

# **SRI NACHAMMAI COTTON MILLS LIMITED**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Code of Conduct for Board Members and Senior Management  
(As per Companies Act, 2013 & Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement)

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Board of Directors of the Company has adopted the following Code of Conduct in terms of the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and Listing Agreement with Stock Exchanges. This Code of Conduct (hereinafter referred to as 'the Code') shall be called as 'Sri Nachammai Cotton Mills Limited's Code of Conduct for Directors and Senior Management'.

### **II. APPLICABILITY**

The Code shall be applicable to:

- (i) Directors of Sri Nachammai Cotton Mills Limited and
- (ii) Members of the Senior Management of the Company  
(i.e. one level below the executive directors, including all functional heads).

### **III. OBJECTIVE**

This Code sets forth the guiding principles on which the Directors and members of the Senior Management of the Company shall conduct themselves and discharge their responsibilities towards the Stakeholders, government and regulatory agencies, customers, suppliers, society at large and all others with whom the Company is connected. The Directors and members of the Senior Management recognize that they are the trustees and custodian of public money and in order to fulfill their fiduciary obligations and responsibilities, they shall maintain and continue to enjoy the trust and confidence of public at large by rendering their duties in an efficient and transparent manner.

### **IV. THE CODE**

The Directors and members of the Senior Management of the Company agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct:

1. Make best efforts to attend the Board, Committee, Members and other Company meetings.
2. Always adhere and confirm to all statutory and mandatory laws, rules, regulations, bye laws as may be applicable to the Company.
3. Make concerted efforts to share and enhance the knowledge and information reserve in the Company.
4. Ensure the security of all Confidential information belonging to the Company in every possible manner.
5. Be honest and fair in their dealing with Government authorities, stakeholders, customers, suppliers, service providers and business partners.
6. Not to be associated in any way, directly or indirectly, with the competitors of the Company while on Board or employment of the Company.
7. Not to derive personal benefit or undue advantages (financial or otherwise) by virtue of their position or relationship with the Company and for this purpose:
  - (i) shall adopt total transparency in their dealings with the Company
  - (ii) shall disclose full details of any direct or indirect personal interests in dealings / transactions with the Company
  - (iii) shall not be a party to transactions or decisions involving conflict between their personal interest and the Company's interest.
8. Do not accept or derive any personal gratification from suppliers, service providers, business partners or any other agency in their dealings with them.
9. Help in establishment of the Company as Equal Opportunity Employer.
10. Cooperate with the Company in discharging its social responsibilities
11. Not to conduct themselves in a manner that harms or adversely affects the reputation of the Company in any way.

12. Accept that they shall be accountable to the Board for their actions, violations and defaults in their capacity as a Director / member of the Senior Management of the Company, as the case may be.

## **V. CODE FOR INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**

The Code is a guide to professional conduct for independent directors. Adherence to these standards by independent directors and fulfillment of their responsibilities in a professional and faithful manner will promote confidence of the investment community, particularly minority shareholders, regulators and companies in the institution of independent directors.

### **A. Guidelines of professional conduct**

An independent director shall:

- (1) uphold ethical standards of integrity and probity;
- (2) act objectively and constructively while exercising his duties;
- (3) exercise his responsibilities in a bona fide manner in the interest of the company;
- (4) devote sufficient time and attention to his professional obligations for informed and balanced decision making;
- (5) 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;
- (6) 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;
- (7) refrain from any action that would lead to loss of his independence;
- (8) where circumstances arise which make an independent director lose his independence, the independent director must immediately inform the Board accordingly;
- (9) assist the company in implementing the best corporate governance practices.

### **B. Role and functions**

The independent directors shall:

- (1) 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;
- (2) bring an objective view in the evaluation of the performance of board and management;
- (3) scrutinize the performance of management in meeting agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance;
- (4) satisfy themselves on the integrity of financial information and that financial controls and the systems of risk management are robust and defensible;
- (5) safeguard the interests of all stakeholders, particularly the minority shareholders;
- (6) balance the conflicting interest of the stakeholders;
- (7) 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;
- (8) 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 independent directors shall—

- (1) undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the company;
- (2) 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;

- (3) strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board committees of which he is a member;
- (4) participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members;
- (5) strive to attend the general meetings of the company;
- (6) where they have concerns about the running of the company or a proposed action, ensure that these are addressed by the Board and, to the extent that they are not resolved, insist that their concerns are recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting;
- (7) keep themselves well informed about the company and the external environment in which it operates;
- (8) not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or Committee of the Board;
- (9) pay sufficient attention and ensure that adequate deliberations are held before approving related party transactions and assure themselves that the same are in the interest of the company;
- (10) 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;
- (11) report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the company's code of conduct or ethics policy;
- (12) acting within his authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the company, shareholders and its employees;
- (13) 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.

**D. Separate Meetings:**

- (1) The independent directors of the company shall hold at least one meeting in a year, without the attendance of non-independent directors and members of management;
- (2) All the independent directors of the company shall strive to be present at such meeting;
- (3) The meeting shall:
  - (a) review the performance of non-independent directors and the Board as a whole;
  - (b) review the performance of the Chairperson of the company, taking into account the views of executive directors and non-executive directors;
  - (c) assess the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between the company management and the Board that is necessary for the Board to effectively and reasonably perform their duties.

**E. Evaluation mechanism:**

- (1) The performance evaluation of independent directors shall be done by the entire Board of Directors, excluding the director being evaluated.
- (2) On the basis of the report of performance evaluation, it shall be determined whether to extend or continue the term of appointment of the independent director.

**VI .GENERAL DUTIES OF DIRECTORS PURSUANT TO SECTION 166 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, a director of a company shall act in accordance with the articles of the company.
- (2) A director of a company 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 interests of the company, its employees, the shareholders, the community and for the protection of environment.
- (3) A director of a company shall exercise his duties with due and reasonable care, skill and diligence and shall exercise independent judgment.
- (4) A director of a company shall not involve in a situation in which he may have a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interest of the company.

(5) A director of a company shall not achieve or attempt to achieve any undue gain or advantage either to himself or to his relatives, partners, or associates and if such director is found guilty of making any undue gain, he shall be liable to pay an amount equal to that gain to the company.

(6) A director of a company shall not assign his office and any assignment so made shall be void.

#### **VII. REPORTING**

The Company Secretary shall be the Compliance Officer for the purpose of this Code. Senior Management Executives are required to report observed violations of the Code and illegal or unethical behavior to the Managing Director/Manager/Compliance Officer. All reports will be treated in a confidential manner and it is Company's policy not to allow retaliation for reports made in good faith of misconduct by others. In accordance with an established, documented & approved process, the Company will undertake, review & where appropriate, investigate of alleged violations or misconduct. Senior Management Executives are expected to cooperate in internal investigations of misconduct and violations of this Code.

#### **VIII. PLACEMENT OF THE CODE ON WEBSITE**

As required by clause 49 of the listing agreement this code and any amendment thereto shall be posted on the website of the company.

#### **IX. COMPLIANCE OF THE CODE**

Each Director and Senior Management Personnel shall monitor his or her personal compliance with the code. Also in terms of clause 49 of the listing agreement all Board members and Senior Management Personnel shall within 30 days of close of every financial year affirm compliance with the Code. The Annual Compliance Report shall be forwarded to the Compliance Officer of the Company, in the form annexed hereto as Annexure – II

#### **X. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Code shall become applicable to all the existing directors as soon as it is approved by the Board of Directors. In case of a new director the Code shall become applicable from the date of his appointment. All Board Members and Senior Management Personnel shall acknowledge the receipt of the code in the acknowledgement form annexed as Annexure – I indicating that they have received, read and understood, and agreed to comply with the code and send the same to the Compliance Officer.

#### **XI. NO RIGHTS CREATED**

This code of conduct is a statement of certain fundamental principles, ethics, values, policies and procedures that govern the Directors and Senior Management Personnel of the Company in the conduct of the Company's business. It is not intended to and does not create any rights in any employee, customer, client, supplier, competitor, shareholder or any other person or entity.

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**Code of Conduct for Board Members and Senior Management Personnel**  
**Acknowledgement Form**

I ..... have received and read the Company's "**Code of Conduct for Board Members and Senior Management Personnel**" ("this code").

I have understood the provisions and policies contained in this code and I agree to comply with this code.

Signature : .....

Name : .....

Designation : .....

Date : .....

Place : .....

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Annual Compliance Report

To  
The Compliance Officer,  
**Sri Nachammai Cotton Mills Limited,**  
**181, VASANTHAM, 4th Cross Street,**  
**New Fairlands, Salem- 636 016.**

I, ..... hereby confirm that I have read the Code of Conduct applicable to Directors and Senior Management of the Company and that I have complied with the requirements of this code during the period ..... to .....

Signature : .....

Name : .....

Designation : .....

Date : .....

Place : .....