



IKIO TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED
(Formerly, IKIO Lighting Limited)

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1. Introduction:

The Nomination and Remuneration Policy (“**Policy**”) of IKIO Technologies Limited (“**Company**”) has been formulated pursuant to Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the applicable rules made thereunder (collectively, the “**Act**”) and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“**SEBI Listing Regulations**”), as amended from time to time.

2. Objective and Purpose:

The objectives and purposes of the Policy are:

- 2.1. To formulate the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a director (executive/non-executive/independent) of the Company (“**Director**”); and
- 2.2. To recommend policy relating to the remuneration of the Directors, KMP and other employees to the Board of Directors of the Company (“**Board**”).
- 2.3. To formulate the criteria for evaluation of performance of independent directors;
- 2.4. To devise a policy on diversity of board of directors;
- 2.5. To identify persons who are qualified to become directors and who may be appointed in senior management in accordance with the criteria laid down, and recommend to the board of directors their appointment and removal.
- 2.6. To determine whether to extend or continue the term of appointment of the independent director, on the basis of the report of performance evaluation of independent directors.
- 2.7. To recommend to the Board, all remuneration, in whatever form, payable to senior management.

This includes reviewing and approving corporate goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the executive Directors, evaluating their performance in light of those goals and objectives and either as a committee or together with the other independent Directors (as directed by the Board), determine and approve executive Directors’ compensation based on this evaluation; making recommendations to the Board with respect to KMP and Senior Management compensation and recommending incentive-compensation and equity-based plans that are subject to approval of the Board.

3. Constitution of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee:

3.1. The Board has constituted the “Nomination and Remuneration Committee” of the Board on June 01, 2022. The NRC Committee shall comprise of at least three directors, all directors of the NRC shall be non-executive; and at least two-thirds shall be independent directors. The Chairperson of the NRC shall be an Independent Director. The Company Secretary shall act as the Secretary of the NRC. The NRC shall meet at least once annually or as required. The quorum shall be either two members or one-third of the NRC members, with at least one Independent Director present.

This Policy and the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter are integral to the functioning of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and are to be read together.

The Board has authority to reconstitute this Committee from time to time.

4. Definitions:

- a. ‘**Board**’ means Board of Directors of the Company.
- b. ‘**Directors**’ means Directors of the Company.
- c. ‘**Committee**’ means Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Company as constituted or reconstituted by the Board, in accordance with the Act and applicable Listing Regulations.
- d. ‘**Company**’ means IKIO Technologies Limited.

e. **‘Independent Director’** means a Director referred to in Section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules.

f. **‘Key Managerial Personnel (KMP)’** means –

- The Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer or manager;
- Whole-time Director;
- Company Secretary;
- Chief Financial Officer; and
- Any other person as defined under the Companies Act, 2013 from time to time.

g. **‘Senior Management’** means officers/personnel of the Company who are members of its core management team. The core management team includes Managing Director, Executive Director, Chief Engineers, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary.

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

5. **General:**

This Policy is divided in three parts: -

Part – A covers the matters to be dealt with and recommended by the Committee to the Board;

Part – B covers the appointment and removal of Directors, KMP and Senior Management; and

Part – C covers remuneration for Directors, KMP and Senior Management

Part- A

Matters to be dealt with, perused and recommended to the Board by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee

The following matters shall be dealt with by the Committee: -

(a) Size and composition of the Board:

Periodically reviewing the size and composition of the Board to have an appropriate mix of executive and independent Directors to maintain its independence and separate its functions of governance and management and to ensure that it is structured to make appropriate decisions, with a variety of perspectives and skills, in the best interests of the Company;

(b) Directors:

Formulate the criteria determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a Director and recommend candidates to the Board when circumstances warrant the appointment of a new Director, having regard to qualifications, integrity, expertise and experience for the position.

(c) Succession plans:

Establishing and reviewing Board, KMP and Senior Management succession plans in order to ensure and maintain an appropriate balance of skills, experience and expertise on the Board and Senior Management.

(d) Evaluation of performance:

(i) Make recommendations to the Board on appropriate performance criteria for the Directors.

(ii) Formulate the criteria and framework for evaluation of performance of every Director on the Board of the Company or engage with a third party facilitator in doing so.

(iii) Identify ongoing training and education programs for the Board to ensure that Non-Executive Directors are provided with adequate information regarding the business, the industry and their legal responsibilities and duties.

(e) Board diversity:

The Committee shall also assist the Board in ensuring the Board nomination process is in line with the diversity policy of the Board. The policy on Board diversity is available, at the website.

(g) Remuneration framework and policies:

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the Board on:

a. Remuneration of executive Directors to be presented for shareholders' approval including severance, if any.

b. Individual and total remuneration of non-executive Directors and the chairperson (if nonexecutive), including any additional fees payable for membership of Board committees;

c. the remuneration and remuneration policies for KMP and Senior Management including base pay, incentive payments, equity awards, retirement rights, severance pay if any and service contracts having regard to the need to:

(i) attract and motivate talent to pursue the Company's long term growth;

(ii) demonstrate a clear relationship between executive compensation and performance;

(iii) be reasonable and fair, having regard to best governance practices and legal requirements and

(iv) balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long-term performance objectives as appropriate for the Company and its goals d. the Company's incentive compensation and equity based plans including a consideration of performance thresholds and regulatory and market requirements;

Part- B

Policy for appointment and removal of Directors, KMP and Senior Management

(a) Appointment criteria and qualifications:

1. The Committee shall ascertain the integrity, qualification, expertise and experience of the person identified for appointment as Director, KMP or Senior Management and recommend to the Board his/her appointment. The Committee has discretion to decide whether qualification, expertise and experience possessed by a person is sufficient / satisfactory for the position.

2. A person to be appointed as Director, KMP or Senior Management should possess adequate qualification, expertise and experience for the position he / she is considered for.

3. A person, to be appointed as Director, should possess impeccable reputation for integrity, deep expertise and insights in sectors / areas relevant to the Company, ability to contribute to the Company's growth and complementary skills in relation to the other Board members.

4. The Company shall not appoint or continue the employment of any person as Managing Director / executive Director / Independent Director who has attained the age of seventy five years. Provided that the term of the person holding this position may be extended at the discretion of the committee beyond the age of seventy five 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 five years as the case may be.

5. A whole-time KMP of the Company shall not hold office in more than one company except in its subsidiary company at the same time. However, a whole-time KMP can be appointed as a Director in any company, with the permission of the Board of Directors of the Company.

(b) Term/Tenure:

1. Managing Director / Whole-time Director/Executive Director

The Company shall appoint or re-appoint any person as its Managing Director and CEO or Whole-time Director or any 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.

2. 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. 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 applicable regulations in force.

3. Other Directors

The continuation of a director serving other than Managing Director/Whole-Time Director/Executive Director and Independent Director shall be subject to the approval by the shareholders in a general meeting at least once in every five years from the date of their appointment or reappointment, as the case may be who are not subject to liable to retire by rotation as per terms of their appointment.

(c) 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, the Committee may recommend to the Board with reasons recorded in writing, removal of a Director, KMP or Senior Management subject to the provisions and compliance of the said Act, rules and regulations.

(d) Retirement:

The Directors, KMP and Senior Management, shall retire as per the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the prevailing policy of the Company. The Board will have the discretion to retain the Directors, KMP and Senior Management in the same position / remuneration or otherwise, even after attaining the retirement age, for the benefit of the Company.

Part- C

Policy relating to the remuneration of Directors, KMP and Senior Management

(a) General:

1. The remuneration / compensation / commission etc. to be paid to Directors will be determined by the Committee and recommended to the Board for approval.
2. The remuneration and commission to be paid to the Managing Director/Whole-time Director shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, and the rules made thereunder.
3. Increments to the existing remuneration / compensation structure may be recommended by the Committee to the Board which should be within the limits approved by the Shareholders in the case of Managing Director/ Whole-time Director.

(b) Remuneration to KMP and Senior Management:

The pay program for KMP and Senior Management has been designed around three primary pay components: Base/Fixed Pay, Performance Bonus and Stock Incentives. These three components together constitute the “Total Rewards” of the KMP and Senior Management.

1. Base/ Fixed pay: It is guaranteed pay and paid periodically, usually monthly or bi-monthly or as per payroll policy by country.
2. Performance Bonus: Cash bonus, payable on the achievement of objective and quantifiable key performance indicators (KPI) as established by the Committee.
3. Stock Incentives: Stock or Equity based incentives can be either time based or performance based equity grants. Time based stock incentives, in the form of Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) or/and stock options, are vested based on continuation of service. Performance based stock incentives, in the form of Stock Options and/or RSUs, vest upon the achievement of certain performance parameters. The stock incentives may be governed by any ESOP Scheme as may be approved by the shareholders or any other plans as may be amended.

The total rewards for KMP and Senior Management is designed to ensure their continued alignment with organizational goals. The Committee aims to ensure that KMP and Senior Management pay is reflective of market pay, consisting of a mix of base/ fixed pay, performance bonus and stock incentives.

The emphasis on stock incentives ensures alignment with shareholders’ interests, through a continued focus on the Company’s sustainable, long term performance.

(c) Remuneration to other employees:

The compensation for other employees would be as per the compensation policy of the Company, as revised through the annual compensation review process from time to time and approved by the Managing Director and Chairman, in consultation with the Head- HR.

(d) Minimum remuneration to Managing Director / Whole-time Directors / Manager:

If, in any financial year, the Company has no profits or its profits are inadequate, the Company shall pay remuneration to its Managing Director / Whole-time Directors / Manager in accordance with the provisions of Schedule V of the Companies Act, 2013.

(e) Remuneration to Non-Executive/ Independent Directors:

The Non-Executive / Independent Directors may receive sitting fees and such other remuneration as permissible under the provisions of Companies Act, 2013. The amount of sitting fees shall be such as may be recommended by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

i) All the remuneration of the Non- Executive / Independent Directors (excluding remuneration for attending meetings as prescribed under Section 197 (5) of the Companies Act, 2013) shall be subject to ceiling/ limits as provided under Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under or any other enactment for the time being in force.

ii) An Independent Director shall not be eligible to get Stock Options and also shall not be eligible to participate in any share based payment schemes of the Company.

iii) Any remuneration paid to Non- Executive / Independent Directors for services rendered which are of professional in nature shall not be considered as part of the remuneration for the purposes of clause above if the following conditions are satisfied-

- a) The Services are rendered by such Director in his capacity as the professional; and
- b) In the opinion of the Committee, the director possesses the requisite qualification for the practice of

Notes:

- (1) The Company normally holds four (4) regular quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors in a financial year. In addition to these, additional Board Meetings may be convened from time to time as and when required.
- (2) For directors based overseas, the travel fee shown is per Board meeting. This is based on the fact that additional travel time of two days will have to be accommodated for independent directors to attend Board meetings in India.

- (3) For directors based overseas, incidental fees shown is per Board meeting. This fee is paid to non-executive directors for expenses incurred during their travel to attend Board meetings in India.
- (4) Directors' and officers' Insurance : Where any insurance is taken by the Company on behalf of its Managing Director, Whole-time 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.

6. Policy Review:

(a) This Policy is framed based on the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules thereunder and the requirements of Listing Regulations with the Stock Exchanges.

(b) In case of any subsequent changes in the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 or any other regulations which makes any of the provisions in the policy inconsistent with the Act or regulations, then the provisions of the Act or regulations would prevail over the policy and the provisions in the policy would be modified in due course to make it consistent with law.

(c) This policy shall be reviewed by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee as and when any changes are to be incorporated in the policy due to change in regulations or as may be felt appropriate by the Committee. Any changes or modification to the policy as recommended by the Committee would be placed before the Board of Directors for their approval.
