# NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION POLICY

# **Preface**

This amended Nomination and Remuneration Policy is being formulated in compliance with Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 read along with the applicable rules thereto and read with Part D of Schedule II of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time. This policy on nomination and remuneration of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management has been formulated by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC or the Committee) and has been approved by the Board of Directors. This policy shall act as a guideline for determining, inter-alia, qualification, positive attributes, independence of a Director, matters relating to the remuneration, appointment, removal and evaluation of performance of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, Senior Management and other employees.

This policy shall be applicable upon all the Directors, Key managerial Personnel, Senior Management Personnel and other employees of the Company as prescribed.

This amended policy shall be effective from 1st December, 2015.

# **Definition**

'Act' means Companies Act, 2013 and Rules framed there under, as amended from time to time.

**'SEBI LODR' 'LODR'** means Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

**'Board of Directors'** or **'Board'**, in relation to the Company, means the collective body of the directors of the Company.

**'Committee'** means Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Company as constituted or reconstituted by the Board.

'Company' means Kwality Credit & Leasing Limited.

**'Independent Director'** means a director referred to in Section 149 (6) of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules framed thereunder and as provided in applicable Regulations of SEBI LODR, as amended from time to time.

# 'Key Managerial Personnel' (KMP) means:

- a) Chief Executive Officer and / or Managing Director
- b) Whole-time Director
- c) Chief Financial Officer
- d) Company Secretary
- e) Such other officer as may be prescribed

**'Senior Management'** means Senior Management means personnel of the company who are members of its core management team excluding the Board of Directors including Functional Heads.

**'Other employees'** means all the employees other than the Directors, KMPs and the Senior Management Personnel.

# **Objective of the Committee**

The Key Objectives of the Committee would be:

a) to guide the Board in relation to appointment and removal of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management.

- b) to evaluate the performance of the members of the Board and provide necessary report to the Board for further evaluation of the Board.
- c) to recommend to the Board on Remuneration payable to the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel Senior Management and other employees.
- **d)** to formulate criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a Director.
- e) to formulate criteria for evaluation of Independent Directors and the Board.
- f) to recommend to the Board policy relating to remuneration for Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management.

# <u>Appointment and Removal of Director, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior</u> Management

# Appointment criteria and qualifications

- a) The Committee shall identify and ascertain the integrity, qualification, expertise and experience of the person for appointment as Director, KMP or at Senior Management level and recommend his / her appointment, as per Company's Policy.
- b) A person should possess adequate qualification, expertise and experience for the position he / she is considered for appointment. The Committee has authority to decide whether qualification, expertise and experience possessed by a person is sufficient / satisfactory for the position.
- c) The Company shall not appoint or continue the employment of any person as Whole-time Director who has attained the age of seventy years. Provided that the term of the person holding this position may be extended beyond the age of seventy years with the approval of shareholders by passing a special resolution.

# Additional Criteria for Appointment and qualifications of Independent Directors

As provided under applicable Regulations of SEBI LODR, as amended from time to time, and/or under the Companies Act, 2013 with Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014 and Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013, 'Independent director' shall mean a non-executive director, other than a nominee director of the company:

- a) who, in the opinion of the Board, is a person of integrity and possesses relevant expertise and experience:
- b) (i) who is or was not a promoter of the company or its holding, subsidiary or associate company;
  - (ii) who is not related to promoters or directors in the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company:
- c) apart from receiving director's remuneration, has or had no pecuniary relationship with the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company, or their promoters, or directors, during the two immediately preceding financial years or during the current financial year;
- d) none of whose relatives has or had pecuniary relationship or transaction with the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company, or their promoters, or directors, amounting to two per cent. or more of its gross turnover or total income or fifty lakh rupees or such higher amount as may be prescribed, whichever is lower, during the two immediately preceding financial years or during the current financial year;
- e) who, neither himself nor any of his relatives
  - holds or has held the position of a key managerial personnel or is or has been employee of the company or its holding, subsidiary or associate company in any of the three financial years immediately preceding the financial year in which he is proposed to be appointed;

- ii. is or has been an employee or proprietor or a partner, in any of the three financial years immediately preceding the financial year in which he is proposed to be appointed, of
  - (A) a firm of auditors or company secretaries in practice or cost auditors of the company or its holding, subsidiary or associate company; or
  - (B) any legal or a consulting firm that has or had any transaction with the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company amounting to ten per cent or more of the gross turnover of such firm;
  - (C) holds together with his relatives two per cent or more of the total voting power of the company; or
- iii. is a Chief Executive or director, by whatever name called, of any non-profit organisation that receives twenty-five per cent or more of its receipts from the company, any of its promoters, directors or its holding, subsidiary or associate company or that holds two per cent or more of the total voting power of the company;
- iv. is a material supplier, service provider or customer or a lessor or lessee of the company;
- f) who is not less than 21 years of age.

# Additional Criteria for Appointment as a member of Audit Committee

A director proposed to be appointed as a member of Audit committee should possess the additional qualifications, in lieu of requirements of section 177 of the Act read with rules made thereunder and relevant Regulations of SEBI LODR, as amended from time to time.

# Additional Criteria for Appointment of Managing Director, Manager or Whole-Time Director

In addition to the general criteria, the Company shall consider the requirements of section 196 of the Act read with rules made thereunder and Schedule V of the Act and relevant Regulations of SEBI LODR, as amended from time to time.

### **Letters of Appointment**

Each Director/KMP/Senior Officials is required to sign the letter of appointment with the Company containing the terms of appointment and the role assigned in the Company.

### **Evaluation**

The Committee shall carry out evaluation of performance of Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel yearly or at such intervals as may be considered necessary.

The Committee shall identify evaluation criteria which will evaluate Directors based on knowledge to perform the role, time and level of participation, performance of duties, level of oversight, professional conduct and independence. The appointment / re-appointment / continuation of Directors on the Board shall be subject to the outcome of the yearly evaluation process.

#### Removal

Due to reasons for any disqualification mentioned in the Companies Act, 2013, rules made thereunder or under any other applicable Act, rules and regulations, the Committee may recommend, to the Board with reasons recorded in writing, removal of a Director, KMP or Senior Management subject to the provisions and compliance of the said Act, rules and regulations.

#### Retirement

The Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel shall retire as per the applicable provisions of the Act and the prevailing policy of the Company. The Board will have the discretion to retain the Director, KMP, Senior Management Personnel in the same position/ remuneration or otherwise even after attaining the retirement age, for the benefit of the Company.

### a) Managing Director/Whole-time Director:

The Company shall appoint or re-appoint any person as its Executive Chairman, Managing Director or Executive Director for a term not exceeding five years at a time. No re-appointment shall be made earlier than one year before the expiry of term.

### b) Independent Director:

An 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 of upto maximum of 5 years each, 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 Independent Director serves is restricted to seven listed companies as an Independent Director and three listed companies as an Independent Director in case such person is serving as a Whole-time Director of a listed company or such other number as may be prescribed under the Act.

# Policy for Remuneration to Directors/KMP/Senior Management Personnel

# 1) Remuneration to Managing Director / Whole-time Directors

- a) The Remuneration/ Commission etc. to be paid to Managing Director / Whole-time Directors, etc. shall be governed as per provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under or any other enactment for the time being in force and the approvals obtained from the Members of the Company.
- b) The Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall make such recommendations to the Board of Directors, as it may consider appropriate with regard to remuneration to Managing Director / Whole-time Directors.

#### 2) Remuneration to Non- Executive / Independent Directors

- a) The Non-Executive / Independent Directors may receive sitting fees and such other remuneration as permissible under the provisions of Companies Act, 2013. The amount of sitting fees shall be such as may be recommended by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
- b) All the remuneration of the Non- Executive / Independent Directors (excluding remuneration for attending meetings as prescribed under Section 197 (5) of the Companies Act, 2013) shall be subject to ceiling/ limits as provided under Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under or any other enactment for the time being in force. The amount of such remuneration shall be such as may be recommended by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board of Directors or shareholders, as the case may be.
- c) An Independent Director shall not be eligible to get Stock Options and also shall not be eligible to participate in any share based payment schemes of the Company.
- d) Any remuneration paid to Non- Executive / Independent Directors for services rendered which are of professional in nature shall not be considered as part of the remuneration for the purposes of clause (b) above if the following conditions are satisfied:
  - I. The Services are rendered by such Director in his capacity as the professional; and
  - II. In the opinion of the Committee, the director possesses the requisite qualification for the practice of that profession.

e) Remuneration /Commission may be paid within the monetary limit approved by shareholders, subject to the limit not exceeding 1% of the net profits of the Company computed as per the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

# 3) Remuneration to Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management

- a) The remuneration to Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management shall consist of fixed pay and incentive pay, in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and in accordance with the Company's Policy.
- b) The Fixed pay shall include monthly remuneration, employer's contribution to Provident Fund, contribution to pension fund, pension schemes, etc. as decided from to time.
- c) The Incentive pay shall be decided based on the balance between performance of the Company and performance of the Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management, to be decided annually or at such intervals as may be considered appropriate.
- **4)** Remuneration of employees largely consists of basic remuneration, perquisites, allowances and performance incentives. The components of remuneration vary for different employee grades and are governed by company patterns, qualifications and experience of the employee, responsibilities handled by him, his individual performances etc.

# **Review and Amendment to the Policy**

- I. The NRC or the Board may review the Policy as and when it deems necessary.
- II. The Board of Directors on its own and / or as per the recommendations of Nomination and Remuneration Committee can amend this Policy, as and when deemed fit. 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, circular(s) etc.

# **Disclosure**

- I. The details of this Policy and the evaluation criteria as applicable shall be disclosed in the Annual Report as part of Board's Report therein.
- II. It also may be put up on the Company's website and reference drawn thereto in the Annual Report.