APPOINTMENT CRITERIA, QUALIFICATION & REMUNERATION POLICY IN TERMS OF SECTION 178 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 (“THE ACT”)

Preambles

In terms of Section 178 of the Act, the Nomination & Remuneration Committee (“NRC”) shall formulate the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a Director and recommend to the Board a Policy, relating to the remuneration for the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel (“KMP”) and other employees.

Appointment Criteria and Qualification

It is the responsibility of the NRC to develop competency requirements for the Board based on the industry and strategy of the Company. For this purpose, the NRC shall identify and ascertain the integrity, qualification, expertise and experience of the person, conduct appropriate reference checks and due diligence before recommending him /her to the Board.

For the appointment of KMPs other than Managing Director/ Whole time Director/Manager/CEO, Senior Management and other employees, a person should possess adequate qualification, expertise and experience for the position, he / she is considered for the appointment.

Remuneration Policy

The remuneration policy of the Company is aimed at rewarding the performance, based on review of achievements on a regular basis and is in consonance with the existing industry practice. This Policy has been adopted in accordance with the requirements of Section 178 of the Act with respect to the appointment and remuneration of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management.

The key components of the Company’s Remuneration Policy are - the Compensation will be based on credentials and the major driver of performance, compensation will be competitive and benchmarked with industry practice and compensation will be fully transparent and tax compliant.

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure that the remuneration to Directors, KMP and Senior Management involves a balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long-term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the Company and its goals and to retain, motivate and promote talent and to ensure long term sustainability of talented managerial persons and create competitive advantage.

Remuneration of Managing / Whole-time Director/Manager/CEO, KMP and Senior Management

The remuneration of the Managing / Whole - time Director/ Manager/CEO will be determined by the NRC and recommended to the Board for approval. Such remuneration shall be subject to the prior / post approval of the shareholders of the Company and Central Government, wherever required and shall be in accordance
with the provisions of the Act and Rules made thereunder. Further, the Manager/CEO of the Company is authorised to decide the remuneration of KMP (other than Managing /Whaletime Director/ Manager/CEO) and Senior Management, and which shall be decided by the Manager/CEO based on the standard market practice and prevailing HR policies of the Company.

**Remuneration to Non-executive / Independent Director**

The remuneration / commission / sitting fees, as the case may be, to the Non-Executive /Independent Director, shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder for the time being in force or as may be decided by the Committee / Board /Shareholders. An Independent Director shall not be entitled to any stock option of the Company unless otherwise permitted in terms of the Act, as amended from time to time.