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## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

#### **PREFACE:**

This Model Code of Conduct for Directors & Senior Management personnel is a guide to help Directors on the Board & Senior Management team of the Company to live up to Company's ethical standards.

The rules and principles set forth in this Code are general in nature and the compliance with the Code shall be ensured read with other applicable policies and procedures of the Company.

This model code of conduct may be reviewed by the Board from time to time to keep in pace with the regulatory environment and any amendments to this Code, shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

#### **APPLICABILITY:**

The Code of Conduct is applicable to all the members of the Board and Senior Management of the Company.

- 1. "Independent Director" shall have the same meaning assigned to it in section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013, Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 16(1)(b) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirement) Regulations, 2015.
- 2. "Senior Management" shall mean officers/personnel of the company who are members of its core management team excluding board of directors and normally this shall comprise all members of management one level below the \*["chief executive officer/managing director/whole time director/manager (including chief executive officer/manager, in case they are not part of the board) and shall specifically include company secretary and chief financial officer.]

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

The Code has been drafted in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 17(5) of SEBI (Listing of Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) to be entered into by the Company with the Stock Exchange/s to:

a). set standards of corporate governance by complying with laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Company and applicable policies and procedures adopted by the Company and to fulfil the responsibilities to stakeholders.

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b). set and implement high standards of transparency, integrity, accountability and corporate social responsibility in all dealings.

#### **SCOPE:**

The Board of Directors of the Company is entrusted with the fiduciary responsibility of oversight of the affairs of the Company. As Directors of the Company, they have a duty to make decisions and implement policies in the best interests of the Company and its stakeholders.

Therefore, the Directors and Senior Management are obliged to carry out their duties in an honest, fair, diligent and ethical manner, within the scope of the authority conferred upon them and in accordance with the laws, rules, regulations, agreements, guidelines, standards and internal policies and procedures.

The Directors & Senior Management personnel are required to act with utmost care, skill and diligence and in accordance with the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and legal conduct, when acting on behalf of the Company or in connection with the Company's business or operations and at social events.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

The Directors and senior management personnel are expected to avoid and disclose any activity or association that creates or appears to create a conflict between the personal interests and the Company's business interests. A Conflict of interest exists where the interests or benefits of one person or entity conflict with the interests or benefits of the Company.

Relationships with prospective or existing suppliers, contractors, customers, competitors or regulators must not affect the independent and sound judgment on behalf of the Company. Directors & the Senior Management personnel are required to disclose to the Board any situation that may be, or appear to be, a conflict of interest. When in doubt, Disclosure is the best way out.

#### HONEST AND ETHICAL CONDUCT:

The Directors and senior management shall act in accordance with the highest standards of personal and professional integrity, honesty and ethical conduct and use their office, in good faith and in the best interests of the Company as a whole.

#### **CORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES:**

The Directors and senior management owe a duty to the Company to advance its legitimate interests when the opportunity to do so arises and are expressly prohibited from improper use of information / property or taking improper advantage of their position.

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### **REGULATORY COMPLIANCES:**

It is the general obligation of the Directors to conduct the business and operations of the Company in accordance with the laws, rules, regulations, agreements, guidelines; standards including Accounting Standards governing its operations in the geographies where the Company operates. The Directors and Senior Management personnel shall acquire appropriate knowledge of the legal requirements relating to their duties sufficient to enable them to perform their obligations diligently.

The Directors and Senior Management personnel shall also comply with the internal policies and procedures of the Company to the extent applicable to them including but not limited to compliance with Prohibition of Insider Trading policy of the Company.

#### CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND CORPORATE DISCLOSURE POLICY:

The Directors and Senior Management personnel must maintain the confidentiality of information relating to the affairs of the Company until and unless authorized or legally required to disclose such information; and shall not use confidential information for their personal advantage.

The Directors and Senior Management are obliged to ensure continuous, timely and adequate disclosure of necessary information to the Company at regular intervals in respect of declarations required to be made under Applicable Laws, including the Companies Act, 1956 as amended, details of related parties and details of any material financial and commercial transactions where a conflict of interest is likely.

## FAIR DEALING, USE AND PROTECTION OF COMPANY'S ASSETS:

The Directors and Senior Management personnel are obligated to deal fairly and honestly with each other, the Company's associates and with the Company's customers, suppliers, competitors and other third parties. Directors and Senior Management personnel shall not take unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged information, misrepresentation or any other unfair dealing or practice.

The Directors and Senior Management are required to protect the Company's assets and properties, records and systems, including intellectual property and ensure their efficient use. The assets of the Company shall be used for legitimate business purposes and shall not be used for personal purposes. Incidental personal use, if reasonable, does not amount to violation of the code.

### COMPLIANCE AND VIOLATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT:

It is the duty and obligation of every Director and Senior Management person to comply with this code of conduct and he/she shall acknowledge and affirm ongoing compliance with the code on an annual basis. This code of conduct shall be posted on the website of the Company.

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Any violations of this code shall be promptly reported to the Chairman of the Board or any other person appointed for this purpose. The Company will take appropriate action against any Director member or the Senior Management whose actions are found to violate the Code, after giving him/her a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

#### **OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO DIRECTORS:**

- (1) A director shall not be a member in more than ten committees or act as chairperson of more than five committees across all listed entities in which he is a director.
  - a) the limit of the committees on which a director may serve in all public limited companies, whether listed or not, shall be included and all other companies including private limited companies, foreign companies and companies under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 shall be excluded;
  - b) for the purpose of determination of limit, chairpersonship and membership of the audit committee and the Stakeholders' Relationship Committee alone shall be considered.]
- (2) Every director shall inform the listed entity about the committee positions he or she occupies in other listed entities and notify changes as and when they take place.
- (3) Non-executive directors shall disclose their shareholding, held either by them or on a beneficial basis for any other persons in the listed entity in which they are proposed to be appointed as directors, in the notice to the general meeting called for appointment of such director.

### **DUTIES OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS:**

The independent directors of the Company shall:

- (1) undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the company;
- (2) seek appropriate clarification or amplification of information and, where necessary, take and follow appropriate professional advice and opinion of outside experts at the expense of the company;
- (3) strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board committees of which he is a member;
- (4) participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members;
- (5) strive to attend the general meetings of the company;

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- (6) where they have concerns about the running of the company or a proposed action, ensure that these are addressed by the Board and, to the extent that they are not resolved, insist that their concerns are recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting;
- (7) keep themselves well informed about the company and the external environment in which it operates;
- (8) not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee of the Board:
- (9) pay sufficient attention and ensure that adequate deliberations are held before approving related party transactions and assure themselves that the same are in the interest of the company;
- (10) ascertain and ensure that the company has an adequate and functional vigil mechanism and to ensure that the interests of a person who uses such mechanism are not prejudicially affected on account of such use;
- (11) report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the company's code of conduct or ethics policy;
- (12) acting within his authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the company, shareholders and its employees;
- (13) not disclose confidential information, including commercial secrets, technologies, advertising and sales promotion plans, unpublished price sensitive information, unless such disclosure is expressly approved by the Board or required by law.

### WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS OF THE CODE:

We are committed to continuously review and update our policies and procedures. Therefore, this Code is subject to modifications. Any amendment / inclusion or wavier of any provision of this Code must be approved by the Company's Board of Directors and promptly disclosed, if required pursuant to Applicable Laws.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

Each of the Directors and members of the Senior Management and every other person to whom this Code is made applicable, shall file with the Company Secretary of the Company, or any other person appointed for this purpose, a certificate addressed to the Chairman, by the 1st of April of every year, confirming his/her compliance with the provisions of this Code.

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

The Directors and Senior Management personnel shall read and fully understand this model code of conduct and comply with the policies procedures and principles contained therein.

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This said code of conduct shall be effective from the date of approval of the Board i.e., 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.