



# **BEST AGROLIFE LIMITED**

## **POLICY ON MATERIALITY AND DEALING WITH RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

**[Regulation 23 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements)  
Regulations, 2015 read with Section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013**

## **PREAMBLE**

In conformity with the requirements laid down under The SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure) Requirement Regulations, 2015 [hereinafter referred to as the “SEBI(LODR)”] issued by the Securities Exchange Board of India under Regulation 23 of the SEBI (LODR) read with Section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the “Act”) and Rules made there under the Board of Directors of the Company had approved on the Policy on materiality and dealing with related party transactions, at their meeting held on **November 11, 2020**.

Later, in order to incorporate further changes in the Policy on materiality and dealing with related party transactions as per the latest amendments provided in Securities Exchange Board of India under Regulation 23 of the SEBI (LODR) read with Section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Board of Directors had adopted a revised Policy on materiality and dealing with related party transactions for the Company at its meeting held on **January 25, 2022**. The Policy can be downloaded from the website of the Company at [www.bestagrolife.com](http://www.bestagrolife.com)

## **SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF THE POLICY**

RPT can present a potential or actual conflict of interest which may be against the best interest of the Company and its shareholders. Considering the requirements for approval of RPT as prescribed under the Act read with the Rules framed there under and Regulation 23 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“Regulation 23”), the Company has formulated guidelines for identification of related parties and the proper conduct and documentation of all related party transactions. Also, Regulation 23(1) of the SEBI Listing Regulations requires the Company to formulate a policy on materiality of RPT and dealing with RPT.

In the light of the above, the Company has framed this Policy on RPT (“Policy”). This Policy has been adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company. Going forward, the Audit Committee will review and amend the Policy, as and when required, subject to adoption by the Board.

## **OBJECTIVE**

The main object for formulating this Policy is to ensure proper approval and reporting of RPTs as applicable under the Act, between the Company and related party(ies) in the best interest of the Company and its Stakeholders.

## **DEFINITIONS**

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

“**Audit Committee**” or “**Committee**” means the Committee of Board of Directors of the Company constituted under provisions of Companies Act, 2013.

**“Board”** means the Board of Directors of the Company.

**“Company”** means Best Agrolife Limited.

**“Key Managerial Personnel” or “KMP”** shall have the meaning as defined in the Companies Act 2013 and as amended from time to time.

**“Material Related Party Transaction”** means 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 Rupees One Thousand Crore or 10% of the annual consolidated turnover of the listed Company, whichever is lower, as per the last audited Financial Statements of the listed entity.

**Explanation:** w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 A 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 exceeds 5% of the annual consolidated turnover of the listed Company as per the last audited Financial Statements of the listed entity.

**“Material Modifications”** - Material modification will mean and include any modification to an existing related party transaction having variance of 20% of the existing limit as sanctioned by the Audit Committee / Board / Shareholders, as the case may be.

**“Ordinary Course of Business”** means the 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 Memorandum & Articles of Association. The Board and Audit Committee may lay down the principles for determining ordinary course of business in accordance with the statutory requirements and other industry practices and guidelines.

**“Related Party”** have the meaning as defined in Section 2(76) of Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 2(1)(zb) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended.

**"Related Party Transaction"** have the meaning as defined under Regulation 2(1)(zc) of the Securities and Exchange Board Of India (Listing Obligations And Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, transfer of resources, services or obligations between a listed entity and a related party, regardless of whether price is charged and a transaction with a related party shall be construed to include a single transaction or a group of transactions in a contract, including but not limited to the following –

- a. sale, purchase or supply of any goods or materials;
- b. selling or otherwise disposing of, or buying, property of any kind;
- c. leasing of property of any kind;

- d. availing or rendering of any services;
- e. appointment of any agent for purchase or sale of goods, materials, services or property;
- f. appointment to any office or place of profit in the company
- g. underwriting the subscription of any securities or derivatives thereof, of the company.

“**Relative**” with reference to a Director or KMP means persons as defined in Section 2(77) of the Act and rules prescribed thereunder.

Any other term not defined herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Companies Act, 2013, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 or any other applicable law or regulation and as amended from time to time.

### **MATERIALITY THRESHOLDS**

Regulation 23 of the SEBI Listing Regulations requires a Company to provide materiality thresholds for transactions beyond which approval of the shareholders through resolution will be required.

None of the related parties of a company shall vote to approve on such resolution irrespective of whether the entity is a related party to the particular transaction or not.

**Note:** Provided that approval from shareholders will not be required for Material Related Party Transaction in respect of a resolution plan approved under Section 31 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) 2016, subject to the event being disclosed to recognized stock exchange within one day of the resolution plan being approved.

**Best Agrolife Limited** has fixed the following materiality threshold for the purpose of Regulation 23(1), 23(1A) and 23(4) of the SEBI Listing Regulations:

1. Payment to a Related Party with respect to brand usage or royalty – 5% of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company as per last its audited financial statements.
2. Other transactions with a Related Party - 10% of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company as per its last audited financial statements.

Related Party Transaction policy on materiality and its threshold limits shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors of the Company once in every three years and updated accordingly.

### **MANNER OF DEALING WITH RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION**

## **A. Identification of Related Parties**

The Company has formulated guidelines for identification and updating the list of related parties as prescribed under Section 2(76) of the Act read with the Rules framed there under and Regulation 2(1)(zb) of the SEBI Listing Regulations.

## **B. Identification of Related Party Transactions**

The Company has formulated guidelines for identification of related party transactions in accordance with Section 188 read with Section 177 of the Act and Regulation 2(1)(zc) of the SEBI Listing Regulations. The Company has also formulated guidelines for determining whether the transaction is in the ordinary course of business and at arm's length basis and for this purpose, the Company will seek external expert opinion, if necessary.

## **PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION**

### **A. Approval of the Audit Committee:**

All related party transactions and subsequent material modifications shall require prior approval of the Audit Committee. Members of the Audit Committee who are independent shall only approve related party transactions.

Note:

1. A related party transaction to which the subsidiary of a listed entity is a party but the listed entity is not a party, shall also require prior approval of the audit committee of the listed entity if the value of such transaction whether entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year exceeds ten per cent of the annual consolidated turnover, as per the last audited financial statements of the listed entity;
2. with effect from April 1, 2023, a related party transaction to which the subsidiary of a listed entity is a party but the listed entity is not a party, shall require prior approval of the audit committee of the listed entity if the value of such transaction whether entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceeds ten per cent of the annual standalone turnover, as per the last audited financial statements of the subsidiary.

However, the Company may obtain omnibus approval from the Audit Committee for such transactions, subject to compliances with the following conditions:

- a. The Audit Committee shall, after obtaining approval of the Board of Directors, specify the criteria for granting the omnibus approval in line with the Policy and such approval which shall include the following namely:
- i. Maximum value of the transaction, in aggregate, which can be allowed under the omnibus route in a year;
  - ii. The maximum value per transaction which can be allowed;
  - iii. extent and manner of disclosures to be made to the audit committee at the time of seeking omnibus approval
  - iv. review, at such intervals as the Audit Committee may deem fit, related party transaction entered into by the company pursuant to each omnibus approval made;
  - v. transactions which cannot be subject to the omnibus approval by the Audit Committee
- b. The Audit Committee shall consider the following factors while specifying the criteria for making omnibus approval, namely:-
- i repetitiveness of the transactions (in past or in future);
  - ii justification for the need of omnibus approval.
- c. The Audit Committee shall satisfy itself regarding the need for such omnibus approval for transactions of repetitive nature and that such approval is in the interest of the company;
- d. The omnibus approval shall provide details of (i) the name/s of the related party, nature of transaction, period of transaction, maximum aggregated value of the particular type of transaction that can be entered into, (ii) basis of arriving at 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 transactions cannot be foreseen and aforesaid details are not available, Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for such transactions subject to their value not exceeding **rupees 1 crore per transaction**.

- e. The Audit Committee shall review, at least on a quarterly basis, the aggregated value and other details of related party transactions transacted into by the company pursuant to the omnibus approval given;

- f. Such omnibus approval shall be valid for a period not exceeding one financial year and shall require fresh approval after expiry of such financial year.
- g. Omnibus approval shall not be made for transactions in respect of selling or disposing of the undertaking of the company.
- h. Any other conditions as the Audit Committee may deem fit.

**B. Approval of the Board of Directors of the Company**

As per the provisions of Section 188 of the Act, all kinds of transactions specified under the said Section and which are not in the ordinary course of business or not at arm's length basis, are placed before the Board for its approval.

In addition to the above, the following kinds of transactions with related parties are also placed before the Board for its approval:

- a) Transactions which may be in the ordinary course of business and at arm's length basis, but which are as per the policy determined by the Board from time to time (i.e. value threshold and/or other parameters) require Board approval in addition to Audit Committee approval;
- b) Transactions in respect of which the Audit Committee is unable to determine whether or not they are in the ordinary course of business and/or at arm's length basis and decides to refer the same to the Board for approval;
- c) Transactions which are in the ordinary course of business and at arm's length basis, but which as per Audit Committee requires Board approval;
- d) Transactions meeting the materiality thresholds, which are intended to be placed before the shareholders for approval

**C. Approval of the Shareholders of the Company**

All material related party transactions 119 [and subsequent material modifications as defined by the audit committee under sub-regulation (2)] shall require prior approval of the shareholders through resolution and no related party shall vote to approve such resolutions whether the entity is a related party to the particular transaction or not.

In addition to the above, all kinds of transactions specified under Section 188 of the Act which (a) are not at Arm's Length or not in the ordinary course of business; and (b)

exceed the thresholds laid down in Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Rules, 2014 are placed before the shareholders for its approval.

However, the requirement of shareholders' approval for Material Related Party Transactions shall not be applicable for the following cases:

- For a related party transaction to which the listed subsidiary is a party but the listed entity is not a party, if regulation 23 and sub-regulation (2) of regulation 15 of these regulations are applicable to such listed subsidiary.

**Explanation:** For related party transactions of unlisted subsidiaries of a listed subsidiary as referred above, the prior approval of the shareholders of the listed subsidiary shall suffice.

- transactions in respect of a resolution plan approved under section 31 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) 2016, subject to the event being disclosed to recognized stock exchange within one day of the resolution plan being approved.

- transactions entered into between the company and its wholly owned subsidiary whose accounts are consolidated with the company and placed before the shareholders at the general meeting for approval.

- transactions entered into between two wholly owned subsidiaries of the listed holding Company, whose accounts are consolidated with such holding company and placed before the shareholders at the general meeting for approval.

## **DISCLOSURES**

- The Company shall disclose, in the Board's report, transactions prescribed in Section 188(1) of the Act with related parties, which are not in ordinary course of business or not at arm's length basis along with the justification for entering into such transaction.
- w.e.f. 01.04.2022 the Company shall submit within 15 days and w.e.f. 01.04.2023 from the date of publications of its standalone and consolidated financial results for the half year, disclosures of related party transactions on a consolidated basis, in the format specified in the relevant accounting standards for annual results to the stock exchanges and publish the same on its website.

**Note:** A 'high value debt listed entity' shall submit such disclosures along with its standalone financial results for the half year.]



- In addition to the above, the Company shall also provide details of all related party transactions exceeding the materiality threshold on a quarterly basis to the stock exchanges.

### **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.

### **REVIEW OF THE POLICY**

The adequacy of this Policy shall be reviewed and reassessed by the Committee periodically and appropriate recommendations shall be made to the Board to update the Charter based on the changes that may be brought about due to any regulatory amendments or otherwise.

### **COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITY**

Compliance of this Policy shall be the responsibility of the Chief Finance Advisor, Chief Financial Officer & the Company Secretary of the Company who shall have the power to ask for any information or clarifications from the management in this regard.