



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

The following are the terms and conditions of appointment of Independent Directors of the Company viz. Mr. S. Banerjee, Mr. A. Duggal, Mr. S. B. Mathur, Mr. A. Nayak, Ms. N. Rao, Mr. A. K. Seth and Ms. M. Shankar:

### **1. APPOINTMENT**

- (a) Independent Directors are appointed by the Members of the Company, on the recommendation of the Nomination & Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors, for such period not exceeding five years as may be considered appropriate by the Board, or till such earlier date to conform with the policy on retirement and as may be determined by any applicable statutes, rules, regulations or guidelines.
- (b) The Independent Directors will not be liable to retire by rotation.
- (c) In addition to the Committee of Independent Directors, the Independent Directors may be required to serve on one or more Board Committees as may be decided by the Board from time to time. Presently such Committees are Audit Committee, Nomination & Compensation Committee, CSR and Sustainability Committee and Securityholders Relationship Committee. The role of these Board Committees would be such as may be determined by the Board from time to time.

### **2. ROLE, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- (a) The duties and liabilities that come with the appointment as an Independent Director would be as per the applicable laws, the Articles of Association of the Company and the ITC Code of Conduct.
- (b) As members of the Board, the Independent Directors along with the other Directors will collectively be responsible for meeting the objectives of the Board which include:
  - fulfilling requirements under the Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) and the Rules thereunder;
  - performing responsibilities of the Board as outlined in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015;
  - taking accountability under the Directors' Responsibility Statement;
  - overseeing the maintenance of high standards of the Company's values and ethical conduct of business;
  - overseeing the Company's contribution towards sustainability and CSR;
  - protecting and enhancing the ITC brand.
- (c) The Independent Directors will be expected to perform their fiduciary duties and exercise the skill and care expected of every Director. They shall also abide by the 'Code for Independent Directors' as outlined in Schedule IV to the Act.

### **3. TIME COMMITMENT**

Considering the nature of the role of a Director, it is difficult for the Company to lay down specific parameters on time commitment. The Independent Directors agree to devote such time as is prudent and necessary for the proper performance of their role, duties and responsibilities as Independent Director.

### **4. REMUNERATION**

- (a) The Independent Directors will be entitled to remuneration by way of commission ranging between ₹ 70 lakhs and ₹ 100 lakhs for each financial year, as approved by the Members at the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018 for Non-Executive Directors of the Company, and as may be determined by the Board based on performance and the guidelines framed by the Board for this purpose. Presently, such Members' approval covers the period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.
- (b) The Independent Directors will also be entitled to sitting fees for attending meetings of the Board and Committees thereof. Presently, the sitting fees, as determined by the Board, are ₹ 1,00,000/- for attending each meeting of the Board, ₹ 50,000/- for each meeting of the Audit Committee, Nomination & Compensation Committee, CSR and Sustainability Committee and Independent Directors Committee, and ₹ 10,000/- for each meeting of the Securityholders Relationship Committee. The Company will bear the expenses for their attending the meetings of the Board and Board Committees, in terms of the Articles of Association of the Company.
- (c) Further, the Company may pay or reimburse the Independent Directors such reasonable expenditure, as may be incurred by them, while performing their role as Independent Director of the Company. This could include obtaining, subject to prior consultation with the Board, professional advice from independent advisors in the furtherance of their duties as Independent Director.
- (d) The Independent Directors will also be entitled to coverage under Personal Accident Insurance as per the Company's rules.

### **5. INSURANCE**

The Independent Directors will be entitled to coverage under Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance as per the Company's rules.

### **6. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- (a) As Independent Directors of the Company, they agree to comply with the provisions of the ITC Code of Conduct, as adopted by the Board. The Independent Directors will also be required to affirm annually, compliance with the ITC Code of Conduct.
- (b) The Independent Directors also agree to comply with the provisions of the ITC Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading – 2019 read with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015, in terms of which disclosure or use of unpublished price sensitive information is prohibited.

- (c) Unless specifically authorised by the Company, the Independent Directors will not disclose information in respect of the Company's affairs to the media, the financial community, the employees, the members, or to any other person.

The obligation of confidentiality of the Independent Directors shall survive the cessation of their directorship in the Company.

- (d) The Independent Directors shall not engage in any activity which might impede the application of their independent judgement in the best interest of the Company.

## **7. INDUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Company will, from time to time, brief the Independent Directors on all business related matters, risk assessment & minimisation procedures, and proposed new initiatives. They will also be updated on changes / developments in the domestic / global corporate and industry scenario including those pertaining to statutes / legislation and economic environment.

## **8. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROCESS**

Performance of the Independent Directors as well as the performance of the entire Board and its Committees will be evaluated annually as required under the provisions of law, against the parameters for evaluation laid down by the Nomination & Compensation Committee.

## **9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- (a) It is accepted and acknowledged that the Independent Directors may have business interests other than those of the Company. They are required to declare any such directorships, appointments and interests to the Board in writing in the prescribed form.
- (b) During their term, the Independent Directors agree to promptly provide declaration under Section 149(7) of the Act, upon any change in circumstances which may affect their status, individually, as Independent Director. Further, they also agree to confirm, individually, compliance with the said criteria of independence every financial year, along with a confirmation that they are not aware of any circumstance or situation, which exist or may be reasonably anticipated, that could impair or impact their ability to discharge duties with an objective independent judgement and without any external influence.

## **10. GENERAL**

Actions, in particular, that should not be taken by the Independent Directors while in office, include the following:

- (i) Action that involves any violation of applicable law;
- (ii) Action that involves any breach of the ITC Code of Conduct;
- (iii) Action that either involves their personal interest, except as disclosed in terms of the applicable laws, or compromises or conflicts with the interest of the Company.

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