

# **KALAMANDIR JEWELLERS LIMITED**

**Terms and Conditions of Appointment of Independent Directors** 



## 1. Term:

Terms and conditions of appointment of Independent Directors of the Company in accordance with the requirements of Schedule IV to the Companies Act, 2013 are as follows;

The term of appointment of an Independent Director (ID) of the Company is for a period of 5 consecutive years from the date of his/ her appointment. Appointment of every independent director shall be approved by shareholders of the Company. Independent Director is not liable to retire by rotation. Independent Directors will be eligible for re-appointment for another term of 5 consecutive years, after the completion of their tenure of first 5 years, subject to Board approval and the passing of a special resolution by shareholders.

Independent director shall not hold office for more than two consecutive terms, but such independent director shall be eligible for appointment after the expiration of three years of ceasing to become an independent director. During the said period of three years, he/she shall not be appointed in or be associated with the company in any other capacity, either directly or indirectly.

## 2. Other Terms and Conditions:

- i. During the Appointment, the Independent Director may be required to serve on one or more of the committees of the Board including Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee, Risk Management Committee or such other Committees, as the Board may decide.
- ii. The Independent Director is an independent non-executive director and will be identified as such in the annual report and other documentation of the Company. Every independent director shall at the first meeting of the Board in which he participates as a director and thereafter at the first meeting of the Board in every financial year or whenever there is any change in the circumstances which may affect his status as an independent director, give a declaration that he meets the criteria of independence as provided in Section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act").

### 3. Role and Functions:

The independent Directors shall:

- i. 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;
- ii. bring an objective view in the evaluation of the performance of board and management;
- iii. scrutinize the performance of management in meeting agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance;
- iv. satisfy themselves on the integrity of financial information and that financial controls and the systems of risk management are robust and defensible;

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- v. safeguard the interests of all stakeholders, particularly the minority shareholders;
- vi. balance the conflicting interest of the stakeholders;
- vii. 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;
- viii. moderate and arbitrate in the interest of the company as a whole, in situations of conflict between management and shareholder's interest.

## 4. Duties and Liabilities:

The independent Directors shall—

- i. undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the company;
- ii. 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;
- iii. strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board committees of which he is a member;
- iv. participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members;
- v. strive to attend the general meetings of the company;
- vi. 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;
- vii. keep themselves well informed about the company and the external environment in which it operates;
- viii. not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee of the Board;
  - ix. 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;
  - x. 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;



- xi. report concerns about unethical behavior, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the company's code of conduct or ethics policy;
- xii. "acting within his authority", assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the company, shareholders and its employees;
- xiii. 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.

# 5. Code for Independent Directors:

- i. The Company has relied on the declaration of the Independent Director that he / she meets the criteria of independence as provided in Section 149(6) of the Act.
- ii. The Independent Director will be required to abide by the guidelines as to professional conduct for independent directors as set out in Section 149(8) read with Schedule IV to the Act.
- iii. The Independent Director will be required to comply with applicable provisions of any code of conduct framed by the Board for all Board members and Senior Management of the Company under as per the Act.

# 6. Time Commitment:

By accepting the appointment the Independent Director confirms that he / she will be able to allocate sufficient time to perform his/her duties as a director and attend meetings of the Board or any committee thereof. In addition to such attendances, Independent Director will be expected to devote appropriate preparation time ahead of each meeting.

# 7. Training and Development:

The Company shall conduct familiarization programs for its Independent Directors which may include any or all of the following:

- I. Board roles and responsibilities, whilst seeking to build working relationship among the Board members.
- II. Company's vision, strategic direction, core values, ethics and corporate governance practices.
- III. Familiarization with financial matters, management team and business operations, Meetings with stakeholders, visits to business locations and meetings with senior and middle management.
- IV. The Company may, as may be required, support Directors to continually update their skills and knowledge and improve their familiarity with the Company and its Business.

# 8. Remuneration:

In consideration of the Independent Directors' services, the Company may pay fees as under:

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A sitting fee will be paid for attending each meeting of the board as well as any committee meeting attended, as per the provisions of Section 197 of the Act and the Articles of Association of the Company, as fixed by the board from time to time;

## 9. Expenses:

In addition to the remuneration stated in the preceding paragraph, the Company will reimburse Independent Director, or bear and pay, all travel, accommodation or other expenses incurred as a result of him/her carrying out his/her duties as a director. The Independent Director may, at the Company's expense, seek independent legal or other professional advice where necessary to perform his/her duties and will be entitled to reimbursement of costs incurred in seeking such advice. In these circumstances, Independent Director should discuss the issues concerned with the Chairman of the Company in advance.

#### 10. Re-appointment:

The re-appointment of independent director shall be on the basis of report of performance evaluation and as per the relevant provisions of the Act.

## **11. Evaluation mechanism:**

(1) The performance evaluation of independent Directors shall be done by the entire Board of Directors, excluding the director being evaluated.

(2) On the basis of the report of performance evaluation, it shall be determined whether to extend or continue the term of appointment of the independent director.

# 12. Confidentiality:

The Independent Director agrees that both during and after the term of Appointment, Independent Directors will not use for his/her own, or for another's benefit, or disclose or permit the disclosure of any confidential information relating to the Company or any group companies of the Company, which he/she may acquire by virtue of his/her position as an independent director, including without limitation, any information about the deliberations of the Board. The restriction shall cease to apply to any confidential information which may (other than by reason of the director's breach of this term), become available to the public generally.

#### 13. Status of Appointment

The Independent Director will not be an employee of the Company and the appointment letter shall not constitute a contract of employment. The Directors will be paid such remuneration by way of sitting fees for meetings of the Board and its Committees as may be decided by the Board and / or as approved by the Members from time to time.



## 14. Termination

Independent Directors may resign from their position at any time and if they wish to do so, they are requested to serve a reasonable written notice on the Board.

Continuation of their appointment is contingent on getting re-elected by the members in accordance with provisions of Companies Act, 2013, the Rules framed thereunder and the Articles of Association of the Company, from time to time in force. They will not be entitled to compensation if the members do not re-elect them at any time.

Their appointment may also be terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company from time to time in force

#### **15. Governing Law:**

The Appointment and the terms are governed by the laws of India.

#### 16. Relationship:

1 The appointment constitutes neither a contract for services nor a service contract.

2 There will be no relationship of employer and employee as a consequence of appointment as a director of the Company.

#### **17. Authority:**

The letter of appointment will be issued under the authority of the Board

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