



**SAFFRON SPECIALITY PAPERS LIMITED**

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[Pursuant to Regulation 23 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015]

### I. INTRODUCTION

**Saffron Speciality Papers Limited** (“Company” or “Saffron”) recognizes that Related Party Transactions (*as defined hereinafter*) can present potential or actual conflicts of interest and may raise questions whether such transactions are in the best interest of the Company and its stakeholders. Considering the requirements for approval of Related Party Transactions as prescribed under the Companies Act, 2013 (“**Companies Act**”) read with the Rules framed there under and Regulation 23 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“**LODR Regulations**”) and in terms of Section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013 and as amended from time to time, the Company has adopted this Policy regarding the review and approval of Related Party Transactions and to set forth the guidelines on materiality of such Related Party Transactions .

### II. DEFINITIONS

“**Arm’s Length Transaction**” means a transaction between 2 (two) related parties that is conducted as if they were unrelated, so that there is no conflict of interest.

“**Audit Committee**” means Committee of Board of Directors of the Company constituted under provisions of Section 177 of Companies Act, 2013 and as per Regulation 18 of Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, for audit related purpose.

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

“**Companies Act, 2013**” means the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Rules framed thereunder [including any modification(s) / amendment(s) / re-enactment(s) thereof].

“**Financial Year**” means the period beginning April 1 of every calendar year and ending on March 31 of the succeeding calendar year.

“**Relative**” shall have the same meaning as defined in section 2(77) of the Act.

“**Related Party**” shall have the meaning given to it under the LODR Regulations.

“**Related Party Transaction**” means related party as defined under sub-section 76 of Section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 or under applicable accounting standards and as Regulation 2(1)(zc) of the LODR Regulations and includes a Related Party Transaction within the meaning of Companies Act, 2013.

“**Material Modification**” Means is to set out (a) the materiality thresholds for related party transactions, (b) define material modification and (c) the manner of dealing with and disclosing

the transactions between the Company and its related parties as required under the Act, the SEBI Listing Regulations and any other laws and regulations as may be applicable to the Company

**“Material Related Party Transactions”** shall mean a transaction with a Related Party if the transaction(s) to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceeds the following thresholds:

- (a) In case of transaction involving payments made with respect to brand usage or royalty if it exceeds 5% of the annual turnover of the Company as per its last audited financial statements.
- (b) In case of any other transaction, if the amount exceeds Rs. 1,000 Crores or 10% percent of the annual turnover of the Company as per its last audited financial statements of the Company, whichever is lower.

**“Ordinary course of business”** means usual transactions, customs and practices undertaken by the Company to conduct its business operations and activities and includes all such activities which the Company can undertake as per its Memorandum of Association & Articles of Association.

Any other term not defined herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Companies Act, LODR Regulations or any other applicable law or regulation and as amended from time to time.

### **III. PROCESS AND PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

All Related Party Transactions must be reported to the Audit Committee and referred for approval by the Committee in accordance with this Policy.

All Related Party Transactions shall require prior approval of Audit Committee. Further, all Material Related Party Transactions shall require approval of the shareholders through special resolution and the Related Parties shall abstain from voting on such resolutions.

#### **Procedure:**

##### **A. Disclosure by Directors**

Every Director shall at the beginning of the Financial Year provide information by way of written notice to the Company regarding his concern or interest in the entity with specific concern to parties which may be considered as related party with respect to the Company and shall also provide the list of relatives which are regarded as related party as per this policy. Directors are also required to provide the information regarding their engagement with other entity during the financial year which may be regarded as related party according to this policy.

##### **B. Identification of Transaction with related Parties**

Each Director and Key Managerial Personnel is responsible for providing notice to the Company or Audit Committee of any potential Related Party Transaction involving him or her or his or her relative, including any additional information about the transaction that the Board/Audit Committee may reasonably request. Audit Committee will determine whether a transaction does, in fact, constitute a Related Party Transaction requiring compliance with this policy.

Each Director and Key Managerial Personnel shall make an annual declaration to the Company and this declaration shall be placed before the Board of Directors at their first meeting held in the financial year. Any change in the list of relatives shall be intimated by the Directors and Key Managerial Personnel from time to time, as may be required.

The Company strongly prefers to receive such notice of any potential Related Party Transaction well in advance so that the Audit Committee / Board has adequate time to obtain and review information about the proposed transaction.

**C. Review and approval of Related Party Transaction:**

**(a) Audit Committee**

Related party transactions are regularly referred to the scheduled meeting of Audit Committee for review and approval. Provided that only those members of the audit committee, who are independent directors, shall approve related party transactions. Any member of the Committee or the Directors of the Board who has potential interest in any Related Party Transaction shall not participate / abstain from discussions / voting on the subject matter involving approval of Related Party Transaction.

All the transactions which are identified by the Audit Committee as related party transactions should be pre-approved by the Audit Committee before entering into such transaction. The Audit committee shall consider the following factors while deliberating the related party transactions for its approval: -

- (i) Name of party and details explaining nature of relationship;
- (ii) Duration of the contract and particulars of the contract and arrangement;
- (iii) Nature of transaction and material terms thereof including the value, if any;
- (iv) Manner of determining the pricing to ascertain whether the same is on arm's length;
- (v) Business rationale for entering into such transaction;
- (vi) Any other information relevant or important for the Board to take a decision on the proposed transaction.

Any member of the Committee who has a potential interest in any Related Party Transaction will recuse himself and abstain from discussion and voting on the approval of the Related Party Transaction. If the Committee determines that the related party transaction is:

- (i) a material related party transaction; or
- (ii) Transactions are not in the ordinary course of business or not at the arm 's length price, the Audit Committee shall place the matter before the Board for obtaining its 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:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) Whether there are any compelling business reasons / rationale for the Company to enter

- into the Related Party Transaction and the nature of alternative transactions, if any;
- (iii) Whether the Related Party Transaction would affect the Independence of an Independent Director;
  - (iv) Whether the proposed transaction includes any potential reputational risk issues that may arise as a result of or in connection with the proposed transaction;
  - (v) Whether the Company was notified about the Related Party Transaction before its commencement and if not, why pre-approval was not sought and whether subsequent ratification is allowed and would be detrimental to the Company; and
  - (vi) 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 Board/Committee deems relevant.

The Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for Related Party Transactions proposed to be entered into by the Company subject to the following conditions:

- a. The Audit Committee shall lay down the criteria for granting the omnibus approval in line with the policy on Related Party Transactions of the Company and such approval shall be applicable in respect of transactions which are repetitive in nature.
- b. The Audit Committee shall satisfy itself the need for such omnibus approval and that such approval is in the interest of the Company;
- c. Such omnibus approval shall specify:
  - (i) the name/s of the related party, nature of transaction, period of transaction, maximum amount of transaction that can be entered into,
  - (ii) the indicative base price / current contracted price and the formula for variation in the price if any and
  - (iii) 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 (Rupee One Crore) per transaction.

- d. Audit Committee shall review, at least on a quarterly basis, the details of Related Party Transactions entered into by the Company pursuant to each of the omnibus approval given.
- e. Such omnibus approvals shall be valid for a period not exceeding 1 (one) year and shall require fresh approvals after the expiry of 1 (one) year.

**(b) Board of Directors**

Where approval of Board of Directors is required for any related party transaction 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 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.

Any member of the Board who has any interest in any Related Party Transaction will recuse himself and abstain from discussion and voting on the approval of the Related Party Transaction.

**(c) Shareholder approval**

In case Board refers a Related Party Transaction for seeking approval of the Shareholders as per the provisions of Companies Act 2013 or otherwise, if any member of Company is a related party as per this policy, such member of the Company shall not vote on resolution passed for approving such related party transaction.

**(d) Transactions which do not require approval:**

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

- Any transaction involving the providing of compensation to a director or Key Managerial Personnel in connection with his duties to the Company including the reimbursement of reasonable business and travel expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business.
- Any transaction in which the Related Party 's interest arises solely from ownership of securities issued by the Company and all holders of such securities receive the same benefits pro rata as the Related Party.

**(e) Related Party Transactions not approved under this Policy**

If a Related Party Transaction is entered into by the Company without being approved under this Policy, the same shall be reviewed by the Committee. The Committee shall evaluate the transaction and may decide such action as it may consider appropriate including ratification, revision or termination of the Related Party Transaction, to the extent permissible under the law.

In connection with any review of a Related Party Transaction, the Committee has authority to modify or waive-off any procedural requirements of this Policy.

**(f) Materiality of Related Party Transactions:**

Contracts / Arrangements with related party shall be considered as —material related party contracts/Arrangements if the transactions to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year under such contracts/Arrangements exceeds ten percent of the annual turnover of the Company as per the last audited financial statements or such as may be prescribed under Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as may be amended from time to time.

Transaction involving payments made to a related party with respect to brand usage or royalty shall be considered material if the transaction(s) to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceed five percent of the annual turnover of the Company as per the last audited financial statements of the Company.

#### **IV. DISCLOSURE**

The particulars of contracts or arrangement with Related Parties referred to in section 188(1) of the Act shall be disclosed in the report of the Board as per Section 134 of the Act. Further, the Company shall provide additional disclosures on related party transactions as required under Regulation 23 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.

The Company shall submit disclosures of Related Party Transactions on a consolidated basis, in the format specified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India to the stock exchanges and publish the same on its website within the time limit prescribed under LODR Regulations.

#### **V. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS NOT APPROVED UNDER THIS POLICY**

In the event the Company becomes aware of a transaction with a Related Party that has not been approved in accordance with this Policy prior to its consummation, the matter shall be reviewed by the Audit Committee. The Audit 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 Audit Committee shall also examine the facts and circumstances pertaining to the failure of reporting such related party transaction to the Audit Committee under this Policy and failure of the internal control systems and shall take any such action it deems appropriate.

In any case, where the Audit Committee determines not to ratify a related party transaction that has been commenced without approval, the Audit Committee, as appropriate, may direct additional actions including, but not limited to, discontinuation of the transaction or seeking the approval of the shareholders, payment of compensation by the defaulting person (as may be decided by the Audit Committee) to the related party or the Company as the case may be, etc. In connection with any review/approval of a related party transaction, the Audit Committee has authority to modify or waive any procedural requirements of this Policy.

#### **VI. POLICY REVIEW**

This Policy shall be subject to review and changes as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors and to comply with any regulatory requirements.

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