



<b>NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION POLICY</b>
<b>Effective Date: April 01, 2014</b>
<b>Version: 4</b>
<b>Previous Review Date: September 26, 2024</b>
<b>Last Review Date: February 14, 2025</b>

### **Introduction:**

The Company considers human resources as its prime invaluable asset. ADF believes in harmonizing the aspirations of human resources to be consistent with the goals of the Company and in terms of the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time.

This policy on Nomination and Remuneration of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management has been formulated by the Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 and approved by the Board of Directors in their Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2014. The said Policy was amended by the Board of Directors in their Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

### **I) Objective and purpose of the Policy:**

The objective and purpose of this policy is:

- To lay down criteria and terms and conditions with regard to identifying persons who are qualified to become Directors (Executive and Non-Executive) and persons who may be appointed in Senior Management and Key Managerial positions and to determine their remuneration.
- To determine remuneration based on the Company's size and financial position and trends and practices on remuneration prevailing in peer companies, in the industry.
- To carry out evaluation of the performance of Directors.
- To provide them reward linked directly to their effort, performance, dedication and achievement relating to the Company's operations.
- To retain, motivate and promote talent and to ensure long term sustainability of talented managerial persons and create competitive advantage.

### **Effective Date:**

This policy shall be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014.

### **Constitution of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee:**

The Board has changed the nomenclature of Remuneration Committee constituted on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2002 by renaming it as Nomination and Remuneration Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014.



The Nomination and Remuneration Committee comprises of following Directors:

- i) Mr. Chandir Gidwani, Chairman [Non-Executive Independent Director]
- ii) Mr. Jay Mehta Member [Non-Executive Non-Independent Director]
- iii) #Mr. Pheroze Mistry, Member [Non-Executive Independent Director]

The Board has the power to reconstitute the Committee consistent with the Company's policy and applicable statutory requirement.

**Definitions:**

- Board means Board of Directors of the Company.
- Directors mean Directors of the Company.
- Committee means Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Company as constituted or reconstituted by the Board.
- Company or ADF means ADF Foods Limited.
- Independent Director means a Director referred to in Section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 16(1)(b) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015\*.
- Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) means:
  - (i) Chief Executive Officer or the Managing Director or the manager;
  - (ii) the Company Secretary
  - (iii) the Whole Time Director;
  - (iv) the Chief Financial Officer;
  - (v) such other officer, not more than one level below the directors who is in whole- time employment, designated as key managerial personnel by the Board; and
  - (vi) such other officer as may be prescribed.
- Senior Management 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.

Unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions used in this Policy and not defined herein but defined in the Companies Act, 2013, as may be amended from time to time, shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them therein.



## **Applicability**

The Policy is applicable to:

- Directors (Executive and Non-Executive)
- Key Managerial Personnel
- Senior Management Personnel

## **General**

This Policy is divided in three parts:

**Part - A** covers the matters to be dealt with and recommended by the Committee to the Board,

**Part - B** covers the appointment and nomination, and

**Part - C** covers remuneration and perquisites etc.

- The key features of this Company's policy shall be included in the Board's Report.

## **PART – A**

### **\*MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH, PERUSED AND RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD BY THE NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

The Committee shall:

- formulate the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a Director and recommend to the Board of Directors a policy relating to, the remuneration of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and other employees;
- For every appointment of an Independent Director, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall evaluate the balance of skills, knowledge and experience on the Board and on the basis of such evaluation, prepare a description of the role and capabilities required of an Independent Director. The person recommended to the Board for appointment as an Independent Director shall have the capabilities identified in such description. For the purpose of identifying suitable candidates, the Committee may:
  - use the services of an external agencies, if required;
  - consider candidates from a wide range of backgrounds, having due regard to diversity; and
  - consider the time commitments of the candidates.
- formulate criteria for evaluation of performance of Independent Directors and the Board of Directors;



- devise a policy on diversity of Board of Directors;
- identify persons who are qualified to become Directors and who may be appointed in senior management in accordance with the criteria laid down in this Policy, and recommending to the Board of Directors their appointment and removal and shall specify the manner for effective evaluation of performance of Board, its Committees and individual Directors to be carried out either by the Board, by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee or by an independent external agency and review its implementation and compliance.
- Recommend to the Board, appointment and removal of Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel.
- decide whether to extend or continue the term of appointment of the Independent Directors, on the basis of the report of performance evaluation of Independent Directors.
- recommend to the Board, all remuneration, in whatever form, payable to senior management and KMP's.

## **PART – B**

### **POLICY FOR APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTOR, KMP AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

- Appointment criteria and qualifications:
  1. The Committee shall identify and ascertain the integrity, qualification, expertise and experience of the person for appointment as Director, KMP or at Senior Management level and recommend to the Board his/ her appointment.
  2. A person should possess adequate qualification, expertise and experience for the position he/ she is considered for appointment. The Committee has discretion to decide whether qualification, expertise and experience possessed by a person is sufficient/ satisfactory for the concerned position.
  3. The Company shall not appoint or continue the employment of any person as Whole Time Director who has attained the age of seventy years provided that the term of the person holding this position may be extended beyond the age of seventy years with the approval of shareholders by passing a Special Resolution based on the Explanatory Statement annexed to the notice for such motion indicating the justification for extension of appointment beyond seventy years.

**Term/ Tenure:****1. 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 re-appointment shall be made earlier than one year before the expiry of term.

**2. 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, 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.

**Evaluation:**

The Committee shall carry out evaluation of performance of every Director on annual basis.

**Removal:**

Due to reasons for any disqualification mentioned in the Companies Act, 2013, rules made thereunder or under any other applicable Act, rules and regulations, the Committee may recommend, to the Board with reasons recorded in writing, removal of a Director, KMP or Senior Management Personnel subject to the provisions and compliance of the said Act, rules and regulations.

**Retirement:**

The Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel shall retire as per the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the prevailing policy of the Company. The Board will have the discretion to retain the Director, KMP, Senior Management Personnel in the same position/ remuneration or otherwise even after attaining the retirement age, for the benefit of the Company.



## **PART – C**

### **POLICY RELATING TO THE REMUNERATION FOR THE WHOLE TIME DIRECTOR, KMP AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

General:

1. The remuneration/ compensation/ commission, etc. to the Whole Time Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel will be determined by the Committee and recommended to the Board for approval. The remuneration/ compensation/ commission, etc. shall be subject to the prior/ post approval of the shareholders of the Company and Central Government, wherever required.
2. The remuneration and commission to be paid to the Whole Time Director shall be in accordance with the percentage/ slabs/ conditions laid down in the Companies Act, 2013, read with the rules made thereunder and the approval of the Board of Directors.
3. Increments to the existing remuneration/ compensation structure of the Directors, KMP's and senior management personnel may be recommended by the Committee to the Board which should be within the slabs approved by the Shareholders in the case of Whole Time Director. Increments will be effective as per the terms of the employment agreements.
4. Where any insurance is taken by the Company on behalf of its Whole Time Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, the Company Secretary and any other employees for indemnifying them against any liability, the premium paid on such insurance shall not be treated as part of the remuneration payable to any such personnel. Provided that if such person is proved to be guilty, the premium paid on such insurance shall be treated as part of the remuneration.
5. \* The approval of Shareholders by Special Resolution shall be obtained every year, in which the annual remuneration payable to a single Non-Executive Director exceeds fifty per cent of the total annual remuneration payable to all Non- Executive Directors, giving details of the remuneration thereof.
6. \* The fees or compensation payable to Executive Directors who are Promoters or Members of the Promoter Group, shall be subject to the approval of the Shareholders by Special Resolution in General Meeting, if-
  - (i) the annual remuneration payable to such Executive Director exceeds Rupees 5 crore or 2.5 per cent of the net profits of the Company, whichever is higher; or
  - (ii) where there is more than one such Director, the aggregate annual remuneration to such Directors exceeds 5 per cent of the net profits of the Company.
7. Provided that the approval of the Shareholders under this provision shall be valid only till the expiry of the term of such Director.



- **Remuneration to Whole Time/ Executive/ Managing Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel:**

1. Fixed pay:

The Whole-time Director/ KMP and Senior Management Personnel shall be eligible for a monthly remuneration as may be approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Committee. The breakup of the pay scale and quantum of perquisites including, employer's contribution to P.F, pension scheme, medical expenses, club fees, etc. shall be decided and approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Committee and approved by the shareholders and Central Government, wherever required.

- \*2. Commission:

Commission may be paid within the monetary limit approved by shareholders, subject to the limit not exceeding the ceiling mentioned under Section 197 of the Companies Act, 2013. The same can be increased by way of a Special Resolution of the Members in accordance with the provisions of Schedule V of the Companies Act, 2013.

3. Minimum Remuneration:

If, in any financial year, the Company has no profits or its profits are inadequate, the Company shall pay remuneration to its Whole Time Director in accordance with the provisions of Schedule V of the Companies Act, 2013 and if it is not able to comply with such provisions, with the previous approval of the Central Government.

4. Provisions for excess remuneration:

\* If any Whole Time Director draws or receives, directly or indirectly, by way of remuneration any such sums in excess of the limit prescribed under the Companies Act, 2013 or without approval required under provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, he/ she shall refund such sums to the Company, within two years or such lesser period as may be allowed by the Company, and until such sum is refunded, hold it in trust for the Company. The Company shall not waive the recovery of any sum refundable to it unless approved by the Company by Special Resolution within two years from the date the sum becomes refundable.

**Remuneration to Non-Executive/ Independent Director:**

1. Sitting Fees:

The Non- Executive/ Independent Director may receive remuneration by way of fees for attending meetings of Board or Committee thereof. Provided that the amount of such fees shall not exceed Rs. One Lakh per meeting of the Board or Committee or such amount as may be prescribed by the Central Government from time to time.



## 2. Commission:

Commission may be paid within the monetary limit approved by shareholders, subject to the limit not exceeding 1% of the profits of the Company computed as per the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

## 3. Stock Options:

An Independent Director shall not be entitled to any stock option of the Company.

\*\*\*\*\*

\*The amendments have been carried out on May 22, 2019.

#The amendments have been carried out on May 09, 2024.