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**Hester Biosciences Limited**

## **Nomination & Remuneration Policy**

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## 1. Introduction

With the introduction of the Companies Act, 2013 and listing agreement as amended from time to time, the Board on 30 May 2014 changed the nomenclature of existing "Remuneration Committee" to "Nomination and Remuneration Committee". The Nomination and Remuneration Committee consist of three Non-executive and Independent Directors.

The Company in order to attract motivated and retained manpower in competitive market, to harmonize the aspirations of human resources consistent with the goals of the Company and in terms of the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the listing agreement as amended from time to time, this policy on nomination and remuneration of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management has been formulated and recommended by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on 30 May 2014. The said policy is applicable from 30 May 2014.

## 2. Objective

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee and this Policy are in compliance with Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 read along with the applicable rules thereto and Regulation 19 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The Key Objectives of the Committee would be:

- 1) To guide the Board in relation to appointment and removal of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management.
- 2) To evaluate the performance of the members of the Board and provide necessary report to the Board for further evaluation of the Board.
- 3) To recommend to the Board on Remuneration payable to the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management.

## 3. Definition

- 1) **"Board"** means Board of Directors of the Company.
- 2) **"Director"** means Directors of the Company.
- 3) **"Committee"** means the Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Company as constituted or re-constituted by the Board.
- 4) **"Company"** means Hester Biosciences Limited.
- 5) **"Independent Director"** means a Director referred to in Section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013.
- 6) **Key Managerial Personnel** means:
  - i. Executive Chairman or Chief Executive Officer and/or Managing Director;
  - ii. Whole-time Director;
  - iii. Chief Financial Officer;
  - iv. Company Secretary;
  - v. Such other Officer as may be prescribed under the applicable statutory provisions / regulations.

- 7) **“Senior Management”** mean personnel of the Company who occupy the position of Head of any department/ division/ unit.

Unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions used in this policy and not defined herein but defined in Companies Act, 2013 as may be amended from time to time shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them therein.

#### 4. Guiding principles

- 1) The guiding principle is to lay down criteria and terms and conditions with regard to identifying persons who are qualified to become Directors (including Independent Director) and persons who may be appointed in Senior Management and Key Managerial positions and to determine their remuneration.
- 2) To carry out evaluation of performance of Directors, Key Management Personnel as well as Senior Management Personnel.
- 3) The level and composition of remuneration and the other terms of employment is reasonable and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate executives of the Company s hall be competitive in order to ensure that the Company can attract and retain competent Executives.
- 4) To determine remuneration based on Company's size and financial position and trends and practice on remuneration prevailing in the similar Industry. When determining the remuneration policy and arrangements for Directors/ KMP's and Senior Management, the Committee considers pay and employment conditions with peers / elsewhere in the competitive market to ensure that pay structures are appropriately aligned and that levels of remuneration remain appropriate in this context.
- 5) The Committee while designing the remuneration package considers the level and composition of remuneration to be reasonable and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate the person to ensure the quality required to run the company successfully. The Committee considers that a successful remuneration policy must ensure that a significant part of the remuneration package is linked to the achievement of corporate performance targets and a strong alignment of interest with stakeholders.

#### 5. Coverage

- 1) Policy on Appointment and Nomination of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management.
- 2) Policy on Remuneration of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management.

##### **A. Policy on Appointment and Nomination of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management**

- 1) Appointment criteria and qualifications
  - i. The Committee shall identify and ascertain the integrity, qualification, expertise and experience of the person for appointment as Director and KMP and recommend to the Board his / her appointee
  - ii. A person should possess adequate qualification, expertise and experience for the position he / she is considered for appointment. The Committee has discretion to decide whether qualification, expertise and experience possessed by a person is sufficient / satisfactory for the concerned position.

- iii. The Company shall not appoint or continue the employment of any person as Whole-time Director who has attained the age of seventy years.  
**Provided that** the term of the person holding this position may be extended beyond the age of seventy years with the approval of shareholders by passing a special resolution based on the explanatory statement annexed to the notice for such motion indicating the justification for extension of appointment beyond seventy years.
- iv. Any appointment made at Senior Management Level shall be placed before the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company.

## 2) Tenure of Employment

### i. Managing Director/Whole-time Director

The Company shall appoint or re-appoint any person as its Executive Chairman, Managing Director or Executive Director for a term not exceeding five years at a time. No re-appointment shall be made earlier than one year before the expiry of term.

### ii. Independent Director

An Independent Director shall hold office for a term up to five consecutive years on the Board of the Company and will be eligible for re-appointment on passing of a special resolution by the Company and disclosure of such appointment in the Board's report.

No Independent Director shall hold office for more than two consecutive terms, but such Independent Director shall be eligible for appointment after expiry of three years of ceasing to become an Independent Director. Provided that an Independent Director shall not, during the said period of three years, be appointed in or be associated with the Company in any other capacity, either directly or indirectly. However, if a person who has already served as an Independent Director for 5 years or more in the Company as on 1st October, 2014 or such other date as may be determined by the Committee as per regulatory requirement, he / she shall be eligible for appointment for one more term of 5 years only.

At the time of appointment of Independent Director it should be ensured that number of Boards on which such Independent Director serves is restricted to seven listed companies as an Independent Director and three listed companies as an Independent Director in case such person is serving as a Whole-time Director of a listed company.

## 3) Evaluation

The Committee shall evaluate performance of every Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel at regular period of one year.

## B. Policy on remuneration of Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel:

- 1) The remuneration / compensation / commission etc. to the Managing Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel will be determined by the Committee and recommended to the Board for approval. The remuneration / compensation / commission etc. shall be subject to the prior/post approval of the shareholders of the Company and Central Government, wherever required.

- 2) The remuneration and commission to be paid to the Managing Director shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, and the rules made there under.
- 3) Increments to the existing remuneration / compensation structure may be recommended by the Committee to the Board which should be within the slabs approved by the Shareholders in the case of Managing Director.
- 4) Where any insurance is taken by the Company on behalf of its Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, the Company Secretary and any other employees for indemnifying them against any liability, the premium paid on such insurance shall not be treated as part of the remuneration payable to any such personnel. Provided that if such person is proved to be guilty, the premium paid on such insurance shall be treated as part of the remuneration.
- 5) Remuneration to Whole-time/ Executive/ Managing Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel;
  - i. Fixed pay
 

The Managing Director / KMP and Senior Management Personnel shall be eligible for a monthly remuneration as may be approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Committee. The break-up of the pay scale and quantum of perquisites including, employer's contribution to P.F, pension scheme, medical expenses, club fees etc. shall be decided and approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Committee and approved by the shareholders and Central Government, wherever required.
  - ii. Minimum Remuneration
 

If, in any financial year, the Company has no profits or its profits are inadequate, the Company shall pay remuneration to its Managing Director in accordance with the provisions of Schedule V of the Companies Act, 2013.
  - iii. Provisions for excess remuneration
 

If any Managing Director draws or receives, directly or indirectly by way of remuneration any such sums in excess of the limits prescribed under the Companies Act, 2013 or without the prior sanction of the Central Government, where required, he / she shall refund such sums to the Company and until such sum is refunded, hold it in trust for the Company. The Company shall not waive recovery of such sum refundable to it unless permitted by the Central Government.
- 6) Remuneration to Non- Executive / Independent Director;
  - i. Remuneration / Commission
 

The remuneration / commission shall be fixed as per the slabs and conditions mentioned in the Articles of Association of the Company and the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder.

ii. Sitting Fees

The Non- Executive / Independent Director may receive remuneration by way of fees for attending meetings of Board or Committee thereof. Provided that the amount of such fees shall not exceed rupees one lakh per meeting of the Board or Committee or such amount as may be prescribed by the Central Government from time to time.

The Independent Director shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses for participation in the Board and other meeting.

iii. Commission

Commission may be paid within the monetary limit approved by shareholders, subject to the limit not exceeding 1% of the profits of the Company computed as per the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

iv. Stock Options

An Independent Director shall not be entitled to any stock option of the Company.

v. Reward principles and objectives

Our remuneration policy is guided by a common reward framework and set of principles and objectives as particularly envisaged under section 178 of the Companies Act 2013, inter alia principles pertaining to determining qualifications, positives attributes, integrity and independence etc.

vi. Disclosure of Information

Information on the total remuneration of members of the Company's Board of Directors, Executive Board of Management and senior management may be disclosed in the Company's annual financial statements.

vii. Application of the Nomination and Remuneration Policy

This Nomination and Remuneration Policy shall apply to all future employment agreements with members of Company's Senior Management including Key Managerial Person and Board of Directors.

The Remuneration Policy is binding for the Board of Directors. In other respects, the Remuneration Policy shall be of guidance for the Board. The Board of Director reserves the right to modify the policy as and when recommended by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee either in whole or in part without assigning any reason whatsoever.