







Policy & Guideline

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The Remuneration Committee of Hella India Lighting Limited ("the Company") was constituted on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2008 consisting of three Non – Executive Directors out of which majority are Independent Directors. In order to align with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Listing Agreement, the Board on May 27, 2014 renamed the "Remuneration Committee" as "Nomination and Remuneration Committee".

Company's Nomination & Remuneration Policy is to ensure that Director's including executive, KMP's and senior executives are sufficiently incentivized for enhanced performance. In this regard, it will take into consider relevant factors and give due regard to the interests of shareholders and to the financial & commercial health of the company. The committee will ensure that levels of remuneration are sufficient to attract and retain personnel of the quality required to run the company successfully.

### 1. OBJECTIVE

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee and this Policy is in compliance with Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 read along with the applicable rules thereto and Clause 49 under the Listing Agreement.

The Key Objectives of the Committee would be:

- a) to guide the Board in relation to appointment and removal of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management personnel.
- b) to evaluate the performance of the members of the Board and provide necessary report to the Board for further evaluation of the Board.
- c) to recommend to the Board on Remuneration payable to the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management.
- d) Identify persons who are qualified to become Director and persons who may be appointed in Key Management and Senior Management positions in accordance with the criteria laid down in this policy.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

- a) "Board": "Board" means Board of Directors of the Company.
- b) "Committee": "Committee" means Nomination & Remuneration Committee of company as constituted or reconstituted by the Board, from time to time.
- c) "Company": "Company" means Hella India Lighting Limited.
- d) "Director": "Directors" means Directors of the Company.
- e) "Independent Director":- As provided under clause 49 of the Listing Agreement and/or under the Companies Act, 2013, "Independent director" shall mean a non-executive director, other than a nominee director of the company:
- a. who, in the opinion of the Board, is a person of integrity and possesses relevant expertise and experience;
- b. (i) who is or was not a promoter of the company or its holding, subsidiary or associate company;
  - (ii) who is not related to promoters or directors in the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company;



- apart from receiving director's remuneration, has or had no pecuniary relationship with the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company, or their promoters, or directors, during the two immediately preceding financial years or during the current financial year;
- d. none of whose relatives has or had pecuniary relationship or transaction with the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company, or their promoters, or directors, amounting to two percent or more of its gross turnover or total income or fifty lakh rupees or such higher amount as may be prescribed, whichever is lower, during the two immediately preceding financial years or during the current financial year;
- e. who, neither himself nor any of his relatives
  - holds or has held the position of a key managerial personnel or is or has been employee of the company or its holding, subsidiary or associate company in any of the three financial years immediately preceding the financial year in which he is proposed to be appointed;
  - ii. is or has been an employee or proprietor or a partner, in any of the three financial years immediately preceding the financial year in which he is proposed to be appointed, of —

a firm of auditors or company secretaries in practice or cost auditors of the company or its holding, subsidiary or associate company; or

any legal or a consulting firm that has or had any transaction with the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company amounting to ten per cent or more of the gross turnover of such firm;

- iii. holds together with his relatives two per cent or more of the total voting power of the company; or
- iv. is a Chief Executive or director, by whatever name called, of any non-profit organization that receives twenty-five per cent or more of its receipts from the company, any of its promoters, directors or its holding, subsidiary or associate company or that holds two per cent or more of the total voting power of the company;
- v. is a material supplier, service provider or customer or a lessor or lessee of the company;
- f. who is not less than 21 years of age.
- f) "Key Managerial Personnel": "Key Managerial Personnel" means-
  - (i) Chief Executive Officer or the managing director or the manager;
  - (ii) Company secretary; (iii) Whole-time director;
  - (iii) Whole-time director; (iv) Chief Financial Officer; and
  - (iv) Chief Financial Officer; and such other officer as may be prescribed under the applicable statutory provisions / regulations
- g) "Senior Management": The expression "Senior Management" means personnel of the company who are members of its core management team excluding the Board of



Directors. This would also include all members of management one level below the executive directors including all functional heads.

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

### 3. Applicability:-

The Policy is applicable to

- a) Directors (Executive & Non Executive)
- b) Key Managerial Personnel
- c) Senior Management Personnel

## 4. ROLE OF COMMITTEE

The role of the Committee inter alia will be the following:

- a) to formulate a criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a Director.
- b) to recommend to the Board the appointment and removal of Senior Management
- c) to carry out evaluation of Director's performance and recommend to the Board appointment / removal based on his / her performance.
- d) to recommend to the Board on (i) policy relating to remuneration for Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management and (ii) Executive Directors remuneration and incentive.
- e) to make recommendations to the Board concerning any matters relating to the continuation in office of any Director at any time including the suspension or termination of service of an Executive Director as an employee of the Company subject to the provision of the law and their service contract;
- f) ensure that level and composition of remuneration is reasonable and sufficient, relationship of remuneration to performance is clear and meets appropriate performance benchmarks,
- g) to develop a succession plan for the Board and to regularly review the plan;

### 5. MEMBERSHIP

- a) The Committee shall consist of a minimum 3 non-executive directors, majority of them being independent.
- b) Minimum two (2) members shall constitute a quorum for the Committee meeting.
- c) Membership of the Committee shall be disclosed in the Annual Report.
- d) Term of the Committee shall be continued unless terminated by the Board of Directors.

### 6. CHAIRMAN



- a) Chairman of the Committee shall be an Independent Director.
- b) Chairperson of the Company may be appointed as a member of the Committee but shall not be a Chairman of the Committee.
- c) In the absence of the Chairman, the members of the Committee present at the meeting shall choose one amongst them to act as Chairman.
- d) Chairman of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee meeting could be present at the Annual General Meeting or may nominate some other member to answer the shareholders' queries.

## 7. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

 a) The meeting of the Committee shall be held at such regular intervals as may be required.

## 8. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' INTERESTS

- a) A member of the Committee is not entitled to be present when his or her own remuneration is discussed at a meeting or when his or her performance is being evaluated.
- b) The Committee may invite such executives, as it considers appropriate, to be present at the meetings of the Committee.

### 9. SECRETARY

a) The Company Secretary of the Company shall act as Secretary of the Committee.

### 10. VOTING

- a) Matters arising for determination at Committee meetings shall be decided by a majority of votes of Members present and voting and any such decision shall for all purposes be deemed a decision of the Committee.
- b) In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting will have a casting vote.

## 11. NOMINATION DUTIES

The duties of the Committee in relation to nomination matters include:

- Ensuring that there is an appropriate induction & training program in place for new Directors and members of Senior Management and reviewing its effectiveness;
- Ensuring that on appointment to the Board, Non-Executive Directors receive a formal letter of appointment in accordance with the Guidelines provided under the Companies Act, 2013;
- c) Identifying and recommending Directors who are to be put forward for retirement by rotation.
- d) Determining the appropriate size, diversity and composition of the Board;
- e) Setting a formal and transparent procedure for selecting new Directors for appointment to the Board;



- f) Developing a succession plan for the Board and Senior Management and regularly reviewing the plan;
- g) Evaluating the performance of the Board members and Senior Management in the context of the Company's performance from business and compliance perspective;
- h) Making recommendations to the Board concerning any matters relating to the continuation in office of any Director at any time including the suspension or termination of service of an Executive Director as an employee of the Company subject to the provision of the law and their service contract.
- Delegating any of its powers to one or more of its members or the Secretary of the Committee;
- j) Recommend any necessary changes to the Board.
- k) Considering any other matters as may be requested by the Board; and

## 12. REMUNERATION DUTIES

The duties of the Committee in relation to remuneration matters include:

- a) to consider and determine the Remuneration Policy, based on the performance and also bearing in mind that the remuneration is reasonable and sufficient to attract retain and motivate members of the Board and such other factors as the Committee shall deem appropriate all elements of the remuneration of the members of the Board.
- b) to approve the remuneration of the Senior Management including key managerial personnel of the Company maintaining a balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the Company.
- c) to delegate any of its powers to one or more of its members or the Secretary of the Committee
- d) to consider any other matters as may be requested by the Board.
- e) Professional indemnity and liability insurance for Directors and senior management.

## 13. GENERAL APPOINTMENT CRITERIA

- The Committee shall consider the ethical standards of integrity and probity, qualification, expertise and experience of the person for appointment as Director, KMP or at Senior Management level and accordingly recommend to the Board his / her appointment.
- ii. The Company should ensure that the person so appointed as Director/ Independent Director/ KMP/ Senior Management Personnel shall not be disqualified under the Companies Act, 2013, rules made thereunder, Listing Agreement or any other enactment for the time being in force.
- iii. The Director/ Independent Director/ KMP/ Senior Management Personnel shall be appointed as per the procedure laid down under the provisions of the Companies Act,



2013, rules made thereunder, Listing Agreement or any other enactment for the time being in force.

## ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

The Committee shall consider qualifications for Independent Directors as mentioned in herein earlier under the head 'Definitions' and also their appointment shall be governed as per the provisions of clause 49 of the Listing Agreement and Companies Act, 2013, as amended from time to time.

## 14. TERM / TENURE

The Term / Tenure of the Directors shall be governed as per provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder as amended from time to time.

### 15. REMOVAL

Due to reasons for any disqualification mentioned in the Companies Act, 2013, rules made thereunder or under any other applicable Act, rules and regulations or any other reasonable ground, the Committee may recommend to the Board for removal of a Director, KMP or Senior Management Personnel subject to the provisions and compliance of the said Act, rules and regulations.

# 16. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR AND THE BOARD

Following are the Criteria for evaluation of performance of Independent Directors and the Board:

### 1. Executive Directors:

The Executive Directors shall be evaluated on the basis of targets / Criteria given to executive Directors by the board from time to time.

## 2. Non-Executive Director:

The Non-Executive Directors shall be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria i.e. whether they:

- a) act objectively and constructively while exercising their duties;
- exercise their responsibilities in a bona fide manner in the interest of the company;
- c) devote sufficient time and attention to their professional obligations for informed and balanced decision making;
- d) do not abuse their position to the detriment of the company or its shareholders or for the purpose of gaining direct or indirect personal advantage or advantage for any associated person;
- e) refrain from any action that would lead to loss of his independence
- f) inform the Board immediately when they lose their independence,
- g) assist the company in implementing the best corporate governance practices.



- h) strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Committees:
- i) participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members;
- j) strive to attend the general meetings of the company;
- k) keep themselves well informed about the company and the external environment in which it operates;
- do not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee of the Board;
- m) moderate and arbitrate in the interest of the company as a whole, in situations of conflict between management and shareholder's interest.
- abide by Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, company's policies and procedures including code of conduct, insider trading guidelines etc.

#### 17. REMUNERATION

The Committee will recommend the remuneration to be paid to the Managing Director, Whole-time Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel to the Board for their approval.

The level and composition of remuneration so determined by the Committee shall be reasonable and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management of the quality required to run the company successfully. The relationship of remuneration to performance should be clear and meet appropriate performance benchmarks. The remuneration should also involve a balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long-term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the company and its goals:

### 1. Director/ Managing Director

Besides the above Criteria, the Remuneration/ compensation/ commission etc to be paid to Director/ Managing Director etc shall be governed as per provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder or any other enactment for the time being in force.

### 2. Non-executive Independent Directors

The Non- Executive Independent Director may receive remuneration by way of sitting fees for attending meetings of Board or Committee thereof. Provided that the amount of such fees shall be subject to ceiling/ limits as provided under Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder or any other enactment for the time being in force.

#### 3. KMPs / Senior Management Personnel etc.

The Remuneration to be paid to KMPs/ Senior Management Personnel shall be based on the experience, qualification and expertise of the related personnel and governed by the limits, if any prescribed under the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder or any other enactment for the time being in force.

#### 4. Directors' and Officers' Insurance



Where any insurance is taken by the Company on behalf of its Directors, KMPs/ Senior Management Personnel etc. 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.

## 18. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Proceedings of all meetings must be recorded and signed by the Chairman of the Committee at the subsequent meeting. Minutes of the Committee meetings will be tabled at the subsequent Board and Committee meeting.

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