



## **APL APOLLO TUBES LIMITED**

### **POLICY ON RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

**AND**

### **MATERIALITY OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

**[Approved by the Board of Directors on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and amended on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 and further amended on May 13, 2022]**

#### **Preamble**

This Policy ("Policy") is for determining the materiality of Related Party Transactions and also about dealing with Related Party Transactions. This Policy is prepared and adopted to build a framework for the Related Party Transactions of APL APOLLO TUBES LTD. ("Company") in accordance with the requirements of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations") read with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and relevant rules made thereunder; as amended from time to time. This Policy shall regulate the transactions between the Company and its related parties as per the requirements and disclosures under the applicable laws, rules and regulations.

#### **Purpose of the Policy**

Regulation 23(1) of the Listing Regulations, mandates that all listed companies formulate a policy on materiality of related party transactions and also on dealing with Related Party Transactions, to ensure the proper approval and reporting of transactions between the Company and its Related Parties. The Company is required to make various disclosures of its related party transactions before the Board/Shareholders, as the case may be, and also disclose the same as required, in its Board Report, Financial Statements or any other documents as provided under law, on an annual basis and in the compliance report to be sent to the stock exchanges on quarterly basis. This Policy is also prepared for the identification and regulation of the Related Party Transactions keeping in view the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules thereunder.

#### **3. Applicable Definitions**

**3.1. Act** means Companies Act, 2013;

**3.2. Arm's length transaction** means a transaction between two related parties that is conducted as if they were unrelated, so that there is no conflict of interest;

**3.3. Board** means the Board of directors of APL Apollo Tubes Limited;

**3.4. Committee** means the Audit committee as defined under the Companies Act, 2013 and the Listing Agreement;

**3.5. Company** means APL Apollo Tubes Limited;

**3.6. Listing Regulations** means the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

**3.7. Key Managerial Personnel** or KMP means key managerial personnel as defined under Companies Act, 2013

**3.8. Material Related Party Transaction** means a transaction with a related party if the transaction/ transactions to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceeds ten percent of the annual consolidated turnover as per the last audited financial statements of the Company;

Provided a transaction involving payments made to a related party with respect to brand usage or royalty shall be considered material if the transactions to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceeds two percent of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company as per the last audited financial statements of the listed entity.

**3.9. "Material Modifications"** mean any modification of the existing related party transactions which amounts to;

"Material Modification" of related party transaction will mean and include any modification to an existing related party transaction having variance of 20% or more of the existing value as sanctioned by the Audit Committee / Board / Shareholders, as the case may be.

Provided that Audit Committee may while granting approval to any related party transaction, outline the criteria for determining material modification for the said transaction.

**3.10. Policy** means this Policy on materiality of Related Party Transactions and also on dealing with Related Party Transactions;

**3.11. Rules** means the Company (Meetings of Board and Its Powers) Rules, 2014;

**3.12. Related Party** means an entity related to the Company where:

- (i) such entity is a related party under Section 2(76) of the Companies Act, 2013 and any amendment thereof; or
- (ii) such entity is a related party under the applicable accounting standards; or
- (iii) Such person or entity forms part of promoter or promoter group and holds 20% or more of shareholding in the Company

**3.13. Relative** means relative as defined under the Companies Act, 2013. A person shall be deemed to be relative of another, if he or she is related to another in the following manner, namely:

- i. they are members of a Hindu undivided family;
- ii. they are husband or wife; or
- iii. Father (including step-father)
- iv. Mother (including step-mother)

- v. Son (including step-son)
- vi. Son's wife
- vii. Daughter
- viii. Daughter's husband
- ix. Brother (including step-brother)
- x. Sister (including step-sister)

**3.14. Transaction(s)** with a related party shall be construed to include single transaction or a group of transactions in a contract/arrangement;

Any other term not defined herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Companies Act, 2013, Rules issued thereunder and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

#### **4. The Policy**

Following shall be the structure of dealing with transactions with Related Parties with the Company:

- Identification & Monitoring of Related Parties
- Identification of potential Related Party Transactions;
- Restrictions relating to Related Party Transactions;
- Approval of Related Party Transactions; and
- Disclosure of Related Party Transactions.

##### **4.1. Identification & Monitoring of Related Parties**

###### **Process for Identification of Related Parties**

a) The Company shall identify all Related Parties for the Company on the basis of disclosures received from the Directors/ KMPs/Promoter and Promoter Group, corporate and investment structure, as per the definition provided in the Companies Act, 2013 and Listing Regulations as amended from time to time. Disclosure from the Directors/KMPs shall be received by the Company at the beginning of every year and as and when the information changes. Disclosure from promoter and promoter group shall be received on annual basis.

b) At the end of every financial year, the Company shall identify the person(s) apart from promoter or promoter group, who at any time during the proceeding financial year held 20% or 10% as the case may be, of the equity shareholding of the Company

c) The names of all Related Parties identified of the Company shall be consolidated, as a Related Party List and this List as amended from time to time shall be progressively shared with the Accounts and Finance team of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

###### **Monitoring of Related Parties**

The Directors and KMP's and Promoter and Promoter Group of the Company should promptly communicate to the Company, any subsequent changes in the initial disclosure submitted by them in the beginning of the year. The Company shall update the Related Party List based on intimations received from the Directors, KMPs and Promoter and Promoter Group or changes in corporate or investment structure as informed from time to time.

## **Responsibility of Directors and KMP's:**

Each Director and Key Managerial Personnel is responsible for providing notice to the Board or Audit Committee of any potential Related Party Transaction involving him or her or his or her Relative, including any additional information about the transaction that the Board/Audit Committee may reasonably request.

Time Line: The Company strongly prefers to receive such notice of any potential Related Party Transaction well in advance so that the Audit Committee/Board has adequate time to obtain and review information about the proposed transaction.

### **4.2. Identification of potential Related Party Transactions;**

Any transaction involving a transfer of resources, services or obligations between the Company or any of its subsidiaries on one hand and

a) a related party of the listed entity or any of its subsidiaries on the other hand; or

b) any other person or entity on the other hand, the purpose and effect of which is to benefit a related party of the listed entity or any of its subsidiaries, with effect from April 1, 2023;

regardless of whether a price is charged will be treated as related party transaction. And a "transaction" with a related party shall be construed to include a single transaction or a group of transactions in a contract.

However, following shall not be treated as Related Party Transactions:

a) The issue of specified securities on a preferential basis, subject to compliance of the requirements under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018;

b) The following corporate actions by the listed entity which are uniformly applicable/offered to all shareholders in proportion to their shareholding:

(i) payment of dividend;

(ii) subdivision or consolidation of securities;

(iii) issuance of securities by way of a rights issue or a bonus issue; and

(iv) buy-back of securities.

### **4.2. Approval of Related Party Transactions:**

#### **4.2.1. Audit Committee**

All Related Party Transactions and subsequent modification thereof shall require prior approval of the Audit Committee. Any member of the Audit Committee who has a potential interest in any Related Party Transaction will abstain from discussion and voting on the approval of such Related Party Transaction. However, the Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for Related Party Transactions proposed to be entered into by the Company subject to the following conditions:

1. The Audit Committee shall lay down the criteria for granting the omnibus approval in line with the policy on Related Party Transactions of the Company and such approval shall be applicable in respect of transactions which are repetitive in nature.

2. The Audit Committee shall satisfy itself the need for such omnibus approval and that such approval is in the interest of the Company;

3. Such omnibus approval shall specify (i) the name/s of the related party, nature of transaction, period of transaction, maximum amount of transaction that can be entered into, (ii) the indicative base price / current contracted price and the formula for variation in the price if any and (iii) such other conditions as the Audit Committee may deem fit;

Provided that where the need for Related Party Transaction cannot be foreseen and aforesaid details are not available, Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for such transactions subject to their value not exceeding Rs.1 crore per transaction.

4. Audit Committee shall review, at-least on a quarterly basis, the details of RPTs entered into by the Company pursuant to each of the omnibus approval given.

5. Such omnibus approvals shall be valid for a period not exceeding one year and shall require fresh approvals after the expiry of one year.

6. Omnibus approval shall not be made for transactions in respect of selling or disposing of the undertaking of the Company.

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- a) a related party transaction to which the subsidiary of the Company is a party but the Company is not a party, shall require prior approval of the audit committee of the Company if the value of such transaction whether entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year exceeds ten per cent of the annual consolidated turnover, as per the last audited financial statements of the Company;
- b) with effect from April 1, 2023, a related party transaction to which the subsidiary of the Company is a party but the Company is not a party, shall require prior approval of the audit committee of the Company if the value of such transaction whether entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceeds ten per cent of the annual standalone turnover, as per the last audited financial statements of the subsidiary;
- c) prior approval of the audit committee of the company shall not be required for a related party transaction to which the listed subsidiary is a party but the Company is not a party, if regulation 23 and sub-regulation (2) of regulation 15 of Listing Regulations are applicable to such listed subsidiary.

The agenda of the meeting as per Rule 15 of the Companies (Meeting of Board and its Power), at which such Related Party Transaction is proposed to be reviewed/approved by the Audit Committee shall disclose the following: -

- i. the name of the related party and nature of relationship;
- ii. the nature, duration of the contract and particulars of the contract or arrangement;
- iii. the material terms of the contract or arrangement including the value, if any;
- iv. any advance paid or received for the contract or arrangement, if any;
- v. the manner of determining the pricing and other commercial terms, both included as part of contract and not considered as part of the contract;
- vi. whether all factors relevant to the contract have been considered, if not, the details of factors not considered with the rationale for not considering those factors;
- vii. the persons/authority approving the transaction; and
- viii. any other information relevant or important for the Committee to take a decision on the proposed transaction.

In determining whether to approve a Related Party Transaction, the Committee will consider the following factors, among others, to the extent relevant to the Related Party Transaction:

- i. Whether the terms of the Related Party Transaction are fair and on arm's length basis to the Company.
- ii. Whether there are any compelling business reasons for the Company to enter into the Related Party Transaction and the nature of alternative transactions, if any;
- iii. Whether the nature of the proposed transaction is something that the Company would have ordinarily done in the course of its business;
- iv. Whether the proposed transaction includes any potential reputational risk issues that may arise as a result of or in connection with the proposed transaction;
- v. Whether the Related Party Transaction would affect the independence of the Directors/ KMP.
- vi. Where the ratification of the Related Party Transaction is allowed by law and is sought from the Committee, the reason for not obtaining the prior approval of the Committee and the relevance of business urgency and whether subsequent ratification would be detrimental to the Company or in contravention of any law; and
- vi. Any other factor the Committee deems relevant for reviewing and approving such Related Party Transaction.

While considering any modification in any Related Party Transaction, the Audit Committee shall also consider the following:

- Need for the modification and factors on account of which modification is necessary.
- Whether subject of modification could have been assessed at the time of approval of original transaction itself.

Further, the transaction of following nature will not be subject to the omnibus approval of the Audit Committee:

- Transactions which are not at arm's length or not in the ordinary course of business.
- Transactions which are not repetitive in nature.
- Transactions exceeding materiality thresholds as laid down in this Policy.
- Transactions in respect of selling or disposing of the undertaking of the company.
- Financial Transactions eg. Loan to related parties, Inter Corporate Deposits, subscriptions to bond, debenture or preference shares issued by the related parties, corporate guarantee given/received from related parties.
- Any other transaction the Audit Committee may deem not fit for omnibus approval.

7. The Audit Committee can take necessary professional help in order to determine whether the transaction is in ordinary course of business and on arm's length basis. It shall also consider whether the Committee was informed of the proposed transaction well in advance, and whether all the relevant information was disclosed or not, including no suppression of facts.

#### 4.2.2. **Board of Directors**

The Board shall consider and approve the following:

- a) Where the transaction is not in ordinary course of business and/ or not at arm's length price as specified in Section 188(1) of the Act, such Related Party Transaction shall require approval of the Board at their meeting as required under the Companies Act, 2013 or rules made thereunder and statutory modification or enactment thereof.
- b) Transactions other than those mentioned in section 188, which are referred by the Audit Committee, shall be placed for consideration for approval of the Board.

#### c) Material Related Party Transactions

The agenda of the Board meeting at which the resolution related to Related Party Transaction is proposed to be moved shall disclose-

- name of the Related Party and nature of relationship;
- nature, duration and particulars of the contract or arrangement;
- material terms of the contract or arrangement including the value, if any
- any advance paid or received for the contract or arrangement, if any; the manner of determining the pricing and other commercial terms, both included as part of contract and not considered as part of the contract;
- whether all factors relevant to the contract have been considered, if not, the details of factors not considered with the rationale for not considering those factors; and
- any other information relevant or important for the Board to take a decision on the proposed transaction.

#### 4.2.3. **Shareholders' Approval**

A. In terms of the Companies Act, 2013, all Related Party Transactions in the Company, which are not in ordinary course of business and/ or not at arm's length price shall require prior approval of the shareholders by way of ordinary resolution in pursuance to Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Rules, 2014, as contracts or arrangements with respect to clause (a) to (e) of sub-section (1) of section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013 as mentioned in para 4.1 above, with criteria as mentioned below-

- (i) Sale, purchase and supply of any goods or materials, directly or through appointment of agent, exceeding 10% of the turnover of the company or Rs. 100 crores, whichever is lower;
- (ii) selling or otherwise disposing of or buying property of any kind, directly or through appointment of agent exceeding 10% of net worth of the company or Rs. 100 Crores, whichever is lower,
- (iii) leasing of property of any kind exceeding 10% of net worth of the company or 10% of the turnover of the company or Rs. 100 Crores, whichever is lower,
- (iv) availing or rendering of any services, directly or through appointment of agent, exceeding 10% of the turnover of the company or Rs. 50 Crores, whichever is lower,

Explanation- It is hereby clarified that the above specified limits shall apply for transaction or transactions to be entered into either individually or taken together with the previous transactions during a financial year.

- (v) Related party's appointment to any office or place of profit in the Company, its subsidiary Company or associate Company at a monthly remuneration exceeding Rs 2.5 lakh.
- (vi) Remuneration for underwriting the subscription of any securities or derivatives thereof, of the Company exceeding 1% of the net worth.

B. In terms of Regulation 23 of Listing regulations all the Material Related Party Transactions and subsequent Material Modifications shall require prior approval of the shareholders through a ordinary resolution.

The explanatory statement to be annexed to the notice of a general meeting convened for the purpose of approving such related party transactions shall include the following particulars:

1. Name of the related party;
2. Name of the director or key managerial personnel who is related, if any;

3. Nature of relationship;
4. Nature, material terms, monetary value & particulars of the contract or arrangement;
5. Any other information relevant or important for the members to take a decision on the proposed resolution.

4.2.4. All entities falling under the definition of the Related Parties shall not vote to approve the relevant transaction irrespective of whether the entity is a party to the particular transaction or not in the above transactions, where the approval related to Material Related Party Transaction. In case of approval of related party transaction under the Companies Act, 2013, the related party with whom the contract is being entered shall abstain from voting in the resolution

### **4.3. Transactions with Wholly Owned Subsidiary**

Related Party Transactions with Wholly owned Subsidiary will not require approval of Board and Shareholder.

With respect to Audit Committee, the approval will not be required for transactions other than a transaction referred to in Section 188 of the Act.

### **4.4. Threshold Limit**

The Related Party Transactions during a financial year shall not exceed 20% of the consolidated turnover of the Company during the last financial year.

The aforesaid turnover shall be determined as per the last audited consolidated financial statements of the Company.

### **4.5. Disclosure of Related Party Transactions**

4.5.1. Every related party transaction entered into shall be disclosed to in the Board's report to the shareholders along with the justification for entering into such contract or arrangement.

4.5.2. Adequate disclosure of all related party transactions shall be submitted to the stock exchanges in the format as specified by SEBI from time to time and copy of the same will be posted on the website of the Company. Further, details of all Material Related Party Transactions shall also be disclosed in accordance with Regulation 27 of the Listing Regulations.

4.5.3. The Company shall disclose the Policy on dealing with Related Party Transactions on its website and also a web link thereto shall be provided in the Annual Report.

4.5.4. A register of Related Party Transactions shall be maintained as per the Companies Act, 2013 and placed before the Board and signed by all the directors present at the Meeting.

4.5.5 In addition to the above, all necessary information/ details about the Related Party Transactions shall be made available to the Board/ Audit Committee, disclosed in Corporate Governance Report/ Annual Report and/or shall be placed wherever required under the provisions of the Act and Listing Regulations, as amended from time to time.

## **5. OTHER MISCELLEANEOUS MATTERS**

### **5.1 By Audit Committee**



Where the Company becomes aware of a Related Party Transaction with a Related Party that has not been approved under this Policy prior to its implementation, the matter shall be reviewed by the Audit Committee. In such circumstance, the Committee shall evaluate all options available to the Company, including ratification, revision or termination of the Related Party Transaction. The Committee shall also examine the facts and circumstances pertaining to the failure of reporting such Related Party Transaction to the Committee under this Policy, and shall take any such action it deems appropriate.

In case where the Committee does not deem it fit to ratify a Related Party Transaction that has been commenced without approval, the Committee, may direct additional actions including, but not limited to, immediate discontinuation of the transaction, as appropriate. The Committee shall also have the authority to modify or waive any procedural requirements of the Related Party Transaction to suit the modus operandi of this Policy.

## **5.2 By Board and shareholders**

If any related party transaction is entered without obtaining the consent of the Board or Shareholders, as the case may be and if such approval was required under this Policy, the same is required to be ratified by the Board or the shareholders, as the case may be, within three months from the date on which such related party transaction was entered into. The Board shall also examine the facts and circumstances pertaining to the failure of reporting such Related Party Transaction to it under this Policy and shall take any such action it deems appropriate.

If the related party transaction has not ratified by Board or Shareholders as mentioned above, such related party transaction shall be voidable at the option of the Board or, as the case may be, of the Shareholders and if the related party transaction is with a related party to any director, or is authorized by any other director, the directors concerned shall indemnify the Company against any loss incurred by it.

If the Audit Committee/Board/Shareholders decides, not to ratify a particular transaction, then it may direct additional actions in accordance with this Policy.

## **6. REVIEW**

The Committee shall, at least once in three year, assess the adequacy of this Policy and make any necessary or desirable amendments to ensure it remains consistent with the Board's objectives, laws applicable and the best practices.

## **7. INDEMNITY AGAINST LOSSES TO THE COMPANY AND PENALTY**

In the event of entering into any Related Party Transaction with the director(s) of the Company, that has been entered into without obtaining of requisite approvals as may be required, the concerned director, if he has so acted negligently or deliberately, shall be liable for all the losses, if any, that may be suffered by the Company in that transaction and he/she shall indemnify the Company for the same.

The Company may also proceed against a director or any other employee for recovery of any loss sustained by it as a result of a contract/ arrangement entered into by such person in contravention of the provisions of the law relating to Related Party Transactions.