

## **POLICY FOR DETERMINING MATERIALITY FOR DISCLOSURES**

### **1) INTRODUCTION**

Axiom Consulting Limited (the “**Company**”) is committed to being open and transparent with all stakeholders and in disseminating information in a fair and timely manner. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“**Listing Regulations**”) mandates listed entities to formulate a policy for determining materiality of events or information that warrant disclosure to investors. It is in this context that the policy on determination of materiality for disclosures (“**Policy**”) is being framed and implemented.

### **2) OBJECTIVE OF THE POLICY**

The objective and purpose of this Policy is to determine materiality of events or information relating to the Company and its business operations to ensure that such event or information is timely and adequately disclosed and disseminated to the all the stakeholders of the Company in pursuance of the Listing Regulations and generally to provide an overall governance framework for such determination of materiality

### **3) OVERVIEW AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

3.1) This Policy lays down various criteria adopted by the Company in accordance with the Listing Regulations for determining materiality of an event/ information and document a process for dissemination of information and disclosures to various stakeholders through appropriate channels.

3.2) This Policy shall come into effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018.

### **4) MATERIAL EVENT OR INFORMATION**

4.1) Deemed Material Events under the Listing Regulations-

In terms of Listing Regulations, events/information listed in **Annexure A** shall be deemed as Material and the Company shall make disclosure of such events/information as soon as reasonably possible but not later than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of occurrence of such event or knowledge of information without applying any criteria of materiality in the following manner:

- (a) inform the Stock Exchange in which the securities of the Company are listed;
- (b) upload on the website of the Company.

- 4.2) The Company shall make disclosure of events as specified in **Annexure B** to the Stock Exchange based on application of guidelines for determining Materiality as per clause 4.6 of the Policy;
- 4.3) The Company shall make disclosures updating material developments on a regular basis, till such time the event is resolved/closed, with relevant explanations;
- 4.4) The Company shall provide specific and adequate reply to all queries raised by the Stock Exchange with respect to any events or information and on its own initiative. Further, the Company at its own discretion shall confirm or deny any event or information to the Stock Exchange reported in the media; and
- 4.5) All the above disclosures would be hosted on the website of the Company for a minimum period of five years and thereafter archived as per Company's policy for 'Preservation of Documents'.
- 4.6) Guidelines for determining materiality of event or information:
- 4.6.1) Following criteria shall be considered for determination of materiality of events/ information other than for the Deemed Material Information listed in Clause 4.1 above:
- (a) the event or information is in any manner unpublished price sensitive information;
  - (b) the omission of an event or information, which is likely to result in discontinuity or alteration of event or information already available publicly;
  - (c) the omission of an event or information is likely to result in significant market reaction if the said omission came to light at a later date;
  - (d) Any other event/information which has an impact/potential impact exceeding 10% of the net worth or 5% of the gross turnover (whichever is higher) of the Company as per the latest audited financial statements.
- Provided that, the Managing Director is authorized to exercise the discretion to decide not to make disclosure of specific information/event falling within the aforesaid criteria, if he is of the opinion that any such disclosure shall be directly/indirectly detrimental to the interest of the Company.
- 4.6.2) In cases where the above guidelines for determining materiality cannot be applied; the Managing Director, as per guidance received from the Board of Directors shall frame an opinion based on facts and circumstances on whether any information/events requires disclosures and extent of such disclosures.

4.6.3) Illustrative list of events/information which may require disclosure upon application of any of the materiality criteria as stated in Clauses 4.6.1 above are listed in **Annexure B** to this Policy.

## **5) APPROVAL PROCESS AND AUTHORITY**

- 5.1) The Managing Director shall be authorised to determine materiality of an event or information, verifying or denying rumours and approve disclosure to the Stock Exchange and on the Company website. In the absence of the Managing Director, the Chairman of the Board or Whole-time Director can approve the dissemination of information in accordance with the Policy.
- 5.2) The Company Secretary shall be authorised to make the disclosure of any material information duly approved by the Managing Director / Chairman/Whole-time Director to the Stock Exchange, and on the Company website.
- 5.3) The Company Secretary shall be authorized to disseminate approved information to the media.
- 5.4) Other employees and Company's representatives receiving any inquiries from the investment community shall not respond to such inquiries other than to refer the inquirer to the Company Secretary.

## **6) TIMELINES FOR DISCLOSURES OF INFORMATION**

- 6.1) Disclosure required under Clause 4 above shall be first made to the Stock Exchange where shares of the Company are listed, as soon as reasonably possible but not later than twenty four (24) hours from the occurrence of event or information. In case the disclosure is made after twenty four (24) hours of occurrence of the event or information, the Company shall, along with such disclosures provide explanation for delay.
- 6.2) Disclosure with respect to events specified in Annexure A – item no 4 regarding 'Outcome of the Board meetings' shall be made within thirty minutes of the closure of the Board meeting.
- 6.3) Any information/ disclosures shall be given first to the Stock Exchange where the shares of the Company are listed, before providing the same to any third party.
- 6.4) The Company shall make disclosures updating material developments on a regular basis, till such time the event is resolved/closed, with relevant explanations.
- 6.5) The Company shall disclose on its website all such events or information which has been disclosed to Stock Exchange under this Policy. Such disclosures shall be hosted

on the website of the Company for a minimum period of five years and archived thereafter as per Company's policy on 'Preservation of Documents'.

## 7) GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 7.1) The Company shall provide specific and adequate reply to all queries raised by Stock Exchange with respect to any events or information.
- 7.2) The Company may on its own initiative, confirm or deny any reported event or information to Stock Exchange.
- 7.3) The Company shall follow uniform and universal dissemination of information to avoid selective disclosure.
- 7.4) While dealing with analysts or research persons or large investors like institutions, the Company shall provide only public information. Alternatively, the information given to analysts or research persons shall be simultaneously made public at the earliest.
- 7.5) The Company's employees shall handle all material/unpublished price sensitive information on a need to know basis in accordance with the Company's internal insider trading policies.
- 7.6) If an employee of the Company makes an accidental or unintentional disclosure of material or price sensitive information, the employee must immediately notify the Managing Director of this incident. The Company shall forthwith take steps to ensure that the same is disclosed to the Stock Exchange and on its website immediately.
- 7.7) All public disclosures of forward-looking information, including projections of future earnings or operational performance, shall be accompanied by appropriate cautionary language. All public disclosures of forward-looking information must be made by and/or approved by the Managing Director. Once approved, the forward-looking information may be communicated to the public by the Company Secretary/ Compliance Officer. The Company is under no obligation, except under the laws of India, to respond to/update on such forward looking statements.
- 7.8) In case where an event occurs or information is available with the Company, which has not been indicated in **Annexure A** or **Annexure B** of this Policy, but which may have material effect on it, the Company will make adequate disclosures in regard thereof.
- 7.9) In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Policy and any law, rules, regulations for the time being in force in India, such law, rules and regulations shall prevail over such provisions under this Policy.

**8) DISCLOSURE OF THE POLICY**

The Policy on Determination of Materiality of Events or Information shall be displayed on the Company's website and address of such web link shall be provided in the Annual Report of the Company.

**9) REVIEW OF THIS POLICY**

This Policy shall be subject to review by the Board of Directors at such intervals as may be deemed necessary. Changes (if any) recommended by the Committee shall be placed before the Board for its approval. The Policy stands automatically revised in case of any amendment to the Listing Regulations or Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015. In any case, the Listing Regulations or provisions of any other law, rules and regulations shall prevail over the provisions of this Policy.

**Annexure A**  
**Event/Information Deemed as “Material Information”**

1. Acquisition(s) (including agreement to acquire), Scheme of Arrangement amalgamation/ merger/ demerger/restructuring), or sale or disposal of any unit(s), division(s) or subsidiary of the listed entity or any other restructuring.

Explanation.-For the purpose of this sub-para, the word 'acquisition' shall mean,-

- (i) acquiring control, whether directly or indirectly; or,
  - (ii) acquiring or agreeing to acquire shares or voting rights in, a company, whether directly or indirectly, such that –
    - (a) the listed entity holds shares or voting rights aggregating to five percent or more of the shares or voting rights in the said company, or;
    - (b) there has been a change in holding from the last disclosure made under sub-clause (a) of clause (ii) of the Explanation to this sub-para and such change exceeds two per cent of the total shareholding or voting rights in the said company.
2. Issuance or forfeiture of securities, split or consolidation of shares, buyback of securities, any restriction on transferability of securities or alteration in terms or structure of existing securities including forfeiture, reissue of forfeited securities, alteration of calls, redemption of securities etc.
  3. Revision in Rating(s).
  4. Outcome of Meetings of the board of directors: The listed entity shall disclose to the Stock Exchange, within 30 minutes of the closure of the meeting, held to consider the following:
    - a) dividends and/or cash bonuses recommended or declared or the decision to pass any dividend and the date on which dividend shall be paid/dispatched;
    - b) any cancellation of dividend with reasons thereof;
    - c) the decision on buyback of securities;
    - d) the decision with respect to fund raising proposed to be undertaken;
    - e) increase in capital by issue of bonus shares through capitalization including the date on which such bonus shares shall be credited/dispatched;

- f) reissue of forfeited shares or securities, or the issue of shares or securities held in reserve for future issue or the creation in any form or manner of new shares or securities or any other rights, privileges or benefits to subscribe to;
  - g) short particulars of any other alterations of capital, including calls;
  - h) financial results;
  - i) decision on voluntary delisting by the listed entity from Stock Exchange.
5. Agreements (viz. shareholder agreement(s), joint venture agreement(s), family settlement agreement(s) (to the extent that it impacts management and control of the listed entity), agreement(s)/treaty(ies)/contract(s) with media companies) which are binding and not in normal course of business, revision(s) or amendment(s) and termination(s) thereof.
6. Fraud/defaults by promoter or key managerial personnel or by listed entity or arrest of key managerial personnel or promoter.
7. Change in directors, key managerial personnel (Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary etc.), Auditor and Compliance Officer.
- 7A In case of resignation of the auditor of the listed entity, detailed reasons for resignation of auditor, as given by the said auditor, shall be disclosed by the listed entities to the stock exchanges as soon as possible but not later than twenty four hours of receipt of such reasons from the auditor.
- 7B Resignation of auditor including reasons for resignation: In case of resignation of an independent director of the listed entity, within seven days from the date of resignation, the following disclosures shall be made to the stock exchanges by the listed entities:
- i) Detailed reasons for the resignation of independent directors as given by the said director shall be disclosed by the listed entities to the stock exchanges.
  - ii) The independent director shall, along with the detailed reasons, also provide a confirmation that there is no other material reasons other than those provided.
  - iii) The confirmation as provided by the independent director above shall also be disclosed by the listed entities to the stock exchanges along with the detailed reasons as specified in sub-clause (i) above.
8. Appointment or discontinuation of share transfer agent.
9. Corporate debt restructuring.
10. One time settlement with a bank.

11. Reference to BIFR and winding-up petition filed by any party / creditors.
12. Issuance of Notices, call letters, resolutions and circulars sent to shareholders, debenture holders or creditors or any class of them or advertised in the media by the listed entity.
13. Proceedings of Annual and extraordinary general meetings of the listed entity.
14. Amendments to memorandum and articles of association of listed entity, in brief.
15. Schedule of Analyst or institutional investor meet and presentations on financial results made by the listed entity to analysts or institutional investors;
16. The following events in relation to the corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) of a listed corporate debtor under the Insolvency Code:
  - a. Filing of application by the corporate applicant for initiation of CIRP, also specifying the amount of default;
  - b. Filing of application by financial creditors for initiation of CIRP against the corporate debtor, also specifying the amount of default;
  - c. Admission of application by the Tribunal, along with amount of default or rejection or withdrawal, as applicable ;
  - d. Public announcement made pursuant to order passed by the Tribunal under section 13 of Insolvency Code;
  - e. List of creditors as required to be displayed by the corporate debtor under regulation 13(2)(c) of the IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016;
  - f. Appointment/ Replacement of the Resolution Professional;
  - g. Prior or post-facto intimation of the meetings of Committee of Creditors;
  - h. Brief particulars of invitation of resolution plans under section 25(2)(h) of Insolvency Code in the Form specified under regulation 36A(5) of the IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016;
  - i. Number of resolution plans received by Resolution Professional;
  - j. Filing of resolution plan with the Tribunal;
  - k. Salient features, not involving commercial secrets, of the resolution plan approved by the Tribunal, in such form as may be specified;
  - l. Approval of resolution plan by the Tribunal or rejection, if applicable;
  - m. Any other material information not involving commercial secrets.
17. Any other information/events requiring disclosures under the Listing Regulations or under any other laws, applicable to the Company for the time being in force.

**ANNEXURE B**  
**ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF EVENTS/INFORMATION UNDER CLAUSE 4.2**

1. Commencement or any postponement in the date of commencement of commercial production or commercial operations of any unit/division.
2. Change in the general character or nature of business brought about by arrangements for strategic, technical, manufacturing, or marketing tie-up, adoption of new lines of business or closure of operations of any unit/division (entirety or piecemeal).
3. Capacity addition or product launch.
4. Awarding, bagging/ receiving, amendment or termination of awarded/bagged orders/contracts not in the normal course of business.
5. Agreements (viz. loan agreement(s) (as a borrower) or any other agreement(s) which are binding and not in normal course of business) and revision(s) or amendment(s) or termination(s) thereof.
6. Disruption of operations of any one or more units or division of the listed entity due to natural calamity (earthquake, flood, fire etc.), force majeure or events such as strikes, lockouts etc.
7. Effect(s) arising out of change in the regulatory framework applicable to the listed entity.
8. Litigation(s) / dispute(s) / regulatory action(s) with impact.
9. Fraud/defaults etc. by directors (other than key managerial personnel) or employees of listed entity.
10. Options to purchase securities including any ESOP/ESPS Scheme.
11. Giving of guarantees or indemnity or becoming a surety for any third party.
12. Granting, withdrawal, surrender, cancellation or suspension of key licenses or regulatory approvals.
13. Any other event/information available with the Company and not specifically covered in Clauses 4.1 or 4.2 above, but which may have material effect on it as per this Policy.