

HATHWAY BHAWANI CABLETEL & DATACOM LIMITED**CODE OF CONDUCT****Preamble**

Clause (a) of Sub-regulation (5) of Regulation 17 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, stipulates that every listed company shall lay down a code of conduct for all Board members and Senior Management personnel of the Company. The code of conduct shall be posted on the website of the Company. (The term "Senior Management" shall mean personnel of the Company who are members of core management team excluding the Board of Directors. Normally this would comprise of all members of management one level below the executive directors, including all functional heads).

All Directors/Senior Management personnel are expected to comply with the code in its letter and spirit. They are also required to affirm compliance on an annual basis. The Annual Report of the Company shall contain a declaration to this effect signed by the CEO.

With a view to maintain high standards that the company requires, the following rules/code of conduct should be observed in all activities in respect of the Company. The Company appoints the company secretary as a compliance officer for the purposes of this code, who will be available to Directors/Senior Management personnel to answer questions and to help them comply with the code.

1] Accountability:

The Directors/Senior Management personnel shall discharge their duties in good faith and integrity in business judgment and in the best interests of the Company and its stakeholders. They are expected to use their best endeavors and organize the resources for advancing the Company's mission. They are expected to act ethically, honestly, diligently and in good faith to protect the Company's brand equity and image. They shall act in good faith, responsibly, with due care, competence and diligence, without allowing their independent judgment to be subordinated. They shall act in the best interests of the company and fulfill their fiduciary obligations.

2] Conflict of Interest:

Directors/Senior Management personnel shall not engage in any business, relationship or activity, which may be in conflict with the interests of the Company.

Conflicts can arise in many situations. It is not possible to cover every possible conflict situation and at times, it will not be easy to distinguish between proper and improper activity. Set forth, are some of the common circumstances that may lead to a conflict of interest, actual or potential: -

- a) They should not engage in any activity/employment that interferes with the performance or responsibility to the company or is otherwise in conflict with or prejudicial to the company.

- b) They and their immediate families should not solely for the sake of making profit invest in a company, customer, supplier, developer or competitor and generally refrain from investments that compromise their responsibility to the company.
- c) They should generally avoid conducting company business with a relative or with a firm/company in which a relative/related party is associated in any significant role.

If such related party transaction is unavoidable, it must be fully disclosed to the Board of the company.

3] **Compliance:**

All applicable laws, rules and regulations shall be complied with. In order to assist the company in promoting lawful and ethical behaviour, any possible violation of laws, rules, regulations or the code of conduct shall be reported to the Board of Directors through the Company Secretary.

4] **Other Directorships:**

The Directors must disclose their Directorship, Committee membership on the Board of other companies and substantial shareholding in other companies to the Board on an annual basis. It is felt that service on the Board of a direct competitor is not in the interest of the company.

5] **Confidentiality of Information:**

Any information concerning the company's business, its customers, suppliers, etc., which is not in the public domain and to which the Directors/Senior Management personnel have access or possesses such information, must be considered confidential and held in confidence, unless authorized to do so and when disclosure is required under any law. No Director shall provide any information either formally or informally, to the press or any other publicity media, unless specially authorized.

Examples of confidential information include but are not restricted to:

- Information not yet released to the public
- Unpublished company strategy
- Current or future R&D programs, technical breakthroughs and/or inventions
- Investments, planned mergers or acquisitions
- Information received from customers or partners
- Unpublished Financial data either actual or forecasted
- Employee information

6] **Insider Trading:**

A Director /Senior Management personnel shall not derive benefit or assist others to derive benefit by giving investment advice from the access to and possession of information about the company, not in public domain and therefore constituting insider information. All Directors/Senior Management Personnel shall comply with

SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and Insider Trading Policy of the Company.

7] **Equity:**

All attempts should be made to maintain equity and fair justice while dealing on behalf of the Company. The Directors/Senior Management personnel shall be committed to provide a work environment free from unlawful discrimination, harassment and intimidations of any nature. Any kind of harassment and discrimination based on gender, religion, age, sex, national origin and other such characteristics shall be strictly prohibited.

They shall strive for maintaining a safe workplace by following safety and health rules and practices.

8] **Consumer Focus :**

The Directors/Senior Management personnel shall focus on customer satisfaction, which shall be the basic motto of the Company's business. They shall ensure that the communications given are accurate and truthful and do not deliberately omit important facts or shall not be of misleading nature.

9] **Team work and spirit :**

The principles of mutual trust, teamwork and spirit shall be appreciated and maintained. Best efforts shall be made to contribute to an environment that builds confidence and empowers people through personal and professional growth. They shall attempt that the teams grow together through collaborative working, skills development, knowledge sharing and learning from each other. Employees being invaluable assets shall be motivated to achieve higher goals.

10] **Corporate Opportunity :**

Except as approved by the Board, the Directors/Senior Management personnel are prohibited from :

- a) taking any personal opportunities directly or indirectly that belong to the Company;
- b) using the Company's property, information or position for personal gain/advantage or to cause detriment to the Company; and
- c) competing with the Company.

11] **Gift & Donations:**

No Director/Senior Management Personnel of the company shall receive or offer, directly or indirectly, any gifts, donations, remuneration, hospitality, illegal payments and comparable benefits which are intended to obtain business favours and comply with the "Receipts and Gifting Policy" laid down by the Company dated 18th October, 2014.

12] **Safeguarding Company's Assets:**

The use of Company's Assets for illegal or non-ethical business purposes shall be strictly prohibited. Protecting the Company's assets regardless of whether the same is tangible or intangible is the responsibility of each Director/Senior Management person.

13] **Financial Record keeping & reporting :**

As **Hathway Bhawani Cabletel & Datacom Limited** is a listed Company, it is required to comply with strict accounting principles and regulations. It is critical to ensure that all transactions are properly identified, analysed and recorded. Regardless of whether a Director/Senior Management person is directly involved in financial reporting or accounting, most come into contact with financial transactions directly or indirectly. All reasonable efforts are expected to ensure that all business records and reports are accurate, complete and reliable.

14] **Duties of Independent Directors :**

The independent directors shall exercise the following duties as given in Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013:—

- (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.

15] **Compliance with the Code:**

Once every year or upon revision of this code, every Director must acknowledge and execute an understanding of the code and an affirmation that he/she has complied with the Code. New Directors will sign such a deed at the time of joining.

16] **Amendment:**

This code may be amended, modified or varied by the Board as may be deemed necessary in the interests of the Company and subject to the provisions of applicable laws, regulations or guidelines.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM – CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Director/Senior Management Person, I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read the document. I understand that it is my responsibility to consult the Compliance Officer if I have any questions regarding the provisions of the Code.

I understand and agree that as a Director/Senior Management Person, it is my responsibility to promote the application of this Code.

(Name)

(Signature)

Designation

(Date)