

## **POLICY ON RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

This Policy on Related Party Transactions (hereinafter referred to as “Policy”) of Sumedha Fiscal Services Limited (hereinafter referred to as “the Company”) and the amendment to this Policy, if any, by the Board of Directors of the Company or any committee thereof shall be effective from the date on which it is notified from time to time.

The Company always been committed to best corporate governance practices and this Policy is prepared for ensuring compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and such other regulatory provisions, as maybe applicable.

### **2. OBJECTIVE**

The Policy is framed to ensure due and proper compliance with the applicable statutory provisions and to fortify that proper procedure is defined and followed for approval / ratification and reporting of transactions, if any, as applicable, between the Company and any of its Related Parties. The provisions of this Policy are designed to govern the transparency of approval process and disclosures requirements to accord fairness in the treatment of related party transactions.

### **3. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

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

**“Associate Company”**, in relation to another company, means a company in which that other company has a significant influence, but which is not a subsidiary company of the company having such influence and includes a joint venture company.

Explanation.— For the purposes of this clause- (a) the expression "significant influence" means control of at least twenty percent of total voting power, or control of or participation in business decisions under an agreement; (b) the expression "joint venture" means a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the arrangement.

**“Audit Committee”** means a committee of the Board of Directors of the Company constituted under provisions of the Act and Listing Regulations.

**“Board”** shall mean Board of Directors of the Company.

**“Control”** as defined under the Act includes the right to appoint majority of the Directors or to control the management or policy decisions exercisable by a person or persons acting individually or in concert, directly or in directly, including by virtue of their shareholding or management rights or shareholders agreements or voting agreements ordinary other manner.

**“Holding Company”** shall have the meaning as specified under section 2(46) of the Companies Act, 2013.

**“Listing Regulations”** means Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time.

**“Key Managerial Personnel”** as defined under the Companies Act, 2013 means:

- (a) The Chairman and Managing Director;
- (b) The Company Secretary (CS);
- (c) The Whole-time Director (WTD);
- (d) The Chief Financial Officer (CFO);
- (e) 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
- (f) such other officer as may be prescribed.

**“Related Party” means "Related Party" as defined under the Act, the Listing Regulations and the applicable Indian Accounting Standard**

**“Related Party Transactions” means Related Party Transactions as defined under the act and the Listing Regulations**

**“Material Modification in Related Party Transaction”**

“Material modification in a related party transaction” means 10% (Ten per cent) or more variation in the threshold limits of approved Related Party Transaction in terms of price, tenure, delivery schedule, non-statutory obligations, terms and conditions or short closure of any contract or arrangement with related party.

**“Material Related Party Transactions”**

Following transactions with a Related Party shall be construed as

Material Related Party Transactions:

Sr. No.	Transaction or contract or arrangements for	Limits
1.	Sale, purchases or supply of Any goods or materials, directly or through appointment of agent	Amounting to Rupees 1000 Crore or 10% of the turnover of the Company, whichever is lower.
2.	Leasing of property of any kind	Explanation: The above limit is applicable for the transaction or transactions to be entered into either individually or taken together with the previous transactions during a Financial year.
3.	Availing or rendering of any services, directly or through appointment of agent	
4.	Selling or otherwise disposing of, or buying property of any kind, directly or through appointment of agent	Amounting to Rupees 1000 Crore or 10% of the net worth or 10% of the turnover of the Company, whichever is lower.  Explanation: The above limit is applicable for the transaction or transactions to be entered into either individually or taken together with the previous transactions during a Financial year.
5.	Appointment of a Related Party to any office or place of profit in the Company ,its Subsidiary Company or Associate Company	Where monthly remuneration exceeds Rs.2,50,000.
6.	Remuneration for underwriting the subscription of any securities or derivatives thereof, Of the Company	For amount exceeding 1% of NetWorth of the Company.

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Transaction or contract or arrangements for</b>	<b>Limits</b>
7.	A transaction involving payments made to a related party with respect to brand usage or royalty	<p>Exceeding 5% of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company, whichever is lower.</p> <p>Explanation: The above limit is applicable for the transaction or transactions to be entered into either individually or taken together with the previous transactions during a Financial year.</p>
	Annual turnover and net worth referred above shall be computed as per audited financial statements for the preceding financial year.	

**“Subsidiary Company”** shall have the same meaning as specified under section 2(87) of the Companies Act, 2013.

**“Turnover”** shall have the same meaning as specified under section 2(91) of the Companies Act, 2013.

**“Wholly Owned Subsidiary”** When a company holds 100% of shares of another company, the other company is called a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of the company who has made 100% investment in it.

#### **4. DETERMINING “ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS”**

“In the Ordinary Course of Business” means all such acts and transactions undertaken by the Company, including, but not limited to sale or purchase of goods, property or services, leases, transfers, providing of guarantees or collaterals, in the normal routine in managing trade or business and is permitted by the objects clause of the Memorandum of Association of the Company. The Company should take into account the frequency of the activity and its continuity carried out in a normal organized manner for determining what is in the ordinary course of business.

**5. ASCERTAINING “ARMS’ LENGTH” IN RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The expression “arms’ length transaction” means a transaction between two related parties that is conducted as if they were unrelated, so that there is no conflict of interest.

A Related Party with whom the Related Party Transaction is undertaken must have been selected using the same screening/selection criteria/underwriting standards and procedures as may be applicable in case of an unaffiliated party.

The Company shall produce evidence to the satisfaction of the Audit Committee for complying with the said procedure, as and when applicable as required.

**6. EXCEPTIONS TO RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

**Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing, the following shall not be deemed as Related Party Transactions for the purpose of this Policy:**

**(i) Any transaction that involves providing of compensation to a Director or Key Managerial Personnel, in accordance with the provisions of Companies Act, 2013, in connection with his or her duties to the Company or any of its subsidiary companies or associate companies, including the reimbursement of reasonable business and/or travel expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business.**

**(ii) Reimbursement of expenses incurred by a Related Party for business purpose of the Company.**

**(iii) Reimbursement of pre-incorporation expenses incurred by a Related Party as approved by the Board of Directors of the Company.**

**(iv) Any transaction in which the Related Party’s interest arises solely from ownership of securities issued by the Company and all holders of such securities receive the same benefits pro rata as the Related Party.**

**(v) Any transaction which is in the ordinary course of business and on an arms’ length basis as determined in terms of this Policy.**

**(vi) Any other exception which is consistent with the Applicable Laws, including any rules or regulations made thereunder, and does not require approval in advance of the Audit Committee.**

**(vii) The issue of specified securities on a preferential basis, subject to compliance of the requirements under the Listing Regulations.**

**(viii) The following corporate actions by the listed entity which are uniformly applicable/offered to all shareholders in proportion to their shareholding:**

**i. payment of dividend;**

**ii. subdivision or consolidation of securities;**

**iii. issuance of securities by way of a rights issue or a bonus issue; and**

**iv. buy-back of securities.**

## **7. PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY**

### **A. IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

- (a) Each Director / Key Managerial Personnel is responsible for providing written notice to the Compliance Officer of any potential Related Party Transaction involving him or his relatives, including any additional information about the transaction that the Compliance Officer may reasonably request. The Compliance Officer, in consultation with other members of management and with the Audit Committee, as appropriate, will determine whether the transaction does, in fact, constitute a Related Party Transaction requiring compliance with this Policy.
- (b) Every Director / Key Managerial Personnel of the Company who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, concerned or interested in a contract or arrangement or proposed contract or arrangement entered into or to be entered into shall disclose the nature of his concern or interest at the meeting of the Board in which the contract or arrangement is discussed and shall not participate in or exercise influence over any such discussion.

- (c) Where any Director / Key Managerial Personnel, who is not so concerned or interested at the time of entering into such contractor arrangement, he shall, if he becomes concerned or interested after the contract or arrangement is entered into, shall disclose his concern or interest forthwith when he becomes concerned or interested or at the first meeting of the Board held after he becomes so concerned or interested.
- (d) A contract or arrangement entered into by the Company without disclosure or with participation by a Director / Key Managerial Personnel who is concerned or interested in any way, directly or indirectly, in the contract or arrangement, shall be voidable at the option of the Company.
- (e) The Company strongly prefers to receive such notice of any potential Related Party Transaction well in advance so that the Compliance Officer has adequate time to obtain and review information about the proposed transaction and other matters incidental thereto and to refer it to the appropriate authority for approval.
- (f) Any Director/ Key Managerial Personnel who has been convicted of the offence dealing with RPTs at any time during the last preceding five years shall be disqualified for appointment as Director/ Key Managerial Personnel, as the case may be.

**B. MECHANISM FOR APPROVAL FOR RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND SUBSEQUENT MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS**

**All Related Party Transactions and subsequent material modifications shall require prior approval of the Audit Committee of the Company whether at a Meeting of the Audit Committee or by Resolution by Circulation.**

**Only those members of the audit committee, who are independent directors, shall approve related party transactions.**

**The audit committee shall mandatorily review statement of significant related party transactions submitted by management.**

1. TRANSACTIONS WHICH ARE ON ARM'S LENGTH BASIS AND ARE IN ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS

(a) Prior approval of Audit Committee.

(a) Prior approval of shareholders by way of ordinary resolution for all "Material Related Party Transactions" and / or any material modification as defined above.

2. TRANSACTIONS WHICH ARE EITHER NOT ON ARM'S LENGTH BASIS AND / OR NOT IN ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS

(a) Recommendation of Audit Committee prior to the transaction.

(b) Prior approval of Board of Directors.

3. Prior approval of shareholders by way of resolution for all "Material Related Party Transactions" and or any material modification as defined above.

4. OMNIBUS APPROVAL BY AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for RPTs proposed to be entered into by the Company subject to the following conditions:

(a) The Audit Committee shall lay down the criteria for granting the omnibus approval in line with this Policy and such approval shall be applicable in respect of transactions which are repetitive in nature.

(b) The Audit Committee shall satisfy itself the need for such omnibus approval and that such approval is in the interest of the Company;

(c) Such omnibus approval shall specify:

i) the name/s of the related party, nature of transaction, period of transaction, maximum amount of transaction that can be entered into;



- ii) the indicative base price / current contracted price and the formula for variation in the price if any; and
  - iii) such other conditions as the Audit Committee may deem fit.
- (d) Provided that where the need for Related Party Transaction cannot be foreseen and aforesaid details are not available, Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for such transactions subject to their value not exceeding Rs.1 crore per transaction.
- (e) Audit Committee shall review, at least on a quarterly basis, the details of RPTs entered into by the Company pursuant to each of the omnibus approval given.
- (f) Such omnibus approvals shall be valid for a period not exceeding one financial year and shall require fresh approval after the expiry of such financial year.
5. TRANSACTIONS TO WHICH SUBSIDIARY OF THE COMPANY IS A PARTY BUT THE COMPANY IS NOT A PARTY

A related party transaction to which the subsidiary of the Company is a party but the Company is not a party, shall require prior approval of the audit committee of the Company if the value of such transaction whether entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year exceeds ten per cent of the annual consolidated turnover, as per the last audited financial statements of the Company.

Further, with effect from April 1, 2023, a related party transaction to which the subsidiary of the Company is a party but the Company, shall require prior approval of the audit committee of the Company if the value of such transaction whether entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceeds ten per cent of the annual standalone turnover, as per the last audited financial statements of the subsidiary;

However, prior approval of the audit committee / shareholders of the Company shall not be required for a related party transaction to which the listed subsidiary is a party but the Company is not a party, if regulation 23 and sub-regulation (2) of regulation 15 of Listing Regulations are applicable to such listed subsidiary.

Furthermore, for related party transactions of unlisted subsidiaries of the listed subsidiary as referred above, the prior approval of the audit committee / shareholders of the listed subsidiary shall suffice.

However, this requirement shall not apply in respect of a resolution plan approved under section 31 of the Insolvency Code, subject to the event being disclosed to the recognized stock exchanges within one day of the resolution plan being approved.

6. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED FOR RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

- (a) The Compliance officer shall identify the related party (ies), as applicable from time to time on annual basis and; as and when there is any changes in related party(ies) and circulate the same to all the departments of the Company.
- (b) The Director/ KMP/ Related Party shall bring to the notice of Compliance Officer of any transactions to be entered by the related party with the Company.
- (c) The concerned departments shall approach Compliance Officer before entering into any transactions with Related Party(ies) alongwith the details of the transactions to be entered.
- (d) After receipt of the notice, the compliance officer shall make sure that the transactions to be entered is as per the policy on RPTs approved by the Board and also verify the approval sought for such transaction by the Audit Committee /Board/Shareholders, as applicable.

- (e) If the transaction to be entered is already approved by the Audit Committee/ Board/Shareholder, as applicable and if it is within the limit of approval then the compliance officer shall in form the respective department of the same and allow the transaction to proceed.
- (f) If the transaction proposed to be entered with related party is not already approved by the Audit Committee /Board /Shareholders then the Compliance officer shall take necessary steps for prior approval of the transactions.
- (g) Any RPTs approved by the Audit Committee/ Board/Shareholders shall be informed to the concerned departments specifying the limit of approval.

7. RESTRICTIONS ON PARTICIPATION BY INTERESTED DIRECTOR IN THE AUDIT COMMITTEE/ BOARD MEETING

Where any director is interested in any contract or arrangement with a Related Party, such director shall not be present at the meeting during discussions on the subject matter of the resolution relating to such contractor arrangement.

8. VOTING BY RELATED PARTIES

No related party shall vote to approve RPTs requiring Shareholders' approval, irrespective of whether the entity is a related party to the particular transaction or not.

**C. STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

- i) The agenda of the Audit Committee/Board meeting shall *inter-alia* Consist of the following for review:
  - (a) the name of the related party and nature of relationship with the Company or its subsidiary;
  - (b) the nature, duration of the contract and particulars of the contract or arrangement;
  - (c) the material terms of the contract or arrangement including the value, if any;

- (d) any advance paid or received for the contract or arrangement, if any;
- (e) the manner of determining the pricing and other commercial terms, both included as part of contract and not considered as part of the contract;
- (f) whether all factors relevant to the contract have been considered, if not, the details of factors not considered with the rationale for not considering those factors;
- (g) The percentage of the Company's annual consolidated turnover, for the immediately preceding financial year, that is represented by the value of the proposed transaction;
- (h) In case of transaction with subsidiary, value of proposed transaction in terms of percentage of the subsidiary's annual turnover on standalone basis;
- (i) In case of transaction related to any loan, inter-corporate deposits, advances or investments made or given by the Company or its subsidiary-
  - (i) Details of source of funds in connection with the proposed transaction,
  - (ii) Where any financial indebtedness is incurred to make or give loans, inter-corporate deposits, advances or investments, then nature of indebtedness, cost of funds and its tenure,
  - (iii) applicable terms, including covenants, tenure, interest rate and repayment schedule, whether secured or unsecured,
  - (iv) if secured, the nature of security, and
  - (v) the purpose for which the funds will be utilized by the ultimate beneficiaries of such funds, pursuant to the transaction;
- (j) Justification as to why the transaction is in the interest of the Company;
- (k) A copy of the valuation or other external party's report, if any such report has been relied upon;
- (l) Justification as to why pre-approval was not sought for, if applicable; and
- (m) Any other information relevant or important for taking a decision on the proposed transaction.

- ii) While approving/ratifying/recommending a Related Party Transaction, Audit Committee/ Board shall review and consider the following, in accordance with the standards set forth in this Policy:
- (a) The Related Party's interest in the transaction;
  - (b) Whether the transaction was undertaken in the ordinary course of business of the Company;
  - (c) whether the transaction with the Related Party is on at arms' length basis;
  - (d) the purpose of, and the potential benefits to the Company from the transaction;
  - (e) Whether there are any compelling business reasons for the Company to enter in to the transaction;
  - (f) Whether the transaction includes any potential reputational risk issues that may arise as a result of or in connection with the transaction;
  - (g) Whether the transaction would impair the independence of an otherwise Independent Director or Nominee Director;
  - (h) Whether the Company was notified about the transaction before its commencement and if not, why pre-approval was not sought for and whether subsequent ratification would be detrimental to the Company; and
  - (i) Whether the transaction would present an improper conflict of interest, as per provisions of law, for any director or Key Managerial Personnel, taking into account the size of the transaction, the overall financial position of the Related Party, the direct or indirect nature of the Related Party's interest in the transaction and the ongoing nature of any proposed relationship and any other factors the Audit Committee/the Board deems relevant and appropriate.

- (j) Required statutory and public disclosure, if any; and
  - (k) any other information regarding the transaction or the Related Party in the context of the proposed transaction that would be material to the Audit Committee/Board/Shareholders, as applicable, in light of the circumstances of the particular transaction.
- iii) The explanatory statement to be annexed to the notice of a general meeting convened pursuant to section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 shall contain the following particulars namely:-
- (a) summary of the transaction provided by the management to the Audit Committee/Board;
  - (b) Justification as to why the transaction is in the interest of the Company;
  - (c) In case of transaction related to any loan, inter-corporate deposits, advances or investments made or given by the Company or its subsidiary-
    - (i) Details of source of funds in connection with the proposed transaction,
    - (ii) Where any financial indebtedness is incurred to make or give loans, inter-corporate deposits, advances or investments, then nature of indebtedness, cost of funds and its tenure,
    - (iii) applicable terms, including covenants, tenure, interest rate and repayment schedule, whether secured or unsecured,
    - (iv) if secured, the nature of security, and
    - (v) the purpose for which the funds will be utilized by the ultimate beneficiaries of such funds, pursuant to the transaction;
  - (d) A statement that the valuation or other external report, if any relied upon by the Company in relation to the transaction will be made available through email address to the shareholders;
  - (e) Any other information relevant or important for the members to take a decision on the proposed resolution.

**D. RATIFICATION OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

- (a) Every contract or arrangement entered into with a related party shall be referred to in the Board's report to the Shareholders alongwith the justification for entering into such contract or arrangement.
- (b) If prior approval of the Audit Committee/ Board/ Shareholders for entering into a RPTs is not feasible owing to paucity of time and also other administrative inconvenience, then such RPTs shall be recommended by the Audit Committee for ratification to the Board/Shareholders, if required, within 3 months of entering into the Related Party Transaction.
- (c) In any case where either the Audit Committee/Board/ Shareholders determines not to ratify a Related Party Transaction that has been commenced without prior approval, the Committee or Board or Shareholders, as appropriate, may direct additional actions including, but not limited to, immediate discontinuation of the transactions. If the contract or arrangement is with a Related Party to any director, or is authorised by any other director, the directors concerned shall indemnify the Company against any loss incurred by it.

**E. REVIEW OF LONG TERM RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Audit Committee shall review the status of long term (more than one year) or recurring RPTs, on an annual basis.

**7. General Provisions**

**The requirement of Audit Committee and Shareholders' approval shall not be applicable in the following cases :**

- a) for transactions entered into between the Company and its Wholly-owned Subsidiary whose accounts are consolidated with the Company and placed before the shareholders at the general meeting for approval.**
- b) transactions entered into between two wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company whose accounts are consolidated with the Company and placed before the shareholders at the general meeting for approval**

**c) a resolution plan approved under section 31 of the Insolvency Code, subject to the event being disclosed to the recognized stock exchanges within one day of the resolution plan being approved.**

**8. DISCLOSURES**

The Company is required to disclose this Policy on dealing with RPTs on its website and a web link thereto shall be provided in the Annual Report of the Company. The Annual Report of the Company shall also contain the disclosures on related parties as required under the Listing Regulations.

Details of all Material RPTs shall be disclosed quarterly alongwith the Company's Compliance Report on Corporate Governance, in accordance with the Listing Regulations as amended from time to time.

The Company shall submit to the stock exchanges disclosures of RPTs in the format as specified by the SEBI from time to time, every six months within fifteen days from the date of publication of its standalone and consolidated financial results, and publish the same on its website.

The Company shall keep one or more registers giving separately the particulars of all contracts or arrangements with any related party.

**9. AMENDMENT**

If the terms of this Policy differ from any existing or newly enacted law, rule, regulation or standard governing the Company, the law, rule, regulation or standard will take precedence over this Policy until this Policy is changed to conform to the law, rule, regulation or standard.

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