



**Gayatri Sugars Limited**

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### **1. Introduction**

Gayatri Sugars Limited (hereinafter referred to as "GSL" or "The Company") recognizes that Related Party Transactions (as defined below) may have potential or actual conflicts of interest and may raise questions whether such transactions are consistent with the Company and its shareholders' best interests and in compliance to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI(LODR) Regulations, 2015 as amended.

#### **1.1 About the company**

Gayatri Sugars Limited (GSL) was originally incorporated as NCS Gayatri Sugars Private Limited on 15th June, 1995 in the state of Andhra Pradesh with an object to manufacture Sugar and allied products from Beetroot, Sugar Cane, Gur-Molasses. The Company was converted into a public limited Company on with effect from 22nd January, 1997 under the name NCS Gayatri Sugars Limited. Further, the name of the Company was changed to Gayatri Sugars Limited with effect from 17th July, 2003.

#### **1.2 Scope and purpose of the policy**

The Board of Directors of the Company has adopted the following policy and procedures with regard to Related Party Transactions. The Audit Committee will review and may amend the policy as and when required subject to approval of the Board.

The objective of this policy is to regulate transactions between the Company and its Related Parties as determined based on the Companies Act, 2013, Listing Agreement and any other laws and regulations as may be applicable to the Company.

### **2. Definitions**

#### **2.1 Act:**

"Act" means the Companies Act, 2013 including any amendment or modification thereof.

#### **2.2 Arm's Length Transaction:**

"Arm's Length Transaction" means a transaction between two related parties that is conducted as if they were unrelated.

#### **2.3 Associate:**

"Associate" means a company as defined under section 2(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 and as defined by applicable accounting standard".



2.4 Audit Committee:

"Audit Committee" means the Committee of the Board formed under section 177 of the Act and Regulation 18 of the Listing Regulations.

2.5 Body Corporate:

"Body Corporate" means an entity as defined in Section 2(11) of the Companies Act, 2013.

2.6 Listing Regulations:

"Listing Regulations" means SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended from time to time.

2.7 Company:

"Company" means Gayatri Sugars Limited.

2.8 Director:

"Director" means a person as defined in Section 2(34) of the Companies Act, 2013.

2.9 Employees:

"Employees" shall mean the employees and office-bearers of the Company, including but not limited to Whole Time Directors.

2.10 Key Managerial Personnel:

"Key Managerial Personnel" shall mean the officers of the Company as defined in Section 2(51) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules prescribed thereunder.

2.11 Material Related party Transactions:

"Material Related Party Transactions" shall mean a transaction as defined as material in Regulation 23 of the Listing Regulations or any other law or regulation including any amendment or modification thereof, as may be applicable.

2.12 Ordinary course of business:

"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 Memorandum & Articles of Association.

2.13 Relative:

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

2.14 Related party:

"Related Party" means an individual, entity, firm, body corporate or person as defined in Section 2(76) of the Act or under the applicable accounting standards.



Provided that any person or entity belonging to the promoter or promoter group of the company and holding 20% or more of shareholding in the company shall be deemed to be a related party.

2.15 Related party transactions:

"Related Party Transactions" shall mean such transactions as specific under Section 188 of the Act or rules made thereunder and Regulation 23 of the Listing Regulations, including any amendment or modification thereof, as may be applicable.

2.16 Subsidiary:

"Subsidiary" means a company as defined in Section 2(87) of the Companies Act, 2013.

2.17 Any other term not defined herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Companies Act, 2013, the Listing Regulations, Securities Contract Regulation Act or any other applicable law or regulation.

### **3. Related party transactions under the policy**

**3.1** Any transfer of resources, services or obligations between the company and a related party, would get covered as a '**Related Party Transaction**', whether or not, there is an element of consideration or price.

#### **3.2 Prohibited Related party transactions**

Any transaction with a Related Party can be undertaken only if it is in compliance with the law.

#### **3.3 Approval Process**

The Company will enter into any Related Party Transactions only with the prior approval of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for the proposed Related Party Transaction subject to the following conditions:

- a. The Audit Committee shall lay down the criteria for granting omnibus approval in line with the policy on Related Party Transactions of the Company and such approval shall be applicable in respect of transactions which are repetitive in nature;
- b. The Audit Committee satisfy itself the need for such omnibus approval and that such approval is in the interest of the Company;
- c. Such omnibus approval shall specify the following:
  - Name(s) of the Related Party;
  - Nature of the transaction;
  - Period of transaction;
  - Maximum amount of transaction that can be entered into;



- The indicative base price / current contracted price and the formula for variation in the price, if any, and;
  - Such other conditions as the Audit Committee may deem fit.
- d. In such cases where the need for Related Party Transaction cannot be foreseen and details as required above are not available, the Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for such transactions subject to their value not exceeding Rs. 1.00 crore per transaction;
- e. The Audit committee shall review, at least on a quarterly basis, the details of RPTs entered into by the Company pursuant to each of the omnibus approval given;
- f. Such omnibus approvals shall be valid for a period not exceeding one year and shall require fresh approvals after the expiry of one year.

The Audit Committee will have the discretion to recommend / refer any matter relating to the Related Party Transaction to the Board for the approval.

In the case of Material Related Party Transaction, the approval of the shareholders by way of special resolution is also required irrespective of the fact whether the transaction, contract or arrangement is in the ordinary course of business or at arm length or both and the Related Party shall abstain from voting on such resolutions.

In the event transaction, contract or arrangement with the Related Party is either not in the ordinary course of business or is not at arm's length or both, the Company shall comply with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules framed thereunder and obtain approval of the Board and its shareholders, as applicable.

The following types of transactions require approval from shareholders:

- Transactions not in the ordinary course of business
- Transactions in the ordinary course of business if not done at an arm's length
- Material Transactions as defined under Regulation 23 of the Listing Regulations.

### **MATERIALITY THRESHOLDS:**

Regulation 23 (1) of SEBI Regulation 2015 requires a company to provide materiality thresholds for transactions beyond which shareholders approval will be required by way of ordinary resolution.

A transaction with a related party shall be considered material if the transaction(s) to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceeds **ten percent** of the annual consolidated turnover of the listed entity as per the last audited financial statements of the listed entity.

A transaction involving payments made to a related party with respect to brand usage or royalty shall be considered material if the transaction(s) to be entered into individually or taken together



with previous transactions during a financial year, exceed **two percent** of the annual consolidated turnover of the listed entity as per the last audited financial statements of the listed entity

Accordingly, all transactions with related party shall be considered material if the transaction/transactions to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceed 10% or 2% of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company, based on the last audited financial statements.

Thus all transactions with related parties beyond the materiality threshold limit, as laid down above would be placed before the shareholders for approval, irrespective of the fact whether the transaction, contract or arrangement is in the ordinary course of business or at arm's length.

For this purpose, all entities falling under the definition of related parties shall not vote to approve the relevant transaction irrespective of whether the entity is a party to the particular transaction or not.

In addition to the above, all kinds of transactions as specified under Section 188 of the Act which (a) are not in the ordinary course of business and at arm's length basis; and (b) exceed the threshold limits laid down in Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Rules, 2014, would be placed before the shareholders for their approval.

#### **4. Transactions at arm's length**

The Company has laid down a framework to assess whether transactions with related parties are done at an arm's length and company adopts generally accepted practices and principles in determining whether the transaction is at "arms' length".

#### **5. Disclosure by Directors/ KMPs**

##### **A. Disclosure of interests**

- All Directors/ KMPs are required to disclose the entities in which they or their relatives are or deemed to be interested, in the prescribed form.
- Each Director and KMP of the Company shall promptly notify the Company Secretary of any material transaction or Relationship that could reasonably be expected to give rise to any conflict of interest.
- The Company shall maintain Register in the prescribed form.
- The company shall disclose the policy on dealing with Related Party Transactions on its website and a web link thereto shall be provided in the Annual Report.



- Details of all material transactions with related parties shall be disclosed, quarterly in the Compliance Report on Corporate Governance., as required under Listing Regulations.

## **B. Disclosure of Related Party Transaction entered with the company**

Each Director and KMPs of the Company is responsible for providing declaration/ notice in the prescribed Form to the Company Secretary about Related Party Transaction involving the Company and him or her or an entity wherein he/ she or his / her relative is interested, including any additional information about the transaction that the Company Secretary may reasonably request. The Company Secretary in consultation with the management and an independent counsel, as appropriate, will determine whether the transaction does, in fact, constitute a Related Party Transaction requiring compliance with this policy.

## **6. Guiding Principles for approval of a Related Party Transaction by the Board/ Audit Committee thereof**

To review a Related Party Transaction, the Board/ Audit Committee will be provided with all the relevant information pertaining to the Related Party Transaction, including the terms of the transaction, the business purpose of the transaction, the benefits to the Company and any other matter, as may be required. In determining whether approval needs to be accorded to a Related Party Transaction, the Board/ Audit Committee will consider the following factors:

- Whether the terms of the Related Party Transaction are fair to the Company and would apply on the same basis if the transaction did not involve a Related Party;
- Whether there are any compelling business reasons for the Company to enter into the Related Party Transaction and the nature of alternative transactions, if any;
- Whether the Related Party Transaction would impair the independence of an otherwise Independent Director;
- Whether the Related Party Transaction would present an improper conflict of interest for any Director, or KMP of the Company, taking into account the size of the transaction, the overall interest of the Director,, KMP or other Related Party, the direct or indirect nature of the Director, KMP or other Related Party's interest in the transaction and the on going nature of any proposed relationship and any other factors the Board/ Audit Committee deem fit to consider.

In case the Board/ Audit Committee determines not to ratify a Related Party Transaction that has been commenced without approval, the Board/ Audit Committee, as appropriate, may direct additional actions including, but not limited to, immediate discontinuation or rescission of the transaction, or modification of the transaction to make it acceptable for ratification. In connection



with any review of a Related Party Transaction, the Board/ Audit Committee has authority to modify or waive any procedural requirements of this Policy.

#### **7. Consequences of non-compliance of such policy for any Related party transaction**

Non-compliance of this Policy may lead to initiation of disciplinary proceedings against the employee. Details of such disciplinary proceedings will form part of the personal file of such employee and will be considered as a default on his or her key responsibilities.

The above would be over and above the prescribed penal consequences under Companies Act, Listing Regulations, Securities Contract Regulation Act, 1956 or the employee standing order of the Company.

#### **8. Amendment**

The Board of the Company shall review the policy once in every 3 years and may, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, amend this Policy from time to time. Any or all provisions of this Policy would be subject to revision / amendment in accordance with the Act and SEBI Regulations.

In case of any amendment(s), clarification(s), circular(s) etc. issued by the relevant authorities not being consistent with the provisions laid down under this Policy, then such amendment(s), clarification(s), circular(s), etc. shall prevail over the provisions hereunder and this Policy shall stand amended accordingly from the effective date as laid down under such amendment(s), clarification(s), circular(s), etc.