



Terms and Conditions of Appointment of Independent Directors

[Pursuant to the provisions of section 149 (6) to the Companies Act, 2013 (“the Act”) and Regulation 16(1)(b) of the SEBI LODR]

The broad terms and conditions of appointment of Independent Directors are reproduced hereunder:

1. Appointment

1.1. The appointment as an Independent Director (ID) on the Board will be effective from 1st April, 2014 , for a period of 5 years.

1.2. The appointment of ID on Committee(s) of the Board will be subject to applicable law. As Independent Directors, they will not be liable to retire by rotation.

2. Expectations, Roles, Functions and Duties

2.1. ID is expected to bring objectivity and independence of view to the Board’s discussions and to help provide the Board with effective inputs in relation to the Company’s strategy, performance and risk management as well as ensuring high standards of financial integrity and corporate governance. ID is also expected to observe and comply with applicable laws, the charter documents of the Company and the rules, regulations and policies of the Company, in relation to his/her directorship and the business of the Company.

2.2. The role, functions and duties of ID will be as provided under the applicable law, including the Act and in conformity with Section 149 read with Schedule IV of the Act and Regulation 16 of the SEBI LODR, including in relation to attendance of meetings, maintenance of confidentiality, safeguarding the interests of the stakeholders, bringing objective judgement, asking clarifications, etc.

2.3. In addition, the conduct of ID will be governed by applicable law, including the guidelines for professional conduct set out under the Code of Independent Directors, as provided in Section 149 read with Schedule IV of the Act, the duties of directors as set out under Section 166 of the Act and the duties and responsibilities as set out under Regulation 16 of the SEBI LODR.

3. Remuneration and Reimbursement of Expenses

3.1. ID will be paid such remuneration by way of sitting fees for attending meetings of the Board and its Committees as may be decided by the Board from time to time in compliance with applicable law. The remuneration shall be subject to applicable taxes and the Company may withhold there from any amounts as are required to be withheld pursuant to applicable law. Any tax liability arising in respect of payments made pursuant to remuneration to ID shall be borne solely by him.

3.2. The Company has Directors' and Officers' liability insurance and it is intended that the Company will assume and maintain such cover for the full term of appointment of ID.

3.3. In addition to the remuneration described above the Company will, for the period of appointment, reimburse ID for travel, hotel and other incidental expenses incurred by him in the performance of his role and duties.

4. Conflict of Interest

It is accepted and acknowledged that ID may have business interests other than those of the Company. As a condition precedent to commencement of the appointment, ID is required to declare to the Company any such directorships, appointments and interests to the Board. Thereafter, ID is required to declare to the Company whenever there is any change in the circumstances which may affect your status as an ID.

5. Other Terms and Conditions

5.1. Performance Appraisal / Evaluation Process

As members of the Board, their performance as well as the performance of the entire Board and its Committees will be evaluated annually as per the requirements of the Companies Act 2013 and the Listing Agreement. Evaluation of each director shall be done by all the other directors. The criteria for evaluation shall be disclosed in the Company's Annual Report. However, the actual evaluation process shall remain confidential and shall be a constructive mechanism to improve the effectiveness of the Board / Committee.

5.2. Termination

(i) ID may resign from his position at any time by serving a reasonable written notice on the Board stating out the reason for resignation. Further, appointment of ID may be terminated in accordance with applicable law.

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 ASM Code of Conduct as applicable to Directors and

Upon the director failing to meet the criteria for independence as envisaged in Section 149(6) of the 2013 Act or Regulation 16 of the SEBI LODR.

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.

(ii) Continuation of appointment of ID is contingent on his willingness to continue as an ID, and getting re-appointed by the shareholders in accordance with applicable law. ID will not be entitled to compensation in case the shareholders of the Company do not re-appoint him at any time.

5.3. Confidentiality

(i) All information in relation to the Company acquired by ID during the appointment and tenure as an ID is confidential and should not be disclosed to third parties unless required by law.

(ii) ID is subject to and bound by the prohibition and restrictions against insider trading and disclosure of unpublished price sensitive information, as prescribed under the Act and the regulations issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). ID would have to strictly abide by the Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading of the Company under SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 1992 (as amended or replaced from time to time).

5.4. Liability

Subject to applicable law, for any breach of duties, ID will be liable to consequence prescribed under applicable law and in relation to the Company, ID would be liable for such acts of omission or commission by the Company which had occurred with his knowledge, attributable through Board processes, and with his consent or connivance, or where ID has not acted diligently.

6. Miscellaneous

6.1. The appointment of ID is also subject to the maximum permissible directorships that one can hold under applicable law, including as per the provisions of the Act and the Listing Agreement.

6.2. ID will not be in employment of the Company.

6.3. ID will be invited to attend ongoing training and familiarization sessions, including briefings from management and site visits.