

# **CHOICE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

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#### 1. PREFACE:

As per Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015 (herein referred to as SEBI Listing Regulation), a listed entity is required to frame a policy for determination of materiality for disclosure of events or information to Stock Exchanges, based on the criteria specified in Regulation 30 of the said Regulations and the same is also required to be disclosed on the Company Website.

#### 2. PURPOSE OF THE POLICY:

The purpose of the policy is to determine materiality of events and information based on criteria specified under clause (i) of sub- regulation (4) of Regulation 30 of the Listing Regulations and to ensure that the Company shall make disclosures of events / information specified in para A and B of Part A of the Listing Regulations to the Stock Exchanges.

# 3. CRITERIA FOR DISCLOSURE OF EVENTS / INFORMATION

- a) The omission of an event or information would likely to result in discontinuity or alteration of event or information already available publicly;
- b) 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;
- c) In case where the criteria of an event / information does not fall in the first two categories, but still in the opinion of the board of directors are considered material.

# **DISCLOSURE OF EVENTS OR INFORMATION**

A. The following events / information specified in para A of Part A of Schedule III to the Listing Regulations upon occurrence of which the Company shall make disclosure to the Stock Exchanges without any application of the guidelines for materiality:

i) 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,-

- a. acquiring control, whether directly or indirectly; or,
- b. acquiring or agreeing to acquire shares or voting rights in, a company, whether directly or indirectly, such that—
  - the listed entity holds shares or voting rights aggregating to five per cent or more of the shares or voting rights in the said company, or;

- 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.
- **ii)** 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.
- iii) Revision in Rating(s).
- iv) Outcome of Meetings of the board of directors:

The listed entity shall disclose to the Exchange(s), 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(s)

Provided that in case of board meetings being held for more than one day, the financial results shall be disclosed within thirty minutes of end of the meeting for the day on which it has been considered.

- v) 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.
- vi) Fraud/defaults by promoter or key managerial personnel or by listed entity or arrest of key managerial personnel or promoter.
- **vii)** Change in directors, key managerial personnel (Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary etc.), Auditor and Compliance Officer.

- (viiA) 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.
- (viiB) Resignation of independent director 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.]
- viii). Appointment or discontinuation of share transfer agent.
- **ix).** Resolution plan/ Restructuring in relation to loans/borrowings from banks/financial institutions including the following details:
  - (i) Decision to initiate resolution of loans/borrowings;
  - (ii) Signing of Inter-Creditors Agreement (ICA) by lenders;
  - (iii) Finalization of Resolution Plan;
  - (iv) Implementation of Resolution Plan;
  - (v) Salient features, not involving commercial secrets, of the resolution/ restructuring plan as decided by lenders.
- **x).** One time settlement with a bank.
- xi). Reference to BIFR and winding-up petition filed by any party / creditors.
- **xii).** 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.
- xiii). Proceedings of Annual and extraordinary general meetings of the listed entity.
- xiv). Amendments to memorandum and articles of association of listed entity, in brief.
- **xv).** (a) Schedule of analysts or institutional investors meet and presentations made by the listed entity to analysts or institutional investors.

**Explanation:** For the purpose of this clause 'meet' shall mean group meetings or group conference calls conducted physically or through digital means.

- (b) Audio or video recordings and transcripts of post earnings/quarterly calls, by whatever name called, conducted physically or through digital means, simultaneously with submission to the recognized stock exchange(s), in the following manner:
  - (i) the presentation and the audio/video recordings shall be promptly made available on the website and in any case, before the next trading day or within twenty-four hours from the conclusion of such calls, whichever is earlier;
  - (ii) the transcripts of such calls shall be made available on the website within five working days of the conclusion of such calls:

The requirement for disclosure(s) of audio/video recordings and transcript shall be voluntary with effect from April 01, 2021 and mandatory with effect from April 01, 2022.;

**xvi).** 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) Approval of resolution plan by the Tribunal or rejection, if applicable;
- I)Specific features and details of the resolution plan as approved by the Adjudicating Authority under the Insolvency Code, not involving commercial secrets, including details such as:
  - (i) Pre and Post net-worth of the company;

- (ii) Details of assets of the company post CIRP;
- (iii) Details of securities continuing to be imposed on the companies' assets;
- (iv) Other material liabilities imposed on the company;
- (v) Detailed pre and post shareholding pattern assuming 100% conversion of convertible securities;
- (vi) Details of funds infused in the company, creditors paid-off;
- (vii) Additional liability on the incoming investors due to the transaction, source of such funding etc.;
- (viii) Impact on the investor revised P/E, RONW ratios etc.;
- (ix) Names of the new promoters, key managerial persons(s), if any and their past experience in the business or employment. In case where promoters are companies, history of such company and names of natural persons in control;
- (x) Brief description of business strategy.
- m) Any other material information not involving commercial secrets.
- n) Proposed steps to be taken by the incoming investor/acquirer for achieving the MPS;
- o) Quarterly disclosure of the status of achieving the MPS;
- p) The details as to the delisting plans, if any approved in the resolution plan.]
- **xvii).** Initiation of Forensic audit: In case of initiation of forensic audit, (by whatever name called), the following disclosures shall be made to the stock exchanges by listed entities:
  - a) The fact of initiation of forensic audit along-with name of entity initiating the audit and reasons for the same, if available;
  - b) Final forensic audit report (other than for forensic audit initiated by regulatory / enforcement agencies) on receipt by the listed entity along with comments of the management, if any.]
- B. Events which shall be disclosed upon application of the guidelines for materiality referred sub-regulation (4) of regulation (30):
  - 1. Commencement or any postponement in the date of commencement of commercial production or commercial operations of any unit/division.
  - 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.

C. Any other information/event viz. major development that is likely to affect business, e.g. emergence of new technologies, expiry of patents, any change of accounting policy that may have a significant impact on the accounts, etc. and brief details thereof and any other information which is exclusively known to the listed entity which may be necessary to enable the holders of securities of the listed entity to appraise its position and to avoid the establishment of a false market in such securities.

D. Without prejudice to the generality of para (A), (B) and (C) above, the listed entity may make disclosures of event/information as specified by the Board from time to time.

## PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINATION OF MATERIALITY OF EVENTS/INFORMATION

In order to ensure that the Company complies with the disclosure obligations under Regulations 30 of the Listing Regulations, the Board has established an internal system for reporting any event / information which may require disclosure so that the event / information can be properly assessed and decision can be made regarding its disclosure to the Stock Exchanges.

On receipt of communication of potential material event / information, the Company Secretary will

- i. Review event / information and to take whatever steps necessary to verify its accuracy;
- ii. Assess whether the event / information is required to be disclosed to the Stock Exchanges under the Listing Regulations;

The procedure to be followed in relation to the lodgement of announcement of material event /information is as follows:

i. Prepare draft announcement to the Stock Exchanges: If the event / information is material, the Company Secretary will prepare draft announcement to the Stock

- Exchanges which is factual and expressed in clear manner and obtain approval of Mr.-Kamal Poddar the Managing Director of the Company.
- ii. Lodge Announcements: The Company Secretary on behalf of the Company will lodge or arrange for lodgement of the announcement with the Stock Exchanges.
- iii. Post announcement on website: After lodgement of the announcement with the Stock Exchanges, the Company Secretary will arrange to place it on the website of the Company. All the announcements made under this Policy shall be kept on the website as per the Archival Policy of the Company.

#### **COMMUNICATION OF THIS POLICY**

For all new Employees and Directors, a copy of this Policy shall be handed over as a part of the joining documentation, along with other HR related policies. For all existing Employees and Directors, a copy of this Policy shall be handed over within one month of the adoption of this Policy by the Board of Directors of the Company. This Policy shall also be posted on the website of the Company.

#### 4. EVENTS CONSEDERED MATERIAL

- a) Events/Information upon occurrence of which OIL is required to make disclosure as per Schedule III of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 are mentioned in Annexure –A.
- b) The events /information mentioned under Part A of the Annexure shall be disclosed at the earliest not later than 24 hours from the occurrence of events/information. If disclosure could not be made within stipulated time then disclosure made shall provide an explanation for the delay.
- c) Disclosure with respect to outcome of the decision of the Board meeting pertaining to specified events are required to be disclosed within thirty minutes of the conclusion of the board meeting.
- d) In addition to the above, any event /information so decided by the Exchange/SEBI to be material shall also be disclosed as per directions of Stock Exchange /SEBI.

## 5. AUTHORITY FOR DETERMINATION OF MATERIALITY OF EVENTS /INFORMATION.

The Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) and /or Director (Finance) are hereby jointly and severally authorised to determine whether the event / information is material or not and in turn about its time line for disclosure of information as specified above to the stock exchanges, subject to such information being placed at the earliest before the Board after the said information being made public

## 6. WEBSITE UPDATION / UPDATES TO STOCK EXCHANGES.

The Company shall update all disclosures made under the regulations to the stock exchanges on its website and shall continue to host on the website for a minimum period of five years.

The Compliance Officer of the company shall give updates to the Board of Directors and to the Stock Exchanges on any material event that may have been first informed to the stock exchanges including further developments, if any, on such events. Such updates shall also be hosted on the website of the Company.

# 7. DISCLOSURE OF EVENTS / INFORMATION ON SUBSIDIARIES

CMD and / or Director (F) of the company jointly and severally shall disclose such events information about its subsidiary which are considered material in nature and whose disclosure is likely to materially affect the share prices of the Company.

## 8. REFERENCE TO THE CODE OF PRACTICE AND FAIR DISCLOSURE

In addition to above, the stipulations in the Code of Practice and Fair Disclosure (pursuant to SEBI Prohibition of Insider Trading Regulations, 2015) dealing with disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI) shall also be taken into account for disclosure of any information to the Stock Exchange.

#### 9. COMPLIANCE OFFICER.

The Compliance Officer for the Purpose of complying with the provisions of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 shall be the Company Secretary of the Company.

## **10. POLICY AMENDMENT**

Any or all provisions of this policy would be subject to revision / amendment in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, Notifications, etc. on the subject as may be issued by relevant Stock Exchange /SEBI, from time to time with the approval of the Chairman & Managing Director.

In case of any amendment(s), clarification(s), circular(s) etc. issued by the relevant authorities, not being consistent with the provisions laid down under this policy, then such amendment(s), clarification(s), circular(s), etc. shall prevail upon the provisions hereunder and this policy shall stand amended accordingly from the effective date as laid down under such amendment(s), clarification(s), circular(s), etc.

# **11. POLICY REVIEW**

This policy shall be subject to review as may be deemed necessary to comply with any regulatory amendments or statutory modifications and subject to the necessary approvals of the Board of Directors.

By order of the Board of Directors of

**Choice International Limited** 

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