

# POLICY ON MATERIALITY OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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## PREFACE

Ekennis Software Service Limited has always been committed to good corporate governance practices, including in matters relating to Related Party Transactions. An endeavor is consistently made to have only arms' length transactions with Related Parties.

All Related Party Transactions (RPT), as that term is defined in this policy, shall be subject to review in accordance with the procedures set forth below. The Board has determined that the Audit Committee (the "Committee") is best suited to review all Related Party Transactions.

## DEFINITIONS

A '**related party**' is a person or entity that is related to the company. Parties / Entities are considered to be related if an entity shall be considered as related to the company if: *(i) such entity is a related party under Section 2(76) of the Companies Act, 2013; or (ii) such entity is a related party under the applicable accounting standards.*

**Materiality of Related Party Transactions** means a transaction with a 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 ten percent of the annual turnover of the company as per the last audited financial statements of the company or such higher limit as may prescribed u/r 23(1) of the LODR with a related party."

Royalty / brand usage payment to a related party (all transactions taken together in a financial year) shall deemed to be material if the transactions exceed 5% of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company during as per the last audited financial statement of the Company or such higher limit as may prescribed u/r 23(1) of the LODR.

## PROCEDURES

1. All Related Party Transactions (RPTs) of the company as prescribed under the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) regulation 2015 will be approved by the audit committee of the Board from time to time.
2. Each Director who is a Related Party with respect to a particular Related Party Transaction shall disclose all material information to the Committee concerning such Related Party Transaction and his or her interest in such transaction
3. Management shall present to the Audit Committee the following information, to the extent relevant, with respect to actual or potential Related Party Transactions:

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- a. A general description of the transaction(s), including the name of the related party and nature of relationship, duration of the contract and particulars of the contract or arrangement, maximum amount of transaction that can be entered into, the material terms and conditions.
  - b. The Related Party's interest in the transaction(s), including the Related Party's position or relationship with, or ownership of, any entity that is a party to or has an interest in the transaction(s).
  - c. The manner of determining the pricing and other commercial terms, the indicative base price / current contracted price and the formula for variation in the price if any.
  - d. any advance paid or received for the contract or arrangement, if any and the approximate value of the transaction(s) and the approximate value of the Related Party's interest in the transaction(s)
  - e. In the case of a lease or other transaction providing for periodic payments or installments, the aggregate amount of all periodic payments or installments expected to be made in the financial year.
  - f. In the case of indebtedness, the aggregate amount of principal to be outstanding and the rate or amount of interest to be payable on such indebtedness.
  - g. Whether all factors relevant to the contract have been considered, if not, the details of factors not considered with the rationale for not considering those factors and any other material information regarding the transaction(s) or the Related Party's interest in the transaction(s).
4. Consent of the Board and the Shareholders would also be taken in respect of all RPTs, provided that such consent would not be required in the following cases:
  - a. The transactions are entered into by the company in its ordinary course of business and are on an arms' length basis; and
  - b. The transaction / transactions to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year does not exceed ten percent of the annual consolidated turnover of the company as per the last audited financial statements of the company or such higher limit as may prescribed u/r 23(1) of the LODR with a related party.
5. Where Board consent / shareholders' approval is required as per para 4 above, a) the agenda of the Board meeting at which the resolution is proposed to be moved and b) explanatory statement to be annexed to the notice of such general meeting, shall disclose all such details / information about the contract as are prescribed under the Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Rules, 2014.

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6. Where RPTs require approval of the Board and the shareholders through resolution as per para 4 above, (a) any director who is interested in any contract or arrangement with a related party, shall not be present at the meeting during discussions on the subject-matter of the resolution relating to such contract or arrangement and b) all entities falling definition of Related Party(ies) shall abstain from voting on such resolution of the shareholders.
7. If any contract or arrangement is entered by a Director or any employee without the consent of the Board or without Special Resolution in General Meeting due to some urgency, it shall be ratified by the Board or General Meeting by means of Special Resolution within 3 months from the date on which such Contract or arrangement was entered into else it shall be Voidable at the option of the Board or as the case may be, of the shareholders.
8. In case the market price of any transactions/arrangements are not available or cannot be ascertained and could not be executed with outsiders due to secrecy of the nature of products or formula, such transactions shall be done as far as possible to the nearing market price and after citing justification to the Audit committee for such transaction and necessity.
9. If a Related Party Transaction will be ongoing/ proposed to be entered into by the company, the Committee may grant omnibus approval for ongoing dealings/ proposed related party transactions. Such omnibus approval shall specify (i) the name/s of the related party, nature of transaction, period of transaction, maximum amount of transaction that can be entered into, (ii) the indicative base price / current contracted price and the formula for variation in the price if any and (iii) such other conditions as the Audit Committee may deem fit.

If the need for Related Party Transaction cannot be foreseen and aforesaid details are not available, Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for such transactions subject to their value not exceeding one crore per transaction. The Audit Committee shall lay down the criteria /guidelines for granting the omnibus approval in line with the policy on Related Party Transactions of the company. Such approval shall be applicable in respect of transactions which are repetitive in nature and only for one year.

**Omnibus Approval for Subsidiaries:**

***a. Omnibus approvals are now permitted for recurring Related Party Transactions involving subsidiaries, provided these transactions comply with the specific conditions outlined by the Audit Committee.***

***b. Transactions under this provision must be ratified by the Audit Committee within three months or in the immediate next meeting of the audit committee, whichever is***

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*earlier, subject to the following conditions:*

- (i) the value of the ratified transaction(s) with a related party, whether entered into individually or taken together, during a financial year shall not exceed rupees one crore;*
- (ii) the transaction is not material in terms of the provisions of sub-regulation (1) of this regulation;*
- (iii) rationale for inability to seek prior approval for the transaction shall be placed before the audit committee at the time of seeking ratification; if they are entered without prior approval*

**10. Exemptions for Certain Corporate Actions:**

*a. Corporate actions such as dividends, stock splits, or bonus issuances, which are uniformly applicable to all shareholders, are excluded from the definition of Related Party Transactions.*

- 11.** The Committee shall periodically review and assess ongoing relationships with the Related Party. Any material amendment, renewal or extension of a transaction, arrangement or relationship previously reviewed under this Policy shall also be subject to subsequent review under this Policy.
- 12.** The Audit Committee periodically shall review this Policy once in every three years and may recommend amendments to this Policy from time to time as it deems appropriate.
- 13.** This Policy on Related Party Transactions shall be governed by the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rules made thereunder, as may be in force for the time being as well as SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) regulation 2015 or such other Rules / Regulations, as may be notified by SEBI from time to time.

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