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# Listing Agreement

#### Listing Agreement

**An Agreement** entered by the Company with the Stock Exchange for admission & qualifying for continuance of listing of its securities. It therefore becomes **obligatory** for the Company to adhere to the clauses of the agreement in its **letter and spirit**.

- Standard Listing Agreement comprises of 55 clauses.
- These clauses make obligatory for the Company to either disclose, publish, declare, deposit, submit, notify, file, inform, intimate, maintain, comply, issue, appoint, lay down procedures, pay fee etc. from time to time all the relevant information.

# **Important Clauses**

- Clause 36
- Clause 41
- Clause 49

# Clause 36

#### Intimate - immediately

 Events such as strikes, lock-outs, closure on account of power cuts, etc. - both at the time of occurrence of the event and subsequently after the cessation of the event

#### Furnish

 such information concerning the Company as the Exchange may reasonably require.

### Inform - immediately

 All the events, which will have bearing on the performance/operations of the company as well as price sensitive information.

# **Material Events**

- Change in general character or nature of business;
- Disruption of operations due to natural calamity;
- Commencement of commercial production/ operations;
- Developments with respect to pricing/realisation arising out of change in regulatory framework;
- Litigation/dispute with a material impact;
- Revision in ratings ;
- Any other information having price sensitive information.

# **Any Other Information**

#### To be made public immediately

- Issue of any class of securities;
- Acquisition, merger, de-merger, amalgamation, restructuring, scheme of arrangement, spin off or selling divisions of the company, etc.;
- Change in market lot of the company's shares, sub-division of equity shares of company;
- Voluntary delisting by the company from SE;
- Forfeiture of shares;

# **Any Other Information**

- Any action, which will result in alteration in, the terms regarding redemption/cancellation/ retirement in whole or in part of any securities issued by the company;
- Information regarding opening, closing of status of ADR, GDR, or any other class of securities to be issued abroad; and
- Cancellation of dividend/rights/bonus, etc.

## Clause 41

- Preparation and submission of Financial Results;
- Manner of Approval and authentication of the Financial Results;
- Intimation of Board Meeting;
- Other Requirements as to Financial Results;
- Formats;
- Publication of financial results in newspaper;
- Interpretation

# Preparation and submission of Financial Results

- Accrual accounting policy;
- To submit quarterly, year-to-date and annual;
- Option to submit audited or unaudited quarterly and year to date;
- If unaudited 45 days of closure of quarter;
- If Annual Audited 60 days of closure of last quarter;
- If subsidiaries the Co. may then submit consolidated FR;

# Preparation and submission of Financial Results

- In case of half year to submit a statement of assets and liabilities;
- Where company opts for unaudited for last qtrthe above statement should be attached to audited AFR;
- FR needs to be submitted within 15 minutes of approval;
- Auditor giving limited review or auditor's report should be subjected to peer review

# Manner of Approval

- Quarterly Results Approval by the Board or committee there of other than Audit Committee;
- If approved by the Committee- place in the next Board meeting;
- Constitution of Committee to have at least 1/3 rd of Director including MD & one Independent;
- FR to be signed by the Chairman/MD/WTD or in absence by any Director so authorised;
- The LRR to be placed before the Board/Committee thereof if there is variation exceeding 10% in Un-audited amended pursuant to LR;
- The Annual FR to be approved by the Board and signed as mentioned above.

# **Intimation of Board Meeting**

- 7 clear Calendar days prior intimation of date and purpose of the meeting of the Board or Committee considering FR;
- Simultaneously issue a public notice in at least in one English Daily and one daily of the language of the region where Registered Office is situated.

# Other Requirements

- Submit explanation of the reasons for variations to SE;
- In case of qualification/reservation, the same needs to be submitted alongwith the FR;
- In case of qualification/reservation for previous FY, then a note on how the qualification or other reservation has been resolved or if not resolved then reasons thereof;
- In case of change in name suggesting new line of business then the information related to new name should be separately mentioned in the FR for next 3 years;
- In case of non commencement of commercial production details instead of FR.

# Other Requirements

- Adherence to AS 25 w.r.t. recognition and measurement principles;
- Disclosure of all items of Income and expenditure arising out of transaction of exceptional nature;
- Disclosure of Extra-ordinary items;
- Disclosure of the effect on FR of material changes;
- Disclosure of No. of Investor complaints.

## **Formats**

 Strict Adherence to formats provided in the Listing Agreement.

# Publication of FR in Newspaper

- Within 48 hours of conclusion of the Board/Committee Publish a copy of FR in at least in one English Daily and one daily of the language of the region where Registered Office is situated;
- Publication of Qualifications or reservations alongwith Results;
- Publication of Consolidated FR in addition to stand-alone FR;
- To provide a reference of Company's and Stock Exchanges website where the standalone results are available.



# Clause 49

### **Board of Directors - Composition**

- Optimum combination of Executive & Nonexecutive Directors (NED not less than 50%)
- At least 1 woman director
- No. of Independent Directors
  - In case the Board has a Non-executive Chairman (NEC) then at least one-third Independent Directors otherwise one half
  - In case the NEC is a promoter or related to promoter/ person occupying management positions at Board level or one level below the board, at least one-half.

- A Non-executive Director, other than nominee director of the company who:
  - apart from receiving director's remuneration, does not have any material pecuniary relationships/transactions with the company, its promoters, directors, senior management or holding co., subsidiaries and associates affecting independence of the director;
  - is not related to promoters or directors in the company, its holding or holding, subsidiary or associate co.;
  - has not been KMP/ employee of the co., its holding, subsidiary or associate co. in the immediately preceding 3 FY;

- is not a an employee or partner or proprietor during the preceding three years, of any of the following:
  - a firm of auditors/ CS in practice/ Cost auditor of the co., its holding, subsidiary or associate co., or
  - the legal firm(s) and consulting firm(s) that has or had any transaction with the co., its holding, subsidiary or associate co. amounting to 10% or more of gross turnover of the company;
- does not hold together with relatives 2% or more of total voting power of the company;
- is not a material supplier, service provider/ customer/lessor/ lessee of the company, which may affect independence of the director;

- is not a substantial shareholder of the company i.e. owning 2% or more of the block of voting shares.
- is not less than 21 years of age.

#### Limit on number of directorships

- A person shall not serve as an Independent director in more than 7 listed companies; or
- A person serving as WTD in any listed company shall serve as ID in not more than 3 listed companies

#### Maximum tenure

 As per Companies Act, 2013 and any clarifications/ circulars issued by MCA in this regard, from time to time.

#### Formal letter of appointment

- Issue formal letter of appointment to ID; and
- Disclose the terms and conditions of appointment on company's website.

#### **Performance Evaluation (PE)**

- Nomination and Remuneration Committee to lay down evaluation criteria;
- Disclosure of the criteria in the Annual report;
- PE to be done by the entire Board of directors;
- PE report to become the basis of the term of the ID.

#### Separate meetings

- Hold at least one meeting in a year, without the attendance of non-independent directors and members of management;
- The agenda to include review the performance of NED and Board as a whole; Chairperson of the company and assess the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information.

#### Familiarisation programme

- Company to familiarise ID.
- Familiarisation programme to include brief about the company, its business model, nature of industry, roles and responsibilities in the company.
- Disclose details of such programme on company's website
- Provide web-link in the Annual report.

#### **Directors**

#### **NED** compensation and disclosure

- Fixed by the BOD subject to previous approval of members, as the case may be.
- Shareholders resolution to specify the maximum limit of stock options.
- ID shall not be entitled to any stock options.



#### Limit for Chairmanship/Membership of Committee

A Director shall not be

- a member in more than 10 committees in all public Limited Companies; or
- act as Chairman of more than 5 committees across all companies in which he is a Director (Audit Committee & Stakeholders Relationship Committee only).

#### **Review**

Compliance report of all laws applicable to the company.

#### **Code of Conduct**

- Board to lay code of conduct for all Board members and senior management. Also post it on website.
- Board members and senior management personnel to affirm compliance to code of conduct on annual basis.
   Annual Report to contain a declaration to this effect signed by CEO.
- To incorporate duties of ID as laid down in Companies Act,
   2013.

# Whistle Blower Policy

- Company to establish vigil mechanism for directors and employees
- Mechanism to provide for adequate safeguards against victimization of directors/ employees who avail this mechanism.
- Details to be disclosed on website and in Board's report.

#### **Audit Committee**

- Company to constitute an audit committee with terms of reference
- At least three members- two thirds independent
- Chairman to be independent must attend every AGM
- All members financially literate & at least 1 member to have accounting or related financial management expertise.
- CS to act as the secretary to the committee
- Must meet at least 4 times a year quorum = 2 members or 1/3<sup>rd</sup> members of committee, but minimum 2 ID must be present.

#### **Audit Committee - Powers**

- Seek information from any employee
- Investigate all matters within the terms of reference
- Obtain outside legal/ professional advice
- To invite outside experts

#### **Audit Committee - Role**

- Oversee financial reporting process
- Recommend to the Board the hiring and firing of statutory auditors and confirming their remuneration
- To review working of whistle blower mechanisms
- Discussing significant findings and follow ups with internal auditors
- Approval of payment to statutory auditors for any other services rendered
- Reviewing with the management annual/ quarterly financial statements before they are vetted by board;

#### **Audit Committee - Role**

- Reviewing the adequacy of structures, staffing and examining the scope of internal audit department
- Other functions specified in terms of reference
- Quarterly financial statements
- Performance of Statutory & Internal Auditors
- Statement of significant related party transactions submitted by management
- Management letters and letters of internal control weakness issued by the statutory auditors

#### **Audit Committee - Role**

- Internal audit reports relating to internal control weakness
- Review of appointment, removal and terms of remuneration of chief internal auditor
- Review of Management Discussion and Analysis (MDA)
   Report of financial condition and result of operations



- Company to constitute nomination and remuneration committee
- At least three directors, all shall be non-executive directors, and half shall be independent
- Chairman to be independent
- Chairman may be appointed member of NRC, but not chair such Committee
- May attend AGM, or delegate a person to answer shareholder's queries.

## **Subsidiary Companies**

- At least one independent director on the Board of the Listed Company shall be a director on the Board of a material non-Listed Indian Subsidiary Company
- The Audit Committee of the Listed holding company will review the financial statement, in particular, investments of the unlisted subsidiary company
- The minutes of the Board Meetings of the unlisted subsidiary shall be placed at the Board Meeting of the listed holding company
- The company to formulate a policy for determining 'material' subsidiaries. Disclosure on company's website and a web-link in Annual Report.

### **Subsidiary Companies**

- The company to formulate a policy for determining 'material' subsidiaries. Disclosure on company's website and a web-link in Annual Report.
  - Subsidiary to be considered material if investment in subsidiary exceeds 20% of its consolidated net worth as per audited balance sheet; or
  - Subsidiary generated 20% consolidated income during previous FY

### Risk Management

#### Risk Management

- Company to lay down procedures to inform Board members about risk assessments & minimization procedures.
- Constitute Risk Management Committee.
- Define the roles and responsibilities of Risk Management Committee.
- Majority of members to consist of Board of Directors.
- Senior executives may be made members of the said Committee.

- Related party transaction is a transfer of resources, services, or obligations between a company and a related party, regardless of whether a price is charged or not.
- 'Transaction' to include a single transaction or a group of transactions.
- 'Related party' as defined under S.2(76) of Companies Act, 2013;or
  - Such entity is a related party under applicable accounting standards.

- Company to formulate a policy on materiality of RPT and also on dealing with RPT.
  - Transaction to be considered 'material' if entered into individually/ taken together with previous transactions during a FY, exceeds 10% of annual consolidated turnover of the company as per last audited financial statements of the company.
- All RPT to require prior approval of Audit Committee. AC can grant omnibus approval.
- All material RPT shall require approval of shareholders through special resolution; RP to abstain from voting on such resolutions.

#### **Exceptions to RPT**

- Transactions entered between two govt. companies;
- Transactions entered between a holding & its wholly owned subsidiary



Company to disclose policy on dealing with RPT on its website & a web-link thereto be provided in Annual Report.

#### Accounting Treatment

Where a different treatment than in the accounting standard followed, disclose in financial statements, also an explanation by the management justifying the above treatment.

#### Remuneration of Directors

All pecuniary relationship or transactions of NED vis-à-vis the company to be disclosed in Annual Report.

### **Disclosures of**

#### Management

Management Discussion and Analysis report to form part of Annual Report together with specified disclosures. - **49(VIII)D** 

#### Shareholders

- In case of appointment/ re-appointment;
- Brief resume;
- Nature of expertise in specific functional area;
- Other cos. in which he holds directorship/ membership;
- Shareholding of NED.
- Disclosure of relationship among directors inter-se, in Annual Report.
- Quarterly results and presentations made to analysts, on cos website, or to be sent to stock exchange

### CFO / CEO certification

- CEO or MD or Manager, in their absence WTD Appointed Under Companies Act
- to certify to the board:
  - that they have reviewed financial statements and to the best of their knowledge and belief:
  - No materially untrue statement/omission of material fact/ misleading statement
  - Statements together present true and fair view of company's state of affairs are in compliance with existing accounting standards, applicable laws and regulations.
- They establish responsibility for establishing and maintaining internal controls

### Report on Corporate Governance

- Separate section on Corporate Governance in Annual Report
- Company to submit quarterly compliance report to Stock Exchanges within 15 days from the close of quarter.
- Such report to be signed by Compliance Officer or CEO.



### **Compliance Certificate**

- Obtain compliance certificate from auditors or practicing company secretary.
- Disclosure of mandatory/ non-mandatory requirements to be made in Corporate Governance section of Annual report.

### Periodic Compliances

- Advance;
- Immediate/Simultaneously;
- After;
- Quarterly;
- Half yearly; &
- Annually

from the happening of an event or action

### **Atleast one month - Advance**

#### File

 Draft Scheme/petition u/s 391, 394, 101 to be filed with Court or tribunal for Amalgamation/Merger/reduction in share capital - 24(f)

## Atleast 21 days - Advance

- Date on or from will be payable
  - Interest on debentures and bonds;
  - Redemption of debentures/bonds and redeemable shares - 21
  - Proposed change in the
    - form/nature of any listed securities;
    - Rights/privileges of holders thereof 28

### **Atleast 7 working days - Advance**

### Notify

- Date of Book Closure /Record Date specifying the purpose i.e.,
  - Declaration of dividend;
  - Issue of right or bonus shares;
  - Issue of shares for conversion of debentures;
  - Shares arising out of rights attached to debentures;
  - At the time of AGM 16

Ensure a gap of 30 days between two book closures/RD - **16**.

Corporate actions in case of derivatives or where stock forms part of an index; Mergers, De-mergers, Bonus; Split
 16.

# Atleast 7 clear calendar days - Advance

#### Intimate

Date and purpose of Board/ Committee meeting for considering in which financial results to be considered (excluding the date of intimation and meeting). – 41-III(a)

#### Issue

 Public Notice simultaneously in Newspaper immediately related to date of Board meeting for consideration of Accounts - 41-III (b)

### **Atleast 5 days - Advance**

### Declare / Recommend

 Dividend/cash bonus before Book closure or record date fixed for the purpose -19

## Atleast 2 days - Advance

#### Intimate

 Date of Board meeting for considering Buyback, declaration/recommendation of Dividend or Rights or issue of convertible debentures or debentures carrying right to subscribe to equity shares or passing over of dividend or issue of right. -19

# 1 day - Advance

 File Shareholding pattern separately for each class of equity shares/security one day prior to listing; -35(a).

# Simultaneously

### Notify

 In case the proposal for declaration of bonus is communicated to the Board as part of agenda papers. –
 19(b)

#### Issue

Letters of Allotment/Regret/Right -1

# Simultaneously

### **Publish**

- Statement indicating variations between projected and actual utilisation of funds /profitability made in prospectus/letter of Pref. Issue alongwith unaudited/ audited financial results Statement as under 43a - 43(b).
- Statement indicating material deviation in use of proceeds of public or rights issue from objects stated in the Offer documents alongwith interim or annual financial results Statement as under 43A1. – 43A(3).
- Material deviations in use of receipts of Public/Rights Issue as pointed out by the monitoring agency after review of Audit Committee – 43A(4).
- Notice in Newspaper if Regret letters not issued simultaneously with allotment letters - 1

- Attachment/ Prohibitory order for transferring any securities of the Company -13;
- Furnish information to the exchange relating to redemption of Securities-26;
- Grant of any option to purchase any share; or
- Change or cancellation or exercise in such option -25

- Any action resulting in redemption, cancellation or retirement in whole or any part of the securities listed;
- Of the intention to make drawing, date of drawing, period of closing Transfer books for drawing;
- Of amount of outstanding security after drawing-27;
- Proposed change in the general character or Nature of business -29.
- Change in the Directorate, Managing Director, Company Secretary & Auditors -30.

- Occurrence of event having bearing on performance of the Company or price sensitive information e.g.
  - Change in general character or nature of business;
  - Disruption of operations due to natural calamity;
  - Commencement of commercial production/operations;
  - Developments with respect to pricing/realisation arising out of change in regulatory framework;
  - Litigation/dispute with a material impact;
  - Revision in ratings;
  - Any other information having price sensitive information
    -36
- Also make above information public immediately 36

#### Forward

- 6 copies of Annual Report along with Form A or Form B, Balance Sheets and P/L Accounts & all periodical and special reports;. -31
- Copies of all Notices sent to shareholders related to amendment in MOA/AOA -33
- **File** 6 copies of Amendment in MOA/AOA (one duly certified) as soon as adopted in General Meeting -33
- Notify immediately upon entering into agreements with media companies. - 53

### Within 15 minutes

#### Intimate

- Dividend, Cash bonus, decision to pass any dividend/ interest payment, Interest, Bonus, Buy-back, Financial highlights after the closure of the Board meeting -20
- Any increase/alteration in capital, reissue of forfeited shares; any significant information to appraise Company's position and to avoid establishment of false market.-22
- Financial results after its approval in the Board /Committee meeting -41(f)

### Within 24 hours

#### Submit

 Half yearly Certificate from Practising Company Secretary regarding timely transfer, sub-division, consolidation, renewal, exchange or endorsement of calls/allotment monies. – 47(c)

### With in 48 hours

#### Publish

- Financial results (FR)after its approval in the Board /Committee meeting in
  - one English newspaper and vernacular newspaper -41(VI)(a)
- If Audited FR, auditor's qualifications and reservations also41(VI)(a)

### With in 48 hours

- Furnish/ Submit
  - Voting results after General Meeting in the specified format - 35A
  - Information regarding loss of share certificates 47(d)
  - Issue of duplicate certificates 47(d)
  - Copy of Memorandum of Understanding with RTA after the same has been entered with – 47(e)

# Within 2 working days

#### Disclose

 Information received under Regulation 13(1), (2), (3) and (4) under SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 1992

## Within 7 days

#### Disclose

 Issue of Split, consolidation and renewal receipts within one week from the date of lodgement. – 4d

# Within 10 days

 File Shareholding pattern within 10days of any capital restructuring resulting in change exceeding +/- 2% of total paid-up share capital; -35(c).

# Within 15 days

- Submit Corporate Governance Report after the close of the every quarter as per format given in Annexure XI, to be signed by Compliance Officer or CEO- 49 (X)(B);
- Issue certificates within 15 days of the date of lodgement for transfer, sub-division, consolidation, renewal, exchange, endorsement of call/allotment money etc. -3c

# Within 21 days

#### File

 Shareholding pattern/Distribution schedule after the close of the every quarter -35 (b)

# Within 30 days/one month

#### Pay

- Annual listing fee after the close of the every financial year on the basis of the capital;-38
- Interest @ 15% p.a. If allotment not made/refund orders not dispatched from the date of closure if issue. -44(b)

#### Allot

 As far as possible allotment of Securities of the Company after the closure of the public issue -44(a)

# Within 45 days

### Declare/Furnish to SE

 Un-audited financial results after the closure of the quarter -41(I)(c)

#### Submit

- Limited Review Report by the Statutory Auditors on the quarterly un-audited financial results -41(I)(c)(i)
- In case of subsidiaries quarterly and year to date Consolidated Financial Results from the end of the quarter -41(I)(e)(i)
- Issue new certificates within six weeks of notification of loss and receipt of proper indemnity. – 3(e)

# Within 60 days

#### Submit

- Audited Financial Results of entire FY and last quarter41(I)(d)
- In case of subsidiaries Audited Consolidated Financial Results from the end of the FY -41(I)(e)(ii)

# Quarterly

#### Submit

- Distribution of shareholding/Shareholding pattern -35
- Un-audited financial results -41
- Statement of variations between projected and actual utilisation of funds of Preference Issue and profitability
   -43(a)
- Statement indicating material deviations in use of proceeds of a public/rights issue from the objects stated in the offer document -43A.(1)
- Corporate Governance Compliance Report 49 X(B)

# **Half-yearly**

#### Submit

 Certificate from Practising Company Secretary regarding timely transfer, sub-division and consolidation of securities within one month of end of the each half year of F Y- 47(c)

# Annually

### Deposit

- Listing fee calculated on the basis of Capital as on March 31, of every year on or before 30<sup>th</sup> April. -38(a)
- Payment of Annual Custodian fees to depositories38 (b)



- Issue of Receipts of Securities deposited with the Co. as and when required -2
- Send 3 reminders to all the
  - Allottees whose shares remained unclaimed pursuant to public or any other issue -5AI & 5AII
- Disclosure in Annual Report of the shares lying in the unclaimed suspense account - 5AI & 5AII (g) & (h)
- Registration of Power of Attorney/Probate/Letters of Administration /Death Certificate/Certificate of Controller of Estate Duty or other similar document -7

- Not charge any fees
  - for providing specified services to investors 8
  - exceeding the amount agreed upon with the exchange for issue of new share certificate - 9
- To effect transfer of shares where there is not material difference in the signatures by giving 15 days notice to the Regd. holder. - 12A
- Date of book closure should be inconsonance with Stock Exchange- Settlement of transactions -15
- Declare and disclose Dividend on per share basis -20A

- Ensure that no scheme/petition of merger/amalgamations etc. violate any listing provision or securities laws 24(g)
- Restate its books of accounts on Directions issued by SEBI or other statutory authorities 31A
- Supply full Annual Reports (soft copy) to the shareholders whose email ID is registered 32(i)
- Supply full Annual Reports (hard copy) upon application of any shareholder -32 (iii)
- Continuous Disclosure Net Sales/Income, Expenditure, Net Profit of new line for 3 years in case of change in name having new line of business - 32
- Incase of any notice to shareholders by way of advertisement the same needs to be published at least in one leading Mumbai daily newspaper -34(g)

- Provide e-voting facility to its share holders -35B(i)
- Mention internet link of e-voting platform in the notice to shareholders -35B(iv)
- Comply the provisions of SEBI (Employee Stock Option Schemes and Employee Stock Purchase Schemes)
   Guidelines 1999 -35C.

- Ensure Minimum level of Public Shareholding as specified in the Rule 19(2) and Rule 19A of SC(R) Rules 1957 – 40A;
- Follow SEBI Takeover Regulations in case of change in control of management – 40B;
- Deposit prior to the opening of subscription list amount calculated at 1% 42;
- Ensure Compliance with all SEBI Issue of Capital & Disclosure (ICDR) Regulations 2009 – 46
- Appoint Company Secretary as Compliance Officer 47(a)
- Designate email ID of grievance redressel division/compliance officer and display the same on website - 47(f)

- To cooperate with credit rating agencies for periodical review of securities during life time of rated securities. -48
- Comply with all the Accounting standards issued by ICAI from time to time. -50
- File Annual Report, Distribution schedule, CGR, Action taken by any authority or such other filing under Corporate Filing & Dissemination System (CFDS) as and when they become due in consonance with the respective clause. - 52
- Maintain a functional website. 54
- Submit BRR as part of their Annual Report 55



