

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE**

## 1. CONSTITUTION

The Audit Committee has been established by the Board of Directors of the Company and is to be known as Audit Committee.

#### 2. MEMBERSHIP

- A. The members of the Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Board from amongst the Directors of the Company.
- B. The Audit Committee shall have minimum three Directors with Independent Directors forming a majority of the members of the Audit Committee.
- C. The Chairman of the Audit Committee shall be elected by the members of the Audit Committee among themselves.

#### 3. QUORUM

The quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall beat-least two members or  $1/3^{rd}$  of total number of Directors whichever is higher, with at least two Independent Director. A duly convened meeting of the Audit Committee at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers and discretions vested in or exercisable by the Audit Committee.

#### 4. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The audit committee shall meet at least four times in a year and not more than one hundred and twenty days shall elapse between two meetings.

## 5. MEETINGS

- A. Meetings of the Audit Committee may be called by the Chairman of the Audit Committee.
- B. Unless otherwise agreed, notice of each meeting confirming the venue, time and date together with an agenda of items to be discussed, shall be forwarded to each member of the Audit Committee and any other person required to attend, not later than 7 days before the date of the meeting.
- C. The Audit Committee may invite such of the executives, outside agency(ies) professional(s) as it considers appropriate, who are required to be presented for explaining any particular item(s) at the meeting.
- D. The intimation of the Audit Committee meetings, in which financials, reports of Auditors and other audit related matters are to be discussed, be given to Auditors of the Company.



## 6. DUTIES

The duties of the Audit Committee shall be:

- A. oversight of the listed entity's financial reporting process and the disclosure of its financial information to ensure that the financial statement is correct, sufficient and credible:
- B. recommendation for appointment, remuneration and terms of appointment of auditors of the listed entity;
- C. approval of payment to statutory auditors for any other services rendered by the statutory auditors;
- D. reviewing, with the management, the annual financial statements and auditor's report thereon before submission to the board for approval, with particular reference to:
  - matters required to be included in the director's responsibility statement to be included in the board's report in terms of clause (c) of sub-section (3) of Section 134 of the Companies Act, 2013;
  - changes, if any, in accounting policies and practices and reasons for the same;
  - major accounting entries involving estimates based on the exercise of judgment by management;
  - significant adjustments made in the financial statements arising out of audit findings;
  - compliance with listing and other legal requirements relating to financial statements;
- E. reviewing, with the management, the quarterly financial statements before submission to the board for approval:
- F. reviewing, with the management, the statement of uses / application of funds raised through an issue (public issue, rights issue, preferential issue, etc.), the statement of funds utilized for purposes other than those stated in the offer document / prospectus / notice and the report submitted by the monitoring agency monitoring the utilisation of proceeds of a public or rights issue, and making appropriate recommendations to the board to take up steps in this matter;
- G. reviewing and monitoring the auditor's independence and performance, and effectiveness of audit process;
- H. approval or any subsequent modification of transactions of the listed entity with related parties including giving omnibus approval subject to and in compliance with applicable laws and related party transaction policy of the Company;
- I. scrutiny of inter-corporate loans and investments;
- J. valuation of undertakings or assets of the listed entity, wherever it is necessary;



- K. evaluation of internal financial controls and risk management systems;
- L. reviewing, with the management, performance of statutory and internal auditors, adequacy of the internal control systems;
- M. reviewing the adequacy of internal audit function, if any, including the structure of the internal audit department, staffing and seniority of the official heading the department, reporting structure coverage and frequency of internal audit;
- N. discussion with internal auditors of any significant findings and follow up there on;
- O. reviewing the findings of any internal investigations by the internal auditors into matters where there is suspected fraud or irregularity or a failure of internal control systems of a material nature and reporting the matter to the board;
- P. to look into the reasons for substantial defaults in the payment to the depositors, debenture holders, shareholders (in case of non-payment of declared dividends) and creditors;
- Q. to review the functioning of the whistle blower mechanism;
- R. approval of appointment of chief financial officer after assessing the qualifications, experience and background, etc. of the candidate;
- S. Carrying out any other function as is mentioned in the terms of reference of the audit committee.
- T. management discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations;
- U. statement of significant related party transactions (as defined by the audit committee), submitted by management;
- V. management letters / letters of internal control weaknesses issued by the statutory auditors:
- W. internal audit reports relating to internal control weaknesses; and
- X. the appointment, removal and terms of remuneration of the chiefinternal auditor shall be subject to review by the audit committee.
- Y. statement of deviations:
  - quarterly statement of deviation(s) including report of monitoringagency, if applicable, submitted to stock exchange(s) in terms of Regulation 32(1).
  - annual statement of funds utilized for purposes other than thosestated in the offer document/prospectus/notice in terms of Regulation 32(7).



## 7. MINUTES

- A. The Audit Committee shall maintain written minutes of its meetings which shall be placed before the Board for noting and approval.
- B. Minutes of Audit Committee meetings shall be circulated promptly to all members of the Audit Committee.

#### 8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman of the Audit Committee shall present at Annual General Meeting to answer shareholders queries.

## 9. RIGHT OF BEING HEARD

The Auditors of the Company and the Key managerial personnel shall have right to be heard in the meetings of the Audit Committee where the auditor's report are to be considered but they will not have any voting rights.

## 10. AUTHORITY

The Audit Committee is authorised by the Board to:

- A. To call for the comments of the auditors about internal control systems, the scope of audit, including the observations of the auditors and review of financial statement before their submission to the Board;
- B. To discuss any related issues with the internal and statutory auditors and the management of the company;
- C. To investigate into any activity with in terms of reference;
- D. Seek any information that it requires from any employee of the Company and all employees are directed to co-operate with any request made by the Audit Committee;
- E. Obtain outside legal or other professional advice, at the Company's expense and secure the attendance of the outsiders with relevant experience and expertise if it considers necessary.

## 11. RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations of the Audit Committeeshall be binding on the Board in terms of Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013 and if, the Board does not accept the recommendations of the Audit Committeeit shall record the reasons thereof and shall be disclosed in the Board's report.

#### 12. CONFIDENTIALITY

Subject to provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under all the deliberations of the Audit Committee, and all records, material and information etcshall be considered confidential. Audit Committee members shall maintain the confidentiality of such deliberations, and shall safeguard such records, material and information from improper access.



# **13. AMENDMENTS**

Keeping in mind the needs of the Company and legal scenario (if any), the Board of Directors reserves the right to amend the terms of reference of Audit Committee as and when required.

Yours Sincerely,

For Octavius Plantations Limited

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Director