

NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION POLICY

HB STOCKHOLDINGS LIMITED

NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION POLICY**1. PREAMBLE:**

In pursuance of the Company's policy to consider human resources as its invaluable assets, to pay equitable remuneration to all Directors, Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) and employees of the Company, to harmonize the aspirations of human resources consistent with the goals of the Company, this policy on nomination and remuneration of Directors, KMP and Senior Management has been formulated by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee ("NRC/Committee") and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on 11th February, 2015 in compliance with Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 read along with the applicable rules thereto and amended Clause 49 under the Listing Agreement (effective from 01st October, 2014).

This Policy has been suitably amended and re-adopted by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee in their meeting held on 11th February, 2016 in terms of Regulation 19 read with Part D of the Schedule II of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (Listing Regulations) which came into force w.e.f 01st December, 2015.

This Policy has been further revised and approved by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee in their meeting held on 30th May, 2019 in terms of amended Regulation 16(1)(d), 19 read with Part D of the Schedule II of the Listing Regulations which came into force w.e.f 01st April, 2019.

2. OBJECTIVE:

The Objective of this policy is to lay down a framework in relation to remuneration of Directors, KMP and Senior Management. The Key Objectives of the Committee would be:

- 2.1. To guide the Board in relation to appointment and removal of Directors, KMP and Senior Management.
- 2.2. Formulate the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a Director and recommend to the Board a policy relating to the remuneration of Directors, KMP and Senior Management.
- 2.3. Formulation of criteria for evaluation of Independent Director and the Board.
- 2.4. To specify the manner of effective evaluation of performance of Board, its committees and individual directors to be carried out either by the Board, by the Committee or by an independent external agency and review its implementation and compliance.
- 2.5. To recommend to the Board, all remuneration, in whatever form, payable to the Directors, key managerial personnel and Senior Management.
- 2.6. To provide to KMP and Senior Management reward linked directly to their effort, performance, dedication and achievement relating to the Company's operations.
- 2.7. To retain, motivate and promote talent and to ensure long term sustainability of talented managerial persons and create competitive advantage.
- 2.8. To develop a succession plan for the Board and to regularly review the plan.
- 2.9. To assist the Board in fulfilling responsibilities.
- 2.10 To Implement and monitor policies and processes regarding principles of corporate governance.

3. DEFINITIONS:

“**Act**” means the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules framed there under, as amended from time to time.

“**Board**” means Board of Directors of the Company.

“**Directors**” mean Directors of the Company both executive and non-executive.

“**Key Managerial Personnel (KMP)**” mean key managerial personnel as defined in sub-section (51) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013.

“**Senior Management**” means officers / personnel of the Company who are members of the core management team excluding Board of Directors comprising all members of management one level below the chief executive officer / managing director / whole time director / manager (including chief executive officer / manager, in case they are not part of the board) and shall specifically include company secretary and chief financial officer.

Unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions used in this policy and not defined herein but defined in the Companies Act, 2013 or SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as may be amended from time to time shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them therein.

4. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTOR, KEY MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL (KMP) AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT:

A. Appointment Criteria and Qualifications

- (I) The Committee shall identify and ascertain the integrity, qualification, expertise and experience of the person for appointment as Director, KMP or at Senior Management level and recommend to the Board his / her appointment.
- (II) A person should possess adequate qualification, expertise and experience for the position he / she is considered for appointment. The Committee has discretion to decide whether qualification, expertise and experience possessed by a person is sufficient / satisfactory for the concerned position.
- (III) The Company shall not appoint or continue the employment of any person as Whole-time Director who has attained the age of seventy years. Provided that the term of the person holding this position may be extended beyond the age of seventy years with the approval of shareholders by passing a special resolution based on the explanatory statement annexed to the notice for such motion indicating the justification for extension of appointment beyond seventy years.
- (IV) The Company shall not appoint a person or continue the directorship of any person as a non-executive director who has attained the age of seventy five years unless a special resolution is passed to that effect, in which case the explanatory statement annexed to the notice for such motion shall indicate the justification for appointing such a person.

B. Term / Tenure

- (I) **Managing Director/Whole-time Director:**
The Company shall appoint or re-appoint any person as its Executive Chairman, Managing Director or Executive Director for a term not exceeding five years at a time. No re-appointment shall be made earlier than one (1) year before the expiry of term.

(II) **Independent Director:**

- a) An Independent Director shall hold office for a term up to five consecutive years on the Board of the Company and will be eligible for re-appointment on passing of a special resolution by the Company and disclosure of such appointment in the Board's report.
- b) No Independent Director shall hold office for more than two consecutive terms of upto maximum of five (5) years each, but such Independent Director shall be eligible for appointment after expiry of three years of ceasing to become an Independent Director. Provided that an Independent Director shall not, during the said period of three years, be appointed in or be associated with the Company in any other capacity, either directly or indirectly.
- c) At the time of appointment of Independent Director it should be ensured that number of Boards on which such Independent Director serves is restricted to seven listed companies as an Independent Director and three listed companies as an Independent Director in case such person is serving as a Whole-time Director of a listed company or such other number as may be prescribed under the Act.

C. Evaluation

The Committee shall carry out evaluation of performance of Board, its committees, individual directors and Senior Management Personnel at regular interval (yearly).

D. Removal

Due to reasons for any disqualification mentioned in the Act or under any other applicable Act, rules and regulations there under, the Committee may recommend, to the Board with reasons recorded in writing, removal of a Director, KMP or Senior Management Personnel subject to the provisions and compliance of the said Act, rules and regulations.

E. Retirement

The Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel shall retire as per the applicable provisions of the Act and the prevailing policy of the Company. The Board will have the discretion to retain the Director, KMP, Senior Management Personnel in the same position/ remuneration or otherwise even after attaining the retirement age, for the benefit of the Company.

5. REMUNERATION TO DIRECTORS / KEY MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL (KMP) / SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL:

The Committee to recommend to the Board all Remuneration payable to the Directors, KMP and Senior Management Personnel of the Company.

- a) The Remuneration / Compensation / Commission etc. to be paid to Managing Director, Whole-time/Executive Director, Non-Executive Director / Independent Directors, KMP shall be governed as per applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under or any other enactment for the time being in force.
- b) The fees or compensation payable to executive directors who are promoters or members of the promoter group, shall be subject to the approval of the shareholders by special resolution in general meeting, if-
 - (i) the annual remuneration payable to such executive director exceeds rupees 5 crore or 2.5 per cent of the net profits of the company, whichever is higher; or
 - (ii) where there is more than one such director, the aggregate annual remuneration to such directors exceeds 5 per cent of the net profits of the company:

Provided that the approval of the shareholders under this provision shall be valid only till the expiry of the term of such director.

Explanation: For the purposes of this clause, net profits shall be calculated as per section 198 of the Companies Act, 2013.”

- c) The Non-Executive / Independent Director may receive remuneration by way of sitting fee for attending the meeting of the Board or Committee thereof or for any other purpose whatsoever as may be decided by the Board of Directors. The amount of sitting fees shall be subject to ceiling/ limits as provided under Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under or any other enactment for the time being in force.
- d) The approval of shareholders by special resolution shall be obtained every year, in which the annual remuneration payable to a single non-executive director exceeds fifty per cent of the total annual remuneration payable to all non-executive directors, giving details of the remuneration thereof.
- e) The Committee to recommend all remuneration, in whatever form, payable to Senior Management Personnel of the Company.

6. DUTIES IN RELATION TO NOMINATION MATTERS:

The duties of the Committee in relation to nomination matters include:

- a) Ensuring that there is an appropriate induction in place for new Directors and members of Senior Management and reviewing its effectiveness;
- b) Ensuring that on appointment to the Board, Non-Executive Directors receive a formal letter of appointment in accordance with the guidelines provided under the Companies Act, 2013;
- c) Identifying and recommending Directors who are to be put forward for retirement by rotation;
- d) Determining the appropriate size, diversity and composition of the Board;
- e) Developing a succession plan for the Board and Senior Management and regularly reviewing the plan;
- f) Evaluating the performance of the Board members and Senior Management in the context of the Company's performance from business and compliance perspective;
- g) Making recommendations to the Board concerning any matters relating to the continuation in office of any Director at any time including the suspension or termination of service of an Executive Director as an employee of the Company subject to the provision of the law and their service contract.
- h) Delegating any of its powers to one or more members of the Committee;
- i) Recommend any necessary changes to the Board; and
- j) Considering any other matters, as may be requested by the Board.

7. DUTIES IN RELATION TO REMUNERATION MATTERS:

The duties of the Committee in relation to remuneration matters include:

- a) Considering and determining the remuneration based on the performance and also bearing in mind that the remuneration is reasonable and sufficient to attract retain and motivate members of the Board and such other factors as the Committee shall deem appropriate all elements of the remuneration of the members of the Board.

- b) Approving the remuneration of the Senior Management including KMP of the Company maintaining a balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the Company.
- c) Delegating any of its powers to one or more members of the Committee.
- d) Considering any other matters as may be requested by the Board.

8. AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY

The Board of Directors on the recommendations of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall alter, amend or modify this Policy from time to time in line with the requirement of the SEBI Guidelines, applicable law, rules, regulations etc. which may be amended and applicable from time to time.