

## **Note on Familiarizing Independent Directors about Summit Securities Limited ('the Company'):**

### **A. Preamble:**

Regulation 25(7) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 requires every Listed entity to familiarize its independent directors through various programmes about the listed entity including the following:

- (a) nature of the industry in which the listed entity operates;
- (b) business model of the listed entity;
- (c) roles, rights, responsibilities of independent directors; and
- (d) any other relevant information.

### **B. Overview of the Familiarisation Process:**

All Independent Directors are aware and further updated about their roles, rights, responsibilities in the Company. The appointment letter issued to Independent Director inter alia sets out the expectation of the Board from the appointed director, their role, duties, responsibilities, remuneration and the accompanying liabilities that come with the appointment as a director of the Company along with the Code of Conduct for acceptance by the Director.

Independent Directors are involved as part of the Board in formulation, review and approval of the statutory policies required to be adopted by the Company in accordance with the applicable laws.

Quarterly results are presented during Board and Committee meetings held from time to time. Regulatory Updates and Compliances are placed before the Board. Each director of the Company has complete access to any information relating to the Company, Independent Directors have the freedom to interact with the Company's management. They are given all documents sought by them for enabling a good understanding of the Company.

### **C. Brief Background of the Company:**

- i. The Company was originally incorporated as RPG Itochu Finance Limited on January 30, 1997, under the Companies Act, 1956 having its registered office at NCT of Delhi, as a public limited company under certificate of incorporation bearing number, 55-84757. The registered office of the Company was shifted from N.C.T of Delhi to Mumbai in State of Maharashtra. Consequently, the Corporate Identity Number of the Company was changed to U65921MH1997PLC194571.

- ii. Pursuant to a scheme of arrangement between Erstwhile Summit Securities Limited (erstwhile Summit) and Brabourne Enterprises Limited (Brabourne) and Octav Investments Limited (Octav) and CHI Investments Limited (CHI) and the Company duly sanctioned by the Bombay High Court ('the Scheme'), the Company took over the entire assets and liabilities of CHI, erstwhile Summit, Brabourne and Octav with effect from the appointed date of the Scheme of arrangement i.e. March 31, 2009.
- iii. Pursuant to the Scheme, the name RPG Itochu Finance Limited was changed to Summit Securities Limited effective March 29, 2000 vide fresh certificate of incorporation issued by the Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra, Mumbai.
- iv. The Company's shares are listed on National Stock Exchange of India Limited and BSE Limited since January 28, 2011. Consequent to Listing, the Corporate Identity Number of the Company was changed to L65921MH1997PLC194571.

D. Business & Nature of Industry in which Company Operates:

- i. The Company holds a valid registration certificate as a Non-Banking Finance Company from the Reserve Bank of India.
- ii. The assets taken over consequent to the Scheme, were predominantly the investments held by the above-named transferor companies in various listed and unlisted companies.
- iii. Accordingly, the Company is an Investment Company and has a varied investment portfolio consisting of both listed and unlisted companies.

E. Existing Business model of the Company:

Presently, the Company has investments in the sectors like infrastructure, pharmaceuticals, transportation and information technology. The Company's wholly owned subsidiary viz. Instant Holdings Limited also consolidated its investment portfolio.

The Company continues its strategy of investing only in high performing sectors of the economy and also its strategy of holding its investment portfolio on a long term basis.

F. Details of the Directors and Key Managerial Personnel.

The directors and key managerial personnel of the company during the year and as on date, are as under:

Sr. No	Name	Designation
1	Mr. Ramesh D. Chandak	Director (Independent)
2	Mr. Hemendra Chimanlal Dalal	Director (Independent)
3	Mr. Prem Kapil	Director (Independent)
4	Mr. Abhay Nerurkar	Director (Independent)
5	Ms. Shweta Musale	Director (Independent)
6	Mr. Hari Narayan Singh Rajpoot	Director
7	Mr. Manish Jain	Director
8	Mr. Arvind Dhumal	Manager
9	Mr. Paras Mal Rakhecha Mr. Anand Rathi	Chief Financial Officer (upto February 29, 2024) Chief Financial Officer (w.e.f. March 1, 2024)
10	Ms. Jiya Gangwani	Company Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer

G. Roles, Rights and Responsibilities of Independent Directors:

(i) Roles and functions:

- (a) The Roles and functions of independent directors as defined in Schedule IV read with Section 149(7) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder are detailed in Para II of Schedule IV of the Act, Excerpts of Schedule IV – Code for Independent Directors are appended as Exhibit 1.
- (b) Further, Regulation 17 and 25 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“the Listing Regulations”) also provides for the obligations with respect to independent directors (Text of Regulation 25 of the Listing Regulations is given as Exhibit 2). Further, SEBI has, vide its circular dated January 5, 2017, issued a guidance note on Board Evaluation inter-alia enhancing the role of Independent Directors in bringing an objective view in the evaluation of the performance of board and management.

## (ii) Rights and Responsibilities

Every Director of the Company is responsible to perform the professional duties in accordance with Section 166 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) and the Rules made there under and Schedule IV of the Act (Text of Section 166 of the Act given as Exhibit 3).

In addition, as an independent director, responsibility is cast upon for:

- a. Abiding by the provisions laid down in Section 149 (8) read with Schedule IV- Code for Independent Directors of the Act comprising of
  - I. Guidelines of professional conduct
  - II. Role and functions (as mentioned in pt. (i) of para E above)
  - III. Duties
  - IV. Manner of appointment
  - V. Re-appointment
  - VI. Resignation or removal
  - VII. Separate Meetings(Excerpts of Schedule IV is given as Exhibit 1).
- b. Complying with all statutes, rules and regulations as may be applicable to you / the Company, including any conditions which may be imposed on directors/the Company by the Central Government.
- c. Observing the Policy on Code of Conduct for Board Members and Senior Management adopted by the Company.
- d. Observing all other Policies and/or Regulations framed and/or adopted by Company to the extent applicable to the Directors from time to time and any non-observance thereof shall be treated as breach of duty and you shall be liable for the same.

**Excerpts of Schedule IV****Code for Independent Directors****I. Guidelines of professional conduct:**

An independent director shall:

1. uphold ethical standards of integrity and probity;
2. act objectively and constructively while exercising his duties;
3. exercise his responsibilities in a bona fide manner in the interest of the company;
4. devote sufficient time and attention to his professional obligations for informed and balanced decision making;
5. not allow any extraneous considerations that will vitiate his 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. not abuse his 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. refrain from any action that would lead to loss of his independence;
8. where circumstances arise which make an independent director lose his independence, the independent director must immediately inform the Board accordingly;
9. assist the company in implementing the best corporate governance practices.

**II. Role and functions:**

The independent directors shall:

1. 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. bring an objective view in the evaluation of the performance of board and management;
3. scrutinize the performance of management in meeting agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance;
4. satisfy themselves on the integrity of financial information and that financial controls and the systems of risk management are robust and defensible;
5. safeguard the interests of all stakeholders, particularly the minority shareholders;
6. balance the conflicting interest of the stakeholders;
7. 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. moderate and arbitrate in the interest of the company as a whole, in situations of conflict between management and shareholder's interest.

### **III. Duties:**

The independent directors shall—

1. undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the company;
2. 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. strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board committees of which he is a member;
4. participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members;
5. strive to attend the general meetings of the company;
6. where they have concerns about the running of the company or a proposed action, ensure that these are addressed by the Board and, to the extent that they are not resolved, insist that their concerns are recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting;
7. keep themselves well informed about the company and the external environment in which it operates;
8. not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee of the Board;
9. 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. ascertain and ensure that the company has an adequate and functional vigil mechanism and to ensure that the interests of a person who uses such mechanism are not prejudicially affected on account of such use;
11. report concerns about unethical behavior, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the company's code of conduct or ethics policy;
12. act within their authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the company, shareholders and its employees;
13. 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. Manner of appointment:**

1. Appointment process of independent directors shall be independent of the company management; while selecting independent directors the Board shall ensure that there is appropriate balance of skills, experience and knowledge in the Board so as to enable the Board to discharge its functions and duties effectively.
2. The appointment of independent director(s) of the company shall be approved at the meeting of the shareholders.
3. The explanatory statement attached to the notice of the meeting for approving the appointment of independent director shall include a statement that in the opinion of the Board, the independent director proposed to be appointed fulfils the conditions specified in the Act and the rules made thereunder and that the proposed director is independent of the management.

4. The appointment of independent directors shall be formalized through a letter of appointment, which shall set out:
  - a) the term of appointment;
  - b) the expectation of the Board from the appointed director; the Board-level committee(s) in which the director is expected to serve and its tasks;
  - c) the fiduciary duties that come with such an appointment along with accompanying liabilities;
  - d) provision for Directors and Officers (D and O) insurance, if any;
  - e) the Code of Business Ethics that the company expects its directors and employees to follow;
  - f) the list of actions that a director should not do while functioning as such in the company; and
  - g) the remuneration, mentioning periodic fees, reimbursement of expenses for participation in the Boards and other meetings and profit related commission, if any.
5. The terms and conditions of appointment of independent directors shall be open for inspection at the registered office of the company by any member during normal business hours.
6. The terms and conditions of appointment of independent directors shall also be posted on the company's website

#### **V. Re-appointment:**

The re-appointment of independent director shall be on the basis of report of performance evaluation.

#### **VI. Resignation or removal:**

1. The resignation or removal of an independent director shall be in the same manner as is provided in sections 168 and 169 of the Act.
2. An independent director who resigns or is removed from the Board of the company shall be replaced by a new independent director within a period of not more than three months from the date of such resignation or removal, as the case may be.
3. Where the company fulfils the requirement of independent directors in its Board even without filling the vacancy created by such resignation or removal, as the case may be, the requirement of replacement by a new independent director shall not apply.

#### **VII. Separate meetings:**

1. The independent directors of the company shall hold at least one meeting in a financial year, without the attendance of non-independent directors and members of management;
2. All the independent directors of the company shall strive to be present at such meeting;
3. The meeting shall:
  - a) review the performance of non-independent directors and the Board as a whole;
  - b) review the performance of the Chairperson of the company, taking into account the views of executive directors and non-executive directors;

- c) assess the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between the company management and the Board that is necessary for the Board to effectively and reasonably perform their duties.

#### **VIII. Evaluation mechanism:**

1. The performance evaluation of independent directors shall be done by the entire Board of Directors, excluding the director being evaluated.
2. On the basis of the report of performance evaluation, it shall be determined whether to extend or continue the term of appointment of the independent director.

**Note:** The provisions of sub-paragraph (2) and (7) of paragraph II, paragraph IV, paragraph V, clauses (a) and (b) of sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph VII and paragraph VIII shall not apply in the case of a Government company as defined under clause (45) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013), if the requirements in respect of matters specified in these paragraphs are specified by the concerned Ministries or Departments of the Central Government or as the case may be, the State Government and such requirements are complied with by the Government companies.

**Text of Regulation 25 and some relevant provisions pertaining to resignation of director as per Regulation 30 read with Schedule III of the Listing Regulations and relevant circulars issued by SEBI in this regard:**

**A. Text of Regulation 25 of Listing Regulations:**

Obligations with respect to independent directors:

- (1) No person shall be appointed or continue as an alternate director for an independent director of a listed entity with effect from October 1, 2018.
- (2) The maximum tenure of independent directors shall be in accordance with the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder, in this regard, from time to time.
- (2A) The appointment, re-appointment or removal of an independent director of a listed entity, shall be subject to the approval of shareholders by way of a special resolution.

Provided that where a special resolution for the appointment of an independent director fails to get the requisite majority of votes but the votes cast in favour of the resolution exceed the votes cast against the resolution and the votes cast by the public shareholders in favour of the resolution exceed the votes cast against the resolution, then the appointment of such an independent director shall be deemed to have been made under sub-regulation (2A):

Provided further that an independent director appointed under the first proviso shall be removed only if the votes cast in favour of the resolution proposing the removal exceed the votes cast against the resolution and the votes cast by the public shareholders in favour of the resolution exceed the votes cast against the resolution.

- (3) The independent directors of the listed entity shall hold at least one meeting in a financial year, without the presence of non-independent directors and members of the management and all the independent directors shall strive to be present at such meeting.
- (4) The independent directors in the meeting referred in sub-regulation (3) shall, inter alia-
  - (a) review the performance of non-independent directors and the board of directors as a whole;
  - (b) review the performance of the chairperson of the listed entity, taking into account the views of executive directors and non-executive directors;
  - (c) assess the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between the management of the listed entity and the board of directors that is necessary for the board of directors to effectively and reasonably perform their duties.

- (5) An independent director shall be held liable, only in respect of such acts of omission or commission by the listed entity which had occurred with his /her knowledge, attributable through processes of board of directors, and with his /her consent or connivance or where he/she had not acted diligently with respect to the provisions contained in these regulations.
- (6) An independent director who resigns or is removed from the board of directors of the listed entity shall be replaced by a new independent director by listed entity at the earliest but not later than three months from the date of such vacancy:

Provided that where the listed entity fulfils the requirement of independent directors in its board of directors without filling the vacancy created by such resignation or removal, the requirement of replacement by a new independent director shall not apply.
- (7) The listed entity shall familiarize the independent directors through various program about the listed entity, including the following:
  - (a) nature of the industry in which the listed entity operates;
  - (b) business model of the listed entity;
  - (c) roles, rights, responsibilities of independent directors; and
  - (d) any other relevant information.
- (8) Every independent director shall, at the first meeting of the board in which he participates as a director 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 his status as an independent director, submit a declaration that he meets the criteria of independence as provided in clause (b) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 16 and that he is not aware of any circumstance or situation, which exist or may be reasonably anticipated, that could impair or impact his ability to discharge his duties with an objective independent judgment and without any external influence.
- (9) The board of directors of the listed entity shall take on record the declaration and confirmation submitted by the independent director under sub-regulation (8) after undertaking due assessment of the veracity of the same.
- (10) With effect from January 1, 2022, the top 1000 listed entities by market capitalization calculated as on March 31 of the preceding financial year, shall undertake Directors and Officers insurance ('D and O insurance') for all their independent directors of such quantum and for such risks as may be determined by its board of directors.
- (11) No independent director, who resigns from a listed entity, shall be appointed as an executive / whole time director on the board of the listed entity, its holding, subsidiary or associate company or on the board of a company belonging to its promoter group, unless a period of one year has elapsed from the date of resignation as an independent director.
- (12) A 'high value debt listed entity' shall undertake Directors and Officers insurance (D and O insurance) for all its independent directors for such sum assured and for such risks as may be determined by its board of directors.

**B. Relevant provisions pertaining to resignation of director as per Listing Regulations and relevant circulars issued by SEBI in this regard:**

As per Regulation 30 read with Schedule III, Part A, Para A sub-para 7 of Listing Regulations and SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-1 /P/CI R/2023/123 dated July 13, 2023 interalia mentions that for any change in directors (due to resignation), the timeline for disclosure of resignation is within 24 hours from the resignation.

Further, as per Regulation 30 read with Schedule III, Part A, Para A sub-para (7B) of Listing Regulations, in case of resignation of independent director the following disclosures shall be made to the stock exchanges by the listed entities within seven days from the date of resignation:

- i. The letter of resignation along with detailed reasons for the resignation as given by the said director
- ii. Names of listed entities in which the resigning director holds directorships, indicating the category of directorship and membership of board committees, if any.
- iii. The independent director shall, along with the detailed reasons, also provide a confirmation that there is no other material reasons other than those provided.
- iv. The confirmation as provided by the independent director above shall also be disclosed by the listed entities to the stock exchanges along with the disclosures as specified in sub-clause (i) and (ii) above.

**Text of Section 166 of the Companies Act, 2013:**

## 166. Duties of directors

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a director of a company shall act in accordance with the articles of the company.
- (2) A *director* of a company shall act in good faith in order to promote the objects of the company for the benefit of its members as a whole, and in the best interests of the company, its employees, the shareholders, the community and for the protection of environment.
- (3) A director of a company shall exercise his duties with due and reasonable care, skill and diligence and shall exercise independent judgement;
- (4) A director of a company shall not involve in a situation in which he may have a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interest of the company;
- (5) A director of a company shall not achieve or attempt to achieve any undue gain or advantage either to himself or to his relatives, partners, or associates and if such director is found guilty of making any undue gain, he shall be liable to pay an amount equal to that gain to the company;
- (6) A director of a company shall not assign his office and any assignment so made shall be void;
- (7) If a director of the company contravenes the provision of this section such director shall be punishable with fine which shall not be less than one lakh rupees but which may extend to five lakh rupees.

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**Details of Familiarisation programmes/ sessions attended by Independent Directors**

Particulars	Financial Year	Name of Independent Director				
		Mr. Ramesh Chandak	Mr. A. V. Nerurkar	Mr. H. C. Dalal	Mr. Prem Kapil	Ms. Shweta Musale
<b>No. of Programme(s) attended</b>	2015-16	N.A.	1	1	1	N.A.
	2016-17	N.A.	1	1	1	N.A.
	2017-18	N.A.	1	1	1	N.A.
	2018-19	N.A.	1	1	1	N.A.
	2019-20	N.A.	1	1	1	N.A.
	2020-21	1	1	1	1	N.A.
	2021-22	1	1	1	1	1
	2022-23	1	1	1	1	1
	<b>Cumulative till date</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>No. of Hours spent in the Programme(s) attended</b>	2015-16	N.A.	01:00	01:00	01:00	N.A.
	2016-17	N.A.	01:00	01:00	01:00	N.A.
	2017-18	N.A.	01:00	01:00	01:00	N.A.
	2018-19	N.A.	00:15	00:15	00:15	N.A.
	2019-20	N.A.	00:15	00:15	00:15	N.A.
	2020-21	00:15	00:15	00:15	00:15	N.A.
	2021-22	00:15	00:15	00:15	00:15	00:15
	2022-23	00:15	00:15	00:15	00:15	00:15
	<b>Cumulative till date</b>	<b>00:45</b>	<b>04:10</b>	<b>04:15</b>	<b>04:15</b>	<b>00:30</b>