



## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Code is to enhance integrity, ethics & transparency in the governance of the Company and thereby reinforce the trust and confidence reposed in the Management of the Company by the shareholders and other stakeholders. The Directors and Senior Management Personnel are expected to familiarize themselves with this Code and to understand, adhere to, comply with and uphold the provisions of this Code and the standards laid down hereunder in their day-to-day functioning.

### **II. GUIDELINES**

The Directors and Senior Management Personnel must act in good faith and in such manner as they reasonably believe to be in the best interests of the Company. The Directors and Senior Management Personnel are also expected to:

- a. comply with all applicable laws, regulations, confidentiality obligations and other corporate policies, of the Company.
- b. follow all policies, procedures and internal control systems of the Company.
- c. act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Company.

### **III. HONESTY AND INTEGRITY**

All Directors and Senior Management Personnel of the Company shall conduct their activities on behalf of the Company and on their own behalf, with honesty, integrity and fairness. The Directors and Senior Management Personnel of the Company will act in good faith, responsibly, with due care, competence and diligence, without allowing their independent judgment to be subordinated. The Directors and Senior Management of the Company will act in the best interest of and fulfill their fiduciary obligations to the Company and its shareholders.

### **IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Directors and Senior Management Personnel of the Company should not enter into any transaction or engage in any practice, directly or indirectly, that would tend to influence him/her to act in any manner other than in the best interests of the Company.



Every Director and Senior Management Personnel should make a full disclosure to the Board of any transaction that they reasonably expect, could give rise to actual conflict of interest with the Company and seek Board authorization to pursue such transaction.

## **V. COMPANY PROPERTY**

Every Director and Senior Management Personnel should endeavor to ensure that they use the Company's assets, proprietary information and resources only for the legitimate business purposes of the Company and not for personal gains.

## **VI. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

The Directors and Senior Management Personnel should maintain the confidentiality of information entrusted to them in carrying out their duties and responsibilities. The matters discussed at the Board/ Committee Meetings must not be disclosed outside appropriate and reasonable circles. The Company's confidential information and proprietary information shall not be inappropriately disclosed or used for personal gain or advantage of any Director. These obligations apply not only during a Director's term but thereafter as well unless the said information becomes public.

## **VII. GIFTS, DONATIONS & ENTERTAINMENT**

The Directors and Senior Management Personnel shall neither receive nor offer or make, directly or indirectly, any illegal payments, remuneration, gifts, donations or comparable benefits which are intended to or perceived to obtain business or uncompetitive favours for the conduct of its business. However, the Directors and Senior Management Personnel may accept and offer nominal gifts, which are customarily given and are of a commemorative nature, for special events.

Gift, donations, hospitality and/ or entertainment carried out for Company exceeding the value of Rs. 5,000/- should be accepted and/ or offered by the Directors only with the approval of the Audit Committee and in case of Senior Management Personnel, the same should be accepted and/ or offered only with the approval of the Managing Director & CEO of the Company if its value exceeds Rs. 5000/-.

## **VIII. FAIR DEALING**

The Directors and Senior Management Personnel should endeavor to deal fairly and not seek to take unfair advantage of the Company through manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged information, misrepresentation of material facts or other unfair dealings.



## **IX. SAFETY**

The Directors and Senior Management Personnel shall respect the safety and health of all employees and provide working conditions, which are safe and healthy.

## **X. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

The Directors and Senior Management Personnel shall endeavor to provide equal opportunities to all employees and aspirants for employment in the Company irrespective of gender, caste, religion, race or colour, merit being the sole differentiating factor. The Directors and Senior Management Personnel shall prevent and redress sexual harassment at work place and institute good employment practices.

## **XI. NON-COMPETE**

The Directors and Senior Management Personnel shall not take up directly or indirectly any activities competing with the business of the Company.

## **XII. CORDIAL RELATIONS**

The Directors and Senior Management Personnel shall endeavor to make all efforts to establish cordial relationships with all stakeholders of the Company with whom they interface while carrying out their duties for the Company and would try to make positive contributions to the communities in which they perform such duties.

## **XIII. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, Directors and Senior Management Personnel should comply and endeavor to ensure that the management is causing the Company to comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

The Directors and Senior Management Personnel should comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations for the time being in force. In addition, if any Director becomes aware of any information that he believes constitutes evidence of a material violation of any laws, rules or regulations applicable to the Company or operation of its business, by the Company, any employee or another Director, then such Director should bring such information to the attention of the Chairman of the Audit Committee.



#### **XIV. INSIDER TRADING**

None of the Directors or the Senior Management Personnel shall derive any benefit nor assist to derive any benefit by giving investment advice from access to and possession of information about the Company, which is not in public domain or constitutes insider information.

#### **XV. DUTIES OF DIRECTORS**

Every Director of the Company shall endeavor to comply with the provisions of Section 166 of the Companies Act, relating to the duties of directors.

In addition, Independent Directors shall also perform the duties as prescribed in Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013, as amended from time to time.

#### **XVI. NON-COMPLIANCE**

Suspected violations of this Code may be reported to the Chairman of the Board or the Chairman of the Audit Committee. All reported violations shall be appropriately investigated. Any waiver of this Code must be approved by the Board of Directors and publically disclosed if required by any applicable law.

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