



Terms and conditions of appointment of Independent Directors of the Company in accordance with the requirements of Schedule IV to the Companies Act, 2013 and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015:

Terms and conditions of appointment of Independent Directors:

I. Term:

The term of appointment of an Independent Director (ID) of the Company is for a period of 2 consecutive years from the date of his/ her appointment. Independent Director is not liable to retire by rotation.

Appointment of every independent director shall be approved by shareholders of the Company.

Independent Director is not liable to retire by rotation.

Independent Directors will be eligible for re-appointment for another term of 5 consecutive years, after the completion of their tenure of first 2 years, subject to Board approval, and the passing of a special resolution by shareholders.

II. Other Terms and Conditions

1. Committees:

- 1.1 During the Appointment, the Independent Director may be required to serve on one or more of the committees of the Board including Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee, Risk Management Committee, Stakeholders Relationship Committee or such other Committees, as the Board may decide.
- 1.2 The Independent Director is an independent non-executive director and will be identified as such in the annual report and other documentation of the Company. Every independent director shall at the first meeting of the Board in which he participates as a director and thereafter at the first meeting of the Board in every financial year or whenever there is any change in the circumstances which may affect his status as an independent director, give a declaration that he meets the criteria of independence as provided in Section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("**the Act**").

2. Duties and Liabilities:

2.1 The Independent Director will perform his/her fiduciary duties in a responsible manner and his/her general legal responsibilities to the Company will be at par with a non- executive director.





- 2.2 The Independent Director shall act in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company and while discharging his/her duties, comply with the requirements of Section 166 and Schedule IV to the Act.
- 2.3 The Independent Director to be held liable only in respect of such acts of omission or commission by the Company which have occurred with his/her knowledge, attributable through Board processes, and with his/her consent or where Independent Director has not acted diligently.

3. Code for Independent Directors:

- 3.1 The Company has relied on the declaration of the Independent Director that he / she meets the criteria of independence as provided in Section 149(6) of the Act as also in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations").
- 3.2 The Independent Director will be required to abide by the guidelines as to professional conduct for independent directors as set out in Section 149(8) read with Schedule IV to the Act.
- 3.3 The Independent Director will be required to comply with applicable provisions of any code of conduct framed by the Board for all Board members and Senior Management of the Company under the Listing Regulations.

4. **Restrictions:**

- 4.1 During the term of Appointment, the Independent Directors are expected not to take up directorship in any company (whether in India or abroad) engaged in the same or similar businesses as that of the Company or in a company, business or undertaking which competes or is likely to compete with the Company or which could otherwise potentially give rise to a conflict with his/her duties with the Company. In the event that the Independent Director becomes aware of any potential conflicts of interest, or in case of doubt, he / she should consult the Chairman of the Company as soon as practicable.
- 4.2 During the term of Appointment, an Independent Director shall not serve as (a) an independent director in more than the prescribed number of companies and (b) a committee member of more than the prescribed number of committees (i.e. the Audit Committee and the Stakeholders' Relationship Committee) including chairmanship of such committees.
- 4.3 During the term of appointment, Independent Director shall not indulge in forward dealings in securities of the Company which is prohibited under the Act. Directors are prohibited from dealing in the Company's securities during the period when the trading





window is closed. They should not enter into insider trading and are expected to comply with the Company's code for securities dealing as well as with the concerned provisions of the Insider Trading Laws and Regulations.

4.4 During the term of Appointment, (a) Independent Director will neither enter into any agreement for himself/herself or on behalf of any other person, with any shareholder or any other third party with regard to compensation or profit sharing in connection with dealings in the shares of the Company; and (b) Independent Director will not enter into any such agreement referred to in (a) above without obtaining the prior approval from the Board of Directors as well as public shareholders of the Company.

5. Time Commitment:

By accepting the appointment the Independent Director confirms that he / she will be able to allocate sufficient time to perform his/her duties as a director and attend meetings of the Board or any committee thereof. In addition to such attendances, Independent Director will be expected to devote appropriate preparation time ahead of each meeting.

6. Training and Development:

- 6.1 The Independent Director will be invited to attend ongoing training and familiarization sessions for Directors including site visits.
- 6.2 The Board members are provided with necessary documents / brochures, reports and internal policies to enable them to familiarize with the Company's procedures and practices.
- 6.3 Periodic presentations are made at the Board and Committee meetings, on business and performance updates of the Company, global business environment, business strategy and risks involved.
- 6.4 Quarterly updates on relevant statutory changes and landmark judicial pronouncements encompassing important laws are regularly circulated to Directors.

7. Evaluation Process:

The performance of individual directors shall be evaluated by the entire Board, excluding the director being evaluated, on an annual basis.

The re-appointment of independent director shall be on the basis of report of performance evaluation.





8. **Remuneration:**

In consideration of the Independent Directors' services, the Company will pay fees asunder:

(i) A sitting fee will be paid for attending each meeting of the board as well as any committee meeting attended, as per the provisions of Section 197 of the Act and the Articles of Association of the Company, as fixed by the board from time to time; Commission at the end of a financial year based on time committed for operational matters.

9. Expenses:

In addition to the remuneration stated in the preceding paragraph, the Company will reimburse Independent Director, or bear and pay, all travel, accommodation or other expenses incurred as a result of him/her carrying out his/her duties as a director. The Independent Director may, at the Company's expense, seek independent legal or other professional advice where necessary to perform his/her duties and will be entitled to reimbursement of costs incurred in seeking such advice. In these circumstances, Independent Director should discuss the issues concerned with the Chairman of the Company in advance.

10. Confidentiality:

The Independent Director agrees that both during and after the term of Appointment, Independent Directors will not use for his/her own, or for another's benefit, or disclose or permit the disclosure of any confidential information relating to the Company, subsidiary or any group or associate companies of the Company, which he/she may acquire by virtue of his/her position as an independent director, including without limitation, any information about the deliberations of the Board. The restriction shall cease to apply to any confidential information which may (other than by reason of the director's breach of this term), become available to the public generally.

11. Insurance:

The Company has Directors' and Officers' ("D&O") liability insurance and it is intended to maintain such cover for the full term of the Appointment.

The Independent Director may obtain details of such insurance from the Company Secretary.

12. Stock Options

Independent Director is not eligible to participate in Stock Options schemes of the Company.





13. Status of Appointment

The Independent Director will not be an employee of the Company and the appointment letter shall not constitute a contract of employment. The Directors will be paid such remuneration by way of sitting fees for meetings of the Board and its Committees as may be decided by the Board and / or as approved by the Members from time to time.

14. Termination

Independent Directors may resign from their position at any time and if they wish to do so, they are requested to serve a reasonable written notice on the Board.

Continuation of their appointment is contingent on getting re-elected by the members in accordance with provisions of Companies Act, 2013, the Rules framed thereunder and the Articles of Association of the Company, from time to time in force. They will not be entitled to compensation if the members do not re-elect them at any time.

Their appointment may also be terminated in accordance with the provisions of the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and the Articles of Association of the Company including the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements)Regulations, 2015, effective from time to time in force.

15. Indemnity:

The directors are granted an indemnity from the Company in respect of liabilities incurred as a result of their office, to the extent permitted by law.

16. Publication of Letter:

In line with the provisions of Schedule IV to the Act and Listing Regulations, the letter of appointment will be open for inspection by any member and the Company will also post the terms and conditions of the appointment on the Company's website

17. Governing Law:

The Appointment and the terms are governed by the laws of India.

18. Relationship:

- 18.1 The appointment constitutes neither a contract for services nor a service contract.
- 18.2 There will be no relationship of employer and employee as a consequence of appointmentas a director of the Company.

19. Authority:

The letter of appointment will be issued under the authority of the Board.