

Terms and conditions of appointment of Independent Directors

Appointment

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. 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.

Number of Meetings

The independent directors of the listed entity shall hold at least one meeting in a year, without the presence of non-independent directors and members of the management and all the independent directors shall strive to be present at such meeting.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. During the term of the appointment, the Independent Director may be asked to serve on one or more of the Board Committees including Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Stakeholders' Relationship Committee, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee or such committee of the Board of the Directors from time to time and copies of the terms of Reference for each of those committees will be provided to him.
2. To help in bringing an independent judgment to bear on the Board's deliberations especially on issues of strategy, performance, risk management, resources, key appointments and standards of conduct;
3. To scrutinize the performance of management in meeting agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance;

4. To satisfy him/her on the integrity of financial information and that financial controls and the systems of risk management are robust and defensible;
5. To safeguard the interests of all stakeholders, particularly the minority shareholders;
6. To balance the conflicting interest of the stakeholders
7. To determine appropriate levels of remuneration of executive directors, key managerial personnel and senior management and have a prime role in appointing and where necessary, recommend removal of executive directors, key managerial personnel and senior management;
8. Moderate and arbitrate in the interest of the company as a whole, in situations of conflict between management and shareholder's interest.
9. The independent directors in its Meeting shall, inter alia-
 - (a) review the performance of non-independent directors and the board of directors as a whole;
 - (b) review the performance of the chairperson of the listed entity, taking into account the views of executive directors and non-executive directors;
 - (c) assess the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between the management of the listed entity and the board of directors that is necessary for the board of directors to effectively and reasonably perform their duties.
10. Independent Directors shall be taking sufficient care to perform duties specified in the Code for Independent Directors under Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulations of Securities and exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015 that come with such an appointment along-with accompanying liabilities.
11. Independent Directors shall abide by the Code of Conduct as laid down by the Company or any amendment thereof and the Code of Business Ethics as may be formulated by the Board that the Company expects its directors and employees to follow.

12. Independent Directors shall give annual declaration as required under the provision of Section 149 (7) of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made there under.

Remuneration to Independent Director

The Independent Director may receive remuneration by way of sitting fees for attending meetings of Board or Committee thereof.

The sitting fees shall be paid as per the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under.

Liability

An independent director shall be held liable, only in respect of such acts of omission or commission by the listed entity which had occurred with his knowledge, attributable through processes of board of directors, and with his consent or connivance or where he had not acted diligently with respect to the provisions contained in these regulations.