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VADILAL CHEMICALS LIMITED-- Policy on Related Party Transactions

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Vadilal Chemicals Limited (the “Company”), has adopted the following policy and procedures with regard to Related Party Transactions (including materiality of related party transactions and dealing with related party transactions) as defined below. The Audit Committee will review and shall, from time to time, recommend amendments, if any, in this policy to the Board.

This policy will be applicable to the Company. This policy is to regulate transactions between the Company and its Related Parties based on the applicable laws and regulations applicable on the Company.

2. PURPOSE

This policy is primarily framed based on the provision of Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 (the “Act”) including Rules made there under, and are primarily intended to ensure the governance and reporting of transactions between the Company and its Related Parties.

3. DEFINITIONS

“Associate company” in relation to another company, means a company in which that other company has a significant influence, but which is not a subsidiary company of the company having such influence and includes a joint venture company.

Explanation – For the purpose of this clause, “significant influence” means control of at least twenty percent of total share capital, or of business decisions under an agreement.

“Audit Committee or Committee” means “Audit Committee” constituted by the Board of Directors of the Company under the provisions of Listing Agreement and the Companies Act, 2013, from time to time.

“Board of Directors” or **“Board”** means the Board of Directors of Vadilal Chemicals Limited, as constituted from time to time.

“Key Managerial Personnel” or **“Key Management Personnel (KMP)”** means Key Managerial Personnel as defined under the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made there under and includes:

1. Managing Director, or Chief Executive Officer or manager and in their absence, a whole-time director;
2. Company Secretary; and
3. Chief Financial Officer

“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 threshold limit as mentioned in the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

“Policy” means this Policy on Related Party Transactions.

“Related Party” shall mean a related party as defined under sub-section (76) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 or under the applicable accounting standards

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The current definition of Related Party as per the Companies Act, 2013 is reproduced herein below:

Related Party as per Section 2(76) of the Companies Act, 2013:

“Related party” with reference to a company, means-

1. A director or his relative;
2. A key managerial personnel or his relative;
3. A firm, in which a director, manager, or his relative is a partner;
4. A private company in which a director or manager or his relative is a member or director;
5. A public company in which a director or manager is a director and holds along with his relatives, more than two percent of its paid-up share capital;
6. A anybody corporate whose Board of Directors, managing director or manager is accustomed to act in accordance with the advice, directions or instructions of a director or manager;
7. A any person on whose advice, directions or instructions a director or manager is accustomed to act;

Provided that nothing in sub clauses (vi) and (vii) shall apply to the advice, directions or instructions given in a professional capacity;

8. any company which is –
 - (A) a holding, subsidiary or an associate of such company; or
 - (B) a subsidiary of a holding company to which it is also a subsidiary;
9. such other persons as may be prescribed;

As per Rule 3 of Companies (Specification of definitions details) Rules, 2014-

- a director or key managerial personnel of the holding company or his relative with reference to a company, shall be deemed to be related party.

“Related Party Transaction” as SEBI (LODR) regulation, 2015, shall mean transfer of resources, services or obligations between a listed entity and a related party, regardless of whether a price is charged and a "transaction" with a related party shall be construed to include a single transaction or a group of transactions in a contract.

“Related Party Transaction” as per section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013, shall mean contracts and arrangements with a related party with respect to -

1. sale, purchase or supply of any goods or materials;
2. selling or otherwise disposing of, or buying, property of any kind;
3. leasing of property of any kind;
4. availing or rendering of any services;
5. appointment of any agent for purchase or sale of goods , materials, services or property;
6. such related party’s appointment to any profit or place of profit in the Co., its subsidiary Co. or Associate Co.; and
7. underwriting the subscription of any securities or derivatives thereof, of the company.

“Relative”: “Relative”, with reference to any person, means anyone who is related to another, if—

1. they are members of a Hindu Undivided Family;
2. they are husband and wife; or
3. one person is related to the other in such manner as may be prescribed;

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As per Rule 4 of Companies (Specification of definitions details) Rules, 2014-

- A person shall be deemed to be the relative of another, if he or she is related to another in the following manner, namely:-

1. Father:

Provided that the term “Father” includes step-father.

2. Mother:

Provided that the term “Mother” includes step-mother.

3. Son:

Provided that the term “Son” includes step-son.

4. Son’s wife

5. Daughter

6. Daughter’s husband

7. Brother:

Provided that the term “Brother” includes step-brother.

8. Sister:

Provided that the term “Sister” includes step-sister.

“SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015” means Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 notified by SEBI on 2nd September, 2015

Transactions `in ordinary course of business`

With particular reference to the company - Vadilal Chemicals Limited, following transactions in the context of business of the company have been identified as **Transactions `in ordinary course of business`** of the company. These are only example and not an inclusive list:

1. Sale of Goods, Materials and Services;
2. Purchase of Goods, Materials and Services;
3. Payment of expenses of Joint Venture Company – Forum 1 Aviation Limited;
4. Reimbursement of actual out of pocket expenses incurred from/to the Company to/ from the Related Party;
5. Reimbursement of ESOP Expenses from subsidiaries;
6. Payment of remuneration (including sitting fee, if any) to Related Parties from the company or subsidiaries, where they are working in a whole time position or as a director.

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Transactions on an `Arms length basis` shall mean and include transaction between two related parties that is conducted as if they were unrelated, so that there is no conflict of interest.

4. POLICY

4.1. Identification of Related Party

Each Director and Key Managerial Personnel is responsible for providing notice to the Board regarding persons and entities to be considered as "Related Parties" by virtue of his/her being Director/ KMP in the company. Such Notice shall be provided to the company at the time of appointment and also at the time of first board meeting in every financial year and whenever there is any change in the disclosures already made.

4.2. Identification of Potential Related Party Transactions

On the basis of notices received from Directors and Key Managerial Personnel and the requirements of provisions of applicable laws, the Management shall identify and provide notice to the Audit Committee or Board, as may be required, of any potential Related Party Transaction with any person or entity as informed by the Director/KMP under clause 4.1 above, AND other entities in which the Company is interested so as to qualify them under the definition of Related Party, including any additional information about the transaction that the Board/Audit Committee may reasonably request. Board/Audit Committee will determine whether the transaction does, in fact, constitute a Related Party Transaction requiring compliance with this policy.

4.3. Review and Approval of Related Party Transactions

The approval of Audit Committee, Board or shareholders, as may be required under this Policy shall be taken for entering into the Related Party Transaction. The approval shall be taken by considering requirement of Companies Act, 2013 and by considering applicability of SEBI (Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

4.4. Approval of Audit Committee

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 by considering the matter shall grant the omnibus approval in line with this policy on Related Party Transactions (including criteria for granting omnibus approval) 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;
 - a. The name/s of the related party, nature of transaction, period of transaction, maximum amount of transaction that can be entered into,
 - b. The indicative base price / current contracted price and the formula for variation in the price if any; and
 - c. 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

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transaction.

4. For transactions by the company with its wholly owned subsidiary, whose accounts are consolidated with the company and placed before the shareholders at the general meeting for approval, the aforesaid conditions/requirements regarding omnibus approval shall not be applicable.
5. Any member of the Committee who has a potential interest in any Related Party Transaction will abstain from discussion and voting on the approval of the Related Party Transaction.
6. To review a Related Party Transaction, the Committee will be provided with all relevant material information of the Related Party Transaction, including the terms of the transaction, the business purpose of the transaction, the benefits to the Company and to the Related Party, and any other relevant matters. The information provided shall specifically cover the following:
 - a) The name of the related party and nature of relationship;
 - b) The nature, duration/ period of the contract and particulars of the contract or arrangement;
 - c) The material terms of the contract or arrangement including the value, if any;
 - d) Monetary value of the transaction during the relevant Financial Year;
 - e) Any advance paid or received for the contract or arrangement, if any;
 - f) The manner of determining the pricing and other commercial terms, both included as part of contract and not considered as part of the contract;
 - g) Whether the contract or arrangement is repetitive in nature;
 - h) Need for the contract or arrangement;
 - i) Whether the contract or arrangement is in interest of the company;
 - j) 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;
 - k) The persons/authority approving the transaction; and
 - l) Any other information relevant or important for the Committee to take a decision on the proposed transaction.

The Audit Committee shall be entitled to seek professional advice/ opinion relating to concerns, if any, in the above matter.

4.5. Criteria for granting approval (including omnibus approval)

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:

1. Whether the transaction is in the ordinary course of business of the company.
2. Whether the terms of the Related Party Transaction are fair and on arm's length basis to the Company and would apply on the same basis if the transaction did not involve a Related Party;
3. Whether there are any undue compelling business reasons for the Company to enter into the Related Party Transaction and the nature of alternative transactions, if any;
4. Whether the Related Party Transaction would affect the independence of the directors/KMP;
5. Whether the proposed transaction includes any potential reputational risk issues that may arise as a result of or in connection with the proposed transaction;
6. 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; and

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7. Whether the Related Party transaction would present an improper conflict of interest for any director or Key Managerial Personnel of the Company, taking into account the size of the transaction, the overall financial position of the director, Executive Officer or other Related Party, the direct or indirect nature of the director's, Key Managerial Personnel's or other Related Party's interest in the transaction and the ongoing nature of any proposed relationship and any other factors the Committee deems relevant.

4.6. Criteria for Arm`s length Basis

- For any transaction with wholly owned subsidiary company or in cases where vendor is specific and multiple vendors may or may not be available, the transactions shall be considered to be on an arm`s length basis in the following circumstances:

In case of Sale transaction by Vadilal Chemicals Limited

- Price is determined in accordance with the relevant transfer pricing norms/rules as per the Indian Income Tax Act;

In case of Purchase transaction by Vadilal Chemicals Limited

- Price is determined in accordance with the relevant transfer pricing norms/rules of the respective country;

For transactions with Related Parties, other than wholly owned subsidiary company, in cases where vendor is not specific and also multiple vendors are available, the transactions shall be considered to be on an arm`s length basis in the following circumstances:

1. Clear specifications (including, *inter alia*, the quantity and quality) of the transaction are made available by the Company;
2. Based on the specifications at least two quotations from different vendors (other than Related Parties) have been sought by the Company;
3. Based on the specifications and quotations received the evaluation based on the above criteria/ consideration for granting approval (as set forth above) has been done in the best interest of the Company.

4.7. Approval of Board of Directors

If the Committee determines that a Related Party Transaction should be brought before the Board, or if the Board in any case elects to review any such matter or it is mandatory under any law for Board to approve the Related Party Transaction, then the Board shall consider and approve the Related Party Transaction at a meeting and the considerations set forth above shall apply to the Board's review and approval of the matter, with such modification as may be necessary or appropriate under the circumstances of All the Related Party Transactions which are not in the Ordinary Course of Business or not at Arm`s Length Basis.

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Any member of the Board who is interested or has a potential interest in any Related Party Transaction will not be present at the meeting during discussions on the subject matter of the resolution relating to such Related Party Transaction.

4.8. Approval of Shareholders

1. Company shall take prior approval of shareholders in the case of transactions exceeding the limit as mentioned in Section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder.
2. It is clarified that all entities falling under the definition of related parties shall abstain from voting irrespective of whether the entity is a party to the particular transaction or not.

4.9. Transactions not requiring approval of Audit Committee, Board or Shareholders

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following Related Party Transactions shall not require approval of Audit Committee, Board or Shareholders:

1. Any transaction that involves the reimbursement of reasonable business and travel expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business.
2. Any transaction in which the Related Party's interest arises solely from ownership of securities issued by the Company and where all holders of such securities receive the same benefits pro rata as the Related Party.

5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS NOT APPROVED UNDER THIS POLICY

In the event the Company becomes aware of a Related Party Transaction with a Related Party that has not been approved under this Policy prior to its consummation, the matter shall be reviewed by the Audit Committee. The Committee shall consider all the relevant facts and circumstances regarding the Related Party Transaction, and 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 accordance with the provisions of companies Act, 2013 and the Listing agreement.

6. REPORTING AND DISCLOSURES

- Details of all material Related Party Transactions shall be disclosed quarterly to the Stock Exchanges (where shares of the company are listed) along with the compliance report on corporate governance, if applicable.
- The policy on dealing with related party Transactions shall be disclosed on the website of the Company.
- Particulars of every contract or arrangement with Related Parties referred to in section 188 (1) of the Act shall be included in the Board's Report to the shareholders along with justification for entering into the transaction in the prescribed Form **AOC-2**.
- A Register pertaining to Related Party Transactions shall be maintained by the company in accordance with the Companies Act, 2013, which shall be placed before the Board / annual general meeting as per the requirements of Companies Act, 2013.

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- Disclosure regarding Related Party relationship and transaction with them shall be made in the Financial Statements as per the requirements of relevant Accounting Standards.

7. AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICY

- The Board of Directors on its own and / or as per the recommendations of Audit Committee can amend this Policy, as and when deemed fit. Any or all provisions of this Policy would be subject to revision / amendment in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, Notifications etc. on the subject as may be issued by relevant statutory authorities, from time to time.
- In case of any amendment(s), clarification(s), circular(s) etc. issued by the relevant authorities are not consistent with the provisions laid down under this Policy, then such amendment(s), clarification(s), circular(s) etc. shall prevail upon the provisions hereunder and this Policy shall stand amended accordingly from the effective date as laid down under such amendment(s), clarification(s), circular(s) etc.

This Policy shall be communicated to all operational employees and other concerned persons of the Company and shall be placed on the website of the Company at www.vadilalgases.co.in

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