

# **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**

(Pursuant to the provisions of Schedule IV of Companies Act, 2013)

The Board terms and conditions of their appointment as Independent Directors are reproduced hereunder:

## **1. Appointment**

The appointment shall be for a period not exceeding 5 years or the Director attaining the age of 75 years, whichever is earlier (“**Term**”). The Company may disengage Independent Directors prior to completion of the Term subject to compliance of relevant provisions of Companies 2013 Act (‘2013 Act’).

As Independent Directors, they will not be liable to retire by rotation.

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 the Directors continuing to meet the independence criteria.

The Directors 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.

## **2. Role, duties and responsibilities**

- A. As member of the Board they along with the other Directors will be collectively responsible for meeting the objectives of the Board which include:
- Requirements under the 2013 Act,
  - Accountability under the Director’s Responsibility Statement.
- B. They shall abide by the ‘Code For Independent Directors’ as outlined in Schedule IV to section 149(8) of the 2013 Act, and duties of directors as provided in the 2013 Act (including Section 166).
- C. They are particularly requested to provide guidance in their area of expertise.

## **3. Time Commitment**

They agree to devote such time as is prudent and necessary for the proper performance of their role, duties and responsibilities as Independent Directors.

#### **4. Remuneration**

As Independent Directors they shall be paid sitting fees for attending the meetings of the Board and the Committees of which they are members. The sitting fees for attending each meeting of the Board and its Committees would be as determined by the Board from time to time.

Further, the Company may pay or reimburse to the Directors such expenditure, as may have been incurred by them while performing their role as an Independent Director of the Company. This could include reimbursement of expenditure incurred by them for accommodation, travel and any out of pocket expenses for attending Board/ Committee meetings, General Meetings, court convened meetings, meetings with shareholders/ creditors/ management and in obtaining, subject to the expense being reasonable, professional advice from independent advisors in the furtherance of their duties as an Independent Director.

#### **5. Code of Conduct**

As Independent Directors of the Company, they agree to comply with the Code of Conduct for Non-Executive Directors (NEDs).

Unless specifically authorised by the Company, they shall not disclose company and business information to constituencies such as the media, the financial community, employees, shareholders, agents, franchisees, dealers, distributors and importers.

Their obligation of confidentiality shall survive cessation of their directorships with the Company.

Additionally, they shall not participate in any business activity which might impede the application of their independent judgment in the best interest of the Company.

#### **6. Performance Appraisal / Evaluation Process**

As a member of the Board, their performance as well as the performance of the entire Board and its Committees will be evaluated annually. Evaluation of each director shall be done by all the other directors. The actual evaluation process shall remain confidential and shall be a constructive mechanism to improve the effectiveness of the Board / Committee.

#### **7. Disclosures, other directorships and business interests**

During the Term, they agree to promptly notify the Company of any change in their directorships and provide such other disclosures and information as may be required under the applicable laws. They also agree that upon becoming aware of any potential conflict of interest with their position as Independent Director of the

Company, they shall promptly disclose the same to the Chairman and the Company Secretary.

During their Term, they agree to promptly provide a declaration under Section 149(7) of the 2013 Act, upon any change in circumstances which may affect their status as an Independent Director.

#### **8. Changes of personal details**

During the Term, they shall promptly intimate the Company Secretary and the Registrar of Companies in the prescribed manner, of any change in address or other contact and personal details provided to the Company.

#### **9. Disengagement**

They may resign from the directorship of the Company by giving a notice in writing to the Company stating the reasons for resignation. The resignation shall take effect from the date on which the notice is received by the Company or the date, if any, specified by them in the notice, whichever is later.

Their directorship on the Board of the Company shall cease in accordance with law. The Company may disengage Independent Directors prior to completion of Term (subject to compliance of relevant provisions of the 2013 Act) upon

- Violation of any provision of the Code of Conduct as applicable to Non-Executive Directors,
- Upon the director failing to meet the criteria for independence as envisaged in Section 149(6) of the 2013 Act