Act, 1930, Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 whether in effect as of the date of this Process Memorandum or thereafter and each as amended from time to time;
- 2.6. “**Application Form**” means the form set out in Annexure 2 (*Application Form*) of this Process Memorandum to be provided by the Bidder along with the information and documents set out therein;
- 2.7. “**Auction Participant**” or “**Bidder**” means a Person or Persons who have shown interest in

participating in E-Auction process for the purchase of the assets of the Corporate Debtor which are sold in a Set of Assets in Collection or Assets in Parcel (as the case may be) pursuant to this Process Memorandum and have submitted Application Form as provided in Annexure 2 (*Application Form*), Affidavit in a format provided in Annexure 3 (*Affidavit certifying eligibility under section 29A of IBC by the Auction Participant*) hereof, Confidentiality Undertaking as provided in Annexure 4 (*Confidentiality Undertaking*) hereof, a copy of Board Resolution in a format provided in Annexure 5 (*Copy of the resolution passed by the board of directors of the Auction Participant*) hereof, if applicable, and other necessary documents to complete the eligibility check formalities to the satisfaction of the Liquidator;

- 2.8. “**Bid**” means any bid submitted by the Qualified Bidder as sale consideration for the assets in each lot in accordance with the terms of this Process Memorandum and the provisions of IBC read together with the Liquidation Process Regulations and the Applicable Laws;
- 2.9. “**Bid Incremental Value**” shall mean a minimum amount of incremental for each asset, as mentioned in Clause 9 (Assets to be Auctioned) of this Process Memorandum, by which any participating Qualified Bidder will be required to increase the next bid on the auction portal over and above the last highest bid amount;
- 2.10. “**Company**” / “**Corporate Debtor**” shall mean Future Retail Limited, a company incorporated in India under the Companies Act of 1956, having its registered office at 2nd Floor, Future Group Office, SOBO Brand Factory Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya Marg, Cross Road, HaiTardeo, Mumbai City, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, 400034 having Corporate Identification Number L51909MH2007PLC268269;
- 2.11. “**Confidential Information**” shall mean any and all information and other materials disclosed, furnished, communicated or supplied by the Company to any Qualified Bidder, in written or electronic or verbal form, including without limitation, and shall be determined to include (without limitation) the following types of information of similar nature : any commercial and/ or financial information, improvement, know how, intellectual property, discoveries, ideas, concepts, papers, techniques, model, data, documentation, manuals, flow charts, research, process, procedures, functions, and other information related to price lists and pricing policies and other information which company identifies to be confidential at the time of disclosure to the relevant qualified bidder, and shall include any information that is provided by the Liquidator or his representative pursuant to the liquidation process or

through the Confidentiality Undertaking;

- 2.12. “**Confidentiality Undertaking**” shall mean an undertaking as specified in Annexure 4 (*Confidentiality Undertaking*) of this Process Memorandum;
- 2.13. “**Conflict of Interest**” shall mean an event or circumstance, determined at the discretion of the Liquidator, where a Bidder is found to be in a position to have access to information about, or influence the Bid of another Bidder pursuant to a relationship (excluding any commercial relationship which may be existing between the Bidder and the Company pursuant to the ordinary course of business of the Bidder or the Company) with the Company, group companies of the Company, or Affiliates of the Company, directly or indirectly, or by any other means including colluding with other Bidders, the Company, group companies of the Company or Affiliates of the Company;
- 2.14. “**Control**” (together with its correlative meanings, “**Controlled by**”, “**Controlling**” or “**under common Control with**”) shall mean a Person holding more than 50% (fifty percent) of the voting share capital in a company or the ability to appoint majority of the directors on the board of another company or the ability of a company to direct or cause direction of the management and policies of another company, whether by operation of law or by contract or otherwise;
- 2.15. “**Connected Person**” has the meaning ascribed to it in the IBC.
- 2.16. “**Data Room**” means the virtual data room created and maintained by the Liquidator for Qualified Bidder(s) to conduct the due diligence and to access the information & documents in relation to the Corporate Debtor under the terms of the Confidentiality Undertaking;
- 2.17. “**IBC**”/ “**Code**” shall mean Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 as amended from time to time;
- 2.18. “**Letter of Intent**”/ “**LOI**” means the letter issued by the Liquidator to the Successful Bidder detailing out the terms and conditions to complete the sale of the assets of the Corporate Debtor sold in Set of Assets in Collection or Assets in Parcels (as the case may be), including the balance sale payment by Successful Bidder as per provisions of IBC and the Liquidation Process Regulations;

- 2.19. “**Liquidation Process Regulations**” means, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations 2016 as amended from time to time;
- 2.20. “**Liquidator**” means Mr. Sanjay Gupta, an Insolvency Professional registered with Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) having Registration Number I IBBI/IPA-002/IP-N00982-C01/2017-2018/10354 appointed by NCLT, *vide* order dated July 29, 2024, to manage, protect, sell and liquidate the property, assets, business and other affairs of the Company in accordance with the IBC and Liquidation Process Regulations;
- 2.21. “**Person**” shall mean an individual, sole proprietorship firm, a partnership firm, a limited liability partnership, an association whether incorporated or not, a joint venture, a limited company, a trust, a body corporate, bank or financial institution or any other body whether or not required to be incorporated or registered under Applicable Law;
- 2.22. “**Process Memorandum**” or “**E- Auction Process Memorandum**” means this document including all the annexures hereto, for the purposes of setting out the process for submission of Bids and selection of Successful Bidder in accordance with the provisions of the IBC and Liquidation Process Regulations and shall include all supplements, modifications, amendments, alterations or clarifications thereto issued in accordance with the terms thereof;
- 2.23. “**Qualified Bidder(s)**” shall mean the Bidder who has submitted the necessary documents and applicable annexures in terms of the requirements of this Process Memorandum to fulfil the eligibility requirements to the satisfaction of the Liquidator and qualifies the criteria as specified in the Clause 5 (*Eligibility / Pre-Bid Qualifications*) hereof to the satisfaction of the Liquidator and has been accepted by the Liquidator as a Qualified Bidder;
- 2.24. “**Reserve Price**” shall mean an aggregate price as mentioned in Clause 9 (Assets to be Auctioned) which was arrived in accordance with the provisions of the Liquidation Process Regulations.
- 2.25. “**Assets in Parcel**” shall mean assets of the Corporate Debtor to be sold in accordance to Regulation 32(d) of the IBBI (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016 on “as is where is, as is what is, whatever there is, and no recourse basis” as mentioned in this Process Memorandum.
- 2.26. “**Seller**” means, Future Retail Limited in Liquidation acting through the Liquidator;

- 2.27. “**Set of Assets in collection**” shall mean assets of the Corporate Debtor to be sold in accordance to Regulation 32(c) of the IBBI (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016 on “as is where is, as is what is, whatever there is, and no recourse basis” as mentioned in this Process Memorandum.
- 2.28. “**Site**” shall mean the location of the immovable and moveable properties including land parcels, office premises, buildings, plant and machinery owned, leased or occupied by the Company, for the purposes of conducting business;
- 2.29. “**Site Visit**” shall mean a visit to the Site as per clause 7 and within the timelines as provided in Clause 16 (*Timelines*) of this Process Memorandum;
- 2.30. “**Special Purpose Vehicle**” shall mean and refer to anybody corporate incorporated or registered as per applicable provisions of laws, named by the Successful Bidder for the purpose of acquisition of the Corporate Debtor, where the Successful Bidder has the control over the affairs of the Special Purpose Vehicle through ownership by way of majority of the voting rights and management (including but not limited to the composition of the board of directors/ partners as the case may be)
- 2.31. “**Successful Bidder**” or “**Successful Auction Participant**” means, the Qualified Bidder whose Bid is approved and who is declared successful by the Liquidator after the e- auction and to whom the Letter of Intent is issued by the Liquidator, in accordance with the terms of this Process Memorandum;
- 2.32. “**Successful Bid**” means the Bid of the Successful Bidder for acquisition of the assets of the Corporate Debtor sold in a Set of Assets in Collection or as Assets in Parcel (as the case may be) as declared by the Liquidator as per this Process Memorandum;

Capitalized terms used herein but not defined otherwise shall have meaning prescribed to them under the provisions of the IBC and the Liquidation Process Regulations thereunder.

### **3. INTRODUCTION**

- 3.1. The Liquidation process of the Company had been initiated under the provisions of the IBC and by virtue of an order of the Hon’ble NCLT with effect from 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024

(“**Liquidation Commencement Order**”). By and under the Liquidation Commencement Order, Mr. Sanjay Gupta (Registration No.: IBBI/IPA-002/IP-N00982-C01/2017-2018/10354) (“**Liquidator**”) has been appointed as the liquidator of the Company.

- 3.2. The Liquidator endeavors to sell the assets of the Company as a ‘Set of Assets in Collection’ or ‘Assets in Parcel’(as the case may be) in the manner specified under Regulation 32 of the Liquidation Process Regulations, any other rules, regulations, orders, circulars, directions or notifications or the like, issued pursuant to or under the IBC or the Liquidation Process Regulations, as the case may be, and as per directions, if any, of the Adjudicating Authority in respect of the liquidation process of the Company and in the manner specified in this Process Memorandum.
- 3.3. The E-Auction would be conducted in the manner specified in Schedule I as provided under Regulation 33 of the Liquidation Process Regulations and any other rules, regulations, orders, circulars, directions or notifications or the like, issued pursuant to or under the IBC or the Liquidation Process Regulations, as the case may be, and as per directions, if any, of the Hon’ble NCLT or Hon’ble NCLAT in respect of the Liquidation process of the Company and in the manner specified in this Process Memorandum.
- 3.4. The Bidders are encouraged to acquaint themselves with the provisions of the IBC and the Liquidation Process Regulations and any other rules, regulations, orders, circulars, directions or notifications or the like, issued pursuant to or under the IBC or the Liquidation Process Regulations, as the case may be.

#### **4. OVERVIEW OF THE COMPANY**

- 4.1. The Corporate Debtor was incorporated on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2007 under Companies Act, 1956 as a Public Limited Company having its registered office at 2nd Floor, Future Group Office, SOBO Brand Factory Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya Marg, Cross Road, Hai Tardeo, Mumbai City, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, 400034 having Corporate Identification Number L51909MH2007PLC268269. The Corporate Debtor is primarily engaged in the business of retailing of food, fashion, household & consumer products through departmental and neighbourhood stores under various formats across country. FRL is part of the Future Group, a leading player in the Indian retail space with a multi-format retail footprint capturing

almost the entire consumptions basket for the Indian customers across 400+ cities in India.

- 4.2. The company used to operate 1,200+ stores across the country across various formats – Large formats such as Big Bazaar, Fashion@BB (fbb), Hypercity etc. and smaller formats such as Easyday, Heritage Fresh, Foodhall, WHSmith, Nilgiris etc.
- 4.3. The Company operates as part of the Future Group ecosystem with warehousing and logistics being managed by Future Supply Chain Solutions Limited, fashion inventory largely procured from Future Lifestyle Fashions Limited etc. and plays a key role in the Future Group’s ecosystem
- 4.4. Presently, the Corporate Debtor is under the supervision of the Liquidator.

## 5. **ELIGIBILITY/ PRE-BID QUALIFICATIONS**

- The Bidder shall not be eligible to submit any documents for Bid if it suffers from any of the disqualification/ineligibility criteria set out in Section 29A of the Code (as amended from time to time) and does not have positive tangible Net Worth. The Bidder shall submit the relevant information and records to enable an assessment of ineligibility as set out under the provisions of Section 29A of the Code including but not limited to the details of its Connected Person as required in Annexure 2 (*Application Form*) of this Process Memorandum.
- In case the Bidder is a consortium, the Consortium shall not have more than one (1) lead member (“**Lead Member**”). Each member of the Consortium must be eligible to participate in the E-Auction Process under the provisions of the Code (including the eligibility under Section 29A of the Code), and must be ‘fit and proper’ person, i.e. not under any legal disability to be purchaser of Corporate Debtor under the Applicable laws. A Power of Attorney/Board Resolution shall be given by each member of the Consortium authorizing the Lead Member to participate in the E-Auction process, submission of all required documents, information, and contact persons for all communications. Constitution of Consortium cannot be changed until the process enshrined under this Process Memorandum including the issuance of LOI, and certificate of sale is fully concluded. Any such change in the constitution of the

Consortium shall be brought to the attention of the Liquidator immediately and Liquidator may in consultation with the Stakeholders Consultation Committee qualify / disqualify such Consortium.

Notes:

- *Bidders shall demonstrate ability to infuse funds by placing on record the certificate of positive 'Tangible Net Worth' as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 certified by Chartered Accountant.*
- *Net Worth shall be computed as aggregate value of paid-up share capital and all reserves created out of the profits and securities premium account, after deducting the aggregate value of the accumulated losses, deferred expenditure and miscellaneous expenditure not written off, and does not include capital reserves including reserves created out of revaluation of assets, write back of depreciation and amalgamation.*
- *In case of Consortium, the all members of the Consortium shall have Positive Tangible Net Worth as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.*

**As on date, as per Section 29A of the IBC,**

“A person shall not be eligible to submit a resolution plan, if such person, or any other person acting jointly or in concert with such person –

- (a) is an undischarged insolvent;
- (b) is a wilful defaulter in accordance with the guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India issued under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (10 of 1949);
- (c) at the time of submission of the resolution plan has an account, or an account of a corporate debtor under the management or control of such person or of whom such person is a promoter, classified as non-performing asset in accordance with the guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India issued under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (10 of 1949) or the guidelines of a financial sector regulator issued under any other law for the time being in force, and at least a period of one year has lapsed from the date of such classification till the date of commencement of the corporate insolvency resolution process of the corporate debtor:

Provided that the person shall be eligible to submit a resolution plan if such person makes payment of all overdue amounts with interest thereon and charges relating to nonperforming asset accounts before submission of resolution plan:

Provided further that nothing in this clause shall apply to a resolution applicant where such applicant is a financial entity and is not a related party to the corporate debtor.

Explanation I.- For the purposes of this proviso, the expression "related party" shall not include a financial entity, regulated by a financial sector regulator, if it is a financial creditor of the corporate debtor and is a related party of the corporate debtor solely on account of conversion or substitution of debt into equity shares or instruments convertible into equity shares, or completion of such transactions as may be prescribed, prior to the insolvency commencement date.

Explanation II.— For the purposes of this clause, where a resolution applicant has an account, or an account of a corporate debtor under the management or control of such person or of whom such person is a promoter, classified as non-performing asset and such account was acquired pursuant to a prior resolution plan approved under this Code, then, the provisions of this clause shall not apply to such resolution applicant for a period of three years from the date of approval of such resolution plan by the Adjudicating Authority under this Code;

- (d) has been convicted for any offence punishable with imprisonment –
  - (i) for two years or more under any Act specified under the Twelfth Schedule; or
  - (ii) for seven years or more under any law for the time being in force:

Provided that this clause shall not apply to a person after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of his release from imprisonment:

Provided further that this clause shall not apply in relation to a Connected Person referred to in clause(iii) of Explanation I;

- (e) is disqualified to act as a director under the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013):

Provided that this clause shall not apply in relation to a Connected Person referred to in clause (iii) of Explanation I;

- (f) is prohibited by the Securities and Exchange Board of India from trading in securities or accessing the securities markets;
- (g) has been a promoter or in the management or control of a corporate debtor in which a preferential transaction, undervalued transaction, extortionate credit transaction or fraudulent transaction has taken place and in respect of which an order has been made by the Adjudicating Authority under this Code:

Provided that this clause shall not apply if a preferential transaction, undervalued transaction, extortionate credit transaction or fraudulent transaction has taken place prior to the acquisition of the corporate debtor by the resolution applicant pursuant to a resolution plan approved under this Code or pursuant to a scheme or plan approved by a financial sector regulator or a court, and such resolution applicant has not otherwise contributed to the preferential transaction, undervalued transaction, extortionate credit transaction or fraudulent transaction;

- (h) has executed a guarantee in favour of a creditor in respect of a corporate debtor against which an application for insolvency resolution made by such creditor has been admitted under this Code and such guarantee has been invoked by the creditor and remains unpaid in full or part;
- (i) is subject to any disability, corresponding to clauses (a) to (h), under any law in a jurisdiction outside India; or
- (j) has a Connected Person not eligible under clauses (a) to (i).

Explanation I — For the purposes of this clause, the expression "Connected Person" means—

- (i) any person who is the promoter or in the management or control of the resolution applicant; or
- (ii) any person who shall be the promoter or in management or control of the business of the corporate debtor during the implementation of the resolution plan; or
- (iii) the holding company, subsidiary company, associate company or related party of a person referred to in clauses (i) and (ii):

Provided that nothing in clause (iii) of Explanation I shall apply to a resolution applicant where such applicant is a financial entity and is not a related party of the corporate debtor:

Provided further that the expression "related party" shall not include a financial entity, regulated by a financial sector regulator, if it is a financial creditor of the corporate debtor and is a related party of the corporate debtor solely on account of conversion or substitution of debt into equity shares or instruments convertible into equity shares, or completion of such transactions as may be prescribed, prior to the insolvency commencement date;

Explanation II—For the purposes of this section, "financial entity" shall mean the following entities which meet such criteria or conditions as the Central Government may, in consultation with the financial sector regulator, notify in this behalf, namely:-

- (a) a scheduled bank;
- (b) any entity regulated by a foreign central bank or a securities market regulator or other financial sector regulator of a jurisdiction outside India which jurisdiction is compliant with the Financial Action Task Force Standards and is a signatory to the International Organisation of Securities Commissions Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding;
- (c) any investment vehicle, registered foreign institutional investor, registered foreign portfolio investor or a foreign venture capital investor, where the terms shall have the meaning assigned to them in regulation 2 of the Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India) Regulations, 2017 made under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999);
- (d) an asset reconstruction company register with the Reserve Bank of India under section 3 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002);
- (e) an Alternate Investment Fund registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India;
- (f) such categories of persons as may be notified by the Central Government.”

## 6. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY BIDDERS

In addition to the above, the Auction Participant who fails to fulfil the requirements set out in this Process Memorandum, including but not limited to failure of providing the documents/ information to be submitted by the Auction Participant in terms of Clause 6 hereof, shall not be eligible to submit a Bid for purchase of the assets of the Corporate Debtor.

6.1. The Bidders would need to submit the following documents to the satisfaction of the Liquidator in accordance with the timelines specified in Clause 16 (*Timelines*) of this Process Memorandum.

- (i) Application Form as provided in Annexure 2 (*Application Form*) hereof along with Certificate of 'Positive Tangible Net-Worth' as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 certified by a Chartered Accountant;
- (ii) Affidavit in a format provided in Annexure 3 (*Affidavit certifying eligibility under Section 29A of IBC by the Auction Participant*) hereof;
- (iii) Confidentiality Undertaking as provided in Annexure 4 (*Confidentiality Undertaking*) hereof;
- (iv) Copy of Board Resolution in a format provided in Annexure 5 (*Copy of the resolution passed by the board of directors of the Auction Participant*) hereof;
- (v) Other necessary documents to complete the eligibility check formalities

(collectively referred to as "**Eligibility Documents**")

6.2. A Bidder may use additional sheets to submit the information for its detailed response. Additionally, at any stage of the auction process, the Liquidator may ask for any documents from the Bidders to evaluate their eligibility. The Liquidator shall, at his discretion, disqualify the Bidder for non-submission of the requested documents. A Bidder is required to submit information in accordance with this Process Memorandum and in compliance with the requirements set out under the Code and Liquidation Process Regulations and shall sign and stamp each page of all the documents. All requisite supporting documents should be duly signed and stamped by the Bidder or an authorised representative of the Bidder and supported by evidence of authority of such Person (board resolution and/or power of attorney, as applicable, of the Bidder). Strict adherence to forms, documents, and

authorizations wherever specified in the said document, is required. Each form, document and authorization have to be duly signed and appropriately stamped/company seal affixed by the authorized representatives of the Bidder.

- 6.3. On the receipt of the Eligibility Documents relating to the Bidders, the Liquidator shall assess the Eligibility Documents of the Bidders to his satisfaction and finalise the Qualified Bidders and declare the names of Qualified Bidders as per the timelines mentioned in Clause 16 (*Timelines*) of this Process Memorandum below.
- 6.4. Qualified Bidders will gain access to the Data Room for due diligence. Further, Site Visits will also be arranged (if required) only for Qualified Bidders in accordance with clause 7 hereof.
- 6.5. The title documents relating to assets of the Company may be made available to the Qualified Bidders on request to be made to the Liquidator on [fri.eauction@gmail.com](mailto:fri.eauction@gmail.com).
- 6.6. Upon completion of the due diligence, Site Visit and discussion meeting (if any) by the Qualified Bidders within the timeframe set out in Clause 16 (*Timelines*) of this Process Memorandum, the Qualified Bidders shall deposit the Earnest Money Deposit (“**EMD**”) in accordance with Clause 11 (*Earnest Money Deposit*) of this Process Memorandum within the timeframe mentioned in Clause 16 (*Timelines*) of this Process Memorandum below. The Liquidator shall, at his discretion disqualify the Qualified Bidder for non-submission of the EMD.

## **7. SITE VISIT AND DISCUSSION MEETING**

- 7.1. If requested by the Qualified Bidders, the Liquidator may arrange a discussion meeting and a Site Visit at any time prior to the closure of the E-Auction process.
- 7.2. The details, terms and conditions with respect to the discussion meeting and Site Visit shall be communicated to the Qualified Bidder in advance.
- 7.3. The Liquidator reserves the right to not arrange a discussion meeting or Site Visit for any reason whatsoever, irrespective of the request of the Qualified Bidder. Qualified Bidder (considering Site Visit) will be provided a prior notification of date and time 3 (three) days

in advance by the Liquidator.

## **8. DUE DILIGENCE**

- 8.1. The Liquidator shall endeavour to provide all necessary documents in the Data Room for the conduct of due diligence by the Qualified Bidders. The information and documents shall be provided by the Liquidator in good faith. The Qualified Bidders may note that the Liquidator would not have verified any of the information, data or documents shared by the Company and the Liquidator shall not accept any responsibility or liability, whatsoever, in respect of any statements or omissions contained in the shared data.
- 8.2. Access to the Data Room containing information related to the Company shall be provided to only the Qualified Bidder(s), to undertake due diligence of the business and operations of the Company and other information related to the Company.
- 8.3. The Data Room has been organized only for the ease of reference of the Qualified Bidder(s), and the Qualified Bidder(s) shall be responsible to conduct their own due diligence, research, assessment and analysis with respect to the information contained in the Data Room. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Process Memorandum, the Liquidator or the representatives of the Liquidator, shall not in any manner whatsoever, be held liable for the relevance, adequacy, correctness, completeness or accuracy of the information contained in the Data Room.
- 8.4. The Qualified Bidder shall be deemed to have conducted its own due diligence of the Company and its assets to its entire satisfaction. It is hereby clarified that the Qualified Bidder shall not be entitled to withdraw its Bid, as submitted, on the pretext that the contents uploaded in the Data Room were not to the required satisfaction of the Qualified Bidder or that the Qualified Bidder did not conduct a Site visit. It is expected that the Qualified Bidder shall have undertaken an independent due diligence and appraisal of the Company for participation in the Bid Process and shall not rely solely on the information provided by the Liquidator or its Representatives in the Data Room.
- 8.5. While the data/information provided in this Process Memorandum and the Data Room, has been prepared and provided in good faith, the Liquidator and his Representatives shall not

accept any responsibility or liability, whatsoever, in respect of any statements or omissions herein, or the accuracy, correctness, completeness or reliability of the information provided, and shall incur no liability under any law, statute, rules or regulations as to the accuracy, reliability and completeness of the information provided, even if any loss or damage is caused to any of the Qualified Bidders by any act or omission on their part.

8.6. The assets of the Corporate Debtor are sold as Set of Assets in Collection or Assets in Parcels (as the case may be) on “as is where is basis”, “as is what is basis”, “whatever there is basis” and “no recourse basis”. All statutory/non-statutory liabilities / taxes / demands / claims / maintenance fee / electricity / water charges etc., outstanding as on date or yet to fall due in respect of the assets of the Corporate Debtor should be ascertained by the Qualified Bidders and shall not be included in the Bid.

## 9. ASSETS TO BE AUCTIONED

The assets to be auctioned under this Process Memorandum are the assets as specified in Annexure 7 (*Description of Assets*) of this Process Memorandum. Kindly note that the bidders cannot place a Bid at a value below the respective Reserve Price.

LOT NO.	MODEL	VARIANT	REGISTRATIO N NO.	LOCATION	FUEL	Reserved Price (INR)	EMD
LOT NO.6A	TOYOTA _INNOVA	2.5 GX 8 STR	HR26CM796 6	DELHI/NCR	DIESEL	3,64,000	36,400
LOT NO.6B	SKODA_OCTAVI A	L&K 2.0 TSI AT	HR98C8733	DELHI/NCR	PETRO L	11,25,000	112,500
LOT NO.6C	MARUTI SUZUKI_ERTIGA	VDI SHVS	UP32JQ385 3	DELHI/NCR	DIESEL	296,500	29,650
LOT NO.6D	HONDA_CIVIC	1.8LI-VTEC V MT	HR26BD822 3	DELHI/NCR	PETRO L	94,500	9450
LOT NO.6E	TOYOTA_INNO VA	2.0 GX 8 STR	HR26CH537 4	DELHI/NCR	DIESEL	3,42,000	34,200

Please refer to **Annexure 7** “Description of Assets” for detailed description of above-mentioned assets of the Corporate Debtor.

### **Notes to Auction Process:**

- For abundant clarity it is clarified here that assets are sold on “as is where is basis”, “as is what

**is basis”, “whatever there is basis” and “no recourse basis”** as on the handover date.

- The proposed sale of Assets of the Company does not entail transfer of any title except the title which the Company had on its assets as on date of transfer. Whilst it is not the intention to transfer any liabilities associated with the Assets, the Auction Participant is advised to ascertain all statutory liabilities / taxes / demands / claims / charges etc., outstanding as on date or yet to fall due in respect of the relevant Asset of the Company.
- The Auction Participant shall disclose the purpose on which the abovementioned the assets as mentioned above shall be utilised for. In the event, the Successful Bidder is using the assets beyond the purpose as disclosed, it shall be construed as breach of the terms of the sale and the Liquidator shall take necessary legal action against the Successful Bidder including but not limited to cancellation of the sale even after the issuance of certificate of sale.
- Bidding for more than one lot shall be allowed on submission of EMD for each such lots. EMD has to be paid separately for each lot. The EMD paid to one lot cannot be adjusted / clubbed for other lot.

## 10. **MODE OF SALE AND RESERVE PRICE**

10.1. As per Regulation 32 of the Liquidation Process Regulations, the Liquidator may sell-

- (a) an asset of the Company on standalone basis;
- (b) the assets of a Company through a slump sale;
- (c) a set of assets of the Company collectively;
- (d) the assets of the Company in parcel;
- (e) the Company as a going concern; or
- (f) the business(s) of the Company as a going concern.

Provided that where an asset is subject to security interest, it shall not be sold under any of the clauses (a) to (f) unless the security interest therein has been relinquished to the liquidation estate.

10.2. The details of the security interest on the assets of the Company, relinquished / not relinquished by the secured creditors in accordance with Section 52(1)(a) of the Code shall be available in the Data Room.

- 10.3. It is clarified that on being declared as Successful Bidder, the said Successful Bidder shall be required to complete the sale of the assets of the Corporate Debtor in accordance with the provisions of the Code and Liquidation Process Regulations.
- 10.4. The implementation/mechanism of such sale is however not specifically provided for in the Liquidation Process Regulations or anywhere in the Code. It is clarified that on being declared as Successful Bidder, the said Successful Bidder shall be required to perform the obligations in accordance with this Process Memorandum, provisions of the Code and Liquidation Process Regulations to complete the sale. After identification of a Successful Bidder and payment of entire consideration within the timelines as specified in Clause 16 (*Timelines*) the Liquidator and/or Successful Bidder shall have the right to approach the Hon'ble NCLT for obtaining reliefs/suitable directions for the effective implementation of such sale and any such directions shall be binding on the parties to the sale process as contemplated in this Process Memorandum.
- 10.5. The Successful Bidder agrees that it shall be bound to pay the balance sale consideration for consummation of sale of the assets of the Corporate Debtor within the time frame stipulated in the Liquidation Process Regulations and this Process Memorandum. It is clarified that any necessary approvals, consents, and reliefs that may be required to be obtained by the Successful Bidder with respect to the sale of the assets of the Corporate Debtor have to be obtained by the Successful Bidder without any deviation from the time frame for payment of balance sale consideration as stipulated under the Liquidation Process Regulations.
- 10.6. Any failure to obtain such necessary approvals, consents, and reliefs that may be required by the Successful Bidder in respect to the sale of the assets of the Corporate Debtor shall not affect the E-Auction process or the sale of the assets to the Successful Bidder. On payment of the full amount, the sale of the assets of Corporate Debtor shall stand completed and the Liquidator shall execute a 'certificate of sale'/ 'sale deed'/ 'invoice' / 'transfer documents' to consummate the sale transaction as contemplated under this Process Memorandum and the Applicable Laws.
- 10.7. The Liquidator reserves the right to alter, modify, cancel or relax any of the terms and conditions mentioned in this Process Memorandum or issue any clarification as may be

necessary in the interest of the liquidation process of the Company, including cancellation of the E-Auction process at any point of time. Any such alteration, modification, cancellation or relaxation of provisions mentioned herein shall be binding on the Bidders.

10.8. The Qualified Bidders, participating in the E-Auction process, will have to Bid for an amount not less than the Reserve Price for acquiring the assets of the Company. The attention of the Qualified Bidders is invited to the fact that the Qualified Bidders cannot place a Bid for a value below the Reserve Price. Such Bid will stand automatically disqualified.

10.9. The other terms and conditions relating to E-Auction process to be complied by the Qualified Bidders are set out in Annexure 1 (*Terms and Conditions of E-Auction*) of this Process Memorandum.

## 11. EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT

All Bidders shall follow the below process for submission of EMD:

11.1. The non – interest bearing EMD to be paid by the Qualified Bidder along with Earnest Money Deposit Form attached *vide* Annexure 6 (*Earnest Money Deposit Form*) prior to auction as per timelines mentioned in Clause 16 (*Timelines*).

11.2. **Mode of Payment of EMD and balance sale consideration and other instructions relating to EMD:**

- Through Demand Draft in the name of Future Retail Limited (In Liquidation) payable at Mumbai, or RTGS / NEFT to the account number provided as:

Account Number	016020110000388
Type of Account	Current Account
Beneficiary Name	Future Retail Ltd in Liquidation
Bank Name	Bank of India
Branch	SPL. ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT MUMBAI- 400038
IFSC Code	BKID0000154

- 11.3. The details of any remittances in this regard shall be submitted by the Qualified Bidder through email on the entire EMD amount shall be remitted by the Qualified Bidder from one bank account.
- 11.4. The Qualified Bidders shall preserve the remittance challan and shall produce the same in front of the Liquidator as and when demanded.
- 11.5. All payments made by the bidder under the e-auction shall be intimated to the Liquidator on mail to: [fri.eauction@gmail.com](mailto:fri.eauction@gmail.com) . However, the credit to the bank account should be made on or before January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.
- 11.6. No interest will be paid to the Bidders/ Qualified Bidders in relation to any such amounts mentioned above. The EMD of the Successful Bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful Bidders shall be refunded. The Liquidator will issue a letter to the Successful Bidder and the Successful Bidder shall have to deposit the balance consideration (after adjustment of the EMD) of the sale price within 30 days from the date of such issuance of 'Letter of Intent'. On payment of the full amount, the sale shall stand completed and the Liquidator shall execute certificate of sale or sale deed to transfer such assets.
- 11.7. Further, if the balance consideration is not made by the Successful Bidder within 30 days from the date of such issuance of 'Letter of Intent', interest at the rate of 12% p.a. shall be levied till date of actual payment and any extension of payment beyond 90 days from the date of initial demand made by the Liquidator shall be at the sole discretion of approval by the members of the Stakeholders Consultation Committee.

11.8. **Forfeiture of Earnest Money from the Auction Process Applicant**

The EMD furnished can be forfeited at any time, upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- a) if any of the conditions under this Process Memorandum are breached by the Successful Bidder or in case the Successful Bidder is found to have made any false representation;

- b) if the Qualified Bidder/ Successful Bidder is found to be ineligible to submit the bid under Section 29A of the Code (as amended from time to time) or is found to have made a false or misleading declaration of eligibility under Section 29A of the Code (as amended from time to time);
- c) if the Qualified Bidder / Successful Bidder is found to be, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice in the auction process or has undertaken any action in respect of such process which results in the breach of any Applicable Laws including the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988;
- d) Existence of any collusion between the Bidders and the Corporate Debtor's related parties, or any creditors of the Corporate Debtor and the Bidder;
- e) Withdrawal of, or change in the Bid after the completion of the E-Auction process;
- f) Default in deposit of amount by the Successful Bidder within the timeframe set out in Clause 16 (*Timelines*) of this Process Memorandum, OR
- g) If the Successful Bidder fails to take custody of assets within the validity of gate pass.

It is clarified that any invocation/forfeiture of the Earnest Money Deposit, by the Liquidator, shall not limit any other rights or remedies that the Liquidator may have under Applicable Law or otherwise, against any Bidder.

## 12. **DECLARATION OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDER**

- 12.1. The Liquidator shall determine and at his sole discretion (which discretion shall not be used arbitrarily), declare at the end of the E-Auction, the Successful Bidder(s) in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in this Process Memorandum.
- 12.2. The declaration of the Successful Bidder(s) for the sale of assets of Corporate Debtor shall be done by the Liquidator within the timeframe set out in Clause 16 (*Timelines*) of this Process Memorandum after the closure of E-Auction process.

- 12.3. Where the EMD has been provided by means of remittance to the Company's bank account, such funds will be retained by the Liquidator as part payment of the consideration that the Successful Bidder has agreed to pay for the relevant asset.
- 12.4. The Liquidator is not bound to accept the highest offer and has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn / postpone / cancel the E-Auction or withdraw any asset or portion thereof from the E-Auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason there for.
- 12.5. The Liquidator shall issue to the Successful Bidder, a 'Letter of Intent' inviting the Successful Bidder to pay the balance sale consideration (plus any applicable GST/taxes, registration fees etc. if any) within the timeframe set out in Clause 16 (*Timelines*) of this Process Memorandum. The Letter of Intent outlines preliminary commitment and does not constitute conclusion of sale in favour of the Successful Bidder.
- 12.6. The Successful Bidder(s) shall deposit the balance sale consideration within 30 days from the date of such issuance of 'Letter of Intent'. Provided that payments made after the last date shall attract interest at the rate of 12% p.a. In case the members of the Stakeholders Consultation Committee do not approve the extension of the period for the payment of balance sale consideration beyond 90 days and the Successful Bidder(s) fails to pay within 90 days, EMD paid shall be forfeited.
- 12.7. In case of any dispute / discrepancy, the Liquidator shall assess the auction applications and declare the Successful Bidder. This right of selecting and declaring the Successful Bidder(s) shall always solely rest with the Liquidator, and his decision will be final and binding on all participants and Bidders.
- 12.8. **Completion of Sale**
- 12.8.1 On payment of the full amount of sale consideration and applicable taxes (if any), the sale shall stand completed, and the Liquidator shall execute 'certificate of sale' / 'sale deed' / 'invoices' / 'transfer Documents' and the assets shall be delivered to the Successful Bidder(s). The certificate of sale or sale deed will be issued and /or transaction / sale documents will be executed in the name of the Successful Bidder(s) only and will not be

issued in any other name(s). It is expressly stipulated that there are no implied obligations on the part of the Liquidator to do all acts, things and deeds whatsoever for the completion of the sale.

12.8.2 The Successful Bidder(s) shall be responsible for undertaking necessary actions and compliances for obtaining requisite regulatory or statutory or third-party approvals, no-objections, permission or consents, if any, that are or may be required under Applicable Law for purchasing the assets of the Corporate Debtor.

12.8.3 Default in payment of the balance sale consideration and applicable taxes, if any, on 100% of the bid sum by the Successful Bidder will result in disqualification of the Successful Bidder including forfeiture of Earnest Money Deposit. The assets may be put to re-auction or sold to the next highest Qualified Bidder and the defaulting Successful Bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of such assets.

### 13. **FRAUDULENT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES**

13.1. The Auction Participant shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the auction process and subsequently during the closure of the E-Auction process and declaration of Successful Bidder. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, contained in this Process Memorandum, or in the Letter of Intent, the Liquidator shall reject an auction bid, revoke the Letter of Intent as the case may be, without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Auction Participant, if the Liquidator, at his discretion, determines that the Auction Participant has, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in Corrupt Practice, Fraudulent Practice, Coercive Practice, Undesirable Practice or Restrictive Practice in the auction process or has, undertaken any action in respect of such process which results in the breach of any Applicable Law including the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. In such an event, the Liquidator may forfeit the EMD furnished by the Qualified Bidder.

13.2. The Bidder shall not involve himself or any of his representatives in price manipulation of any kind directly or indirectly by communicating with other Bidders.

13.3. The Qualified Bidder shall not divulge either his bid or any other details provided to him by

the Liquidator or during the due diligence process in respect of the assets to any other party. Prior to conducting due diligence/ Site Visits, the Liquidator may require the Bidder to execute confidentiality agreement with the Company/ Liquidator.

13.4. For the purposes of this Clause the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:

- a. **“Coercive Practice”** shall mean impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any person or property to influence any person’s participation or action in any of the process laid down in this Process Memorandum;
- b. **“Corrupt Practice”** shall mean (i) the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the actions of any person connected with any of the process laid down in this Process Memorandum (for avoidance of doubt, offering of employment to or employing or engaging in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, any official of the Liquidator or the Company, who is or has been associated or dealt in any manner, directly or indirectly with any of the process laid down in this Process Memorandum or arising there from, before or after the execution thereof, at any time prior to the expiry of 1 (one) year from the date such official resigns or retires from or otherwise ceases to be in the service of the Liquidator or the Company, shall be deemed to constitute influencing the actions of a person connected with any of the process laid down in this Process Memorandum); or (ii) engaging in any manner whatsoever, during any of the process laid down in this Process Memorandum or thereafter, with any person in respect of any matter relating to the Company, who at any time has been or is a legal, financial or technical adviser of the Liquidator or the Company, in relation to any matter concerning the Process Memorandum;
- c. **“Fraudulent Practice”** shall mean a misrepresentation or omission of facts or suppression of facts or disclosure of incomplete facts, in order to influence any of the process laid down in this Process Memorandum;
- d. **“Restrictive Practice”** shall mean forming a cartel or arriving at any understanding or arrangement among the Auction Participants with the objective of restricting or manipulating a full and fair competition in the auction Process; and

- e. **“Undesirable Practice”** shall mean (i) establishing contact with any person connected with or employed or engaged by the liquidator with the objective of canvassing, lobbying or in any manner influencing or attempting to influence any of the process laid down in this Process Memorandum or (ii) having a Conflict of Interest.

#### **14. COST, EXPENSES AND TAX IMPLICATIONS**

- 14.1. The Auction Participant or the Qualified Bidder, shall be responsible for all the costs incurred by it on account of its participation in the process laid down in this Process Memorandum, including any costs associated with participation in the discussion meeting (if any), Site Visit, etc. The Liquidator shall not be responsible in any way for such costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the auction Process.
- 14.2. For purpose of abundant clarity, it is hereby clarified that the Qualified Bidder is expected to make its own arrangements including accommodation for the discussion meeting (if organized) or Site Visit and all costs and expenses incurred in that relation shall be borne by the Auction Participant or the Qualified Bidder.
- 14.3. The Auction Participant or the Qualified Bidder shall not be entitled to receive reimbursement of any expenses which may have been incurred carrying out of due diligence, search of title to the assets and matters incidental thereto or for any purpose in connection with the auction process plan.
- 14.4. The Successful Bidder(s) shall bear all the necessary expenses like applicable stamp duties/ additional stamp duty/ registration charges, transfer charges, sub-division charges, notified area charges, conversion charges, government dues, premium, fees, etc. for transfer of property(ies) / assets in name of the Successful Bidder(s).
- 14.5. All taxes applicable whether income tax, any other direct and / or indirect Taxes and / or duties and / or penalties and / or interest (including stamp duty implications and registration charges) on sale of the assets or in relation to the relevant asset in the future, on and after implementation of the sale transaction herein; as the case may be in accordance with the provisions of the Code and Liquidation Process Regulations would be borne by the

Successful Bidder over and above the sale consideration payable including the following:

- a. The sale attracts GST, stamp duty, registration charges etc. as per relevant laws, rules and regulations. Such payment, as applicable, shall be made by the Successful Bidder at the time of payment of the sale consideration as mentioned in this Process Memorandum.
  - b. The Successful Bidder(s) shall bear all the necessary expenses like applicable stamp duties / additional stamp duty / transfer charges, fees, transportation charges, etc. for transfer of property(ies) in his / her / its name or to take in his / her / its possession.
  - c. The payment of all statutory / non – statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessments, charges, fees, maintenance fee, outstanding municipal and other property taxes, electricity dues etc. yet to fall due in respect of the assets of the Corporate Debtor should be ascertained by the Qualified Bidders and shall be sole responsibility of the Successful Bidder(s);
  - d. Successful Bidder(s) shall bear the cess or other applicable tax i.e., GST, TDS etc.; and
  - e. The Successful Bidder(s) will also be responsible for evaluating completeness of applicability of taxes in India at the time of closure and will be responsible for paying all such taxes over and above the Bid.
- 14.6. It is expressly stated that the Liquidator does not take or assume any responsibility for any dues, statutory or otherwise, of the Company, including such dues, if any, which may affect transfer of the assets of the Corporate Debtor in the name of the Successful Bidder and such dues, if any, will have to be borne/ paid by the Successful Bidder.
- 14.7. The Auction Participant shall be responsible for fully satisfying the requirements of the Code and its related Regulations as well as all Applicable Laws that is relevant for the sale process. The Successful Bidder(s) shall be responsible for obtaining requisite regulatory or statutory or third-party approvals, no-objections, permission or consents, if any, that are or may be required under Applicable Law for purchasing the assets of the Corporate Debtor.

14.8. The Successful Bidder shall be responsible for taking possession of the assets from the relevant location at its own cost and expenses and the Liquidator of the Corporate Debtor shall not be liable to deliver the assets to the Successful Bidder. Moreover, it is hereby clarified that such costs and expenses shall be incurred by the Successful Bidder over and above the Bid. No such costs and expenses shall be reimbursed by the Liquidator and / or the Corporate Debtor.

**15. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

This Process Memorandum, the E-Auction process and the other documents pursuant to the Process Memorandum shall be governed by the laws of India and any dispute arising out of or in relation to the Process Memorandum or the E-Auction process shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Adjudicating Authority, courts and tribunals at Mumbai, India.

**16. TIMELINES**

The following timelines shall apply to this Process Memorandum. The timelines may be amended by the Liquidator through issuance of an addendum to this Process Memorandum

<b>Sr No</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Timeline (Days)</b>
1	Public Announcement of E-Auction	28 December, 2024
2	Opening of E-Auction Portal and this Process Memorandum made available on the websites as per Terms and Conditions	28 December, 2024
3	Last date for submission of Eligibility Documents	11 January, 2025
4	Declaration of Qualified Bidders as per Clause 6.3 basis the submitted documents	12 January, 2025
5	Site Visit, due diligence and discussion meeting (Access to be given only to Qualified Bidders)	January 13th, 2025 to January 19th, 2025 (With advance information) (From 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM)

6	Submission of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) along with the Earnest Money Deposit Form	22 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2025
7	E-Auction Date	January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2025  (From 3 pm to 5pm)  (In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes of each occasion unlimited)
8	Announcement of Successful Bidder	January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
9	Issuance of Letter of Intent	January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
10	Return of Earnest Money for unsuccessful Bidders	within 30 (thirty) days of the closure of bidding
11	Payment of balance consideration by Successful Bidder	Within 30 (thirty) days from the date of the issuance of letter of intent, i.e., till February 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2025  Further, if the payment is not made by the Successful Bidder within 30 days from the date of the issuance of letter of intent, interest at the rate of 12% p.a. shall be levied till date of actual payment. In case the members of the Stakeholders Consultation Committee do not approve the extension of the period for the payment of balance sale consideration beyond 90 days and the Successful Bidder(s) fails to pay within

		90 days, EMD paid shall be forfeited and the sale shall stand cancelled.
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*Note - Above timelines are indicative and the Liquidator reserves the right to modify the same and giving notice of the same (at the earliest) to the Qualified Bidders who have complied with requirements of this Process Memorandum.*

**17. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 17.1. The information in this Process Memorandum and any information provided earlier or subsequently, whether verbally or in documentary or any other form by or on behalf of the Liquidator, which does not purport to be comprehensive, is provided by the Company and has not been independently verified by the Liquidator or his professional advisors. While this information has been prepared in good faith, no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, is or will be made and no responsibility or liability is or will be accepted by the Liquidator, his professional advisors, the Company or by any of their respective officers, employees or agents in relation to the accuracy, fairness, authenticity or completeness of this Process Memorandum or any other written or oral information made available to any Bidder(s) or its advisers and any such liability is expressly disclaimed
  
- 17.2. The assets of the Corporate Debtor are sold on “As is where is basis”, “As is what is basis”, “Whatever there is basis” and “No recourse” basis. The Liquidator does not take or assume any responsibility for any shortfall or defect or shortcoming in the moveable /immoveable assets of the Company. However, if any asset that should have been transferred to the Successful Bidder is found in the possession of the Company, the Liquidator shall take all reasonable efforts to promptly transfer such asset to the Successful Bidder, post completion of the sale. Whilst it is not the intention to transfer any liabilities associated with the Asset, the Bidders are advised to ascertain all statutory liabilities / taxes / demands / claims / maintenance fee / electricity / water charges etc., outstanding as on date or yet to fall due in respect of the relevant asset.
  
- 17.3. If any Bidder conceals any material information or makes a wrong statement or misrepresents facts or makes a misleading statement in its Bid, in any manner whatsoever,

found to be ineligible to submit bid under Section 29A of the Code, the Liquidator reserves the right to reject such Bid and/or cancel the Letter of Intent (if issued) and forfeit the Earnest Money Deposit. The Bidder shall be solely responsible for such disqualification based on its declarations in the Bid.

- 17.4. The Bidder(s) hereby agrees and releases the Liquidator and his representatives, advisors etc. irrevocably, unconditionally, fully and finally, from any and all liability for claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities in any way related to or arising from the exercise of any rights and/or performance of any obligations set out under this Process Memorandum, and/or in connection with the bidding process, and waives any and all rights and/or claims the Bidder(s) may have in this respect, whether actual or contingent, whether present or in future.
- 17.5. The Liquidator in its sole discretion and without incurring any obligation or liability or cost, reserves the right, at any time, to;
- (a) suspend and/or cancel the bidding process and/or amend and/or supplement the bidding process or modify the dates or other terms and conditions set out in this Process Memorandum;
  - (b) consult with any Bidder(s) in order to receive clarifications or further information;
  - (c) retain any information and/or evidence submitted to the Liquidator/ his representatives, by, on behalf of, and/or in relation to any Bidder;
  - (d) cancel or disqualify the Bid submitted by any Bidder at any stage of the bidding process;
  - (e) restart the bidding process as per the discretion of the Liquidator and even post issuance of LoI;
  - (f) independently verify, disqualify, reject and/or accept any and all submissions or other information and/or evidence submitted by or on behalf of any Bidder;
  - (g) accept any Bid, conduct subsequent rounds of bidding/ auction as per the

terms deemed fit by the Liquidator.

## **18. CLARIFICATIONS**

- 18.1. While the data/information provided in this Process Memorandum and the Data Room, has been prepared and provided in good faith, the Liquidator and his representatives shall not accept any responsibility or liability, whatsoever, in respect of any statements or omissions herein, or the accuracy, correctness, completeness or reliability of the information provided, and shall incur no liability under any law, statute, rules or regulations as to the accuracy, reliability and completeness of the information provided, even if any loss or damage is caused to any of the Bidders by any act or omission on their part.
- 18.2. A Bidder requiring any clarification on this Process Memorandum, submission of the Bid or on the Corporate Debtor shall email such request for clarification to [fri.eauction@gmail.com](mailto:fri.eauction@gmail.com) on or before the date mentioned in Clause 16 (*Timelines*) of this Process Memorandum.
- 18.3. The Liquidator reserves the right not to respond to any query or provide any clarification, at their sole discretion, and no extension of time and date referred to in this Process Memorandum shall be granted on the basis of not having received response to clarifications sought from the Liquidator. Nothing contained herein shall be considered or read as compelling or requiring the Liquidator and/or his representatives to respond to any query or to provide any clarification to the queries raised by a Bidder. The Liquidator and his representatives will not be held responsible for any delay in response or non-response to clarifications raised by the Bidders.
- 18.4. The Liquidator and/or his representatives may issue interpretations and clarifications on this Process Memorandum or in relation to the bidding process to the Bidder(s). All clarifications and interpretations issued by the Liquidator or his representatives shall be deemed to be part of this Process Memorandum if provided in writing.

### **Enclosed:**

1. **Annexure 1** - Terms and Conditions of E-Auction
2. **Annexure 2** - Application Form (to be duly filed in, signed and stamped by the Auction Participant)

and submitted) along with Certificate of 'Positive Tangible Net-Worth' as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 certified by a Chartered Accountant.

3. **Annexure 3** - Affidavit certifying eligibility under section 29A of IBC by the Auction Participant (to be duly filled in and signed by the Auction Participant and submitted along with the Application Form)
4. **Annexure 4** - Confidentiality Undertaking (to be duly filled in and signed by the Auction Participant and submitted along with the Application Form)
5. **Annexure 5** - Copy of the resolution passed by the board of directors of the Auction Participant (in case the Auction Participant is a body corporate)
6. **Annexure 6** – Earnest Money Deposit Form
7. **Annexure 7** - Description of Assets