



KUMAR ARCH TECH LIMITED

CODE OF CONDUCT

Version –01

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Code of Conduct for the Board of Directors and Senior Management

1. Introduction

This 'Code of Conduct for Directors and Senior Management Personnel' (the "Code") has been framed and adopted by KUMAR ARCH TECH LIMITED (the "Company") in compliance with the provisions of Regulation 17(5) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013. Regulation 46(2) (d) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the "Listing Regulations") requires every listed company to publish a code of conduct for its board of directors and senior management personnel on its website. The Code is in alignment with the Company's objectives, corporate governance policy and aims at enhancing an ethical transparent process in managing the affairs of the Company. This Code enables the Company to publicly state to its external stakeholders (suppliers, customers, consumers and shareholders), the way in which they intend to do business. The Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on September 09, 2024 approved the Code of Conduct.

2. Applicability

This Code applies to all directors, Senior Management personnel, and other employees of the Company and its subsidiaries (which, unless the context otherwise requires, are collectively referred to in this code as the "Company").

The Company Secretary shall be the Compliance Officer for the purpose of this Code.

(Senior Management personnel: shall mean the officers and personnel of the listed entity who are members of its core management team, excluding the Board of Directors, and shall also comprise all the members of the management one level below the Chief Executive Officer or Managing Director or Whole Time Director or Manager (including Chief Executive Officer and Manager, in case they are not part of the Board of Directors) and shall specifically include the functional heads, by whatever name called and the Company Secretary and the Chief Financial Officer.)

3. Objectives

Establishing the rules and principles to be adhered to by employees to ensure ethical business conduct, demonstrating financial and operational excellence and making a positive contribution to our community and society. Providing directives for compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules, and regulations.

Governing our conduct towards others during our business interactions, which includes: Respectful conduct and behaviour of employees towards each other. Employees are expected to respect their colleagues and not to harass them by their conduct, sexually or otherwise. This is

covered in detail under the 'Policy on Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment at Workplace' of the Company.

Strict intolerance for bribery and unethical practices during business dealings, ensuring all interactions align with the company's long-term interests and providing honest and fair disclosures where required, in compliance with local laws and regulations. Honest and ethical conduct while interacting with business partners and other third parties without any compromise or conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships.

Providing instructions for timely reporting of relevant disclosures such as gifts or conflict of interest etc.

Establishing protocol for seeking counsel or clarification or raising any concerns especially for violations of this code. Providing the details of suitable contact persons and channels for these communications.

4. Code of Conduct Disclaimers

Every person to whom the Code is applicable, shall conduct the affairs of the Company and perform his/her duties with due care, diligence, dignity, honesty and integrity and shall confirm to the highest moral and ethical standards at all time, be loyal to the Company and act in good faith and in the best interest of the Company.

The Board Members and Senior Management Personnel of the Company:

- Shall devote their greatest efforts to achieve the goals of the Company and ensure compliance with the company's policies and applicable laws.
- Shall adhere to the highest standards of honest conduct, including proper and ethical procedures in dealing with actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships.
- Shall not engage in any business, relationship, or activity that detrimentally conflicts with the interests of the Company or brings discredit to it. Any situation that creates a conflict of interest between personal interests and the Company and its stakeholders' interests must be avoided at all costs.
- Shall not exploit for his/her own personal gain opportunities that are discovered through the use of corporate property, information, or position unless the Company declines to pursue such opportunity for its business interest(s).
- Shall perform their roles with competence and diligence, in good faith, and in the best interests of the Company.

- Shall ensure compliance with the prescribed safety and environment-related norms and other applicable codes, laws, rules, regulations, and statutes, which, if not complied with, may disqualify him/ her from his/ her association with the Company.
- Shall maintain confidentiality of information entrusted by the Company or acquired during the performance of their duties.
- Shall not seek, receive, accept, or offer, directly or indirectly, any gifts, donations, remuneration, hospitality, illegal payments, and comparable benefits that are intended or perceived to be intended to obtain business (or uncompetitive) favours or decisions for the conduct of the business.
- Shall protect the Company's assets (including properties, information, and intellectual properties) from loss, damage, misuse or theft and ensure that the assets are only used for business purposes and other purposes specifically approved by management and never be used for unauthorized purposes.
- Shall not communicate with any member of the press or publicity media or any other outside agency on matters concerning the Company, except through the designated spokespersons or persons authorized otherwise.
- Shall, in conformity with applicable legal provisions, disclose personal and/ or financial interest in any business dealings concerning the Company and shall declare information about their relatives (spouse, dependent children and dependent parents), including transactions, if any, entered into with them.
- Shall not, without the prior approval of the Board of Directors or the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, as the case may be, accept employment or advisory positions with any competing organization for remuneration or otherwise that is prejudicial to the interests of the Company and shall not allow personal interest to conflict with the interest of the Company.
- Shall pursue healthy Human Resource policies without any discrimination on the basis of caste, sex or religion, upholding human dignity to motivate a sense of belonging to the organization.
- Shall not engage by themselves or on behalf of the Company in any activity that may harm the company's reputation or legal standing in any market or jurisdiction.
- Shall ensure compliance with the Insider Trading Code framed and adopted by the Board of Directors in compliance with the Insider Trading Regulations.

5. Obligations with respect to Directors and Senior Management Personnel

A director shall not be a member in more than ten committees or act as chairperson of more than five committees across all listed entities in which he/she is a director, which shall be determined as follows:

- a. the limit of the committees on which a director may serve in all public limited companies, whether listed or not, shall be included, and all other companies, including private limited companies, foreign companies, and companies under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013, shall be excluded;
- b. for the purpose of determination of limit, chairpersonship and membership of the audit committee and the Stakeholders' Relationship Committee alone shall be considered.

Senior management Personnel shall make disclosures to the board of directors relating to all material, financial and commercial transactions, where they have personal interest that may have a potential conflict with the interest of the listed entity at large. For the purpose of this, conflict of interest relates to dealing in the shares of the listed entity, commercial dealings with bodies which have a shareholding of management and their relatives, etc.

6. Duties of Directors

The Directors shall abide by the duties of directors as laid down under Section 166 of the Act and Regulation 4 (2) (f) of the Listing Regulations. The duties of directors, as aforesaid, are prescribed in Annexure- I. The Code also covers the 'Duties of Independent Directors' as annexed in Annexure-II to this Code and as prescribed in Schedule IV to the Companies Act, 2013.

7. Violations of the Code

It shall be the duty of Directors and Senior Management Personnel to help the enforcement of the Code and any breach if communicated/noticed is to be reported to the Board. In case of breach of this Code by Directors and Senior Management Personnel, the same shall be considered by the Board for initiating appropriate action, including disciplinary action such as termination of employment, suspension and/ or penalty, as deemed necessary.

8. Affirmation of the Code

All Directors and Senior Management Personnel should sign the acknowledgement form annexed as Annexure- III hereto and return the form to the Compliance Officer indicating that they have received, read and understood and agree to comply with the Code.

All Directors and Senior Management Personnel shall affirm compliance with the Code on an annual basis, within 30 days of close of every financial year to the Compliance Officer, in the form annexed hereto as Annexure-IV. The Company's Annual Report shall contain a declaration to this effect signed by the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director.

9. Dissemination of the Policy:

This policy shall be uploaded on the website of the Company i.e. www.echon.co

10. Amendment: Any change in the Policy shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the Company. The Board of Directors shall have the right to withdraw and / or amend any part of this Policy or the entire Policy, at any time, as it deems fit, or from time to time, and the decision of the Board in this respect shall be final and binding. Determine which documents should be preserved permanently or for extended periods based on their legal, operational, or historical significance.

Adaptive Date: September, 09th 2024

Date of the approval by the Board: September, 09th 2024

Sd/-

Chairman's Signature

ANNEXURE – I

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS UNDER SECTION 166 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013, REGULATION 4(2)(F) OF THE LISTING REGULATIONS AND CODE FOR INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS UNDER SCHEDULE IV OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 (THE “ACT”)

- **Duties of directors under Section 166 of the Companies Act, 2013:**
 - Subject to the provisions of the Act, a director of a company shall act in accordance with the articles of the company.
 - 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, and the community and for the protection of environment.
 - A director of a company shall exercise his/her duties with due and reasonable care, skill and diligence and shall exercise independent judgment.
 - A director of a company shall not involve in a situation in which he/she may have a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interest of the company.
 - A director of a company shall not achieve or attempt to achieve any undue gain or advantage either to himself/herself or to his/her relatives, partners, or associates and if such director is found guilty of making any undue gain, he/she shall be liable to pay an amount equal to that gain to the company.
 - A director of a company shall not assign his/her office and any assignment so made shall be void.
- **Duties of directors under Regulations 4(2)(f) of the Listing Regulations:**

1) Disclosure of information:

- Members of board of directors and key managerial personnel shall disclose to the board of directors whether they, directly, indirectly, or on behalf of third parties, have a material interest in any transaction or matter directly affecting the listed entity.
- The board of directors and senior management shall conduct themselves so as to meet the expectations of operational transparency to stakeholders while at

the same time maintaining confidentiality of information in order to foster a culture of good decision-making.

2) Disclosure of information: Key functions of the board of directors:

- Reviewing and guiding corporate strategy, major plans of action, risk policy, annual budgets and business plans, setting performance objectives, monitoring implementation and corporate performance, and overseeing major capital expenditures, acquisitions and divestments.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of the listed entity's governance practices and making.
- Changes as needed.
- Selecting, compensating, monitoring and, when necessary, replacing key managerial personnel and overseeing succession planning.
- Aligning key managerial personnel and remuneration of board of directors with the longer term interests of the listed entity and its shareholders.
- Ensuring a transparent nomination process to the board of directors with the diversity of thought, experience, knowledge, perspective and gender in the board of directors.
- Monitoring and managing potential conflicts of interest of management, members of the board of directors and shareholders, including misuse of corporate assets and abuse in related party transactions.
- Ensuring the integrity of the listed entity's accounting and financial reporting systems, including the independent audit, and that appropriate systems of control are in place, in particular, systems for risk management, financial and operational control, and compliance with the law and relevant standards.
- Overseeing the process of disclosure and communications.
- Monitoring and reviewing board of director's evaluation framework.

3) Other responsibilities:

- The board of directors shall provide strategic guidance to the listed entity, ensure effective monitoring of the management and shall be accountable to the listed entity and the shareholders.

- The board of directors shall set a corporate culture and the values by which executives throughout a group shall behave.
- Members of the board of directors shall act on a fully informed basis, in good faith, with due diligence and care, and in the best interest of the listed entity and the shareholders.
- The board of directors shall encourage continuing directors training to ensure that the members of board of directors are kept up to date.
- Where decisions of the board of directors may affect different shareholder groups differently, the board of directors shall treat all shareholders fairly.
- The board of directors shall maintain high ethical standards and shall take into account the interests of stakeholders.
- The board of directors shall exercise objective independent judgement on corporate affairs.
- The board of directors shall consider assigning a sufficient number of non-executive members of the board of directors capable of exercising independent judgement to tasks where there is a potential for conflict of interest.
- The board of directors shall ensure that, while rightly encouraging positive thinking, these do not result in over-optimism that either leads to significant risks not being recognized or exposes the listed entity to excessive risk.
- The board of directors shall have ability to ‘step back’ to assist executive management by challenging the assumptions underlying: strategy, strategic initiatives (such as acquisitions), risk appetite, exposures and the key areas of the listed entity’s focus.
- When committees of the board of directors are established, their mandate, composition and working procedures shall be well defined and disclosed by the board of directors.
- Members of the board of directors shall be able to commit themselves effectively to their responsibilities.
- In order to fulfil their responsibilities, members of the board of directors shall have access to accurate, relevant and timely information.

- The board of directors and senior management shall facilitate the independent directors to perform their role effectively as a member of the board of directors and also a member of a committee of the board of directors.

ANNEXURE-II: Duties of Independent Director

The independent directors shall –

- Undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge, and familiarity with the company.
- 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.
- Strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board committees of which he is a member.
- Participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members.
- Strive to attend the general meetings of the company.
- 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;
- Keep themselves well informed about the company and the external environment in which it operates.
- Not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee of the Board.
- 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.
- 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.
- Report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the company's code of conduct or ethics policy.
- Acting within his authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the company, shareholders, and its employees.

- 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.

ANNEXURE – III

To
The Compliance Officer,
KUMAR ARCH TECH LIMITED
302 PARSHWNATH BUSINESS PARK, SURVEY NO. 836, F P NO. 1/2, PRAHLADNAGAR
VEJALPUR, AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT, INDIA, 380051

Dear Madam/Sir,

Sub.: Acknowledgement pursuant to the Company's code of conduct for directors and senior management personnel

I, _____ being a Director/ Senior management personnel of KUMAR ARCH TECH LIMITED (the "Company"), hereby acknowledge and confirm that:

I have received, read and understood the Company's Code of Conduct for Directors and Senior Management Personnel (the "Code").

I agree to comply with the Code.

Signature:

Name:

Designation:

Date:

Place:

ANNEXURE – IV

To
The Compliance Officer,
KUMAR ARCH TECH LIMITED
302 PARSHWNATH BUSINESS PARK, SURVEY NO. 836, F P NO. 1/2, PRAHLADNAGAR
VEJALPUR, AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT, INDIA, 380051

Dear Madam/Sir,

Sub.: Affirmation for compliance of the Company's code of conduct for directors and senior management personnel

I, _____ being a Director/ Senior management personnel of KUMAR ARCH TECH LIMITED (the "Company") do hereby solemnly affirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, I have fully complied with the provisions of the Company's Code of Conduct for Directors and Senior Management Personnel during the financial year ended March 31 _____, and.

I am not a party to any non - compliance with the said Code to the best of my information.

Signature:

Name:

Designation:

Date:

Place: