# Terms and Conditions of Appointment of Independent Directors

The terms of appointment of the following Directors are subject to the extant provisions of the (i) applicable laws, including the Companies 2013 Act and (ii) Articles of Association of the Company ("AOA").

S.L	Name of Independent Director	From	То
1	Dipak Kumar Banerjee	28.07.2016	27.07.2021
2	Rakesh Makhija	28.07.2016	27.07.2021

# I. Appointment

- 1. The appointment of Independent Directors will be for the period as mentioned above ("Term"). The Company may disengage Independent Directors prior to completion of the Term subject to compliance of relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.
- 2. As an Independent Director, they will not be liable to retire by rotation.
- 3. Reappointment at the end of the Term shall be based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and subject to the approval of the Board and the shareholders. The reappointment would be considered based on the outcome of the performance evaluation process and their continuing to meet the independence criteria.
- 4. The Director(s) may be requested to be a member / Chairman of any one or more Committees of the Board which may be constituted from time to time.

#### II. Guidelines of professional conduct:

An independent director shall:

- 1. uphold ethical standards of integrity and probity;
- 2. act objectively and constructively while exercising his duties;
- 3. exercise his responsibilities in a bona fide manner in the interest of the company;
- 4. devote sufficient time and attention to his professional obligations for informed and balanced decision making;
- 5. not allow any extraneous considerations that will vitiate his exercise of objective independent judgment in the paramount interest of the company as a whole, while concurring in or dissenting from the collective judgment of the Board in its decision making;

- 6. not abuse his position to the detriment of the company or its shareholders or for the purpose of gaining direct or indirect personal advantage or advantage for any associated person;
- 7. refrain from any action that would lead to loss of his independence;
- 8. where circumstances arise which make an independent director lose his independence, the independent director must immediately inform the Board accordingly;
- 9. assist the company in implementing the best corporate governance practices.

# III. Role and functions:

The independent directors shall:

- 1. help in bringing an independent judgment to bear on the Board's deliberations especially on issues of strategy, performance, risk management, resources, key appointments and standards of conduct;
- 2. bring an objective view in the evaluation of the performance of board and management;
- 3. scrutinise the performance of management in meeting agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance;
- 4. satisfy themselves on the integrity of financial information and that financial controls and the systems of risk management are robust and defensible;
- 5. safeguard the interests of all stakeholders, particularly the minority shareholders;
- 6. balance the conflicting interest of the stakeholders;
- 7. determine appropriate levels of remuneration of executive directors, key managerial personnel and senior management and have a prime role in appointing and where necessary recommend removal of executive directors, key managerial personnel and senior management;
- 8. moderate and arbitrate in the interest of the company as a whole, in situations of conflict between management and shareholder's interest.

# IV. Duties:

The independent directors 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;
- 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. act 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.

#### V. Fees and Remuneration

Independent Directors shall be entitled to

- Remuneration by way of sitting fees for the meetings of Board and Committee(s) attended by them.
  - Such payments shall be subject to the overall limits under the relevant provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder, as amended, from time to time.
- Reimbursement of any expenses that may be incurred by them for participation in the meetings of the Board and Committee(s), as per the Policy of the Company.

#### VI. Performance Appraisal / Evaluation Process

The performance of Independent Directors of the Company will be reviewed by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee and the Board in terms of the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the relevant Rules made thereunder.

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