## Familiarisation Programme for Independent Directors (in terms of clause 49 of the Listing Agreement)

## **Preamble**

The Clause 49(II)(B)(7) of the Listing Agreement with the Stock Exchanges stipulates that:

a) The Company shall familiarise the Independent Directors with the Company, their roles, rights, responsibilities in the Company, nature of the industry in which the Company operates, business model of the Company, etc., through various programmes.

b) The details of such familiarisation programmes shall be disclosed on the Company's website and a web link thereto shall be given in the Annual Report.

## Familiarisation programmes for Independent Directors of the Company

The Board members are provided with necessary documents/brochures, reports and internal policies to enable them to familiarise with the Company's procedures and practices. Periodic presentations are made at the Board and Board Committee Meetings, on business and performance updates of the Company, global business environment, business strategy and risks involved. Detailed presentations on the Company's business were made at the Board Meetings held during the year. The Directors are also made to attend seminars in order to improve Board's effectiveness and to update themselves on relevant statutory changes. The Board of Directors has complete access to the information within the Company. Independent Directors have the freedom to interact with the Company's management. Interactions happen during Board / Committee meetings. Apart from this, they also have independent interactions with the Statutory Auditors, the Internal Auditors and external advisors appointed from time to time. Further, they meet without the presence of any management personnel and their meetings are conducted informally to enable the Independent Directors to discuss matters pertaining to the Company's affairs and put forth their combined views to the Board of Directors of the Company.

Further, at the time of appointing an Independent Director, a formal letter of appointment is given to him, which inter alia explains the role, function, duties and responsibilities expected of him as an Independent Director of the Company.

All the independent directors are provided an overview of;

- Criteria of independence applicable to Independent Directors as per clause 49 of the Listing Agreement on Corporate Governance and the Companies Act, 2013;
- Roles, functions, Duties, Responsibilities and liabilities of Independent Directors;
- Directors Responsibility Statement forming part of Boards' Report; Vigil Mechanism including policy formulation, disclosures, code for Independent directors and obtaining Audit Committee approval, wherever required;
- Risk Management Systems & framework;
- Board Evaluation Process and Procedures;

## **Disclosure of the Policy :**

This Policy shall be uploaded on the Company's website for public information and a web link for the same shall also be provided in the Annual Report of the Company.