

## **VEEDA CLINICAL RESEARCH LIMITED**

### **Nomination and Remuneration Policy**

#### **Introduction:**

In terms of Section 178 of the Companies Act and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (as amended from time to time), this policy on Nomination and Remuneration of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) and Senior Management of Veeda Clinical Research Limited has been formulated by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

This policy shall act as guidelines on matters relating to the remuneration, appointment, removal and evaluation of performance of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management.

#### **Definitions:**

In this policy unless the context otherwise requires, -

- a) Act: means the Companies Act 2013 and rules there under, as amended from time to time.
- b) Company: means “Veeda Clinical Research Limited”.
- c) Board: means “Board of Directors” of Veeda Clinical Research Limited.
- d) Director: means Directors of the Company other than independent directors and executive directors.
- e) Independent Director: means a Director referred to in Section 149 (6) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
- f) Committee: means “Nomination & Remuneration Committee” of the Company as constituted by the Board from time to time.
- g) M&SS: Managerial & Superintending Staff of the Company
- h) Key Managerial Personnel or KMP: means Managing Director, Joint Managing Director, Whole-time Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary, and such other persons who may be considered to be KMP under the Companies Act, 2013 or as may be identified by the Board.
- i) Senior Management Personnel: means officers/personnel of the Company who are members of its Core Management Team excluding Board of Directors and including members of Management one level below the Managing Director /Executive Directors (including Chief Executive Officer in case they are not part of the Board) and shall include Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer.
- j) ASR: Annual Salary Review
- k) SLx: Salary Level
- l) Listing Regulations means Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time.

The words and expressions used but not defined herein, but defined under the Companies Act, 2013 shall have the meaning assigned therein.

**Constitution of the “Nomination & Remuneration Committee:**

The Board has the power to constitute / reconstitute the Committee from time to time to make it consistent with Company’s policies and applicable statutory requirements. The composition of the Committee shall be in line with the requirements of the Act and Listing Regulations.

The Company Secretary of the Company shall act as the Secretary of the Committee.

Membership of the Committee shall be disclosed in the Annual Report. The terms of the Committee shall be continuing unless terminated by the Board of Directors.

**Key objectives of the Committee:**

- a) To guide the Board in relation to the appointment and changes in Directors and Key Managerial Personnel.
- b) To formulate criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes, and independence of directors.
- c) To recommend M&SS that may be appointed as Key Managerial Personnel in accordance with the policy in vogue.
- d) To specify the manner for effective evaluation of performance of Board, its committees and individual directors to be carried out either by the Board, by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee or by an independent external agency and review its implementation and compliance.
- e) To 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 of directors their appointment and removal.
- f) To recommend to the Board remuneration payable to the Directors and Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management Personnel.
- g) To develop a succession plan for the Board and to regularly review the plan.
- h) To decide whether to extend or continue the term of appointment of the independent director, based on the report of performance evaluation of independent directors.
- i) Consider any other matters as may be prescribed under the Act or Listing Regulations or as may be requested by the Board from time to time.
- j) To devise a policy on the diversity of the Board of Directors.

**Frequency of meetings:**

The meeting of the Committee shall be held at regular intervals as may be deemed fit and appropriate with at least one meeting in a year.

The quorum for the Committee Meeting shall be either two members or one-third of the members of the Committee, whichever is greater, including at least one Independent Director in attendance.

The Chairman of the Committee or in his absence any other member of the Committee authorized by him on his behalf shall attend the Annual General Meeting of the Company.

The Committee may invite such executives, as it considers appropriate, to be present at the meetings of the Committee.

The Nomination & Remuneration Committee shall establish a mechanism to carry out its functions, any /all of its powers to any of the Executive / Whole-time Directors and/or Senior M&SS of the Company, as deemed necessary for proper and expeditious execution.

**Committee members interest:**

A member of the Committee is not entitled to participate in the discussions when his/her own remuneration is discussed at a meeting or when his/her performance is being evaluated.

**Effective Date:**

This policy shall be effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**Appointment of Director, Key Managerial Personnel & Senior Management:**

**Appointment Criteria & Qualification:**

The appointment of Director, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management will be based on the outcome of strategic planning.

The recruitment process for selection to aforementioned categories of personnel commences after the approval of manpower requisitions by the appointing authority (depending upon the SLx levels).

Relevant approval of concerned is also obtained as part of the process, as deemed fit depending upon the level of hiring. The Committee shall consider the standards of qualification, expertise and experience of the candidates for appointment as Director, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management and accordingly recommend to the Board his/her appointment.

**Remuneration to Key Managerial Personnel, Senior Management Personnel and other employees:**

a) The Key Managerial Personnel, Senior Management Personnel and other employees shall be paid remuneration as per the recommendations of the Committee and in accordance with this policy of the Company as revised through the Annual Salary Review process from time to time.

b) The Human Resource department will inform the Committee, the requisite details on the proposed increments for every Annual Salary Review cycle / process including payouts for the variable part (Performance Incentive).

c) The composition of remuneration so determined by the Committee shall be reasonable and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate the Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management of the quality required to effectively run the Company. The relationship of remuneration to performance should be clear and meet appropriate performance benchmarks.

d) The market salary survey for total remuneration will be periodically commissioned with external consultants as deemed necessary by the Committee. The basket of companies chosen

for the survey are selected and finalized by HR department in consultation with concerned department making requisition.

e) Revision in remuneration of Key Managerial Personnel assuming position of a director within the meaning of the Act, shall require prior approval of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee and the Board. Such Director shall not participate in discussion and voting thereon.

f) The remuneration, including revision in remuneration, payable to Senior Management shall be recommended by the Committee to the Board of Directors.

g) Remuneration to Non-Executive & Independent Directors as may be approved by Board and allowed under the prevailing laws.

### **Sitting Fees**

The Non-executive Directors and Independent Directors of the Company are entitled to sitting fees as determined by Board from time to time for attending Board / Committee meetings thereof in accordance with the provisions of Companies Act, 2013.

### **Profit-linked Commission**

The profit-linked Commission shall be paid within the monetary limit approved by the shareholders of the Company subject to the same not exceeding 1% of the net profits of the Company computed as per the applicable provisions of the Companies Act. Profit linked commission would comprise of a fixed component and variable component and will be determined by the Board for each financial year.

### **Policy on Board diversity:**

The Board shall comprise of Directors having expertise in different areas / fields like Finance, Sales and Marketing, Banking, Engineering, Human Resource management, etc. or as may be considered appropriate. In designing the Board's composition, Board diversity has been considered from a number of aspects, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills and knowledge.

The Board shall have at least one Board member who has accounting or related financial management expertise and at least one women director.

### **Changes amongst Directors, Key Managerial Personnel:**

The Committee may recommend to the Board, changes in Board or Key Managerial Personnel subject to the provisions of the Act, Listing Regulations and applicable Company's policies i.e., Rules and Regulation of Service and Conduct for M&SS, Code of Business Conduct and Principles of legal compliance framed and adopted by the Company from time to time. The Key Managerial Personnel shall superannuate as per the applicable provisions of the regulation and prevailing policy of the Company. The Board of Directors will have the discretion to retain the Key Managerial Personnel in the same position / remuneration or revised remuneration after attaining the date of superannuation for organisational development reasons or otherwise.

### **Minutes of Committee Meeting:**

The Proceedings of all the "Nomination & Remuneration Committee" meetings must be minute and signed by the Chairman of the Committee. The minutes of the Committee meetings will be tabled at the subsequent Board and Committee meetings.

**Amendments to the Nomination and Remuneration Policy:**

The Board on its own and/or as per the recommendations of Nomination and Remuneration Committee can amend this policy, as deemed fit from time to time.