

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS OF
ZEON LIFESCIENCES LIMITED
(THE ‘COMPANY’)

1. Appointment:

The Company has adopted the requirements under the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 including Rules and Regulations made there under, as modified, amended or substituted from time to time and as may be applicable with respect to appointment and tenure of Independent Directors.

An Independent Director shall not be liable to retire by rotation in terms of the provisions of Companies Act, 2013. An Independent Directors will serve for not more than two terms of five years each on the Board of the Company subject to the maximum tenure of ten years as prescribed under the Companies Act, 2013.

Appointment for the second term as an Independent Director shall be based on the recommendation of the Nominations & Remuneration Committee of the Board and subject to approval of the Board of Directors (the ‘Board’) and of the Shareholders by way of special resolution. The re-appointment would be considered by the Board based on evaluation of the performance and further subject to satisfying the requisite criteria of Independence as specified in the Companies Act, 2013.

The appointment is also subject to the maximum permissible Directorships that one can hold as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013. The term Independent Director should be construed as defined under the Companies Act, 2013.

2. Committees:

The Board may invite any of the Independent Directors for being appointed on one or more existing Board Committees or any such Committee that will be set up in the future. The appointment on such Committee(s) will be subject to the applicable provisions of the laws / regulations. The Board may reconstitute the composition of any/all the Committees, from time to time, and any such change shall be promptly communicated to the concerned Independent Director.

3. Role and Duties:

The role and duties of the Independent Directors will be those as prescribed under the Companies Act, 2013 including Rules and Regulations made there under, as modified, amended or substituted from time to time and as may be applicable. There are certain duties prescribed for all Directors, both Executive and Non-Executive, which are fiduciary in nature and are broadly as under:

- Director shall act in good faith in order to promote the objects of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole and in the best interest of the Company and all its stakeholders.
- Director shall discharge their duties with due and reasonable care, skill and diligence.
- Director shall not involve in a situation in which they may have a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interest of the Company.
- Director shall not achieve or attempt to achieve any undue gain or advantage either to themselves or to their relatives, partners or associates.
- Director shall not unfairly obstruct the functioning of the Board or any Committee of the Board.
- Director shall act within their authority and assist in protecting the legitimate interest of the Company, its shareholders, its employees and all other stakeholders.
- Director shall abide by the 'Code for Independent Directors' as outlined in Schedule IV to the Companies Act, 2013.
- Director shall not disclose any confidential/privileged information of the Company, unless such disclosure is expressly approved by the Board or required by law.

4. Remuneration:

1. Remuneration/Commission:

The remuneration/commission, if any, shall be in accordance with the statutory provisions of the Act and the rules made there under for the time being in force.

2. Sitting Fees:

The 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 not exceed the maximum amount as provided in the Act, per meeting of the Board or Committee or such amount as may be prescribed from time to time.

5. Reimbursement of Expenses:

In addition to the remuneration described above, the Company shall reimburse actual cost incurred for travel, hotel and other incidental expenses incurred by the directors for participation in the meeting of the Board and Committees thereof in the performance of their role and duties.

6. Code of Conduct :

All the Independent Directors shall comply with the Code for Independent Directors as provided in the Act as Schedule IV (**Annexure A**).

7. Performance Evaluation:

The performance of all the Directors and the entire Board shall be evaluated annually. Evaluation of Independent Directors shall be done by the Board and criteria for evaluation shall be determined by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee of the Board. The appointment/re-appointment/continuation of Independent Directors on the Board shall be subject to the outcome of the yearly evaluation process.

8. Disclosures, Conflict of Interest:

The Independent Directors, during their tenure of appointment are expected to promptly notify the Company of any change in the other Directorships and also provide such other disclosures and information as may be required under the applicable laws. Upon becoming aware of any potential conflict of interest with the position of Independent Directors of the Company, they should promptly disclose the same to the Chairman/Chairperson and/or the Company Secretary.

The Independent Directors, during the tenure of their appointment, should promptly provide a declaration to the Company under Section 149(7) of the Companies Act, 2013, upon any change in circumstances, which may affect the status as an Independent Director in addition to the annual disclosure.

9. Termination:

An Independent Director may resign from his/her position at any time by serving reasonable written notice to the Board of directors. Continuation of his/her appointment is contingent on his/her getting re-elected by the shareholders' in accordance with provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and the Articles of Association of the Company, from time to time in force. He/she will not be entitled to compensation if the shareholders do not re-elect him/her at any time.

The appointment of Independent Directors may also be terminated or ceased in accordance with the provisions of the laws applicable to the Company and Articles of Association of the Company from time to time in force.

10. Changes in Personal details:

During the tenure of appointment, the director shall promptly inform the Company Secretary or the Registrar of Companies in the prescribed manner of any change in address or contact details or personal details provided to the Company at the time of appointment.

11. General:

The appointment of Independent Directors is governed by and will be interpreted in accordance with Indian law and is subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and any Regulations / Circulars issued, amended, modified or replaced by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

Annexure A

SCHEDULE IV TO THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013

[See section 149(7)]

CODE FOR INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

The Code is a guide to professional conduct for independent directors. Adherence to these standards by independent directors and fulfilment of their responsibilities in a professional and faithful manner will promote confidence of the investment community, particularly minority shareholders, regulators and companies in the institution of independent directors.

I. Guidelines of professional conduct:

An independent director shall:

- (1) uphold ethical standards of integrity and probity;
- (2) act objectively and constructively while exercising his duties;
- (3) exercise his responsibilities in a bona fide manner in the interest of the company;
- (4) devote sufficient time and attention to his professional obligations for informed and balanced decision making;
- (5) not allow any extraneous considerations that will vitiate his exercise of objective independent judgment in the paramount interest of the company as a whole, while concurring in or dissenting from the collective judgment of the Board in its decision making;
- (6) not abuse his 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;
- (7) refrain from any action that would lead to loss of his independence;
- (8) where circumstances arise which make an independent director lose his independence, the independent director must immediately inform the Board accordingly;
- (9) assist the company in implementing the best corporate governance practices.

II. Role and functions:

The independent directors shall:

- (1) 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;
- (2) bring an objective view in the evaluation of the performance of board and management;
- (3) scrutinise the performance of management in meeting agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance;
- (4) satisfy themselves on the integrity of financial information and that financial controls and the systems of risk management are robust and defensible;
- (5) safeguard the interests of all stakeholders, particularly the minority shareholders;
- (6) balance the conflicting interest of the stakeholders;
- (7) 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.

III. Duties :

The independent directors shall—

- (1) undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the company;
- (2) seek appropriate clarification or amplification of information and, where necessary, take and follow appropriate professional advice and opinion of outside experts at the expense of the company;
- (3) strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board committees of which he is a member;
- (4) participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members;
- (5) strive to attend the general meetings of the company;
- (6) where they have concerns about the running of the company or a proposed action, ensure that these are addressed by the Board and, to the extent that they are not resolved, insist that their concerns are recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting;
- (7) keep themselves well informed about the company and the external environment in which it operates;

- (8) not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee of the Board;
- (9) pay sufficient attention and ensure that adequate deliberations are held before approving related party transactions and assure themselves that the same are in the interest of the company;
- (10) ascertain and ensure that the company has an adequate and functional vigil mechanism and to ensure that the interests of a person who uses such mechanism are not prejudicially affected on account of such use;
- (11) report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the company's code of conduct or ethics policy;
- (12) acting within his authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the company, shareholders and its employees;
- (13) not disclose confidential information, including commercial secrets, technologies, advertising and sales promotion plans, unpublished price sensitive information, unless such disclosure is expressly approved by the Board or required by law.

IV. Manner of appointment:

- (1) Appointment process of independent directors shall be independent of the company management; while selecting independent directors the Board shall ensure that there is appropriate balance of skills, experience and knowledge in the Board so as to enable the Board to discharge its functions and duties effectively.
- (2) The appointment of independent director(s) of the company shall be approved at the meeting of the shareholders.
- (3) The explanatory statement attached to the notice of the meeting for approving the appointment of independent director shall include a statement that in the opinion of the Board, the independent director proposed to be appointed fulfils the conditions specified in the Act and the rules made thereunder and that the proposed director is independent of the management.
- (4) The appointment of independent directors shall be formalised through a letter of appointment, which shall set out :
 - a) the term of appointment;
 - b) the expectation of the Board from the appointed director; the Board-level committee(s) in which the director is expected to serve and its tasks;
 - c) the fiduciary duties that come with such an appointment along with accompanying liabilities;
 - d) provision for Directors and Officers (D and O) insurance, if any;
 - e) the Code of Business Ethics that the company expects its directors and employees to follow;
 - f) the list of actions that a director should not do while functioning as such in the company; and

- g) the remuneration, mentioning periodic fees, reimbursement of expenses for participation in the Boards and other meetings and profit related commission, if any.
- (5) The terms and conditions of appointment of independent directors shall be open for inspection at the registered office of the company by any member during normal business hours.
- (6) The terms and conditions of appointment of independent directors shall also be posted on the company's website.

V. Re-appointment:

The re-appointment of independent director shall be on the basis of report of performance evaluation.

VI. Resignation or removal:

- (1) The resignation or removal of an independent director shall be in the same manner as is provided in sections 168 and 169 of the Act.
- (2) An independent director who resigns or is removed from the Board of the company shall be replaced by a new independent director within a period of not more than one hundred and eighty days from the date of such resignation or removal, as the case may be.
- (3) Where the company fulfils the requirement of independent directors in its Board even without filling the vacancy created by such resignation or removal, as the case may be, the requirement of replacement by a new independent director shall not apply.

VII. Separate meetings:

- (1) The independent directors of the company shall hold at least one meeting in a year, without the attendance of non-independent directors and members of management;
- (2) All the independent directors of the company shall strive to be present at such meeting;
- (3) The meeting shall:
 - a) review the performance of non-independent directors and the Board as a whole;
 - b) review the performance of the Chairperson of the company, taking into account the views of executive directors and nonexecutive directors;
 - c) assess the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between the company management and the Board that is necessary for the Board to effectively and reasonably perform their duties.

VIII. Evaluation mechanism:

- (1) The performance evaluation of independent directors shall be done by the entire Board of Directors, excluding the director being evaluated.
- (2) On the basis of the report of performance evaluation, it shall be determined whether to extend or continue the term of appointment of the independent director.