## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

We are in compliance with the requirements of applicable regulations, including the SEBI Listing Regulations, the Companies Act and the SEBI ICDR Regulations, in respect of corporate governance including constitution of our Board and committees thereof, and formulation and adoption of policies.

Our Company stands committed to good Corporate Governance practices based on the principles such as accountability, transparency in dealing with our stakeholders, emphasis on communication and transparent report. We have complied with the requirements of the applicable regulations, including Regulations, in respect of Corporate Governance including constitution of the Board and its Committees. The Corporate Governance framework is based on an effective Independent Board, the Board's supervisory role from the executive management team and constitution of the Board Committees, as required under law.

The following committees have been constituted for compliance with Corporate Governance requirements:

- A. Audit Committee;
- B. Stakeholders Relationship Committee;
- C. Nomination and Remuneration Committee;

## A. Audit Committee:

Our Board has constituted the Audit Committee in accordance with the Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013, Regulation 18 of the SEBI Listing Regulations. The audit committee comprises:

Sr. No.	Committee Members	Designation	Position in Committee
1.	SUNITHA GUPTA	Non-Executive -Independent Director	Chairperson
2.	JAGANNATH JHA	Non-Executive -Independent Director	Member
3.	BARUN NASKAR	Non-Executive -Independent Director	Member

The Company Secretary & Compliance Officer of the Company will act as the Secretary of the Committee.

The scope of Audit Committee shall include but shall not be restricted to the following:

- Oversight of the Issuer's financial reporting process and the disclosure of its financial information to ensure that the financial statement is correct, sufficient and credible.
- Recommending to the Board, the appointment, re-appointment and, if required, the replacement or removal of the statutory auditor and the fixation of audit fees.
- Approval of payment to statutory auditors for any other services rendered by the statutory auditors.
- Reviewing, with the management, the annual financial statements before submission to the board for approval, with particular reference to:
  - 1. Matters required to be included in the Director's Responsibility Statement to be included in the Board's report in terms of clause (c) of sub-section 3 of Section 134 of the Companies Act, 2013
  - 2. Changes, if any, in accounting policies and practices and reasons for the same.
  - 3. Major accounting entries involving estimates based on the exercise of judgment by management.
  - 4. Significant adjustments made in the financial statements arising out of audit findings.
  - 5. Compliance with listing and other legal requirements relating to financial statements.
  - 6. Disclosure of any related party transactions.
  - 7. Qualifications in the draft audit report.

- Reviewing, with the management, the half yearly financial statements before submission to the board for approval.
- Reviewing, with the management, the statement of uses/application of funds raised through an issue (public issue, rights issue, preferential issue, etc.), the statement of funds utilized for purposes other than those stated in the offer document/notice and the report submitted by the monitoring agency monitoring the utilization of proceeds of a public or rights issue, and making appropriate recommendations to the Board to take up steps in this matter.
- Review and monitor the auditor's independence and performance, and effectiveness of audit process.
- Approval or any subsequent modification of transactions of the Company with related parties.
- Scrutiny of inter-corporate loans and investments.
- Valuation of undertakings or assets of the Company, wherever it is necessary.
- Evaluation of internal financial controls and risk management systems.
- Reviewing, with the management, performance of statutory and internal auditors, adequacy of the internal control systems.
- Reviewing the adequacy of internal audit function, if any, including the structure of the internal audit department, staffing and seniority of the official heading the department, reporting structure coverage and frequency of internal audit.
- Discussion with internal auditors any significant findings and follow up there on.
- Reviewing the findings of any internal investigations by the internal auditors into matters where there is suspected fraud or irregularity or a failure of internal control systems of a material nature and reporting the matter to the board.
- Discussion with statutory auditors before the audit commences, about the nature and scope of audit as well as post-audit discussion to ascertain any area of concern.
- To look into the reasons for substantial defaults in the payment to the depositors, debenture holders, shareholders (in case of non-payment of declared dividends) and creditors.
- To review the functioning of the Whistle Blower mechanism.
- Approval of appointment of CFO (i.e., the whole-time Finance Director or any other person heading the finance function or discharging that function) after assessing the qualifications, experience & background, etc. of the candidate.
- Carrying out any other function as is mentioned in the terms of reference of the Audit Committee.

Explanation (i): The term "related party transactions" shall have the same meaning as contained in the Accounting Standard 18, Related Party Transactions, issued by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

Explanation (ii): If the Issuer has set up an audit committee pursuant to provision of the Companies Act, the said audit committee shall have such additional functions / features as is contained in this clause.

The Audit Committee enjoys following powers:

- 1. To investigate any activity within its terms of reference.
- 2. To seek information from any employee.
- 3. To obtain outside legal or other professional advice.
- 4. To secure attendance of outsiders with relevant expertise if it considers necessary.
- 5. The audit committee may invite such of the executives, as it considers appropriate (and particularly the head of the finance function) to be present at the meetings of the committee, but on occasions it may also meet without the presence of any executives of the Issuer. The finance director, head of internal audit and a representative of the statutory auditor may be present as invitees for the meetings of the audit committee.

The Audit Committee shall mandatorily review the following information:

a. Management discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations;

- b. Statement of significant related party transactions (as defined by the audit committee), submitted by management;
- c. Management letters / letters of internal control weaknesses issued by the statutory auditors;
- d. Internal audit reports relating to internal control weaknesses; and
- e. The appointment, removal and terms of remuneration of the Chief internal auditor shall be subject to review by the Audit Committee.
- f. Statement of deviations: (a) quarterly statement of deviation(s) including report of monitoring agency, if applicable, submitted to stock exchange(s) in terms of Regulation 32(1) of SEBI Listing Regulations. (b) Annual statement of funds utilized for purposes other than those stated in the offer document/prospectus/notice in terms of Regulation 32(5) of SEBI Listing Regulations.

The recommendations of the Audit Committee on any matter relating to financial management, including the audit report, are binding on the Board. If the Board is not in agreement with the recommendations of the Committee, reasons for disagreement shall have to be incorporated in the minutes of the Board Meeting and the same has to be communicated to the shareholders.

The Chairman of the committee has to attend the Annual General Meetings of the Company to provide clarifications on matters relating to the audit.

## B. Stakeholder Relationship Committee:

The Stakeholder's Relationship Committee of our Board was constituted by our Board of Directors pursuant to section 178 (5) of the Companies Act, 2013, Regulation 20 of the SEBI Listing Regulations. The Stakeholder's Relationship Committee comprises of:

Sr. No.	Committee Members	Designation	Position in Committee
1.	SUNITHA GUPTA	Independent Director (ID)	Chairperson
2.	JAGANNATH JHA	Executive Director (ED)	Member
3.	BARUN NASKAR	Independent Director (ID)	Member

The Company Secretary & Compliance officer of the Company will act as the Secretary of the Committee.

This committee will address all grievances of Shareholders/Investors and its terms of reference include the following:

- a) Allotment and listing of our shares in future.
- b) Redressing of shareholders and investor complaints such as non-receipt of declared dividend, annual report, transfer of Equity Shares and issue of duplicate/split/consolidated share certificates;
- c) Monitoring transfers, transmissions, dematerialization, re-materialization, splitting and consolidation of Equity Shares and other securities issued by our Company, including review of cases for refusal of transfer/transmission of shares and debentures;
- d) Reference to statutory and regulatory authorities regarding investor grievances;
- e) To otherwise ensure proper and timely attendance and redressal of investor queries and grievances;
- f) To do all such acts, things or deeds as may be necessary or incidental to the exercise of the above powers.

## C. Nomination & Remuneration Committee:

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee of our Board was constituted by our Board of Directors pursuant to section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 20 of the SEBI Listing Regulations. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee comprises:

Sr. No.	Committee Members	Designation	Position in Committee
1.	SUNITHA GUPTA	Non - Executive Independent Director	Member
2.	BARUN NASKAR	Non - Executive Independent Director	Member
3.	JAGDEV YADAV	Non - Executive Independent Director	Chairman

The Company Secretary & Compliance officer of the Company will act as the Secretary of the Committee.

The scope of Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall include but shall not be restricted to the following:

- a. Formulation of the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a director and recommend to the Board a policy, relating to the remuneration of the directors, key managerial personnel and other employees;
- b. Formulation of criteria for evaluation of Independent Directors and the Board;
- c. Devising a policy on Board diversity;
- d. Identifying persons who are qualified to become directors and who may be appointed in senior management in accordance with the criteria laid down, and recommend to the Board their appointment and removal. The Company shall disclose the remuneration policy and the evaluation criteria in its Annual Report.

The quorum of the meeting shall be either two members or one third of the members of the committee whichever is greater.

By order of the Board **For Franklin Leasing & Finance Limited** 

Sd/-JAGANNATH JHA Director DIN:08943829