

INDONG TEA COMPANY LIMITED

NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION POLICY

INTRODUCTION:

At all levels and all times monetary compensation has been if not the sole but the most important motivational aspect for getting the job fulfilled under any given business scenario. It is the endeavor of Indong Tea Company Limited that its Nomination & Remuneration Policy should represent the mode in which the Company carries out its business practices i.e. fair, transparent, inclusive and flexible.

The Company strives that its Remuneration Policy should attract, motivate, improve productivity and retain manpower, by creating a congenial work environment, encouraging initiatives, personal growth and team work, and inculcating a sense of belonging and involvement, besides offering appropriate remuneration packages and superannuation benefits.

This Nomination and Remuneration Policy applies to Directors, Key Managerial Personnel (KMP), Senior Management and other employees of the Company. In pursuance of the Company's policy to consider human resources as its invaluable assets, to pay equitable remuneration to all Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Employees of the company, to harmonize the aspirations of human resources consistent with the goals of the company and in terms of the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, this policy on nomination and remuneration of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) and Senior Management has been formulated by the Nomination and Remuneration/Compensation Committee ("NRC") and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company.

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE:

The Board of Directors of the Company (the Board) shall constitute the committee to be known as the Nomination and Remuneration/Compensation Committee consisting of three or more non-executive directors out of which not less than one-half are independent directors. The Chairman of the Committee is an Independent Director. However, the chairperson of the company (whether executive or nonexecutive) may be appointed as a member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee but shall not chair such Committee."

The Board has constituted the "Nomination and Remuneration Committee" of the Board on 8th February 2022. This is in line with the requirements under the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act"). This Policy and the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter are integral to the functioning of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and are to be read together. The Board has authority to reconstitute this Committee from time to time.

OBJECTIVE:

The Nomination and Remuneration/Compensation Committee and this Policy shall be in compliance with Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 read along with the applicable rules thereto. The objective of this policy is to lay down a framework in relation to remuneration of

Directors, KMP, Senior Management Personnel and other Employees. The Key Objectives of the Committee would be:

- 1.1. To guide the Board in relation to appointment and removal of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management.
- 1.2. Formulate the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a director and recommend to the Board a policy relating to the remuneration of Directors, key managerial personnel and other employees.
- 1.3. Formulation of criteria for evaluation of Independent Director and the Board.
- 1.4. To evaluate the performance of the members of the Board and provide necessary report to the Board for further evaluation of the Board.
- 1.5. To recommend to the Board on Remuneration payable to the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management.
- 1.6. To provide to Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management reward linked directly to their effort, performance, dedication and achievement relating to the Company's operations.
- 1.7. To retain, motivate and promote talent and to ensure long term sustainability of talented managerial persons and create competitive advantage.
- 1.8. To develop a succession plan for the Board and to regularly review the plan.
- 1.9. To assist the Board in fulfilling responsibilities.
- 1.10. To Implement and monitor policies and processes regarding principles of corporate governance.

APPLICABILITY:

- a. Directors (Executive and Non-Executive)
- b. Key Managerial Personnel
- c. Senior Management Personnel;
- d. Other Employees

DEFINITIONS:

- a. "Act" means the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules framed there under, as amended from time to time.
- b. "Board" means Board of Directors of the Company.
- c. "Directors" mean Directors of the Company.
- d. "Key Managerial Personnel" means

- i. Managing Director, or Chief Executive Officer or Manager and in their absence, a Whole-time Director;
 - ii. Chief Financial Officer;
 - iii. Company Secretary; and
 - iv. such other officer as may be prescribed.
- e. 'Other employees' means all employees other than the Directors, KMPs and the Senior Management Personnel.
- f. 'Policy or This Policy' means, "Nomination and Remuneration Policy."
- g. "Senior Management" means Senior Management means the personnel of the company who are members of its core management team excluding Board of Directors comprising all members of management one level below the executive directors, including the functional heads.

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 to the Board his / her appointment.
- b) A person should possess adequate qualification, expertise and experience for the position he/ she is considered for appointment. The Committee has discretion to decide whether qualification, expertise and experience possessed by a person is sufficient /satisfactory for the concerned 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 based on the explanatory statement annexed to the notice for such motion indicating the justification for extension of appointment beyond seventy years.

TERM / TENURE:

- 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.

EVALUATION:

The Committee shall carry out evaluation of performance of every Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel at regular interval (yearly).

REMOVAL:

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

RETIREMENT:

The Directors, 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.

BOARD DIVERSITY

The Board shall consist of such number of Directors, including at least one women Director and not less than fifty percent of the Board of Directors comprising non-executive directors, as is necessary to effectively manage the Company of its size. When the Chairman of the Board is a non-executive director, at least one-third of the Board should comprise independent directors and in case the Company does not have a regular non-executive Chairman or in case the regular non-executive Chairman is a promoter of the Company, at least half of the Board comprise independent directors. The Committee will lead the process for Board appointments. All Board appointments will be based on the skills, diverse experience, independence and knowledge which the Board as a whole requires to be effective. The Committee shall seek to address Board vacancies by actively considering candidates that bring a diversity of background and opinion from amongst those candidates with the appropriate background and industry or related expertise and experience. The candidates will be considered against objective criteria, having due regard to the benefits of diversity on the Board. Additionally, the Board may consider appointment of experts from various specialized fields such as finance, law, information technology, corporate strategy, marketing and business development, international business, operations management etc. so as to bring diversified skill sets on board or succeed any outgoing director with the same expertise.

POLICY FOR REMUNERATION TO DIRECTORS/KMP/SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL:

1. Remuneration to Managing/ Whole-Time / Executive/Managing Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel:

The Remuneration/ Compensation/ Commission etc., to be paid to Director/Managing Director 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.

The total rewards for KMP and Senior Management is designed to ensure their continued alignment with organizational goals. The Committee aims to ensure that KMP and Senior Management pay is reflective of market pay, consisting of a mix of base/ fixed pay, performance bonus and stock incentives.

If, in any financial year, the Company has no profits or its profits are inadequate, the Company shall pay remuneration to its Whole-time Directors in accordance with the provisions of Schedule V of the Companies Act, 2013.

2. Remuneration to Non-Executive/Independent Director:

The Non-Executive Independent Director may receive remuneration/compensation/commission as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013. The amount of sitting fees shall be subject to limits as provided under the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under or any other enactment for the time being in force.

The remuneration payable to each Non-Executive Director is based on the remuneration structure as determined by the Board, and is revised from time to time, depending on individual contribution, the Company's performance, and the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder.

The Independent Directors shall not be entitled to any stock incentive of the Company.

The remuneration to the Non-executive Directors (including Independent Directors) may be paid within the monetary limit approved by shareholders, subject to the limit not exceeding 1% of the profits of the Company computed as per the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

3. Remuneration to other Employees:

- Apart from the Directors, KMPs and Senior Management Personnel, the remuneration for rest of the employees is determined on the basis of the role and position of the individual employee, including professional experience, responsibility, job complexity and market conditions.
- The various remuneration components, basic salary, allowances, perquisites etc., may be combined to ensure an appropriate and balanced remuneration package.
- The annual increments to the remuneration paid to the employees shall be determined based on the appraisal carried out by the HODs of various departments. Decision on Annual Increments shall be made on the basis of this appraisal.

Nomination Duties:

The duties of the Committee in relation to nomination matters include:

- Ensuring that there is an appropriate induction & training programme in place for new Directors and members of Senior Management and reviewing its effectiveness;
- Ensuring that on appointment to the Board, Non-Executive Directors receive a formal letter of appointment in accordance with the Guidelines provided under the Companies Act, 2013;

- Identifying and recommending Directors who are to be put forward for retirement by rotation;
- Determining the appropriate size, diversity and composition of the Board;
- Setting a formal and transparent procedure for selecting new Directors for appointment to the Board;
- Developing a succession plan for the Board and Senior Management and regularly reviewing the plan;
- Evaluating the performance of the Board members and Senior Management in the context of the Company's performance from business and compliance perspective;
- Making recommendations to the Board concerning any matters relating to the continuation in office of any Director at any time including the suspension or termination of service of an Executive Director as an employee of the Company subject to the provision of the law and their service contract;
- Delegating any of its powers to one or more of its members or the Secretary of the Committee;
- Recommend any necessary changes to the Board;
- Considering any other matters as may be requested by the Board;

Remuneration Duties:

The duties of the Committee in relation to remuneration matters include:

- to consider and determine the Remuneration Policy, based on the performance and also bearing in mind that the remuneration is reasonable and sufficient to attract retain and motivate members of the Board and such other factors as the Committee shall deem appropriate all elements of the remuneration of the members of the Board.
- to approve the remuneration of the Senior Management including key managerial personnel of the Company maintaining a balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short- and long-term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the Company.
- to delegate any of its powers to one or more of its members or the Secretary of the Committee to consider any other matters as may be requested by the Board;

REVIEW AND AMENDMENT:

- a) This Policy is framed based on the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules thereunder and the requirements of Listing Regulations with the Stock Exchanges.
- b) In case of any subsequent changes in the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 or any other regulations which makes any of the provisions in the policy inconsistent with the Act or regulations, then the provisions of the Act or regulations would prevail over the policy and the provisions in the policy would be modified in due course to make it consistent with law.

- c) This policy shall be reviewed by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee as and when any changes are to be incorporated in the policy due to change in regulations or as may be felt appropriate by the Committee. Any changes or modification to the policy as recommended by the Committee would be placed before the Board of Directors for their approval.

Policy Sponsor : Managing Director
Approved by : The Board
Responsibility for document Management : Executive Director/ Company Secretary

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(As approved by Board of Directors at the Meeting dated 8th February, 2022)