

## **MATERIALITY POLICY**

### **Introduction:**

Aether Industries Limited (referred to as 'Company') is mainly engaged in business of manufacturing basic and specialty chemicals and conducting research and development activities.

Company understands the concept of Corporate Social Responsibility and is also aware about its responsibility towards the society and the environment for what it has achieved so far. Company is strongly committed to continuously perform their duties with full dedication and enthusiasm in true letter and spirit.

Right next after the incorporation of the Company, an entity in the name of 'Aether Foundation' was specially formed to fulfil Company's duties and responsibilities towards CSR.

### **Preamble:**

This document has been formulated to define the materiality policy for identification of (i) outstanding material litigation involving Aether Industries Limited (the "Company"), its subsidiary(ies) (if any), its directors and promoters; (ii) its group companies (if any) and (iii) the material creditors of the Company (together, the "Policy"), in terms of the disclosure requirements under Schedule VI of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended ("SEBI ICDR Regulations").

This Policy shall be effective from the date of its approval by the Board of Directors of the Company.

In this Policy, the term "Offer Documents" shall mean the Draft Red Herring Prospectus, the Red Herring Prospectus and the Prospectus, and any addendum or corrigendum thereto to be filed and/or submitted by Company with in connection with the proposed initial public offering of its equity shares with the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), the Registrar of Companies, Gujarat at Ahmedabad or the stock exchanges where the equity shares of the Company are proposed to be listed, and any other regulatory authorities, as applicable.

### **1. Materiality Policy for Litigation:**

In terms of SEBI ICDR Regulations, the Company is required to disclose the following pending litigation involving itself, its subsidiaries (if any), its directors and its promoters:

- (i) All criminal proceedings
- (ii) All actions by statutory and / or regulatory authorities
- (iii) Taxation proceedings: Separate disclosures regarding claims related to direct and indirect taxes, in a consolidated manner giving details of number of cases and total amount; and
- (iv) Other pending litigations/arbitration proceedings: As per the policy of materiality defined by the Board of Directors and disclosed in the Offer Documents.

Additionally, in terms of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, the Company is required to disclose: (a) any disciplinary action (including a penalty) imposed by SEBI or any of the stock exchanges against any of the promoters in the five financial years preceding the relevant Offer Document, including any outstanding action; and (b) outstanding litigation involving the group companies (if any), the outcome of which may have a material impact on the Company, as applicable. The Company would pass a resolution taking on record such litigations of the group companies, if any.

For the purposes of determining material litigations /arbitration proceedings as mentioned in point (iv) above, the following criteria shall apply:

Any pending litigation / arbitration proceedings (other than litigations mentioned in points (i) to (iii) above) involving the Company, its subsidiary(ies) (if any), its promoters or its directors shall be considered “material” for the purposes of disclosure in the Offer Documents, if:

(i) The aggregate monetary claim made by or against the Company, its subsidiary(ies), its promoters and / or its directors, (individually or in the aggregate), in any such pending litigation / arbitration proceeding is equal to or in excess of 1.00 % of the Company’s profit after tax, derived from the most recently completed fiscal year as per the Restated Financial Statements;

(ii) Any such litigation wherein a monetary liability is not quantifiable, or which does not fulfil the threshold as specified in (i) above, but the outcome of which could, nonetheless, have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, performance, prospects, financial position or reputation of the Company; or

Further, pre-litigation notices received by the Company, its subsidiary(ies) (if any), its promoters, its directors or a group company (if any) (collectively the “Relevant Parties”) from third parties (excluding those notices issued by statutory / regulatory / tax authorities or notices threatening criminal action) shall, unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors, not be considered a material litigation until such time that the Relevant Party is impleaded as a defendant in proceedings before any judicial / arbitral forum.

## **2. Materiality Policy for Group Companies:**

In terms of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, the term ‘group companies’ includes (i) such companies (other than promoter(s) and subsidiary(ies) (if any)) with which the relevant issuer company had related party transactions during the period for which financial information is disclosed in the relevant Offer Document, as covered under the applicable accounting standards, and (ii) any other companies as considered material by the Board of Directors.

Accordingly, for (i) above, all such companies with which there were related party transactions during the period covered in the Restated Financial Statements, as covered under the applicable accounting standards, shall be considered as Group Companies in terms of the SEBI ICDR Regulations.

In addition, for the purposes of (ii) above, a company (other than the companies covered under the schedule of related party transactions as per the Restated Financial Statements) shall be considered “material” and will be disclosed as a ‘Group Company’ in the Offer Documents if it is a member of the Promoter Group in terms of Regulation 2(1)(pp) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, and has entered into one or more transactions with the Company in the most recent financial year, in respect of which Restated Financial Statements are included in the Offer Documents, that cumulatively exceed 5.00% of the total

revenue of our Company for the last completed financial year covered in the Restated Financial Statements.

Information about Group Companies identified based on the above approach shall be disclosed in the Offer Documents in accordance with SEBI ICDR Regulations.

### **3. Materiality Policy for Material Creditors:**

In terms of SEBI ICDR Regulations, the Company shall make the following disclosures in the Offer Documents for outstanding dues to creditors:

- (i) based on the policy on materiality adopted by the Board of Directors and as disclosed in the Offer Documents, details of the Company's creditors, including the consolidated number of creditors and the aggregate amount involved; and
- (ii) consolidated information on outstanding dues to micro, small and medium enterprises and other creditors, separately giving details of number of cases and amount involved.

For the purposes of identification of material creditors, in terms of point (i) above, a creditor of the Company, shall be considered to be material for the purpose of disclosure in the Offer Documents, if amounts due to such creditor is equal to or in excess of 1.00% of the trade payables of the Company as at the end of the latest period included in the Restated Financial Statements.

It is clarified that the Policy is solely from the perspective of disclosure requirements prescribed under the SEBI ICDR Regulations with respect to the Offer Documents and should not be applied towards any other purpose.

The Policy shall be without prejudice to any disclosure requirements, which may be prescribed by SEBI and/ or such other regulatory or statutory authority with respect to listed companies or disclosure requirements as may be prescribed by SEBI through its observations on the Offer Documents, or disclosures that may arise from any investor or other complaints.

All other capitalised terms not specifically defined in this Policy shall have the same meanings ascribed to such terms in the Offer Documents, once finalized.

#### **Review:**

Appropriate and transparent review mechanism of all the activities / programs shall be put in place and relevant information shall be made available for reference.

Report of CSR activities / programs on quarterly basis shall be prepared by CSR Committee and presented before the Board in their Meeting.