

# HATSUN AGRO PRODUCT LIMITED

CIN: L15499TN1986PLC012747

## POLICY ON CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING MATERIALITY OF EVENTS

### 1. BACKGROUND

**Hatsun Agro Product Limited** (the “**Company**”) is committed to being open and transparent with all stakeholders and in disseminating information in a fair and timely manner. The Company’s securities are listed on BSE Limited (“**BSE**”), and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (“**NSE**”). The Company is required to comply with the continuous disclosure obligations as mandated under Regulation 30 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, as amended (the “**Listing Regulations**”) and circulars issued by Securities and Exchange Board of India from time to time, including circular bearing no. CIR/CFD/CMD/4/2015 dated September 9, 2015.

The Policy on Determination of Materiality of events or information that warrants disclosure to investors has been framed in compliance with the requirements of the Listing Regulations.

### 2. OBJECTIVE

The objectives of this Policy are as follows:

- a. To ensure that the Company complies with the disclosure obligations to which it is subject as a listed company as laid down by the Listing Regulations.
- b. To ensure that the information disclosed by the Company is timely and transparent.
- c. To ensure that corporate documents and public statements are accurate and do not contain any misrepresentation.
- d. To protect the confidentiality of material / price sensitive information within the context of the Company’s disclosure obligations.
- e. To provide a framework that supports and fosters confidence in the quality and integrity of information released by the Company.
- f. To ensure uniformity in the Company’s approach to disclosures, raise awareness and reduce the risk of selective disclosures.

### 3. DEFINITION

“**Act**” shall mean the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules framed thereunder, including any modifications, clarifications, circulars or re-enactment thereof.

“**Board of Directors**” or “**Board**” means the Board of Directors of Hatsun Agro Product Limited, as constituted from time to time.

“**Key Managerial Personnel**” means key managerial personnel as defined Section 2(51) of the Act;

“**Material Event**” or “**Material Information**” shall mean such event or information as set out in the annexures to this policy or Schedule or as may be determined in terms of Clause 4 of this Policy. In the Policy, the words, “material” and “materiality” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Policy**” means this Policy on criteria for determining Materiality of events or information and as may be amended from time to time;

**“Listing Regulations”** means the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and the circulars issued thereunder, including any modifications, clarifications, circulars or re-enactment thereof;

**"Schedule"** means Schedule III of the Listing Regulations;

Any other term not defined herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Act, the Listing Regulations, or any other applicable law or regulation to the extent applicable to the Company.

#### **4. GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING MATERIALITY OF EVENTS OR INFORMATION**

Materiality must be determined on a case to case basis depending on specific facts and circumstances relating to the information/event.

- a. Regulation 30 of the Listing Regulations mandates disclosure of all *deemed* material events to the stock exchanges. These events have been specified in Para A of Part A of Schedule III of the Listing Regulations and shall be disclosed as applicable from time-to- time. These events are also listed in Annexure A to this Policy. These events will be disclosed as soon as reasonably possible and not later than twenty four hours from the occurrence of event or information except for events stated in item 4 of Annexure A which shall be disclosed within thirty minutes of the conclusion of the Board Meeting. In case the disclosure is made after twenty four hours of occurrence of the event or information, the rationale for the delay will be provided along with such disclosures.
- b. For disclosure of certain events (as specified in Para B of Part A of Schedule III) of the Listing Regulations, to the stock exchanges (as reproduced in Annexure B to this Policy) the following criteria shall be considered by the Board for determining whether the events are material or not:
- c. Where the omission of an event or information, is likely to result in:
  - i. Discontinuity or alteration of event or information already available publicly or
  - ii. A significant market reaction if the said omission came to light at a later date.

This Policy shall also apply to the events to which neither Para A or Para B of Part A of Schedule III applies but have a material effect on the Company in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Company.

#### **5. DISCLOSURE PROCESS**

1. Any event purported to be reportable under Regulation 30 of the Listing Regulations shall be informed to the Managing Director / Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary of the Company on an immediate basis with adequate supporting data/information to facilitate a prompt and appropriate disclosure. Any other event, even if not covered under the Listing Regulations but is potentially of price sensitive nature, must also be informed, for further evaluation to the Managing Director / Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary.
2. The Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary of the Company shall severally be responsible and authorised for ascertaining the materiality of events considering its nature and its disclosure after taking into consideration the various provisions of the Listing Regulations and this Policy.
3. After evaluation, any one of the above mentioned persons shall submit disclosure to the stock exchanges.
4. The Company shall use the electronic facilities provided by the Stock Exchanges for dissemination of the information and may subsequently disclose the same via other media, including the press release, website, etc.

5. Statutory timeframes for disclosure shall be adhered to. Delay, if any, should be sufficiently explained along with the disclosure.
6. Regular updates, where relevant, shall be made with relevant explanations.
7. All disclosures shall be available on the website of the Company for a period of 5 years.

#### **6. AUTHORITY TO KEY MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL**

The Board of Directors of the Company have severally authorised the Chief Financial Officer and the Company Secretary & Compliance Officer of the Company (the “**Authorised Persons**”) to determine Materiality of any event or information and ensure timely disclosures of the same are made to stock exchange(s), subject to the provisions of this Policy. The Authorised Persons are also empowered to seek appropriate counsel or guidance, as and when necessary, from other internal or external stakeholders as they may deem fit.

**Contact details of Key Managerial Personnel are as under:**

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| <p><b><u>Chief Financial Officer:</u></b><br/> <b>Name:</b> Mr. H.Ramachandran<br/> <b>Designation:</b> Chief Financial Officer<br/> <b>Address:</b> Plot No.14 (TNHB), Tamilnadu Housing Board "A" Road, Sholinganallur, Chennai - 600119.<br/> <b>Telephone No.:</b> 044-24501622<br/> <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:hramachandran@hap.in">hramachandran@hap.in</a></p> | <p><b><u>Company Secretary:</u></b><br/> <b>Name:</b> Mr.G.Somasundaram<br/> <b>Designation:</b> Company Secretary &amp; Compliance Officer<br/> <b>Address:</b> Plot No.14 (TNHB), Tamilnadu Housing Board "A" Road, Sholinganallur, Chennai - 600119.<br/> <b>Telephone No.:</b> 044-24501622<br/> <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:secretarial@hap.in">secretarial@hap.in</a></p> |
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#### **7. AMENDMENTS**

The Board may, subject to the applicable laws amend any provision(s) or substitute any of the provision(s) with the new provision(s) or replace the Policy entirely with a new Policy. However, no such amendment or modification shall be inconsistent with the applicable provisions of any law for the time being in force. Any subsequent amendment/modification in the Listing Regulations and/or any other laws in this regard shall automatically apply to this Policy.

#### **8. SCOPE AND LIMITATION**

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Policy and the Listing Regulations; or any other statutory enactments, rules, the provisions of such Listing Regulations / Act, or statutory enactments, rules shall prevail over this Policy and the part(s) so repugnant shall be deemed to be severed from the Policy and the rest of the Policy shall remain in force.

#### **9. DISSEMINATION OF POLICY**

This Policy shall be hosted on the website of the Company [astecls.com](http://astecls.com). Further, the Company shall disclose on its website all such events or information which has been disclosed to the stock exchange(s) under the Listing Regulations and such disclosures shall be made available on the website of the Company for a period of five years and thereafter as per the archival policy of the Company.

#### **10. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Policy is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019.

**ANNEXURE A**  
**EVENTS WHICH SHALL BE DISCLOSED WITHOUT ANY APPLICATION OF THE GUIDELINES FOR MATERIALITY**

1. Acquisition(s) (including agreement to acquire), Scheme of Arrangement (amalgamation/ merger/ demerger/restructuring), or sale or disposal of any unit(s), division(s) or subsidiary of the Company or any other restructuring;

Explanation. - 'Acquisition' shall mean, -

(i) acquiring control, whether directly or indirectly; or,

(ii) acquiring or agreeing to acquire shares or voting rights in, a company, whether directly or indirectly, such that -

(a) the Company holds shares or voting rights aggregating to five per cent or more of the shares or voting rights in the said company, or;

(b) there has been a change in holding from the last disclosure and such change exceeds two per cent of the total shareholding or voting rights in the said company.

2. Issuance or forfeiture of securities, split or consolidation of shares, buyback of securities, any restriction on transferability of securities or alteration in terms or structure of existing securities including forfeiture, reissue of forfeited securities, alteration of calls, redemption of securities etc.;

3. Revision in credit rating(s);

4. Outcome of Meetings of the Board of Directors: The Company shall disclose to the Exchange(s), within 30 minutes of the closure of the meeting, held to consider the following:

a) dividends and/or cash bonuses recommended or declared or the decision to pass any dividend and the date on which dividend shall be paid/dispatched;

b) any cancellation of dividend with reasons thereof;

c) the decision on buyback of securities;

d) the decision with respect to fund raising proposed to be undertaken;

e) increase in capital by issue of bonus shares through capitalization including the date on which such bonus shares shall be credited/dispatched;

f) re-issue of forfeited shares or securities, or the issue of shares or securities held in reserve for future issue or the creation in any form or manner of new shares or securities or any other rights, privileges or benefits to subscribe to;

g) short particulars of any other alterations of capital, including calls;

h) financial results;

i) decision on voluntary de-listing by the Company from stockexchange(s).

5. Agreements (viz. shareholder agreement(s), joint venture agreement(s), family settlement agreement(s) (to the extent that it impacts management and control of the Company), agreement(s)/treaty(ies)/contract(s) with media companies) which are binding and not in normal course of business, revision(s) or amendment(s) and termination(s) thereof;

6. Fraud/defaults by Promoter or Key Managerial Personnel or by Company or arrest of Key Managerial Personnel or Promoter;

7. Change in Directors, Key Managerial Personnel (Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary etc.), Auditor and Compliance Officer;

7A. In case of resignation of the auditor of the listed entity, detailed reasons for resignation of auditor, as given by the said auditor, shall be disclosed by the listed entities to the stock exchanges as soon as possible but not later than twenty four hours of receipt of such reasons from the auditor.

7B. Resignation of auditor including reasons for resignation: In case of resignation of an independent director of the listed entity, within seven days from the date of resignation, the following disclosures shall be made to the stock exchanges by the listed entities:

i. Detailed reasons for the resignation of independent directors as given by the said director shall be disclosed by the listed entities to the stock exchanges.

ii. The independent director shall, along with the detailed reasons, also provide a confirmation that there is no other material reasons other than those provided.

iii. The confirmation as provided by the independent director above shall also be disclosed by the listed entities to the stock exchanges along with the detailed reasons as specified in sub-clause (i) above.]

8. Appointment or discontinuation of share transfer agent;

9. Corporate debt restructuring;

10. One-time settlement with a bank;

11. Reference to BIFR and winding-up petition filed by any party /creditors;

12. Issuance of Notices, call letters, resolutions and circulars sent to shareholders, debenture holders or creditors or any class of them or advertised in the media by the Company;

13. Proceedings of Annual and Extra-ordinary General Meetings of the Company;

14. Amendments to Memorandum and Articles of Association of Company, in brief;

15. Schedule of Analyst or institutional investor meet and presentations on financial results made by the Company to analysts or institutional investors;

16. Re-classification of Promoter as Public Shareholder.

17. The following events in relation to the corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) of a listed corporate debtor under the Insolvency Code:

a) Filing of application by the corporate applicant for initiation of CIRP, also specifying the amount of default;

b) Filing of application by financial creditors for initiation of CIRP against the corporate debtor, also specifying the amount of default;

c) Admission of application by the Tribunal, along with amount of default or rejection or withdrawal, as applicable ;

d) Public announcement made pursuant to order passed by the Tribunal under section 13 of Insolvency Code;

- e) List of creditors as required to be displayed by the corporate debtor under regulation 13(2)(c) of the IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016;
- f) Appointment/ Replacement of the Resolution Professional;
- g) Prior or post-facto intimation of the meetings of Committee of Creditors;
- h) Brief particulars of invitation of resolution plans under section 25(2)(h) of Insolvency Code in the Form specified under regulation 36A(5) of the IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016;
- i) Number of resolution plans received by Resolution Professional;
- j) Filing of resolution plan with the Tribunal;
- m) Approval of resolution plan by the Tribunal or rejection, if applicable;
- k) Salient features, not involving commercial secrets, of the resolution plan approved by the Tribunal, in such form as may be specified;
- l) Any other material information not involving commercial secrets.

## **ANNEXURE B**

### **ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF EVENTS WHICH SHALL BE DISCLOSED UPON APPLICATION OF THE GUIDELINES FOR MATERIALITY**

1. Commencement or any postponement in the date of commencement of commercial production or commercial operations of any unit/division;
2. Change in the general character or nature of business brought about by arrangements for strategic, technical, manufacturing, or marketing tie-up, adoption of new lines of business or closure of operations of any unit/division (entirety or piecemeal);
3. Capacity addition or product launch;
4. Awarding, bagging/ receiving, amendment or termination of awarded/bagged orders/contracts not in the normal course of business;
5. Agreements (viz. loan agreement(s) (as a borrower) or any other agreement(s) which are binding and not in normal course of business) and revision(s) or amendment(s) or termination(s) thereof;
6. Disruption of operations of any one or more units or division of the Company due to natural calamity (earthquake, flood, fire etc.), force majeure or events such as strikes, lockouts etc.;
7. Effect(s) arising out of change in the regulatory framework applicable to the Company;
8. Litigation(s) / dispute(s) / regulatory action(s) with impact;
9. Fraud/defaults etc. by directors (other than key managerial personnel) or employees of Company;
10. Options to purchase securities including any ESOP/ESPS Scheme;
11. Giving of guarantees or indemnity or becoming a surety for any third party;
12. Granting, withdrawal, surrender, cancellation or suspension of key licenses or regulatory approvals;
13. Any other information/event viz. major development that is likely to affect business, e.g. emergence of new technologies, expiry of patents, any change of accounting policy that may have a significant impact on the accounts, etc. and brief details thereof and any other information which is exclusively known to the Company which may be necessary to enable the holders of securities of the Company to appraise its position and to avoid the establishment of a false market in such securities.

**Without prejudice to the generality mentioned above, the Company may make disclosures of event/information as specified by the Board from time to time.**