

**CIPLA LIMITED**  
**NOMINATION, REMUNERATION AND BOARD DIVERSITY POLICY**

**PREAMBLE AND TITLE**

This Policy shall be called the Nomination, Remuneration and Board Diversity Policy (the “Policy”).

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) at their meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 has approved and adopted this revised Policy, on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (“NRC”), in compliance with the requirements under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder (the “Act”), and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“the Listing Regulations”) as amended from time to time.

**OBJECTIVE**

This Policy is intended to achieve the following objectives:

- a) To lay down criteria and terms and conditions with regard to identifying persons who are qualified to become Directors (Executive and Non-executive including Independent Directors), Key Managerial Personnel and persons who may be appointed in senior management positions.
- b) To provide framework for remuneration of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management Personnel and align with the Company’s business strategies, values, key priorities and goals.
- c) To provide for rewards linked directly to the effort, performance, dedication and achievement of Company’s targets by the employees.
- d) To lay down approach for Board diversity.

**SCOPE**

This Policy does not cover temporary or contractual employees, trainees, apprentices, consultants engaged on a retainer basis or otherwise and casual labour.

**DEFINITIONS**

- a) **“Applicable Law”** includes any statute, law, regulation, ordinance, rule, judgment, order, decree, bye-law, clearance, directive, guideline, notification and clarification or other governmental instruction and/or mandatory standards as may be applicable to the Company from time to time.
- b) **“Company”** means Cipla Limited.
- c) **“Employee”** means any person who is in the permanent employment of the Company.
- d) **“Senior Management Personnel”** means officers/personnel of the Company who are members of its Core Management Team (i.e. Management Council Members) excluding Board Members comprising all members of management one level below the chief executive officer / managing

director / whole time director / manager (including chief executive officer / manager, in case they are not part of the board) and shall specifically include the persons identified and designated as key managerial personnel other than the board of directors (except administrative support staff / executive assistants), including the Functional Heads.

Words and expressions not defined in this policy shall have the same meaning as contained in the Act and the Listing Regulations.

#### **APPLICABILITY OF PARTS**

- a) Part I provides for criteria for appointment of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, Senior Management Personnel and other employees;
- b) Part II deals with remuneration of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, Senior Management Personnel and other employees (parameters, components and limit).

#### **PART I: APPOINTMENT**

##### **GENERAL CRITERIA**

- a) The Board shall comprise of optimum number of Directors as is necessary to effectively manage the affairs of the Company. Subject to a minimum of 3 and maximum of 15, the Board shall have an appropriate combination of Executive, Non-Executive, Independent and Women.
- b) The NRC shall be responsible for identifying suitable candidate for appointment as Director of the Company. While evaluating a person for appointment / re-appointment as Director, the Committee shall consider and evaluate number of factors including but not limited to background, knowledge, skills, abilities (ability to exercise sound judgement), professional experience and functional expertise, educational and professional background, personal accomplishment, age, experience of pharma sector / industry, marketing, technology, finance and other disciplines relevant to the business etc. and such other factors that the Committee might consider relevant and applicable from time to time towards achieving a diverse Board.
- c) The proposed candidate shall possess appropriate expertise, experience and knowledge in one or more fields of finance, law, management, sales, marketing, administration, medical science, pharmaceutical, corporate governance or such other areas related to the Company's business as determined by the NRC.
- d) During the term of the office, every director shall -
  - uphold ethical standards of integrity and probity;
  - act objectively and constructively;
  - exercise responsibilities in a bona-fide manner in the interest of the Company;
  - shall be free from any disqualifications as stipulated under the Act as well as the Listing Regulations;
  - shall be able to devote sufficient time and efforts in discharge of duties and responsibilities effectively.

**APPOINTMENT OF MANAGING DIRECTOR/ WHOLE-TIME DIRECTOR**

The Board based on the recommendation of the NRC shall be responsible for identifying suitable candidate for the position of Managing Director/Whole-time Director.

The terms and conditions of the appointment shall be in accordance with the provisions of Applicable Law.

**APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR**

While evaluating a person for appointment / re-appointment as an Independent Director, the Committee shall ensure that the proposed candidate satisfies the following additional criteria:

- a) Meet the baseline definition and criteria of “independence” as set out in section 149 of the Act, the Listing Regulations and other applicable laws.
- b) Should not hold any board / employment position with a competitor in the geographies where the Company is operating. However, the Board may in special circumstances waive this requirement.
- c) Has attained minimum age of 25 years and is not older than 70 years.
- d) Does not hold independent directorship in more than seven listed entities.
- e) Does not hold directorship in more than three listed entities if serving as a whole time director in any listed entity

An Independent Director shall be under the obligation to inform the Board of Directors of any change in circumstances which may affect his/her independence.

The re-appointment / extension of term of the Director shall be on the basis of their performance evaluation report.

**APPOINTMENT OF KEY MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL (NOT BEING A DIRECTOR)**

- a) The Managing Director and Global Chief Executive Officer (“MD & GCEO”) shall be responsible for identifying suitable candidate for the position of Key Managerial Personnel i.e. Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary and other Senior Management Personnel;
- b) While evaluating a candidate for appointment as Key Managerial Personnel or Senior Management Personnel factors such as, competence, integrity, qualifications, expertise, skills and experience shall be taken into consideration;
- c) The appointment of Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management Personnel shall be approved by the Board on recommendation of the NRC and the MD & GCEO.

### **APPOINTMENT OF OTHER EMPLOYEES**

The appointment of other employees shall be made on the basis of the experience, qualification, expertise of the individual as well as the roles and responsibilities required for the position and shall be approved by the Human Resource Department under the overall control of the MD & GCEO.

### **REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS, KMP OR SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

- a) The removal of directors, KMP or senior management personnel may be warranted due to reasons such as disqualification prescribed under the applicable laws, performance, disciplinary reasons, etc.
- b) The removal of any director can be recommended by NRC in consultation with the Chairman / Vice Chairperson to the Board. The removal shall be finally approved by the shareholders' basis recommendation of the Board.
- c) The removal of KMP and senior management personnel shall be approved by the Board basis recommendation of the NRC and MD&GCEO.

## **PART II: REMUNERATION**

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

- a) The overall limits of remuneration of the board members including executive board members (i.e.) managing director, whole-time director, executive directors etc.) are governed by the provisions of section 197 of the Act read with the Rules and Schedules made thereunder and shall be approved by the shareholders of the Company.
- b) Within the overall limit approved by the shareholders, on the recommendation of the NRC, the Board shall determine the remuneration. The Board can determine different remuneration for different directors on the basis of their role, responsibilities, duties, time involvement etc.
- c) While determining the remuneration to Directors, KMP, Senior Management Personnel and other employees, the following shall be ensured:
  - The level and composition of remuneration is reasonable and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate directors, KMP, senior management and other employees of the quality required to run the Company successfully;
  - Relationship of remuneration to performance is clear and meets appropriate benchmarks and
  - Remuneration to directors, KMP, senior management and other employees involves a balance of fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the Company and its goals.

### **REMUNERATION TO MANAGING DIRECTOR/WHOLE-TIME DIRECTOR**

The shareholders shall approve maximum permissible amount which can be paid to the Managing Director/Whole-time Director. Within the overall limits approved by the shareholders, on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, the Board shall have the authority to revise the remuneration from time to time.

The Managing Director / Whole-time Director (other than promoters) shall also be eligible for the grant of stock options, under the applicable Employee Stock Option Scheme of the Company, as may be decided by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee from time to time.

#### **REMUNERATION TO NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 197 of the Act and the shareholders' approval, the Board has approved the following remuneration for Non-Executive Directors (including Independent Directors):

Non-Executive Directors shall be entitled to the following sitting fees attending the board meeting and the board committee meeting:

- Board Meeting – INR 1,00,000 per board meeting
- Committee Meeting – INR 50,000 per committee meeting (meetings except for Operations and Administrative Committee)

The Non-Executive Directors shall be entitled to such commission as approved by the Board within the overall limits approved by the shareholders. In no case the commission shall exceed 1% of the profits of the Company computed as per the applicable provisions of the Act

The sitting fee shall be payable immediately after the board / board committee meeting to those directors who attend the meeting. The Commission shall be payable at the end of the financial year after approval of the annual financial statements by the Board.

The Promoter Directors and the Independent Directors will not be entitled for grant of Stock Options.

All the Directors shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenditure incurred by him/her for attending Board/Committee meetings, general meetings, court convened meetings, meetings with shareholders/creditors/management, site visits, induction and training programmes and in obtaining professional advice from independent advisors in furtherance of his/her duties as a director.

#### **REMUNERATION TO KEY MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL, SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND OTHER EMPLOYEES (NOT BEING A DIRECTOR)**

The MD&GCEO shall propose the remuneration for the KMPs and Senior Management Personnel to the NRC. The Board shall have the final authority to approve the remuneration based on recommendation of NRC.

The remuneration including revision in remuneration of other employees shall be decided by the Human Resources Department in consultation with the matrix manager within the overall framework of compensation and appraisal practices of the Company and under the overall authority of the MD&GCEO.

The remuneration may include basic salary, allowances, perquisites, performance linked incentive, retirement benefits, joining / retention bonus, long-term or retention incentives, leave travel concessions, ex-gratia / one-time payments, medical benefits, housing / other loans at concessional rates, severance package or any other component / benefits.

The Key Managerial Personnel, Senior Management Personnel and other employees of the Company (not being a Director) shall also be eligible for grant of stock options, wherever deemed fit, under the

applicable Employee Stock Option Scheme of the Company, as may be decided by the NRC from time to time.

#### **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY**

All directors and officers (including Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management Personnel) of the Company would be covered by the requisite Directors and Officers Liability Insurance Policy.

#### **BOARD DIVERSITY**

- a) The Company acknowledges the importance of diversity in its broadest sense in the Boardroom as a driver of Board effectiveness. Diversity encompasses diversity of perspective, experience, education, background, ethnicity and personal attributes. The Company recognizes that gender diversity is a significant aspect of diversity and acknowledges the role that woman with the right skills and experience can play in contributing to diversity of perspective in the Boardroom.
- b) The NRC shall review and evaluate Board composition to ensure that the Board and its Committees have the appropriate mix of skills, experience, independence and knowledge to ensure their continued effectiveness. In doing so, it will take into account diversity, including diversity of gender, amongst other relevant factors. The NRC will ensure that no person is discriminated against on grounds of religion, race, gender, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, national origin or ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation or any other personal or physical attribute which does not speak to such person's ability to perform as a Board member.
- c) All appointments to the Board (as recommended by the NRC) shall be made on merit while taking into account suitability for the role, Board balance and composition, the required mix of skills, background and experience (including consideration of diversity and ethnicity). Other relevant matters such as independence and the ability to fulfil required time commitments in the case of Independent and Non-Executive Directors will also be taken into account.
- d) The NRC shall monitor and periodically review the Board Diversity and recommend to the Board so as to improve one or more aspects of its diversity and measure progress accordingly.
- e) The Company will be able to ensure Board diversity if shareholders are able to judge for themselves whether the Board as constituted is adequately diverse. The Company shall continue to provide sufficient information to the shareholders about the qualifications, expertise and characteristics of each Board Member.

#### **ADMINISTRATION, REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF THE POLICY**

The NRC shall monitor and periodically review the Policy and recommend the necessary changes to the Board for its approval.

The Global Chief Financial Officer and the Company Secretary are jointly authorised to amend the policy to give effect to any changes/amendments notified by Ministry of Corporate Affairs or the Securities and Exchange Board of India or any other regulatory authority. The amended policy shall be placed before the Board for noting and ratification.

The Board shall have the power to amend any of the provisions of this Policy, substitute any of the provisions with a new provision or replace this Policy entirely with a new Policy.

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