

## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

### **1. BACKGROUND:**

Regulation 17(5)(a) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (Listing Regulations) requires that the board of directors shall lay down a code of conduct for all members of the board and senior management of the listed entity. It further says that the code of conduct shall suitably incorporate the duties of independent directors as laid down in the Companies Act, 2013.

Regulation 26(3) of the Listing Regulations requires that all members of the board of directors and senior management personnel shall affirm compliance with the code of conduct of board of directors and senior management on an annual basis.

Regulation 46(2)(d) of the Listing Regulations mentions that the listed entity shall disseminate information about code of conduct of board of directors and senior management personnel on its website;

The compliance certificate required to be furnished by chief executive officer and chief financial officer under Regulation 17(8) shall inter alia should certify on compliance of Code of Conduct vis-à-vis the transactions entered into by the Company.

Further, Regulation 34 (3) read with Schedule V to the Listing Regulations requires that the annual report should contain the declaration signed by the chief executive officer stating that the members of board of directors and senior management personnel have affirmed compliance with the code of conduct of board of directors and senior management.

In view of the above statutory requirement, this code of conduct has been framed and adopted by the Company. The Board of Directors had vide its resolution dated 09<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 has approved this Code.

### **2. DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATION:**

**“Act”** means the Companies Act, 2013 including any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof.

**"Board Members"** shall mean Directors on the Board of Directors of the Company. In the Code, words importing the masculine shall include feminine and words importing singular shall include the plural or vice versa.

**“Board of Directors”** or **“Board”** means the Board Members constituting the Board of Directors of the Company from time to time.

**“Company”** means Arihant Foundation & Housing Limited.

**“Independent Director”** means a director appointed on the Board of the Company as Independent Director and who fulfils the required criteria under the Act and Listing Regulations as applicable from time to time.”

**“Listing Regulations”** means the Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

**“Policy”** means this policy, as amended from time to time.

**“SEBI”** means the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

**“Senior Management”** shall mean key managerial personnel /officers/personnel of the Company who are members of core management team excluding Board of Directors and shall comprise all members of management one level below the executive directors, including all functional heads.

### **3. APPLICABILITY:**

The code shall be applicable to:

- (a) the Directors and
- (b) the Senior Management.

### **4. KEY REQUIREMENTS**

The Board Members and the Senior Management must act within the authority conferred upon them and in the best interests of the Company and observe the following code of conduct:

#### **A. Honesty & Integrity**

The Directors and Senior Management shall conduct their activities with honesty, integrity and fairness. They shall act in good faith, responsibly, with due care, competence and diligence, without allowing their independent judgment to be subordinated to personal preferences. The Directors and Senior Management shall act in the best interests of the Company and fulfill their fiduciary obligations and they shall not act or achieve or attempt to achieve any undue gain or advantage either to themselves or their relatives, friends, partners or associates.

## **B. Conflict of Interest**

The Directors and Senior Management shall always act in good faith to promote the business and objects of the company for the members as a whole and in the best interests of the Company, its employees, shareholders, the community and shall not engage in any business, relationship or activity, which may be in conflict with the interests of the Company.

In case there is likely to be a conflict of interest, he/she should make full disclosure of all the facts and circumstances thereof to the Board of Directors and the prior approval of the Audit Committee and that of the Board is required to be obtained.

## **C. Other Directorships**

Serving on the Boards of other companies that are competitors to the Company's business might involve potential conflict of interest and therefore, all Directors must report / disclose such relationships to the Board on an annual basis.

## **D. Non-Assignment of office and Compliance of Articles of Association**

The Directors and Senior Management shall not assign their office and / or functions to any other person including an employee of the Company. The Directors and Senior Management shall act and comply with the regulations of the Company as comprised in its Articles of Association.

## **E. Confidentiality of Information**

Any information concerning the Company's business, its customers, suppliers etc., which is not in the public domain and to which the Directors and Senior Management have access or possess such information, must be considered confidential and held in confidence, unless their disclosure is authorized by the Board or when disclosure is mandatory under any statutory or legal provisions.

## **F. Protection of Assets**

The Directors and Senior Management must protect the Company's assets and information and shall not use these for personal purposes.

## **G. Periodic Review**

Once in every year or upon revision of this Code, every Director must accord consent to comply with the same and the Senior Management must give an undertaking for compliance with the same.

All new Directors shall accord their consent while joining the Board and new Senior Management shall give an undertaking under this Code at the time of commencement of their employment with the Company.

**5. CODE FOR INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**

The Independent Directors, in addition to the compliance with this Code, shall also comply with and adhere to the Code for Independent Directors framed in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and forming part of this Code and enclosed as “**Annexure – I**”.

**6. ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORTING**

The Board Members and Senior Management shall affirm compliance with this Code on an annual basis as at the end of each financial year of the Company (as per Confirmation-I) within 7 days of the close of every financial year.

**7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE CODE**

Each Board Member and every employee in the Senior Management, shall acknowledge receipt of the Code or any modification(s) thereto, in the acknowledgement form annexed to this Code as Appendix – II and forward the same to the Compliance Officer

**8. ENFORCEMENT OF CODE OF CONDUCT**

Each Board Member and every employee in the Senior Management shall be accountable for complying with the Code. The penalty for breach of the Code by shall be determined by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors including but not limited to removal of defaulting Board Member or termination of employment of defaulting employee in the Senior Management.

**9. REVIEW & AMENDMENTS**

This code may be amended, modified, varied or waived by the Board as may be deemed necessary in the interests of the Company and subject to the provisions of applicable laws, regulations or guidelines.

## ANNUAL CONFIRMATION - I

Date:

To

**The Board of Directors**

Arihant Foundation & Housing Limited New

#3 Old #25, Ganapathy Colony

3rd Lane, Off Cenotaph Road

Teynampet, Chennai – 600 018

Dear Sirs,

Sub: Confirmation of compliance with the Code of Conduct for Board and Senior Management as per Regulation 26(3) of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

I, (*Name of Director/ Senior Management Personnel*), (*Designation*) of Arihant Foundations & Housing Limited, do hereby confirm that I have read and understood the Code of Conduct applicable to the Board of Directors and Senior Management of the Company and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, I have complied with the requirements of this Code during the preceding financial year (*mention previous year*) and / or I affirm that I will comply with the requirements of this Code during the current financial year (*mention current year*).

(Signature)

(Name of Director/ Senior Management Personnel) (Designation)

(DIN, if any)

## **ANNEXURE – I - CODE FOR INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**

### **ARIHANT FOUNDATIONS & HOUSING LIMITED**

This Code is a guide to professional conduct for Independent Directors and the Independent Directors are expected to adhere to these standards and fulfill their responsibilities in a professional and faithful manner. This Code shall form part of the Code of Conduct for Board of Directors and Senior Management.

#### **I. Guidelines of professional conduct**

The Independent Directors are expected to adhere to the following guidelines/ standards while conducting their professional duty.

1. Independent Directors shall uphold ethical standards of integrity and probity in the interests of the Company;
2. They shall act objectively and constructively while exercising their duties;
3. They shall exercise their responsibilities in a bona fide manner in the interest of the Company;
4. They shall devote sufficient time and attention to their professional obligations for informed and balanced decision making;
5. They shall not allow any extraneous considerations that will vitiate their exercise of objective independent judgment in the paramount interest of the Company as a whole, while concurring in or dissenting from the collective judgment of the Board in its decision making;
6. They shall not abuse their position to the detriment of the Company or its shareholders or for the purpose of gaining direct or indirect personal advantage or advantage for any associated person;
7. They shall refrain from any action that would lead to loss of their independence;
8. They shall immediately inform the Board where circumstances arise which make them lose their independence;
9. They shall assist the Company in implementing the best corporate governance practices.

#### **II. Role and functions**

1. The independent directors shall help in bringing an independent judgment to bear on the Board's deliberations, especially on issues of strategy, performance, risk management, resources, key appointments and standards of conduct;
2. They shall bring an objective view in the evaluation of the performance of the Board and management;
3. They shall scrutinise the performance of management in achieving agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance;
4. They shall satisfy themselves on the integrity of financial information, and that the financial controls and the systems of risk management are robust and defensible;

5. They shall safeguard the interests of all stakeholders, particularly the minority shareholders;
6. They shall balance the conflicting interests of the stakeholders;
7. They shall determine appropriate levels of remuneration of executive directors, key managerial personnel and Senior Management, and have a prime role in appointing, and where necessary recommend removal of, executive directors, key managerial personnel and Senior Management;
8. They shall moderate and arbitrate in the interest of the Company as a whole in situations of conflict between management and shareholders' interests.

### III. Duties

1. The independent directors shall undergo appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the Company;
2. They shall seek appropriate clarification or amplification of information and, where necessary, take and follow appropriate professional advice and opinion of outside experts at the expense of the Company;
3. They shall strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board committees of which they are members;
4. They shall participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members;
5. They shall strive to attend the general meetings of the Company;
6. Where they have concerns about the running of the Company or a proposed action, they shall ensure that these are addressed by the Board and, to the extent that they are not resolved, they shall insist that their concerns are recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting;
7. They shall keep themselves well informed about the Company and the external environment in which it operates;
8. They shall not unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee of the Board;
9. They shall pay sufficient attention and ensure that adequate deliberations are held before approving related party transactions and assure themselves that the same are in the interest of the Company;
10. They shall ascertain and ensure that the Company has an adequate and functional vigil mechanism and ensure that the interests of a person who uses such mechanism are not prejudicially affected on account of such use;
11. They shall report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the Company's code of conduct or ethics policy;
12. They shall, while acting within their authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the Company, shareholders and its employees;
13. They shall not disclose confidential information including commercial secrets, technologies, advertising and sales promotion plans, unpublished price sensitive information, unless such disclosure is expressly approved by the Board or required by law.

IV. Adherence to the Applicable Laws:

1. The independent directors shall adhere to the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and the Companies Act, 2013 to the extent and as may be applicable to them.
2. They shall comply with the provisions of the Listing Agreement signed by the Company with the Stock Exchanges.
3. They shall comply with the Code of Conduct for Board of Directors and Senior Management.
4. They shall comply with the Code of Business Ethics, if any implemented by the Company for its directors and employees.
5. They shall comply with all the laws to the extent and as may be applicable to the Company.
6. They shall give a declaration that they meet the criteria of independence as provided in section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended from time to time in the format as given in '**Declaration - I**' at the first meeting of the Board in which they participate as directors and thereafter at the first meeting of the Board in every financial year or whenever there is any change in the circumstances which may affect their status as an independent director.
7. They shall, from time to time, furnish to the Company such declarations, disclosures and statements as may be required to be furnished by the Directors under the relevant laws.



## DECLARATION - I

To

Date:

Arihant Foundations & Housing Ltd  
No.3, Ganapathy Colony, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Off Cenotaph Road,  
Teynampet, Chennai 600 018

### **Sub: Declaration of independence under SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 and sub-section (6) of section 149 of the Companies Act, 2013.**

Dear Sirs,

I, (Name of Independent Director), hereby certify that I am a Non-Executive - Independent Director of Arihant Foundations & Housing Limited, Place and comply with all the criteria of independent director as envisaged in SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 and the Companies Act, 2013.

- I am a person of integrity and possess relevant expertise and experience to be an independent director in the Company;
- I am/was not a promoter of the company or its holding, subsidiary or associate company or member of the promoter group of the company;
- I am not related to promoters / directors / persons occupying management position at the board level or level below the board in the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company;
- Apart from receiving director sitting fees / remuneration, I have/had no pecuniary relationship / transactions with the company, its promoters, its directors, its senior management or its holding, subsidiary or associate company, or their promoters, or directors, during the three immediately preceding financial years or during the current financial year;
- none of my relatives:
  - a. is holding securities of or interest in the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company during the three immediately preceding financial years or during the current financial year of face value in excess of fifty lakh rupees or two percent of the paid-up capital of the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company, respectively, or such higher sum as may be specified;
  - b. is indebted to the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company or their promoters or directors, in excess of such amount as may be specified during the three immediately preceding financial years or during the current financial year;
  - c. has given a guarantee or provided any security in connection with the indebtedness of any third person to the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company or their promoters or directors, for such amount as may be specified during the three immediately preceding financial years or during the current financial year; or
  - d. has any other pecuniary transaction or relationship with the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company amounting to two percent or more of its gross turnover or total income:Provided that the pecuniary relationship or transaction with the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company or their promoters, or directors in relation to points (A) to (D) above shall not exceed two percent of its gross turnover or total income or fifty lakh rupees or such higher amount as may be specified from time to time, whichever is lower.
- Neither me nor any of my relatives:
  - a. holds or has held the position of a key managerial personnel or is or has been employee/executive of the company or its holding, subsidiary or associate company or any company belonging to the promoter group of the company, in any of the three financial years immediately preceding the financial year in which I am proposed to be appointed:
  - b. Provided that in case of a relative, who is an employee other than key managerial personnel, the restriction under this clause shall not apply for his / her employment.

- c. is or has been an employee or proprietor or a partner, in any of the three financial years immediately preceding the financial year 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 10% or more of the gross turnover of such firm;
- d. holds together with my relatives 2% or more of the total voting power of the company; or
- e. is a Chief Executive or director, by whatever name called, of any nonprofit organization that receives 25% or more of its receipts from the company, any of its promoters, directors or its holding, subsidiary or associate company or that holds 2% or more of the total voting power of the company; or
- I am not a material supplier, service provider or customer or a lessor or lessee of the company;
- I am not less than 21 years of age.
- I am not a non-independent director of another company on the board of which any non-independent director of the company is an independent director.

Signature

(Name of Director) (Designation and DIN)

