

NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION POLICY

1. Purpose of this Policy:

Algoquant Fintech Limited (Formerly Hindustan Everest Tools Limited) ('Company') has adopted this Policy on appointment and remuneration of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel ('KMP') and Senior Management as required by the provisions of Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('Act') and Regulation 19 and 20 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.

The purpose of this Policy is to establish and govern the procedure which ensures:

- a) Formulation of criteria for identifying persons who are qualified to become directors and who may be appointed in senior management and specify the manner for effective evaluation of performance of Board, its committees and individual directors.
- b) The level and composition of remuneration is reasonable and sufficient to attract, motivate and retain leadership members required to run the Company successfully.
- c) The remuneration to Directors, KMP and Senior Management involves a balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long-term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the Company and its goals.

2. Constitution and Composition of Nomination and Remuneration Committee:

The Board of the Company constituted a Nomination and Remuneration Committee ('NRC') consisting of three or more non-executive directors out of which at least half are Independent Directors including Chairman of the Committee in terms of Regulation 19(1) and (2) of the LODR and Section 178 of the Act.

3. Appointment and removal of Director, KMP and Senior Management:

3.1 Appointment criteria and qualification:

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall identify and ascertain the integrity, qualification, expertise and experience of the person for appointment as director in terms of Policy on Board diversity and recommend to the Board his/ her appointment.

For the appointment of KMP (other than Managing Director/ Whole-time Director) or Senior Management, a person should possess adequate qualification, expertise and experience for the position he/ she is considered for the appointment. Further, for administrative convenience, the appointment of KMP (other than managing/ Whole-time Director) or Senior Management, the Managing Director is authorized to identify and appoint a suitable person for such position.

However, if the need be, the Managing Director may consult NRC / Board for further directions/ guidance.

All the Directors and other employees shall possess appropriate skills, experience and knowledge in one or more fields of finance, law, management, sales, marketing, administration, research, corporate governance, technical operations or other disciplines related to the Company's business.

3.2 Term:

(a) Managing Director/Whole-time Director:

The Company shall appoint or re-appoint any person as its Executive Chairman, Managing Director or Executive Director for a term not exceeding five years at a time. No reappointment shall be made earlier than one year before the expiry of term.

(b) Independent Director:

An Independent Director shall hold office for a term up to five consecutive years on the Board of the Company and will be eligible for re-appointment on passing of a special resolution by the Company and disclosure of such appointment in the Board's report.

No Independent Director shall hold office for more than two consecutive terms of up to maximum of 5 years each, but such Independent Director shall be eligible for appointment after expiry of three years of ceasing to become an Independent Director.

Provided that an Independent Director shall not, during the said period of three years, be appointed in or be associated with the Company in any other capacity, either directly or indirectly.

At the time of appointment of Independent Director it should be ensured that number of Boards on which such Independent Director serves is restricted to seven listed companies as an Independent Director and three listed companies as an Independent Director in case such person is serving as a Whole-time Director of a listed company or such other number as may be prescribed under the Act.

3.3 Evaluation:

Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall identify evaluation criteria to evaluate Directors. The appointment/ reappointment/ continuation of Directors on the Board shall be subject to the outcome of the yearly evaluation process.

3.4 Removal:

Due to reasons for any disqualification mentioned in the Act or under any other applicable Act, Rules and Regulations thereunder and/ or for any disciplinary reasons and subject to such applicable Acts, Rules and Regulations and the Company's prevailing HR policies, Nomination and Remuneration Committee may recommend, to the Board, with reasons recorded in writing, removal of a Director, KMP or Senior Management.

4. Remuneration of Managing/ Whole-time Director, KMP and Senior Management:

i) Remuneration to Managing Director / Whole-time Directors:

a) The Remuneration/ Commission etc. to be paid to Managing Director / Whole-time Directors, etc. shall be governed as per provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under or any other enactment for the time being in force and the approvals obtained from the Members of the Company.

b) The Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall make such recommendations to the Board of Directors, as it may consider appropriate with regard to remuneration to Managing Director / Whole-time Directors.

ii) Remuneration to Non- Executive / Independent Directors:

a) The Non-Executive / Independent Directors may receive sitting fees and such other remuneration as permissible under the provisions of Companies Act, 2013. The amount of sitting fees shall be such as may be recommended by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

b) All the remuneration of the Non- Executive / Independent Directors (excluding remuneration for attending meetings as prescribed under Section 197 (5) of the Companies Act, 2013) shall be subject to ceiling/ limits as provided under Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under or any other enactment for the time being in force. The amount of such remuneration shall be such as may be recommended by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board of Directors or shareholders, as the case may be.

c) An Independent Director shall not be eligible to get Stock Options and also shall not be eligible to participate in any share based payment schemes of the Company.

d) Any remuneration paid to Non- Executive / Independent Directors for services rendered which are of professional in nature shall not be considered as part of the remuneration for the purposes of clause (b) above if the following conditions are satisfied:

i) Services which are rendered by such Director in his/her employment term shall only be the part of pecuniary relationship with the Company.

ii) In the opinion of the Committee, the director possesses the requisite qualification for the practice of that profession.

e) The Compensation Committee of the Company, constituted for the purpose of administering the Employee Stock Option/ Purchase Schemes, shall determine the stock options and other share based payments to be made to Directors (other than Independent Directors).

iii) Remuneration to Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management:

a) The remuneration to Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management shall consist of fixed pay and incentive pay, in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and in accordance with the Company's Policy.

b) The Compensation Committee of the Company, constituted for the purpose of administering the Employee Stock Option/ Purchase Schemes, shall determine the stock options and other share based payments to be made to Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management.

c) The Fixed pay shall include monthly remuneration, employer's contribution to Provident Fund, contribution to pension fund, pension schemes, etc. as decided from to time.

d) The Incentive pay shall be decided based on the balance between performance of the Company and performance of the Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management, to be decided annually or at such intervals as may be considered appropriate.