

## **A**PPPLICABILITY:

Considering the requirements for approval of related party transactions as prescribed under the Companies act, 2013 (“Act”) read with the Rules framed under and Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement (as amended by SEBI Circular dated April 17, 2014 and September 15, 2014), Vimal Oil & Foods Limited (“VOFL” OR “the Company”) has formulated guidelines for identification of related parties and proper conduct and documentation of all related transactions.

Also, Clause 49(VII)(C) of the Listing Agreement requires a Company to formulate a policy on materiality of related party transactions and dealing with related party transactions.

Amendments, from time to time, to the Policy, if any, shall be considered by the Board based on the recommendations of the Audit Committee.

This Policy applies to transactions between the Company and one or more of its Related Parties. It provides a framework for governance and reporting of Related Party Transactions including material transactions.

## **P**OLICY OBJECTIVES:

This policy is framed as per requirement of Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement entered by the Company with the Stock Exchanges and intended to ensure due and timely identification, approval, disclosure and reporting of transactions between the Company and any of its Related Parties

Such transactions are appropriate only if they are in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders. The Company is required to disclose each year in the Financial Statements certain transactions between the Company and Related Parties as well as policies concerning transactions with Related Parties.

The Audit Committee shall review and approve all Related Party Transactions based on this Policy. In the case of frequent / regular / repetitive transactions which are in the normal course of business of the Company, the Committee may grant standing pre –approval / omnibus approval, details whereof are given in a separate section of this Policy.

In exceptional cases, where a prior approval is not taken due to an inadvertent omission or due to unforeseen circumstances, the Committee may ratify the transactions in accordance with this Policy.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

**“Audit Committee or Committee”** means the Committee of the Board constituted from time to time under the provisions of Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement and Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013.

**“Board”** means the Board of Directors as defined under the Companies Act, 2013.

**“Key Managerial Personnel”** means Key Managerial Personnel as defined under the Companies Act, 2013.

**“Material Related Party Transaction”** means a Related Party Transaction which individually or taken together with previous transactions during the financial year, exceeds ten percent of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company as per the last audited financial statements of the Company or such limits as may be prescribed either in the Companies Act, 2013 or the Listing Agreement, whichever is stricter, from time to time.

**“Related Party”** a means related party as defined under the Companies Act, 2013 read with Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement and as amended from time to time.

**“Related Party Transaction”** means any transaction between the Company and any Related Party for transfer of resources, services or obligations, regardless of whether a price is charged and includes –

- a. Sale, purchase or supply of any goods or materials;
- b. Selling or otherwise disposing of, or buying property of any kind;
- c. Leasing of property of any kind;
- d. Availing or rendering of any services;
- e. Appointment of any agent for the purchase or sale of goods, materials, services or property;
- f. Such related party's appointment to any office or place of profit in the Company, its subsidiary Company or associate Company;
- g. Underwriting the subscription of any securities or derivatives thereof, of the Company;
- h. Financing (including loans and equity contributions in cash or kind);
- i. Providing or obtaining guarantees and collaterals; and
- j. Deputation of employees.

(The above is an indicative list and not an exhaustive one).

**“Relative”** means a relative as defined under the Companies Act, 2013 and includes anyone who is related in any of the following manner –

- a. Members of a Hindu undivided family;
- b. Husband or wife;
- c. Father (including step-father);
- d. Mother (including step-mother);
- e. Son (including step-son);
- f. Son’s wife;
- g. Daughter;
- h. Daughter’s husband;
- i. Brother (including step-brother); or
- j. Sister (including step-sister).

**“Transaction”** with a related party shall be construed to include a single transaction or a group of transactions.

The terms **Director, Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary**, shall have the same meaning as assigned under the Companies Act, 2013.

## **IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:**

Each Director and Key Managerial Personnel is responsible for providing notice to the Board or Audit Committee of any potential Related Party Transaction involving him or her or his or her Relative, including any additional information about the transaction that the Board/Audit Committee may reasonably request. Board/Audit Committee will determine whether the transaction does, in fact, constitute a Related Party Transaction requiring compliance with this policy.

The Company strongly prefers to receive such notice of any potential Related Party Transaction well in advance so that the Audit Committee/Board has adequate time to obtain and review information about the proposed transaction.

## **PROHIBITIONS RELATED TO RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:**

All Related Party Transactions shall require prior approval of the Audit Committee. However, the Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for Related Party Transactions proposed to be entered into by the company subject to the following conditions:

- a) The Audit Committee shall lay down the criteria for granting the omnibus approval in line with the policy on Related Party Transactions of the Company and such approval shall be applicable in respect of transactions which are repetitive in nature.
- b) The Audit Committee shall satisfy itself the need for such omnibus approval and that such approval is in the interest of the Company;
- c) Such omnibus approval shall specify (i) the name/s of the related party, nature of transaction, period of transaction, maximum amount of transaction that can be entered into, (ii) the indicative base price / current contracted price and the formula for variation in the price if any and (iii) such other conditions as the Audit Committee may deem fit;

Provided that where the need for Related Party Transaction cannot be foreseen and aforesaid details are not available, Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for such transactions subject to their value not exceeding Rs.1 crore per transaction.

Such omnibus approvals shall be valid for a period not exceeding one year and shall require fresh approvals after the expiry of one year.

Further, all Material Related Party Transactions shall require approval of the shareholders through special resolution and all entities falling under the definition of Related Parties shall abstain from voting irrespective of whether the entity is a party to the particular transaction or not..

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION:**

All Related Party Transactions shall be subject to the prior approval of the Audit Committee whether at a meeting or by resolution by circulation or through electronic mode. A member of the Committee who (if) has a potential interest in any Related Party Transaction will not remain present at the

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meeting or abstain from discussion and voting on such Related Party Transaction and shall not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum when such Transaction is considered.

## **APPROVAL BY THE BOARD:**

If the Committee determines that a Related Party Transaction should be brought before the Board, or if the Board in any case elects to review any such matter or it is mandatory under any law for Board to approve the Related Party Transaction, then the Board shall consider and approve the Related Party Transaction at a meeting and the considerations set forth above shall apply to the Board's review and approval of the matter, with such modification as may be necessary or appropriate under the circumstances.

## **APPROVAL BY CIRCULAR RESOLUTION OF THE COMMITTEE:**

In the event the Company Management determines that it is impractical or undesirable to wait until a meeting of the Committee to enter into a Related Party Transaction, such transaction may be approved by the Committee by way of circular resolution in accordance with this Policy and statutory provisions for the time being in force. Any such approval must be ratified by the Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

## **PRE-APPROVAL / OMNIBUS APPROVAL BY THE COMMITTEE:**

In the case of frequent / regular / repetitive transactions which are in the normal course of business of the Company, the Committee may grant standing pre-approval / omnibus approval. While granting the approval the Audit Committee shall satisfy itself of the need for the omnibus approval and that same is in the interest of the Company. Such transactions will be deemed to be pre-approved and may not require any further approval of the Audit Committee for each specific transaction unless the price, value or material terms of the contract or arrangement have been varied / amended. Any proposed variations / amendments to these factors shall require a prior approval of the Committee.

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS NOT APPROVED UNDER THE POLICY:**

In the event the Company becomes aware of a Related Party Transaction with a Related Party that has not been approved under this Policy prior to its consummation, the matter shall be reviewed by the Committee. The Committee shall consider all of the relevant facts and circumstances regarding the Related Party Transaction, and shall evaluate all options available to the Company, including ratification, revision or termination of the Related Party Transaction. The Committee shall also examine the facts and circumstances pertaining to the failure of reporting such Related Party Transaction to the Committee under this Policy, and shall take any such action it deems appropriate.

In any case, where the Committee determines not to ratify a Related Party Transaction that has been commenced without approval, the Committee, as appropriate, may direct additional actions including, but not limited to, immediate discontinuation or rescission of the transaction. In connection with any review of a Related Party Transaction, the Committee has authority to modify or waive any procedural requirements of this Policy.

## **DISSEMINATION OF POLICY:**

This Policy will be communicated to all operational employees and other concerned persons of the Company and shall be hosted on the website of the Company.