

# **SUBEX LIMITED**

# NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION POLICY

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#### 1. Introduction:

In terms of Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Listing Regulations, as amended from time to time, this policy on nomination and remuneration of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel (KMP), Senior Management and other employees of the Company has been formulated by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Company and approved by the Board of Directors. This policy shall act as a guideline for determining, inter-alia, qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a Director, matters relating to the remuneration, appointment, removal and evaluation of performance of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel & Senior Management.

# 2. Objective:

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee and this Policy shall be in compliance with Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 read along with the applicable rules thereto and Regulation 19(4) & Schedule II Part D (A) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The Key Objectives of the Committee would be:

- a. To recommend to the Board appointment and removal of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management in accordance with criteria laid down.
- b. To recommend to the Board a policy including following:
- (i) Determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a director;
- (ii) Remuneration for the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management;
- (iii) Remuneration is reasonable and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate directors of the quality required to run the company successfully;
- (iv) Relationship of remuneration to performance is clear and meets appropriate performance benchmarks; and
- (v) Remuneration to directors, key managerial personnel and senior management involves a balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long-term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the company and its goals;
- (vi) Performance evaluation of Independent Directors and the Board;
- (vii) Board diversity.

#### 3. Definitions:

"Listing Regulations" means SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

"Act" means Companies Act, 2013 and rules thereunder, as amended from time to time.

"Board" means Board of Directors of the Company.

"Committee" means Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Company as constituted or reconstituted by the Board.

"Company" means Subex Limited.



"Independent Director" means a Director of the Company, not being in whole time employment and who is neither a promoter nor belongs to the promoter group of the Company and who satisfies the criteria for independence as prescribed under Section 149 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Listing Regulations.

# "Key Managerial Personnel"

in relation to a company, means—

- (i) the Chief Executive Officer or the managing director or the manager;
- (ii) the Company Secretary;
- (iii) the Whole-Time Director;
- (iv) the Chief Financial Officer;
- (v) such other officer, not more than one level below the directors who is in whole-time employment, designated as key managerial personnel by the Board; and
- (vi) such other officer as may be prescribed.

"Policy" means Nomination and Remuneration Policy.

"Senior Management" means personnel of the Company who are members of its core management team excluding the Board of Directors as prescribed in the Listing Regulations.

#### 4. Functions of Committee:

In line with Schedule II, Part D of the Listing Regulations, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall, inter-alia, perform the following functions:

- 1. Formulation of the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a director and recommend to the board of directors a policy relating to, the remuneration of the directors, key managerial personnel and other employees;
- 2. For every appointment of an independent director, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall evaluate the balance of skills, knowledge and experience on the Board and on the basis of such evaluation, prepare a description of the role and capabilities required of an independent director. The person recommended to the Board for appointment as an independent director shall have the capabilities identified in such description. For the purpose of identifying suitable candidates, the Committee may:

a. use the services of an external agencies, if required;

b. consider candidates from a wide range of backgrounds, having due regard to diversity; and c. consider the time commitments of the candidates.

The Chairperson of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee or, in his absence, any other member of the committee authorised by the Chairperson in this behalf shall attend the General Meetings of the Company.

Provided that Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall set up mechanism to carry out its functions and is further authorized to delegate any / all of its powers to any of the Directors and / or officers of the Company, as deemed necessary for proper and expeditious execution.

- 3. formulation of criteria for evaluation of performance of independent directors and the board of directors;
- 4. devising a policy on diversity of board of directors;
- 5. identifying persons who are qualified to become directors and who may be appointed in senior management in accordance with the criteria laid down and recommend to the board of directors their appointment and removal.



- 6. whether to extend or continue the term of appointment of the independent director, on the basis of the report of performance evaluation of independent directors.
- 7. recommend to the board, all remuneration, in whatever form, payable to senior management.

## 5. Composition of Committee:

- i) The Committee shall comprise at least three directors, all of whom shall be non-executive directors, and at least two-third shall be independent directors.
- ii) The quorum shall be either two members or one third of the members of the Committee whichever is higher subject to the presence of one independent director.
- iii) Membership of the Committee shall be disclosed in the Annual Report.
- iv) Term of the Committee shall be continued unless terminated by the Board of Directors.

# 6. Chairperson:

- i) Chairperson of the Committee shall be an Independent Director.
- ii) Chairperson of the Company may be appointed as a member of the Committee but shall not be a Chairman of the Committee.
- iii) In the absence of the Chairperson, the members of the Committee present at the meeting shall choose one amongst them to act as Chairperson.

# 7. Policy for appointment and removal of Director, KMP and Senior Management:

## (A) Appointment criteria and qualifications:

- a) 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.
- b) 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 are sufficient / satisfactory for the concerned position.
- c) 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.

Provided that where no such special resolution is passed but votes cast in favour of the motion exceed the votes, if any, cast against the motion and the Central Government is satisfied, on an application made by the Board, that such appointment is most beneficial to the company, the appointment of the person who has attained the age of seventy years may be made.

#### (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 year before the expiry of term.



#### (ii) Independent Director:

- 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 (as per section 149(10) of Companies Act, 2013).
- The appointment, re-appointment or removal of an independent director of a listed entity, shall be subject to the approval of shareholders by way of a special resolution.

Provided that where a special resolution for the appointment of an independent director fails to get the requisite majority of votes but the votes cast in favour of the resolution exceed the votes cast against the resolution and the votes cast by the public shareholders in favour of the resolution exceed the votes cast against the resolution, then the appointment of such an independent director shall be deemed to have been made as stated above.

Provided further that an independent director appointed under the first proviso shall be removed only if the votes cast in favour of the resolution proposing the removal exceed the votes cast against the resolution and the votes cast by the public shareholders in favour of the resolution exceed the votes cast against the resolution. (as per Regulation 25 of SEBI (LODR) Reg, 2015)

- No Independent Director shall hold office for more than two consecutive terms, 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.
- At the time of appointment of Independent Director, it should be ensured that number of Boards on which such person serves is restricted to seven listed companies as an Independent Director; and in case such person is serving as a Whole-time Director in any listed company the number of boards on which such person serves as Independent Director is restricted to three listed companies.

#### (C) Evaluation

The Committee shall carry out evaluation of performance of every Director, KMP 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 thereunder, 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.



# 8. Policy relating to the Remuneration for the Whole-time Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel

#### (A) General:

- a) The remuneration / compensation / commission etc. shall be subject to the prior/post approval of the shareholders of the Company and Central Government, wherever required.
- b) The remuneration and commission to be paid to the Whole-time Director shall be in accordance with the percentage / slabs / conditions laid down in the provisions of the Act.
- c) Increments to the existing remuneration/ compensation structure may be recommended by the Nomination and Compensation Committee to the Board which should be within the slabs approved by the Shareholders in the case of Whole-time Director.
- d) Where any insurance is taken by the Company on behalf of its Whole-time Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, the Company Secretary and any other employees for indemnifying them against any liability, the premium paid on such insurance shall not be treated as part of the remuneration payable to any such personnel. Provided that if such person is proved to be guilty, the premium paid on such insurance shall be treated as part of the remuneration.
- e) Recommend to the board, all remuneration, in whatever form, payable to senior management.

# (B) Remuneration to Whole-Time / Executive / Managing Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel:

#### *a)* Fixed pay:

The Whole-time Director/ KMP and Senior Management Personnel shall be eligible for a monthly remuneration as may be approved by the Board. The breakup of the pay scale and quantum of perquisites including, employer's contribution to P.F, pension scheme, medical expenses, club fees etc. shall be decided and approved by the Board/the Person authorized by the Board and approved by the shareholders and Central Government, wherever required.

#### b) Minimum Remuneration:

If, in any financial year, the Company has no profits or its profits are inadequate, the Company shall pay remuneration to its Whole-time Director in accordance with the provisions of Schedule V of the Act and if it is not able to comply with such provisions, with the previous approval of the Central Government.

#### c) Provisions for excess remuneration:

If any Whole-time Director draws or receives, directly or indirectly by way of remuneration any such sums in excess of the limits prescribed under the Act or without the prior sanction of the Central Government, where required, he / she shall refund such sums to the Company and until such sum is refunded, hold it in a separate Bank Account of the Company. The Company shall not waive recovery of such sum refundable to it unless permitted by the Central Government.



#### (C) Remuneration to Non-Executive / Independent Director:

#### a) Remuneration / Commission:

The remuneration / commission shall be fixed as per the slabs and conditions mentioned in the Act.

#### b) Sitting Fees:

The Non- Executive / Independent Director may receive remuneration by way of fees for attending meetings of Board or Committee thereof. Provided that the amount of such fees shall be decided by the Board and subject to the limit as provided in the Act.

#### c) Commission:

Commission may be paid within the monetary limit approved by shareholders as per the applicable provisions of the Act.

#### (D) Stock Options:

An Independent Director shall not be entitled to any stock option of the Company.

#### Notes:

The total managerial remuneration payable by a public company to its directors, including managing director and whole time director in respect of any financial year shall not exceed 11% of the net profits of the company. Any payment exceeding 11% would require approval of Company in General Meeting subject to provision of Schedule V.

The remuneration payable to any one managing director; or whole time director shall not exceed 5% of the net profits of the company and if there is more than one such director remuneration shall not exceed 10% of the net profits to all such directors taken together. Any payment exceeding the said 5% or 10% limits would require the approval of the shareholders by special resolution.

The remuneration payable to all the non-executive directors shall not exceed 1% of the net profits of the Company, if there is a managing or whole time Director. As there is a whole time director in the Company, the applicable limit is 1% of the net profit. Any payment exceeding 1%, would require the approval of the shareholders by special resolution.

However, subject to the provisions of Schedule V, if, in any financial year, a company has no profits or its profits are inadequate, the company shall not pay to its directors, including any managing or wholetime director or manager, or any other non-executive director, including an independent director by way of remuneration any sum exclusive of sitting fees except in accordance with the provisions of Schedule V.

## 9. Amendments

The Board of Directors shall have the right to withdraw and/ or amend any part of this Policy or the entire Policy, at any time, as it deems fit, or from time to time, and the decision of the Board in this respect shall be final and binding. Any subsequent amendment/ modification in the Companies Act, 2013 or the Rules framed there under or the Listing Regulations and/or any other laws in this regard shall automatically apply to this Policy.