KOTHARI FERMENTATION AND BIOCHEM LIMITED

CIN: L72411DL1990PLC042502
Regd. Office: 16, Community Centre, First Floor, Saket, New Delhi-110017
Tel: 011-26850004, Fax: 011-41664840, E-Mail –info@kothariyeast.in
Website: www.kothariyeast.in

POLICY ON CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING MATERIALITY OF EVENTS

1. OBJECTIVE

The Policy is framed in accordance with the requirements of the Regulation 30 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (Regulations).

The objective of the Policy is to determine materiality of events or information of the Company and to ensure that such information is adequately disseminated in pursuance with the Regulations and to provide an overall governance framework for such determination of materiality.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Policy is effective from 15.07.2023.

2. DEFINITION

"Act" shall mean the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules framed thereunder, including any modifications, clarifications, circulars or re-enactment thereof.

"Board of Directors" or **"Board"** means the Board of Directors of Kothari Fermentation and Biochem Limited, as constituted from time to time.

"Company" means Kothari Fermentation and Biochem Limited.

"Key Managerial Personnel" mean key managerial personnel as defined in sub-section (51) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013;

"Listing agreement" shall mean an agreement that is to be entered into between a recognised stock exchange and the Company pursuant to Securities and Exchange Board (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations ,2015.

"Material Event" or "Material Information" shall mean such event or information as set out in the Schedule or as may be determined in terms of Clause 3 of the Policy. In the Policy, the words, "material" and "materiality" shall be construed accordingly.

"Material Subsidiary" shall mean any subsidiary company of the Company which is or has been determined as a material subsidiary as per the provisions of the Regulations.

"Policy" means this Policy on criteria for determining Materiality of events or information and as may be amended from time to time.

"Regulations" mean Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 including any modifications, clarifications, circulars or re-enactment thereof.

"Schedule" means a Schedule III of SEBI(Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

Any other term not defined herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Companies Act, 2013, the Listing Agreement, Regulations or any other applicable law or regulation to the extent applicable to the Company.

3. GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING MATERIALITY OF EVENTS OR INFORMATION

- Any information or event, whether positive or negative, should be regarded as "material" if it meets the qualitative and/ or quantitative criteria for materiality set out in this Policy, or is deemed to be material under the Applicable Laws. Materiality will be determined on a case-to-case basis depending on specific facts and circumstances relating to the information/event, and Applicable Law.

- Events listed in Para A – Part A of Schedule III of Listing Regulations, shall be deemed to be material and shall be disclosed without application of materiality criteria.

- Events/information listed in Para B – Part A of Schedule III of the Listing Regulations, shall be considered material if it satisfies the materiality criteria stated below:

A. Qualitative Criteria

- the omission of such event or information is likely to result in discontinuity or alteration of event or information already available publicly; or
- the omission of such event or information is likely to result in significant marketreaction if the said omission came to light at a later date; or

B. Quantitative Criteria

If the value or the expected impact in terms of value of such event or informationexceeds the lower of the following:

- two percent of turnover, as per the Company's last audited annual consolidated financial statements;
- two percent of net worth, as per the Company's last audited annual consolidated financial statements, except in case the arithmetic value of the networth is negative;
- five percent of the average of absolute value of profit or loss after tax, as per the Company's last three audited annual consolidated financial statements.

Notwithstanding anything stated above, the Board of Directors of the Company may prescribe any other criteria, from time to time, to determine materiality of events/information under this Policy. However, such criteria shall not dilute the requirements prescribed under the Listing Regulations.

4. DISCLOSURES OF EVENTS OR INFORMATION

The Company shall disclose all events or information within the timelines specified in the Applicable Laws. All the above disclosures would be hosted on the website of the Company for a minimum period of five years and thereafter archived as per Company's policy for Preservation and Archival of Documents.

5. AUTHORITY TO KEY MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL

Managing Director and Company Secretary of the Company or any other person duly authorized by the Board in this regard, shall severally have the authority to determine Materiality of any event or information and ensure disclosures of the same are made to stock exchange(s), subject to the provisions of this Policy.

6. AMENDMENTS

The Board may subject to the applicable laws amend any provision(s) or substitute any of the provision(s) with the new provision(s) or replace the Policy entirely with a new Policy. However, no such amendment or modification shall be inconsistent with the applicable provisions of any law for the time being in force.

7. SCOPE AND LIMITATION

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Policy and the Listing Agreement; Companies Act, 2013; SEBI Regulations or any other statutory enactments, rules, etc., the provisions of such Listing Agreement / Companies Act, 2013 or statutory enactments, rules shall prevail over this Policy and the part(s) so repugnant shall be deemed to severed from the Policy and the rest of the Policy shall remain in force.

8. DISSEMINATION OF POLICY

This Policy shall be hosted on the website of the Company and address of such web link thereto shall be provided in the Annual Report of the Company.

Annexure A

Events which shall be disclosed without any application of the guidelines for Materiality:

1. Acquisition(s) (including agreement to acquire), Scheme of Arrangement (amalgamation/ merger/ demerger/restructuring), or sale or disposal of any unit(s), division(s) or subsidiary of the Company or any other restructuring;
   Explanation. - 'Acquisition' shall mean, -

   (i) acquiring control, whether directly or indirectly; or,
   (ii) acquiring or agreeing to acquire shares or voting rights in, a company, whether directly or indirectly, such that -

      (a) the Company holds shares or voting rights aggregating to five per cent or more of the shares or voting rights in the said company, or;
      (b) there has been a change in holding from the last disclosure and such change exceeds two per cent of the total shareholding or voting rights in the said company.
2. Issuance or forfeiture of securities, split or consolidation of shares, buyback of securities, any restriction on transferability of securities or alteration in terms or structure of existing securities including forfeiture, reissue of forfeited securities, alteration of calls, redemption of securities etc.;
3. Revision in credit rating(s);
4. Outcome of Meetings of the Board of Directors: The Company shall disclose to the Exchange, within 30 minutes of the closure of the meeting, held to consider the following:

   a) dividends and/or cash bonuses recommended or declared or the decision to pass any dividend and the date on which dividend shall be paid/dispatched;
   b) any cancellation of dividend with reasons thereof;
   c) the decision on buyback of securities;
   d) the decision with respect to fund raising proposed to be undertaken
   e) increase in capital by issue of bonus shares through capitalization including the date on which such bonus shares shall be credited/dispatched;
   f) reissue of forfeited shares or securities, or the issue of shares or securities held in reserve for future issue or the creation in any form or manner of new shares or securities or any other rights, privileges or benefits to subscribe to;
   g) short particulars of any other alterations of capital, including calls;
   h) financial results;
   i) decision on voluntary delisting by the Company from stock exchange.

5. Agreements (viz. shareholder agreement(s), joint venture agreement(s), family settlement agreement(s) (to the extent that it impacts management and control of the Company),agreement(s)/treaty(ies)/contract(s) with media companies) which are binding and not in normal course of business, revision(s) or amendment(s) and termination(s) thereof;
6. Fraud/defaults by Promoter or Key Managerial Personnel or by Company or arrest of Key Managerial Personnel or Promoter;
7. Change in Directors, Key Managerial Personnel (Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary etc.), Auditor and Compliance Officer;
8. Appointment or discontinuation of share transfer agent;
9. Corporate debt restructuring;

10. One-time settlement with a bank;
11. Reference to BIFR and winding-up petition filed by any party /creditors;
12. Issuance of Notices, call letters, resolutions and circulars sent to shareholders, debenture holders or creditors or any class of them or advertised in the media by the Company;
13. Proceedings of Annual and extraordinary general meetings of the Company;
14. Amendments to memorandum and articles of association of Company, in brief;
15. Schedule of Analyst or institutional investor meet and presentations on financial results made by the Company to analysts or institutional investors.

Annexure B

Illustrative list of events which shall be disclosed upon application of the guidelines for materiality:

1. Commencement or any postponement in the date of commencement of commercial production or commercial operations of any unit/division;
2. Change in the general character or nature of business brought about by arrangements for strategic, technical, manufacturing, or marketing tie-up, adoption of new lines of business or closure of operations of any unit/division (entirety or piecemeal);
3. Capacity addition or product launch;
4. Awarding, bagging/ receiving, amendment or termination of awarded/bagged orders/contracts not in the normal course of business;
5. Agreements (viz. loan agreement(s) (as a borrower) or any other agreement(s) which are binding and not in normal course of business) and revision(s) or amendment(s) or termination(s) thereof;
6. Disruption of operations of any one or more units or division of the Company due to natural calamity (earthquake, flood, fire etc.), force majeure or events such as strikes, lockouts etc.;
7. Effect(s) arising out of change in the regulatory framework applicable to the Company;
8. Litigation(s) / dispute(s) / regulatory action(s) with impact;
9. Fraud/defaults etc. by directors (other than key managerial personnel) or employees of Company;
10. Options to purchase securities including any ESOP/ESPS Scheme;
11. Giving of guarantees or indemnity or becoming a surety for any third party;
12. Granting, withdrawal, surrender , cancellation or suspension of key licenses or regulatory approvals;
13. Any other information/event viz. major development that is likely to affect business, e.g. emergence of new technologies, expiry of patents, any change of accounting policy that may have a significant impact on the accounts, etc. and brief details thereof and any other information which is exclusively known to the Company which may be necessary to enable the holders of securities of the Company to appraise its position and to avoid the establishment of a false market in such securities.