

## **Terms and Conditions of appointment of Independent Directors**

### **1. Terms of Appointment:**

The term of appointment of an Independent Director (ID) of the Company is for a period of 5 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 members' of the Company.

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

### **2. Roles and Duties:**

The roles and duties of the Independent Director will be those normally required of a Non-Executive Independent Director under the Companies Act, 2013 including Rules and Regulations made there under, Guidelines/Circulars issued by SEBI/Exchanges, as modified, amended or substituted from time to time and as may be applicable. There are certain duties prescribed for all Directors, both Executive and Non-Executive, which are fiduciary in nature and are inter-alia as under:

- 1) He/ she shall act in accordance with the Company's Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association.
- 2) He/ she shall act in good faith in order to promote the objects of the Company for the benefit of the members of the Company as a whole, and in the best interest of the Company.
- 3) He/ she shall discharge duties with due and reasonable care, skill and diligence.
- 4) He/ She shall not involve in a situation in which he/ she may have a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interest of the Company.
- 5) He/ She shall not achieve or attempt to achieve any undue gain or advantage either to himself/ herself or his/ her relatives, partners or associates.
- 6) He/ She shall not assign office of Director and any assignments so made shall be void.
- 7) He/ She Shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of all the relevant regulatory and other authorities as may be applicable to such Directors in their individual capacities.

In addition to their role as Directors, the Board may nominate Independent Director as the Chairman/ Member of other Board Committees, as it may deem fit from time to time.

### **3. Code of Conduct and Business Ethics for Board of Directors and Insider Trading Code**

The Board has put in place a Code of Conduct and Ethics for Board of Directors (Code).

Independent Directors shall abide by the Code. An annual affirmation of compliance is required to be provided by the Independent Directors on the same.

Directors shall also comply with Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 1992 and Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading of the Company. The directors shall not make use of unpublished price sensitive information.

### **4. Directors' Fees/ Remuneration**

- A sitting fee will be paid for attending each meeting of the board as well as the Committee Meeting attended, as may be decided by the Board from time to time in accordance with the limits prescribed under the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder.
- In addition to the remuneration described above, the Company shall reimburse actual cost incurred for travel, hotel and other incidental expenses incurred by the directors for participation in the meeting of the Board and Committees thereof in the performance of their role and duties.

### **5. Conflict of Interest**

It is accepted and acknowledged that the appointed IDs may have business interests other than those of the Company. Considering the same, they are required to declare any such directorships, appointments and interests to the Board in writing in the prescribed form at the time of their appointment.

In the event that circumstances seem likely to change and might give rise to a conflict of interest or, when applicable, circumstances that might lead the Board to revise its judgments that they are independent, this should be disclosed to both the Chairman and the Secretary.

### **6. Confidentiality**

All information acquired during the appointment is confidential to the Company and should not be released, either during the appointment or following termination (by whatever means) to third parties without prior clearance from the Chairman unless required by law or by the rules of any stock exchange or regulatory body. On reasonable request, Director shall surrender any documents and other materials made available to them by the Company.

Attention is also drawn to the requirements under the applicable regulations and the Sequent Insider Trading Code which is concerned with the disclosure of price sensitive information and dealing in the securities of Sequent. Consequently director should avoid making any statements or performing any transactions that might risk a breach of these requirements without prior clearance from the Chairman or the Company Secretary.

Unless specifically authorized by the Company, the Independent Director shall not disclose Company and business information to public constituencies such as the media, the financial community, employees, members, agents, franchises, dealers, distributors and importers.

### **7. 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 Articles of Association of the Company from time to time in force.

## **8. Performance evaluation of Independent Directors**

The performance evaluation of independent directors shall be done by the entire Board of Directors, excluding the director being evaluated.

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

## **9. Insurance:**

The Company will take Directors' and Officers' ("D&O") liability insurance whenever required.

## **10. 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.

## **11. Publication of Letter:**

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

## **12. Miscellaneous:**

The appointment and the terms hereunder are governed by the laws of India.