



## Terms of Appointment of Independent Directors

### **Amara Raja Batteries Limited**

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Date .....

To  
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Dear Sir,

**Sub: Your appointment as Non-executive Independent Director of the Company under the Companies Act, 2013**

We take pleasure in informing you that at the Board/ Annual General Meeting of the Company held on ....., the resolution relating to your appointment as an Independent Director of the Company, pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made there under, was approved by the Board/Shareholders.

You shall hold office as an additional director till the date of ensuing annual general meeting, and your appointment as an Independent Director of the Company shall be taken up at the ensuing annual general meeting as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013. (in case of appointment as an additional Director)

Your appointment as an Independent Director of the Company is for a term of 5 consecutive years with effect from ..... You will not be liable to retire by rotation.

Further, presently you are member/Chairman on the following committees of the Board, whose terms of reference have been provided to you (Wherever applicable).

| Sl no. | Name of the Committee | Chairman/Member |
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As required under the Companies Act, 2013, this letter of appointment is issued to formalise your appointment as an Independent Director of the Company. Kindly note that you will not be deemed to be an employee of the Company and this letter does not constitute a contract of employment.

The terms and conditions governing your appointment are given as annexure to this letter.

We look forward to your association with the Company and your contribution to the Board/Board-Committee deliberations for the Company's benefit and betterment in the years to come.

Yours faithfully,  
For Amara Raja Batteries Limited

Dr. Ramachandra N Galla  
Chairman  
Encl:a/a

## **1. Appointment**

- 1.1 The Company has adopted the provisions with respect to appointment and tenure of Independent Directors, which are consistent with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, the Rules there under and the Listing Agreement with the Stock Exchanges.
- 1.2 You have been appointed as an independent director, meeting all the criteria stipulated under Section 149 of the Companies Act, 2013 and clause 49 IIB of the listing agreement and hence whenever there is any change in the circumstances which may affect your status as an independent director the same shall be declared to the Board.

## **2. Committees of the Board**

- 2.1 During your term of office, you may be appointed on one or more Committees of the Board, as the Board deems fit. Your appointment to such Committee(s) will be subject to the applicable regulations.

## **3. Meetings**

- 3.1 The Board of Directors of the Company ('Board') meets at regular intervals, which is finalised in advance in consultation with all the Directors. A minimum of 4 Board meetings are held each year. The Audit Committee meets at least 4 times a year and the other Board Committees meet at appropriate intervals.
- 3.2 You will be expected to attend meetings of the Board and the Board Committees (of which you are a member already or to which you may be appointed in the future) in addition to the Shareholders meetings (Annual General Meeting/Extraordinary General Meeting) and to devote such appropriate time to discharge your duties effectively.

## **4. Role and Duties**

- 4.1 Your role and duties as Independent Director will be those as required of all Directors under the Companies Act, 2013 and the Listing Agreement the Company has entered into with the Stock Exchanges, some of which are specifically outlined below:
  - a. To act in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.
  - b. To act in good faith in order to promote the objects of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole, and in the best interest of the Company, its employees, the shareholders, the community and for the protection of the environment.
  - c. To discharge duties with due and reasonable care, skill and diligence and exercise independent judgment.
  - d. Not to involve in a situation in which the Director may have a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interest of the Company.

- e. Not to achieve or attempt to achieve any undue gain or advantage either to the Director concerned or to his/her relatives, partners or associates. If found guilty of making any undue gain, the Director concerned shall become liable to pay an amount equal to the gain to the Company.
- f. Not to assign his/her office as Director; any assignment, if made, shall be void.

4.2 In addition to the above which are generally expected of all Directors, an Independent Director shall:

- a. undertake appropriate induction and regularly update & refresh his/her skills, knowledge and familiarity with the Company;
- b. seek appropriate clarification or amplification of information and, where necessary, take and follow appropriate professional advice and opinion of outside experts at the expense of the Company;
- c. strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board committees of which he/she is a member;
- d. participate constructively and actively in the Board committees in which he/she may be a chairperson or member;
- e. strive to attend the general meetings of shareholders of the Company;
- f. ensure that any concern that he/she may have about the running of the Company or a proposed action is addressed by the Board. The extent that they are not resolved, seek inclusion of concerns in the minutes of the Board meeting;
- g. be well informed about the Company and the external environment in which it operates;
- h. not unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee(s) of the Board;
- i. pay sufficient attention and ensure that adequate deliberations are held before approving related party transactions and assure that they are in the interest of the Company;
- j. ascertain and ensure that the Company has an adequate and functional vigil mechanism and to ensure that the interests of a person who uses such mechanism are not prejudicially affected on account of such use;
- k. report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the Company's code of conduct or ethics;
- l. within the Director's authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the Company, its shareholders and employees;

- m. not disclose any confidential information including commercial secrets, technologies, advertising & sales promotion plans and unpublished price sensitive information unless such disclosure is expressly approved by the Board or required by law.

## **5. Responsibilities and Functions**

Independent Directors have the same general responsibilities as that of other Directors on the Board. The functions of the Board of Directors of the Company are to:

- review and approve annual and medium/ long term plans.
- provide strategic guidance for implementation of business policy.
- oversee the performance of management in meeting agreed goals & objectives and monitor the reporting of performance.
- ensure integrity of financial information and the robustness and defensibility of financial controls and systems of risk management.
- oversee internal control processes including legal and regulatory compliance framework of the Company.
- determine appropriate levels of remuneration of Executive Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management and have a prime role in appointing, and where necessary, removing Executive Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management and their succession planning.

## **6. Compensation**

- 6.1 You will be paid remuneration by way of sitting fees, as decided by the Board from time to time, for attending meetings of the Board and its Committees, on which you are a member. Presently, for Board meetings the sitting fee is Rs.20,000/- per meeting and Rs.10,000/- per meeting for other Board-Committee meetings.
- 6.2 The Non-executive Independent Directors are also entitled to commission not exceeding 1% of the net profits of the Company as approved by the shareholders. The actual amount of commission shall be in such sum and proportion as the Board may deem fit.
- 6.3 In addition to the above, you will be entitled to reimbursement of all expenses incurred by you in connection with your participation in the Board and Board-Committee meetings.

## **7. Disclosure of Interest**

In respect of your business interests in other entities, if any, to avoid any conflict of interest, you are expected to disclose to the Board, in writing, through the Company Secretary, the nature of interest, both direct and indirect, in any contract or arrangement entered or proposed to be entered by the Company with such entities. In the event of any change in the nature of your interest, the same shall also be disclosed to the Board forthwith. Further, as

stipulated under the Companies Act, 2013, you shall abstain from participating in the Board/Committee Meeting where there is a deliberation or voting on any item of business in respect of which you are interested.

#### **8. Code of Conduct**

All Non-executive Directors including Independent Directors are governed by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Company as approved by the Board. In addition, you may kindly refer to Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013, a code provided as a guide to professional conduct of independent directors and adheres to the standards prescribed in fulfilling your responsibilities as an Independent Director.

#### **9. Confidentiality**

All information acquired during your tenure of office concerning the Company and the group companies is confidential and shall not be disclosed to third parties. This requirement extends beyond your period of office as Director.

Price-sensitive information is expected to be kept confidential. In terms of the requirements under the SEBI regulations for prohibition of insider trading, Directors shall not, whether for their own account or their relative's account, deal in securities while in possession of any unpublished price-sensitive information. Directors should not, without the prior clearance from the Chairman, make any statements that might risk a breach of these requirements.

Further, in terms of the Companies Act, 2013, you shall not enter into forward dealings in the securities of the Company.

#### **10. Evaluation mechanism**

The performance of the Board as a whole, of the Individual Directors and of the Board-Committees will be evaluated on a periodical basis keeping in view the objectives of the Company. The evaluation process will be used constructively as a mechanism to improve Board effectiveness. Performance will be assessed based on clearly defined objective criteria. Your appointment and re-appointment on the Board shall be subject to the outcome of the evaluation process.

#### **11. Directors and Officers Insurance Policy**

The Directors are covered under the Policy from risks arising from stakeholder claims against them.

#### **12. Professional Advice**

If the Board considers it necessary to seek independent professional advice with regard to legal, financial or other advice in the furtherance of its duties, then the Managing or Whole-time

Director or Company Secretary or the Chief Financial Officer of the Company may be directed to obtain such advice and provide copies of the same.

**13. Resignation**

You may resign from your position at any time and should you wish to do so, you are requested to communicate the same in writing to the Board.