ONDOOR CONCEPTS LIMITED (Formerly known as Ondoor Concepts Private Limited)

VIGIL MECHAMISM AND WHISTLE BLOWER

POLICY

Preface:

Board of Ondoor Concepts Limited, believe in the conduct of the affairs of its constituents in a fair and transparent manner by adopting highest standards of professionalism, honesty, integrity and ethical behavior. The Company is committed to developing a culture where it is safe for all employees to raise concerns about any poor or unacceptable practice and any event of misconduct.

In pursuant to Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013 every listed company is required to establish a vigil mechanism for the directors and employees to report genuine concerns in such manner as may be prescribed. LODR, inter alia, provides for all listed companies to establish a mechanism called "Whistle Blower Policy" for employees to report to the management instances of unethical behaviour, actual or suspected, fraud or violation of the Company's code of conduct or ethics policy. These would help to strengthen and promote ethical practices and ethical treatment of all those who work in and with the organization.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework to promote responsible and secure whistle blowing. It protects employees wishing to raise a concern about serious irregularities within the Company.

This Vigil Mechanism and Whistle Blower Policy ("the Policy") has been formulated with a view to provide a mechanism for employees of the Company to approach the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Company. This policy would also help to create an environment where individuals feel free and secure to raise the alarm where they see a problem. It will also ensure that whistleblowers are protected from retribution, whether within or outside the organization.

The policy neither releases employees from their duty of confidentiality in the course of their work, nor is it a route for taking up a grievance about a personal situation.

Definitions:

- "Audit Committee" means the Audit Committee constituted by the Board of Directors of the Company in accordance with Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013 and read with Regulation 18 of SEBI (LODR), 2015.
- 2. "Disciplinary Action" means any action that can be taken on the completion of /during the investigation proceedings including but not limiting to a warning, imposition of fine, suspension from official duties or any such action as is deemed to be fit considering the gravity of the matter.
- 3. "Employee" means every employee of the Company including the Directors in the whole-time employment of the Company (whether working in India or abroad).
- 4. "Protected Disclosure" means a concern raised by a written communication made in good faith that discloses or demonstrates information that may evidence unethical or improper activity with respect to the Company. It should be factual and not speculative or in the nature of an interpretation / conclusion and should contain as much specific information as possible to allow for proper assessment of the nature and extent of the concern.

- 5. **"Subject"** means a person against or in relation to whom a Protected Disclosure is made or evidence gathered during the course of an investigation.
- 6. "Whistle Blower" means an individual employee, channel partner, business associate or a customer of the organization, who makes a Protected Disclosure, keeping the organization's interests in mind.
- 7. "Vigilance and Ethics Officer" means an officer appointed to receive protected disclosures from whistle blowers, maintaining records thereof, placing the same before the Audit Committee for its disposal and informing the Whistle Blower the result thereof.

Eligibility:

All Directors and Employees of the Company are eligible to make Protected Disclosures under the Policy in relation to matters concerning the Company.

Exceptions:

Any matter which is an individual employee grievance relating to the terms and conditions of employment are to be reported to the relevant HR personnel. An ethical violation where the impact is not at the organization level are to be reported to the Locational Hierarchy.

Disqualifications:

Receipt And Disposal Of Protected Disclosures:

All Protected Disclosures should be reported in writing by the complainant as soon as possible [not later than 30 days] after the Whistle Blower becomes aware of the same so as to ensure a clear understanding of the issues raised and should either be typed or written in a legible handwriting in English or in Hindi.

The Protected Disclosure should be submitted in a closed and secured envelope and should be super scribed as "Protected disclosure under the Whistle Blower policy". Alternatively, the same can also be sent through email with the subject "Protected disclosure under the Whistle Blower policy".

If the complaint is not super scribed and closed as mentioned above, it will not be possible for the Audit Committee to protect the complainant and the protected disclosure will be dealt with as if a normal disclosure.

In order to protect identity of the complainant, the Vigilance and Ethics Officer or Chairman of Audit Committee will not issue any acknowledgement to the complainants and they are advised neither to write their name / address on the envelope nor enter into any further correspondence with the Vigilance and Ethics Officer or Chairman of Audit Committee.

The Vigilance and Ethics Officer or Chairman of Audit Committee shall assure that in case any further clarification is required he will get in touch with the complainant. Anonymous / Pseudonymous disclosure shall not be entertained by the Vigilance and Ethics Officer or Chairman of Audit Committee.

The Protected Disclosure should be forwarded under a covering letter signed by the complainant. The Vigilance and Ethics Officer / Chairman of the Audit Committee/ Wholetime Director / Chairman as the case may be, shall detach the covering letter bearing the identity of the Whistle Blower and process only the Protected Disclosure.

All Protected Disclosures should be addressed to the Vigilance and Ethics Officer of the Company or to the Chairman of the Audit Committee in exceptional cases.

The contact details of the Vigilance and Ethics Officer is as under:-

Name-Mr.RatnakarVenkappaRai (Chairman of Audit Committee)

Address: G 2/503 Sphene, Moraj Residency, KasturiCHS., Thane Maharashtra-MH-400069.

Email- ashrai rrai@yahoo.com

Protected Disclosure against the Vigilance and Ethics Officer should be addressed to the Managing Director of the Company and the Protected Disclosure against the Managing Director/ CEO of the Company should be addressed to the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

The contact details of the Managing Director of the Company are as under: Name of Managing Director – Mr. Narendra Singh Bapna Address:E-1/7, Arera Colony, Huzur, R.S. Nagar, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462016 Email- nsb@nsbbpo.in

On receipt of the protected disclosure the Vigilance and Ethics Officer / Chairman/ Managing Director/ Chairman of the Audit Committee, as the case may be, shall make a record of the Protected Disclosure and also ascertain from the complainant whether he was the person who made the protected disclosure or not. He shall also carry out initial investigation either himself or by involving any other Officer of the Company or an outside agency before referring the matter to the Audit Committee of the Company for further appropriate investigation and needful action. The record will include:

-) Brief facts;
- b) Whether the same Protected Disclosure was raised previously by anyone, and if so, the outcome thereof;
- c) Whether the same Protected Disclosure was raised previously on the same subject;
- d) Details of actions taken by Vigilance and Ethics Officer / Chairman/ Managing Director for processing the complaint
- e) Findings of the Audit Committee
- f) The recommendations of the Audit Committee/ other action(s).

The Audit Committee, if deems fit, may call for further information or particulars from the complainant.

Investigation:

- a. All Protected Disclosures will be thoroughly investigated by Chairman of the Audit Committee.
- b. Chairman of the Audit Committee Counselor may at his discretion, consider involving any Investigators for the purpose of investigation.

- c. The decision to conduct an investigation is by itself not an accusation and is to be treated as a neutral fact-finding process. The outcome of the investigation may not support the conclusion of the Whistle Blower that an improper or unethical act was committed.
- d. The identity of a Subject and the Whistle Blower will be kept confidential to the extent possible given the legitimate needs of law and the investigation.
- e. Subjects will normally be informed of the allegations at the outset of a formal investigation and have opportunities for providing their inputs during the investigation.
- f. Subjects shall have to co-operate with the Chairman of the Audit Committee or any of the Investigators to the extent that such co-operation will not compromise self-incrimination protections available under the applicable laws.
- g. Subjects have right to consult with a person or persons of their choice, other than the Investigators and/or members of the Audit Committee and/or the Whistle Blower. Subjects shall be free at any time to engage counsel at their own cost to represent them in the investigation proceedings. However if the allegations against the subject are not sustainable, then the Company may see reason to reimburse such costs.
- h. Subjects have a responsibility not to interfere with the investigation. Evidence shall not be withheld, destroyed or tampered with; and witness shall not be influenced, coached, threatened or intimidated by the Subjects.
- i. Unless there are compelling reasons not to do so, Subjects will be given the opportunity to respond to material findings contained in an investigation report. No allegation of wrong doing against a Subject shall be considered as maintainable unless there is good evidence in support of the allegation.
- j. Subjects have a right to be informed of the outcome of the investigation. If allegations are not sustained, the Subject should be consulted as to whether public disclosure of the investigation results would be in the best interest of the Subject and the Company.
- k. The investigation shall be completed normally within 90 days of the receipt of the Protected Disclosure and is extendable by such period as the Audit Committee deems fit.

Disqualifications:

- 1) Bringing to light personal matters regarding another person, which are in no way connected to the organization.
- 2) While it will be ensured that genuine Whistle Blowers are accorded complete protection from any kind of unfair treatment as herein set out, any abuse of this protection will warrant disciplinary action.
- 2) Protection under this Policy would not mean protection from disciplinary action arising out of false or bogus allegations made by a Whistle Blower knowing it to be false or bogus or with a mala fide intention.

- 3) Whistle Blowers, who make any Protected Disclosures, which have been subsequently found to be mala fide, frivolous or malicious, shall be liable to be prosecuted as per existing policy of the Company.

 Protection for Whistle Blowers:
- 1. The Audit Committee is responsible to ensure that the identity of the Whistle Blower is kept strictly confidential. However, in situations where the information provided may lead to uncovering some major issues, which are legal/ criminal in nature the informer"s identity may have to be produced before the Police Authorities or in a Court of Law. In such cases, the above is responsible for ensuring that the identity of the whistleblower/s are produced only to the relevant authorities and to no-one else.
- 2 No unfair treatment will be meted out to a Whistle Blower by virtue of his/her having reported a Protected Disclosure under this Policy. The Company, as a policy, condemns any kind of discrimination, harassment, victimization or any other unfair employment practice being adopted against Whistle Blowers. Complete protection will, therefore be given to Whistle Blowers against any unfair practices like retaliation, threat or intimidation of termination/suspension of service, disciplinary action, transfer, demotion, refusal of promotion, or the like including any direct or indirect use of authority to obstruct the Whistle Blower's right to continue to perform his duties/functions including making further Protected Disclosure. The Company will take steps to minimize difficulties, which the Whistle Blower may experience as a result of making the Protected Disclosure. Thus, if the whistle Blower is required to give evidence in criminal or disciplinary proceedings, the Company will arrange for the Whistle Blower to receive advice about the procedure, etc.
- 3 Whistleblowers are encouraged to immediately report any acts of retribution that have happened to them, due to the fact that they had made a disclosure of information.
- 4. A Whistle Blower may report any violation of the above clause to the Chairman of the Audit Committee, who shall investigate into the same and recommend suitable action to the management.
- 5 Any other employee assisting in the said investigation shall also be protected to the same extent as the Whistle Blower.

Secrecy/Confidentiality:

The Whistle Blower, the Subject, the Whistle Officer and everyone involved in the process shall:

- 1) maintain complete confidentiality/ secrecy of the matter
- 2) not discuss the matter in any informal/social gatherings/ meetings
- 3) discuss only to the extent or with the persons required for the purpose of completing the process and investigations
- 4) not keep the papers unattended anywhere at any time
- 5) keep the electronic mails/files under password If anyone is found not complying with the above, he/ she shall be held liable for such disciplinary action as is considered fit.

Decision:

If an investigation leads the Chairman of the Audit Committee to conclude that an improper or unethical act has been committed, the Chairman of the Audit Committee shall recommend to the management of the Company to take such disciplinary or corrective actions as they deem fit. It is clarified that any disciplinary or corrective action initiated against the subject as a result of the findings of an investigation pursuant to this Policy shall adhere to the applicable personnel or staff conduct and disciplinary procedures.

Reporting:

The Vigilance and Ethics Officer shall submit a report to the Chairman of the Audit Committee on a regular basis about all Protected Disclosures referred to him/her since the last report together with the results of investigations, if any.

Further, suitable disclosure of the policy shall be made in the Board Report and the policy will be uploaded on the Website of the Company.

Access to Chairman of the Audit Committee:

The Whistle Blower shall have right to access Chairman of the Audit Committee directly in exceptional cases and the Chairman of the Audit Committee is authorized to prescribe suitable directions in this regard.

Retention of Documents:

All Protected Disclosures in writing or documented along with the results of investigation relating thereto shall be retained by the Company for a minimum period of seven years.

Amendment:

The Company has the right to amend or modify this Policy in whole or in part, at any time without assigning any reason, whatsoever. However, no such amendment or modifications will be binding on the employees unless the same is notified to the employees in writing.

Effective Date: 07.09.2023

Date of Approval of Board of Directors: 07.09.2023

