

VIBHOR STEEL TUBES LIMITED

POLICY ON RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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Pursuant to Regulation 23 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time.

1. Introduction

Vibhor Steel Tubes Limited (the “Company” or “VSTL”) has formulated this Related Party Transaction policy (this “Policy”) in line with Regulation 23 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements), 2015 as amended by Securities and Exchange of India (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 (“LODR Regulations”).

2. OBJECTIVES

The Audit Committee of the Company has approved this Policy to set forth the procedures under which transactions between the Company and Related Parties shall be identified and reviewed for approval or ratification in accordance with the procedures set forth below and as prescribed under LODR Regulations and the Companies Act 2013 and the rules framed thereunder (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof) (the “Act”). No Related Party transaction may be entered into or no existing Related Party transaction shall be modified or renewed by the Company, except in accordance with the provisions of

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 “Act” means the Companies Act, 2013 as amended from time to time;

3.2 “Audit Committee” shall mean the audit committee constituted by the Board from time to time, in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the SEBI Listing Regulations.

3.3 “Board of Directors” or “Board” means the collective body of the Directors of the Company, as constituted from time to time, in line with the provisions of the Act and the SEBI Listing Regulations.

3.4 “SEBI Listing Regulations” means Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time;

3.5 “Regulation 23” means the Regulation 23 of the SEBI Listing Regulations.

3.6 “Arm’s Length Transaction” means a transaction between two related parties that is conducted as if they were unrelated parties, so that there is no conflict of interest; and such price charged for the transactions to a Related Party has in no case been influenced by the relationship and meets the criteria prescribed in Transfer Pricing Guidelines prescribed under the Income- tax Act, 1961. In order to ensure that the transaction is at arm's length, judgement needs to be applied and the following points can be considered for the same:

- Transaction is in line with the principles of the Transfer Pricing Guidelines of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (though transfer pricing is not applicable for domestic transactions under the IT Act) Transaction is as per the prevailing pricing policy / market price / same price (or margin) as compared to transactions with unrelated parties.

- Transaction is comparable with third party quotations / bids.
- Transaction is based on cost sharing agreements (in cases where cost is shared based on benefits derived).
- Transaction is at a price in line with the valuation done by an external independent expert.

3.7 “Ordinary course of business” means the usual transactions, customs and practices undertaken by the Company to conduct its business operations and activities and includes all such activities which the Company can undertake as per its Memorandum & Articles of Association. The Board and Audit Committee may lay down the principles for determining ordinary course of business in accordance with the statutory requirements and other industry practices and guidelines;

3.8 “Company” means Vibhor Steel Tubes Limited;

3.9 “Relative” with reference to a Director or KMP means persons as defined in Section 2(77) of the Act and rules prescribed thereunder;

3.10 “Related Party” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2(76) of the Act and Regulation 2(1)(zb) of the SEBI Listing Regulations.

3.11 “Related Party Transaction” have the meaning as defined under Section 188 of the Act read with Regulation 2(1)(zc) of the SEBI Listing Regulations, as amended, and shall mean a transaction involving a transfer of resources, services or obligations between:

- a. the Company or any of its subsidiaries on one hand and a related party of Company or any of its subsidiaries on the other hand;
- b. the Company or any of its subsidiaries on one hand, and any other person or entity on the other hand, the purpose and effect of which is to benefit a related party of the Company or any of its subsidiaries with effect from April 1, 2023

regardless of whether a price is charged and a transaction with a related party shall be construed to include a single transaction or a group of transactions in a contract, including but not limited to the following –

- 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 purchase or sale of goods, materials, services or property;
- f. appointment to any office or place of profit in the company
- g. underwriting the subscription of any securities or derivatives thereof, of the Company.

Following shall not be considered Related Party Transaction of the Company in terms of SEBI Listing Regulations:

- (a) the issue of specified securities on a preferential basis, subject to compliance of the requirements under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018
- (b) corporate actions which are uniformly applicable/offered to shareholders in proportion of their shareholding such as payment of dividend, subdivision or consolidation of securities by the

Company, issuance of securities by way of a rights issue or a bonus issue and buy-back of securities.

(c) retail purchases from Vibhor Steel Tubes Limited or any of its subsidiaries by its directors or employees, without establishing any business relationship and at the terms which are uniformly applicable/offered to all employees and directors.

Further, remuneration and sitting fees paid by Vibhor Steel Tubes Limited or its subsidiaries to its directors, key managerial personnels or senior management, except who is part of promoter or promoter group, shall not require approval of the audit committee provided that the same is not material in terms of the provisions of Regulation 23 of the Listing Regulations.

3.12 “Material Related Party Transaction” means a transaction with a Related Party if the transaction / transactions to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceeds Rs. 1,000 crore or 10% of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company as per the last audited financial statements of the Company, whichever is lower. In case of transaction involving payment to a Related Party for brand usage or royalty, it will be considered material, if the transaction(s) to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceed 5% percent of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company as per the last audited financial statements of the Company

3.13 “Key Managerial Personnel” or “KMP” shall have the meaning as defined under Regulation 2(1)(o) of the SEBI Listing Regulations read with Section 2(51) of the Companies Act, 2013, each as amended from time to time and includes any person so authorized and designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as KMP.

Any other term not defined herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Act, the SEBI Listing Regulations or any other applicable law or regulation, each as amended.

3.14 “Material Modifications” Material modifications in relation to the Related Party Transaction(s) shall mean any change / variation / modification in an existing related party transaction / contract / arrangement, the financial effect of which is an increase in the per annum value of the relevant related party transaction / contract / arrangement by 10% or rupees fifty crore, whichever is higher.

3.15 “Review And Approval Of Related Party Transaction” All Related Party Transactions and subsequent Material Modifications thereto, shall be subject to the prior approval of the Audit Committee, or the Board of Directors or the Shareholders of the Company, as the case may be, as required under and subject to the Act and the Listing Regulations. . Provided that only those members of the Audit Committee, who are independent directors, shall approve related party transaction. A member of the Committee who (if) has a potential interest in any Related Party Transaction will 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.

4. MATERIALITY THRESHOLDS

Regulation 23 of the SEBI Listing Regulations requires a Company to provide materiality thresholds for transactions with its related party. In any event, if a Related Party Transaction (“RPT”) exceeds

the materiality threshold, prior approval of the shareholders of the Company will be required through an ordinary resolution. Prior approval of shareholders is also required in case of any subsequent material modifications to these already approved Related Party Transactions. None of the related parties (“RPs”) of the Company shall vote to approve on such resolution irrespective of whether the entity is a related party to the particular transaction or not (RP’s can cast only negative vote to reject the resolution seeking approval of material RPT(s)).

Vibhor Steel Tubes Limited has fixed the following materiality thresholds for the purpose of Regulation 23 of the SEBI Listing Regulations:

- Payment to a Related Party with respect to brand usage or royalty – 5% of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company as per its last audited financial statements.
- Other transactions with a Related Party – lower of Rs. 1,000 crore or 10% of the consolidated annual turnover of the Company as per its last audited consolidated financial statements

Related Party Transaction policy on materiality and its threshold limits shall be reviewed by the Audit Committee and the Board, once in every three years and updated accordingly.

5. MANNER OF DEALING WITH RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

5.1 Identification of Related Parties

The Company has formulated guidelines for identification and updating the list of related parties as prescribed under Section 2(76) of the Act read with the Rules framed there under and Regulation 2(1)(zb) of the SEBI Listing Regulations.

6.2 Identification of Related Party Transactions

The Company has formulated guidelines for identification of related party transactions in accordance with Section 188 read with Section 177 of the Act and Regulation 2(1)(zc) of the SEBI Listing Regulations. The Company has also formulated guidelines for determining whether the transaction is in the ordinary course of business and at arm’s length basis and for this purpose, the Company will seek external expert opinion, if necessary.

6.3 PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

6.3.1 Approval of the Audit Committee

A. Prior approval of the Audit Committee shall be required for:

1. All Related Party Transactions and subsequent material modifications as defined by the Audit Committee;
2. RPTs where subsidiary is a party but the Company is not a party and the transaction amount exceeds the threshold of:
 - i. 10% of the consolidated turnover of the Company w.e.f. April 1, 2022
 - ii. 10% of the standalone turnover of the subsidiary w.e.f. April 1, 2023

Further, the Audit Committee shall also review the status of long-term (more than one year) or recurring RPTs on an annual basis.

Prior approval of the Audit Committee shall not be required for:

- i. Related Party Transactions, where the listed subsidiary is a party, but the Company is not a party, and if Regulation 23 and Regulation 15(2) of SEBI Listing Regulations are applicable to such listed subsidiary.
- ii. Related Party Transactions of unlisted subsidiaries of listed subsidiary of the Company, where the prior approval of the audit committee of the listed subsidiary is obtained.
- iii. transactions entered into between the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary whose accounts are consolidated with the Company and placed before the shareholders at the general meeting for approval.
- iv. transactions entered into between two wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company, whose accounts are consolidated with the Company and placed before the shareholders at the general meeting for approval.
- v. remuneration and sitting fees paid by Vibhor Steel Tubes Limited or its subsidiaries to its directors, key managerial personnels or senior management, except who is part of promoter or promoter group, provided that the same is not material in terms of the provisions of Regulation 23 of the Listing Regulations.

Members of the Audit Committee, who are independent directors, shall alone approve Related Party Transactions.

However, the Company may obtain **omnibus approval** from the Audit Committee for all Related Party Transactions subject to compliances with the conditions prescribed in paras 1 to 8 below.

1. The Audit Committee shall, after obtaining approval of the Board of Directors, specify the criteria for granting the omnibus approval in line with the Policy and such approval shall include the following:
 - i Maximum value of the transaction, in aggregate, which can be allowed under the omnibus route in a year;
 - ii The maximum value per transaction which can be allowed;
 - iii extent and manner of disclosures to be made to the Audit Committee at the time of seeking omnibus approval;
 - iv review, at such intervals as the Audit Committee may deem fit, Related Party Transaction entered into by the Company pursuant to each omnibus approval made;
 - v transactions which cannot be subject to the omnibus approval by the Audit Committee.
2. The Audit Committee shall consider the following factors while specifying the criteria for making omnibus approval, namely:
 - i repetitiveness of the transactions (in past or in future);
 - ii justification for the need of omnibus approval.
3. The Audit Committee shall satisfy itself regarding the need for such omnibus approval for transactions of repetitive nature and that such approval is in the interest of the Company;
4. The omnibus approval shall provide details of (i) the name/s of the related party and its relationship with the Company or its subsidiary, nature of transaction, period of transaction, maximum aggregated value of the particular type of transaction that can be entered into, (ii) basis of arriving at 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 Transactions 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.

5. The Audit Committee shall review, at least on a quarterly basis, the aggregated value and other details of Related Party Transactions entered into by the Company pursuant to the omnibus approval given;
6. Such omnibus approval shall be valid for a period not exceeding one year and shall require fresh approval after expiry of one year.
7. Omnibus approval shall not be made for transactions in respect of selling or disposing of the undertaking of the Company.
8. Omnibus approval can be granted by the audit committee for related party transactions of the Company as well as of its subsidiaries.
9. Any other conditions as the Audit Committee may deem fit.

B. Pursuant to the approval of the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee of the Company has specified following criteria for granting omnibus approval:

- a. The maximum value of the transactions, in aggregate, which can be allowed under omnibus route in a year will be 50% of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company as per its last audited financial statements, subject to the transaction(s) exceeding the materiality threshold which require shareholder approval will not be considered for this limit.
- b. The maximum value per transaction which can be approved under omnibus route will be the same as per the materiality threshold as defined in the Policy. Should the value per transaction, through omnibus route, exceed the materiality threshold as defined in the Policy, the same shall be subject to approval of shareholders of the Company.
- c. While assessing a proposal put up before the Audit Committee / Board for approval, the Audit Committee / Board may review the following documents / seek the following information from the management in order to determine if the transaction is in the ordinary course of business and at arm's length or not:
 - i Nature/type of the transaction i.e. details of goods or property to be acquired / transferred or services to be rendered / availed (including transfer of resources) – including description of functions to be performed, risks to be assumed and assets to be employed under the proposed transaction;
 - ii Material terms (such as price and other commercial terms contemplated under the arrangement) of the proposed transaction, including value and quantum;
 - iii Name of the related party and its relationship with the Company or its subsidiary, including nature of its concern or interest (financial or otherwise);
 - iv Tenure of the proposed transaction (particular tenure to be specified);
 - v Value of the proposed transaction;
 - vi The percentage of the Company's annual consolidated turnover, for the immediately

- preceding financial year, that is represented by the value of the proposed transaction (and for a RPT involving a subsidiary, such percentage calculated on the basis of the subsidiary's annual turnover on a standalone basis to be additionally provided);
- vii If the transaction relates to any loans, inter-corporate deposits, advances or investments made or given by the Company or its subsidiary;
1. details of the source of funds in connection with the proposed transaction;
 2. where any financial indebtedness is incurred to make or give loans, inter-corporate deposits, advances or investments,
 - nature of indebtedness;
 - cost of funds; and
 - tenure;
 3. applicable terms, including covenants, tenure, interest rate and repayment schedule, whether secured or unsecured; if secured, the nature of security; and
 4. the purpose for which the funds will be utilized by the ultimate beneficiary of such funds pursuant to the RPT
- viii Key covenants (non-commercial) as per the draft of the proposed agreement / contract to be entered into for such transaction;
- ix Special terms covered / to be covered in separate letters or undertakings or any other special or sub arrangement forming part of a composite transaction;
- x Benchmarking information that may have a bearing on the arm's length basis analysis, such as:
1. market analysis, research report, industry trends, business strategies, financial forecasts, etc.;
 2. third party comparable, valuation reports, price publications including stock exchange and commodity market quotations;
 3. management assessment of pricing terms and business justification for the proposed transaction as to why the RPT is in the interest of the Company;
 4. comparative analysis, if any, of other such transaction entered into by the Company.
- d. The Audit Committee shall review, at least on a quarterly basis, the details of Related Party Transactions entered by the Company pursuant to each omnibus approval given.
- e. Transaction of following nature will not be subject to the omnibus approval of the Audit Committee:
1. Transactions which are not at arm's length or not in the ordinary course of business;
 2. Transactions which are not repetitive in nature;
 3. Transactions exceeding materiality thresholds as laid down in the Policy
 4. Transactions in respect of selling or disposing of the undertaking of the company
 5. Financial Transactions e.g. Loan to related parties, Inter Corporate Deposits, subscriptions to bond, debenture or preference shares issued by the related parties, corporate guarantee given/received from related parties.
 6. Any other transaction as the Audit Committee may deem not fit for omnibus approval

6.3.2 Approval of the Board of Directors of the Company

As per the provisions of Section 188 of the Act, all kinds of transactions specified under the said Section and which are not in the ordinary course of business or not at arm's length basis, are placed before the Board for its approval.

In addition to the above, the following kinds of transactions with related parties are also placed before the Board for its approval:

- a) Transactions which may be in the ordinary course of business and at arm's length basis, but which are, as per the Policy, determined by the Board from time to time (i.e. value threshold and/or other parameters) require Board approval in addition to Audit Committee approval;
- b) Transactions in respect of which the Audit Committee is unable to determine whether or not they are in the ordinary course of business and/or at arm's length basis and decides to refer the same to the Board for approval;
- c) Transactions which are in the ordinary course of business and at arm's length basis, but which as per Audit Committee requires Board approval;
- d) Transactions meeting the materiality thresholds laid down in the Policy, which are intended to be placed before the shareholders for approval.

6.3.3 Approval of the Shareholders of the Company

All the transactions with related parties exceeding the materiality thresholds, laid down in the Policy, are placed before the shareholders for approval.

For this purpose, none of the related parties of the Company shall vote to approve on such shareholders' resolution irrespective of whether the entity is a related party to the particular transaction or not. (RP's can cast only negative vote to reject the shareholders resolution of material RPT).

In addition to the above, all kinds of transactions specified under Section 188 of the Act which (a) are not at Arm's Length or not in the ordinary course of business; and (b) exceed the thresholds laid down in Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Rules, 2014 are placed before the shareholders for its approval.

However, the requirement of shareholders' prior approval for Material Related Party Transactions shall not be applicable for the following cases:

- i. transactions in respect of a resolution plan approved under section 31 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) 2016, subject to the event being disclosed to recognized stock exchange within one day of the resolution plan being approved.
- ii. Related Party Transactions, where the listed subsidiary of the Company is a party, but the Company is not a party, and if Regulation 23 and Regulation 15(2) of SEBI Listing Regulations are applicable to such listed subsidiary.
- iii. Related Party Transactions of unlisted subsidiaries of the listed subsidiary of the Company, where the prior approval of the shareholders of the listed subsidiary is obtained.
- iv. transactions entered into between the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary whose accounts are consolidated with the Company and placed before the shareholders at the general meeting for approval.
- v. transactions entered into between two wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company, whose accounts are consolidated with the Company and placed before the shareholders at the general meeting for approval.

7. DISCLOSURES

- The Company shall disclose, in the Board's report, transactions prescribed in Section 188(1) of the Act with related parties, which are not in ordinary course of business or not at arm's length basis along with the justification for entering into such transaction.
- The Company shall place all the information as specified by the SEBI from time to time for review of the Audit Committee while seeking prior approval of the RPTs.
- The Company shall provide all the information as specified by the SEBI from time to time in the explanatory statement to the notice being sent to shareholders seeking their approval for proposed RPTs.
- The Company shall provide disclosure of the Related Party Transactions to stock exchanges where the Company's securities are listed, in the format as specified by the SEBI/stock exchanges from time to time and within statutory timelines. The Company shall simultaneously upload the disclosure at its website.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS NOT APPROVED UNDER THIS POLICY

The members of the Audit Committee, who are independent directors, may ratify the related party transactions within 3 months from the date of the transaction or in the immediate next meeting of the audit committee, whichever is earlier. Ratification is subject to certain conditions as specified in the Listing Regulations.

The failure to seek ratification of the audit committee shall render related party transactions voidable at the option of the audit committee and if the transaction is with a related party to any director or is authorized by any director, the director(s) concerned shall indemnify the Company against any losses incurred.

9. REVIEW OF THE POLICY

The adequacy of this Policy shall be reviewed and reassessed by the Committee periodically and at least once in three years and appropriate recommendations shall be made by the Audit Committee to the Board to update the Policy based on the changes that may be brought about due to any regulatory amendments or otherwise.

10. COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITY

Compliance of this Policy shall be the responsibility of the Managing Director, the Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, severally, who shall have the power to ask for any information or clarifications from the management in this regard.