

HERANBA INDUSTRIES LIMITED

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF
INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**

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1) APPOINTMENT:

You are appointed as a Non-Executive Independent Director/Woman Director on the Board of Directors of the company. Your appointment is subject to the maximum permissible Directorships that one can hold as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015.

The term Independent Director should be construed as defined under the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015.

In compliance with provisions section 149(13) of the Companies Act 2013, your directorship is not subject to retirement by rotation.

The company has adopted the provisions with respect to appointment and tenure of Independent Directors which is consistent with the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015. Accordingly, the Independent Directors will serve for not more than two terms of five years each on the Board of the Company. The Company is at liberty to disengage Non Executive Independent Director earlier subject to compliance of relevant provisions of Companies Act, 2013.

You will submit a declaration in the beginning of every financial year under section 149(7) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") during your tenure confirming whether you meet the criteria of independence.

You will promptly inform the board of any change in the status of your independence. During your Term, you shall promptly intimate the Company Secretary and the Registrar of Companies in the prescribed manner, of any change in address or other contact and personal details provided to the Company.

So long as you are independent director of the company, you will ensure that you do not get disqualified to act as a director pursuant to the provisions of section 164 of the Act.

You will ensure compliance with other provisions of the act and the listing agreement as applicable to you as an independent director.

2) INDEPENDENCE:

The Board has given due consideration to your declaration of being qualified as Independent in accordance with the provisions of the Act and SEBI LODR. You agree to continue to be qualified as "independent" during your tenure and provide periodic declaration to the effect as required by the applicable laws. You will be identified as Non-Executive Independent Director in the annual report and other documents and publications of the Company. You shall promptly inform the Chairperson and the Company Secretary, should you cease to be qualified as "independent" during your tenure.

3) COMMITTEES:

The Board of Directors (the Board) may, if it deems fit, invite you for being appointed on one or more existing Board Committees or any such Committee that is set up in the future. Your appointment on such Committee(s) will be subject to the applicable regulations.

4) TIME COMMITMENT:

- a. As a Non-Executive Director you are expected to bring objectivity and independence of view to the Board's discussions and to help provide the Board with effective leadership in relation to the Company's strategy, performance, and risk management as well as ensuring high standards of financial probity and corporate governance. The Board meets at least four times in a year. The Audit Committee also meets at least four times in a year. Besides, there are other Committee meetings like Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Stakeholders' Relationship Committee, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee and Risk Management Committee meetings which are ordinarily convened once/ twice in a year. You will be expected to attend Board, Board Committees to which you may be appointed and Shareholders meetings and to devote such time to your duties, as appropriate for you to discharge your duties effectively.
- b. By accepting this appointment, you confirm that you are able to allocate sufficient time to meet the expectations from your role to the satisfaction of the Board.

5) CODE OF CONDUCT AND DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Your role and duties will be those normally required of a Non-Executive Independent Director under the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015. There are certain duties prescribed for all Directors, both Executive and Non-Executive, which are fiduciary in nature and are as under:

- i. You shall act in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.
- ii. You 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 interest of the Company.
- iii. You shall discharge your duties with due and reasonable care, skill and diligence.
- iv. You shall not involve yourself in a situation in which you may have a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interest of the Company. Please refer to clause 6 for full explanation on conflict of interest.
- v. You shall not achieve or attempt to achieve any undue gain or advantage either to yourself or to your relatives, partners or associates.

- vi. You shall not assign your office as Director and any assignments so made shall be void.

In addition to the above requirements applicable to all Directors, the role of the Non Executive Director has the following key elements:

- a. You will be abide by the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics to the extent applicable to an independent director of the company.
- b. You shall act in compliance and abide with the Code of Conduct for Independent Directors as prescribed in Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013, which is attached herewith as **Annexure-I**.
- c. You will not hold office as a director or any other office in a competing company/firm/entity.
- d. You are expected to stay updated on how best to discharge your roles, responsibilities, and duties and liabilities as an independent director of the company under applicable law, including keeping abreast of current changes and trends in economic, political, social, financial, legal and corporate governance practices.
- e. You are expected to:
 - Take decisions objectively and solely in the interests of the company;
 - Facilitate Company's adherence to high standards of ethics and corporate behavior;
 - Guide the board in monitoring the effectiveness of the company's governance practices and to recommend changes, required, if any;
 - Guide the board in ensuring the integrity of the company's accounting and financial reporting systems, including the independence 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.

6) LIABILITY:

Being a Non-Executive Independent Director, Independent Director will be liable only in respect of such acts of omission or commission by a Company which had occurred with your knowledge, attributable through Board processes, and with Independent Director's consent or connivance or where you had not acted diligently.

7) STATUS OF APPOINTMENT:

- a. You will not be an employee of the Company and this letter shall not constitute a contract of employment. You will be paid such remuneration by way of sitting fees for meetings of the Board and its Committees as may be decided by the Board and approved by the Shareholders from time to time. Further, you will also be paid remuneration by way of commission on the net profit of the Company as may be approved by the Board and the Shareholders from time to time.
- b. The Company has finalized the sitting fee to be paid to the Non-Executive Directors for attending Board Meetings. The Directors are entitled for reimbursement of actual out of pocket expenses incurred towards attending the meetings upon production of relevant bills.

8) CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- a. It is accepted and acknowledged' that you may have business interests other than those of the Company. As a condition to your appointment commencing, you are required to declare any such directorships, appointments and interests to the Board in writing in the prescribed form at the time of your appointment and at such times as are required.
- b. In the event that your circumstances seem likely to change and might give rise to a conflict of interest or, when applicable, circumstances that might lead the Board to revise its judgment that you are independent, this should be disclosed to both the Chairman and the Secretary.

9) CODE OF CONDUCT:

During the tenure of your appointment as Non-Executive Independent Director, you are required to comply with the Code of Conduct for Board of Directors of the Company and such other requirements as the Board of Directors may from time to time specify.

10) CONFIDENTIALITY:

- a. All information acquired during your appointment is confidential to the Company and should not be released, either during your appointment or following termination (by whatever means) to third parties without prior clearance from the Chairman unless required by law or by the rules of any stock exchange or regulatory body. On reasonable request, you shall surrender any documents and

other materials made available to you by the Company.

- b. Your attention is also drawn to the requirements under the applicable regulations and the Code of Conduct for Directors and Senior Managerial Personnel which concern the disclosure of price sensitive information and dealing in the securities of the Company. Consequently you should avoid making any statements or performing any transactions that might risk a breach of these requirements without prior clearance from the Chairman or the Secretary.

11) INDUCTION:

Immediately after your appointment, you will be invited to attend an initial induction session and, thereafter, ongoing training and familiarization sessions, including briefings from management and site visits. Please avail yourself of these opportunities as fully as is appropriate to your personal circumstances.

The Company shall conduct suitable training/familiarization sessions, inter-alia, to familiarize you with following:

- Board's roles, rights and responsibilities;
- Business model of the Company;
- Company's vision, strategic direction, core values, ethics and corporate governance practices.

12) EVALUATION

The Company has adopted a policy on Board Evaluation. The policy provides for evaluation of the Board, the Committees of the Board and individual Directors, including the Chairman of the Board. As per the Policy, the Company will carry out an evaluation of the performance of the Board as a whole, Board Committees and Directors on an annual basis. Your appointment and re appointment on the Board shall subject to the outcome of the yearly evaluation process.

13) INSURANCE

The Company maintains Directors' & Officers' liability insurance policy (D&O policy) and it is intended to maintain such cover for the full term of your appointment.

Broadly, the policy covers the personal liability of a Director/Officer in the event of a claim or law suit alleging wrongdoing in connection with company's business, other than professional indemnity. The policy also indemnifies for judgmental errors; and covers past, present and future directors and officers of the Company on unnamed basis.

14) PUBLICATION OF LETTER OF APPOINTMENT

In line with provision of Clause IV (6) of Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013, the Company will make public the terms and conditions of appointment of Non Executive Independent Director and will also arrange it to be displayed on the Company's website.

15) INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

There may be occasions when you consider that you need professional advice in furtherance of your duties as a Director and it will be appropriate for you to consult independent advisers at the Company's expense. The Company will reimburse the full cost of expenditure incurred in accordance with the Company's policy.

16) DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Company must include in its Annual Accounts a note of any material interest that a Director may have in any transaction or arrangement that the Company has entered into. Such interest should be disclosed no later than when the transaction or arrangement comes up at a Board meeting so that the minutes may record your interest appropriately and our records are updated. A general notice that you are interested in any contracts with a particular person, firm or company is acceptable.

17) PROHIBITION ON INSIDER TRADING

You will follow the company's "Code for Prevention of Insider Trading" on insider information and the requirement under the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI Regulations, which inter-alia requires that price-sensitive information is not used or transmitted and maintained securely. You should not make any statements that might risk a breach of these requirements without prior clearance.

18) TERMINATION

- a. You may resign from your position at any time and should you wish to do so, you are requested to serve a reasonable written notice on the Board stating the reasons for resignation. The resignation shall take effect from the date on which the notice is received by the Company or the date, if any, specified by you in the notice, whichever is later.
- b. Continuation of your appointment is contingent on your getting re-elected by the shareholders in accordance with provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and the Articles of Association of the Company, from time to time in force. You will not be entitled to compensation if the shareholders do not re-elect you at any time.
- c. Your appointment may also be terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and Articles of Association of

the Company from time to time in force.

19) GOVERNING LAW:

This agreement is governed by and will be interpreted in accordance with Indian Law and your Engagement shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Indian Courts. If you are willing to accept these terms of appointment relating to your appointment as a nonexecutive Independent Director of the Company, kindly confirm your acceptance of these terms by signing and returning to us the enclosed copy of this letter.

20) MISCELLANEOUS:

All the terms as mentioned above, including your appointment, remuneration, professional conduct, role and functions, duties and evaluation shall be governed by the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder and corporate governance requirement under the listing regulations as amended from time to time.

No waiver or modification of this letter shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by you and the Company.

ANNEXURE-I

Power, Duties and Responsibilities of Independent Director

A. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

The Non-Executive Independent Director shall:

- a. uphold ethical standards of integrity and probity;
- b. act objectively and constructively while exercising his duties;
- c. exercise his responsibilities in a bona fide manner in the interest of the Company;
- d. devote sufficient time and attention to his professional obligations for informed and balanced decision making;
- e. not allow any extraneous considerations that will vitiate his exercise of objective Independent judgment in the paramount interest of the Company as a whole, while concurring in or dissenting from the collective judgment of the Board in its decision making;
- f. not abuse his position to the detriment of the Company or its shareholders or for the purpose of gaining direct or indirect personal advantage or advantage for any associated person;
- g. refrain from any action that would lead to loss of his independence;
- h. where circumstances arise which make an Independent Director lose his independence, he must immediately inform the Board accordingly;
- i. assist the Company in implementing the best corporate governance practices.

B. ROLE AND FUNCTIONS

The Non-Executive Independent Director shall:

- a. help in bringing an Independent judgment to bear on the Board's deliberations especially on issues of strategy, performance, risk management, resources, key appointments and standards of conduct;
- b. bring an objective view in the evaluation of the performance of board and management;
- c. scrutinize the performance of management in meeting agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance;
- d. satisfy himself on the integrity of financial information and that financial controls and the systems of risk management are robust and defensible;
- e. safeguard the interests of all stakeholders, particularly the minority shareholders;
- f. balance the conflicting interest of the stakeholders;
- g. determine appropriate levels of remuneration of executive directors, key managerial personnel and senior management and have a prime role in appointing and where necessary recommend removal of executive directors, key managerial personnel and senior management;

- h. moderate and arbitrate in the interest of the Company as a whole, in situations of conflict between management and shareholder's interest.

C. DUTIES:

The Non-Executive Independent Director shall:

- a. undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the Company;
- b. 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;
- c. strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board committees of which he is a member;
- d. participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which he is a chairperson or a member;
- e. strive to attend the general meetings of the Company;
- f. ensure that his concerns about the running of the Company or a proposed action are addressed by the Board and, to the extent that they are not resolved, insist that his concerns are recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting;
- g. keep himself well informed about the Company and the external environment in which it operates;
- h. not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee of the Board;
- i. pay sufficient attention and ensure that adequate deliberations are held before approving related party transactions and assure himself that the same are in the interest of the Company;
- j. 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;
- k. report concerns about unethical behavior, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the Company's code of conduct or ethics policy;
- l. acting within his authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the Company, shareholders and its employees;
- m. 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.
