

PODDAR PIGMENTS LIMITED

NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION POLICY

1 Introduction:

This policy on nomination and remuneration of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management (DGM & Above) has been formulated by the Committee and approved by the Board of Directors on 18.10.2014.

In view of amendment in SEBI (LODR), 2015 this policy on nomination and remuneration of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management (DGM & Above) has been reviewed and updated and approved by the Board of Directors on 24.05.2019.

2 Objectives of the Committee:

The Committee shall:

- i. 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, key managerial personnel and other employees.
- ii. Formulation of criteria for evaluation of Independent Director and the Board.
- iii. Devising a policy on Board diversity.
- iv. Identify persons who are qualified to become Director and persons who may be appointed in Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) and Senior Management positions in accordance with the criteria laid down in this policy.
- v. Recommend to the Board, appointment, re-appointment and removal of Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel.

3. Effective Date:

The following policy has been formulated by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and adopted by the Board of Directors its meeting held on 18.10.2014 and thereafter it has been reviewed and updated this policy in the Board Meeting dated 24.05.2019.

4. Definitions:

- **“Board”**:- Board means Board of Directors of the Company.
- **“Director”**:- Directors means Directors of the Company.
- **“Committee”**:- Committee means Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Company as constituted or reconstituted by the Board, from time to time.
- **“Company”**:- Company means Poddar Pigments Limited.
- **“Independent Director”**:- As provided under Regulation 16 of the SEBI (LODR), 2015 and/or under the Companies Act, 2013, ‘Independent director’ shall mean a non-executive director of the company: Following are the criterions for appointment of independent Directors as per Regulation 16 of the SEBI (LODR), 2015 :-
 - a. Who, in the opinion of the Board, is a person of integrity and possesses relevant expertise and

Experience;

- b.
 - (i) Who is or was not a promoter of the company or its holding, subsidiary or associate company or member of the promoter group of the listed entity ;
 - (ii) Who is not related to promoters or directors in the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company;
- c. Apart from receiving director's remuneration, has or had no pecuniary relationship with the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company, or their promoters, or directors, during the two immediately preceding financial years or during the current financial year;
- d. None of whose relatives has or had pecuniary relationship or transaction with the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company, or their promoters, or directors, amounting to two percent. or more of its gross turnover or total income or fifty lakh rupees or such higher amount as may be prescribed, whichever is lower, during the two immediately preceding financial years or during the current financial year;
- e. Who, neither himself nor any of his relatives —
 - i. Holds or has held the position of a key managerial personnel or is or has been employee of the company or its holding, subsidiary or associate company in any of the three financial years immediately preceding the financial year in which he is proposed to be appointed;
 - ii. Is or has been an employee or proprietor or a partner, in any of the three financial years immediately preceding the financial year in which he is proposed to be appointed, of —
 - (A) a firm of auditors or company secretaries in practice or cost auditors of the company or its holding, subsidiary or associate company; or
 - (B) Any legal or a consulting firm that has or had any transaction with the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company amounting to ten per cent or more of the gross turnover of such firm;
 - iii. Holds together with his relatives two per cent or more of the total voting power of the company; or
 - iv. Is a Chief Executive or director, by whatever name called, of any non-profit organization that receives twenty-five per cent or more of its receipts from the company, any of its promoters, directors or its holding, subsidiary or associate company or that holds two per cent or more of the total voting power of the company;
- f. Who is not less than 21 years of age;
- g. Who is not a non-independent director of another company on the board of which any non-independent director of the listed entity is an independent director.

• **“Key Managerial Personnel”:-** Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) means-

- (i) The Chief Executive Officer or the managing director or Joint Managing Director or the manager;
- (ii) The Company Secretary;
- (iii) The Whole-Time Director;
- (iv) The Chief Financial Officer; and
- (v) Such other officer as may be prescribed under the applicable statutory provisions / regulations

• **“Senior Management” :-**

The expression “senior management” means DGM & Above of the company who are members of its core management team excluding Board of Directors comprising all members of management one level below the executive directors, including the functional heads. Unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions used in this policy and not defined herein but defined in the Companies Act, 2013 as may be amended from time to time shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them therein.

The term “senior management” shall mean officers/personnel of the Company who are members of its core management team excluding board of directors comprising all members of management one level below the chief executive officer/managing director/joint managing director/ whole time director and shall specifically include company secretary and chief financial officer.

5. **Applicability :-**

The Policy is applicable to

- Directors (Executive and Non Executive)
- Key Managerial Personnel
- Senior Management Personnel (DGM & above)

6. **Constitution of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee:**

The Board has the power to constitute/ reconstitute the Committee from time to time in order to make it consistent with the Company’s policy and applicable statutory requirement. At present, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee comprises of following Directors:

- i. Smt. Lalitha Kumaramangalam (Independent Director)-chairperson
- ii. Mr. N. Gopaldaswamy (Independent Director)
- iii. Mr. M. K. Sonthalia (Independent Director)
- iv. Mr. M. Mahadevan (Independent Director)

7. General Appointment Criteria:

- i. The Committee shall consider the ethical standards of integrity and probity, qualification, expertise and experience of the person for appointment as Director, KMP or at Senior Management level and accordingly recommend to the Board his / her appointment.
- ii. The Company should ensure that the person so appointed as Director/ Independent Director/ KMP/ Senior Management Personnel shall not be disqualified under the Companies Act, 2013, rules made thereunder, SEBI (LODR), 2015 or any other enactment for the time being in force.
- iii. The Director/ Independent Director/ KMP/ Senior Management Personnel shall be appointed as per the procedure laid down under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, rules made thereunder, SEBI (LODR), 2015 or any other enactment for the time being in force.

8. Additional Criteria for Appointment of Independent Directors:

The Committee shall consider qualifications for Independent Directors as mentioned in herein earlier under the head 'Definitions' and also their appointment shall be governed as per the provisions of Regulation 17 of the SEBI (LODR), 2015 (as amended from time to time) and Companies Act, 2013.

9. Term / Tenure:

The Term / Tenure of the Directors shall be governed as per provisions of the of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under as amended from time to time.

10. Removal:

Due to reasons for any disqualification mentioned in the Companies Act, 2013, rules made there under or under any other applicable Act, rules and regulations or any other reasonable ground, the Committee may recommend to the Board for removal of a Director, KMP or Senior Management Personnel subject to the provisions and compliance of the said Act, rules and regulations.

11. Criteria for Evaluation of Independent Director and the Board:

Following are the Criteria for evaluation of performance of Independent Directors and the Board:

1. Executive Directors:

The Executive Directors shall be evaluated on the basis of targets / Criteria given to executive Directors by the board from time to time.

2. Non Executive Director:

The Non Executive Directors shall be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria i.e. whether they:

- (a) Act objectively and constructively while exercising their duties;
- (b) Exercise their responsibilities in a bona fide manner in the interest of the company;
- (c) Devote sufficient time and attention to their professional obligations for informed and balanced decision making;
- (d) Do not abuse their position to the detriment of the company or its shareholders or for the purpose of gaining direct or indirect personal advantage or advantage for any associated person;
- (e) Refrain from any action that would lead to loss of his independence
- (f) Inform the Board immediately when they lose their independence,
- (g) Assist the company in implementing the best corporate governance practices.
- (h) Strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Committees;
- (i) Participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members;
- (j) Strive to attend the general meetings of the company;
- (k) Keep themselves well informed about the company and the industry in which the company operates in external environment;
- (l) Do not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee of the Board;
- (m) Moderate and arbitrate in an unbiased manner in the interest of the company as a whole, in situations of conflict between management and shareholder's interest.
- (n) Abide by Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, company's policies and procedures including code of conduct, insider trading guidelines pursuant to Insider Trading Regulation.

12. Policy on Board diversity:

The Board of Directors shall have the optimum combination of Directors from the different areas / fields like production, Management, Quality Assurance, Finance, Sales and Marketing, Supply chain, Research and Development , Human Resources etc or as may be considered appropriate.

The Board shall have at at least one Board member who has accounting or related financial management expertise and at least some members who are financially literate.

13. Committee Members' Interests

- a) A member of the Committee is not entitled to be present when his or her own remuneration is discussed at a meeting or when his or her performance is being evaluated.
- b) The Committee may invite such executives, as it considers appropriate, to be present at the meetings of the Committee.

14. Remuneration:

The Committee will recommend the remuneration to be paid to the Managing Director, Joint Managing Director, Director & CEO (Whole-time Director), KMP and Senior Management Personnel to the Board for their approval.

The total remuneration payable to each managerial personnel shall be in accordance with the provision of section 197 & 198 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder.

The level and composition of remuneration so determined by the Committee shall be reasonable and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management of the quality required to run the company successfully. The relationship of remuneration to performance should be clear and meet appropriate performance benchmarks. The remuneration should also involve a balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long-term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the company and its goals:

1. Director/ Managing Director/ Joint Managing Director

Besides the above Criteria, the Remuneration/ compensation/ commission etc to be paid to Director/ Managing Director/ Joint Managing Director etc shall be governed as per provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under or any other enactment for the time being in force.

2. Non executive Independent Directors

The Non- Executive Independent Director may receive remuneration by way of sitting fees for attending meetings of Board or Committee thereof. Provided that the amount of such 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.

3. KMPs / Senior Management Personnel etc

The Remuneration to be paid to KMPs/ Senior Management Personnel shall be based on the experience, qualification and expertise and time devoted of the related personnel and governed by the limits, if any prescribed under the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under or any other enactment for the time being in force.

4. Directors and Officers' Insurance

Where any insurance is taken by the Company on behalf of its Directors, KMPs/ Senior Management Personnel etc. 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.
