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## AUDIT COMMITTEE POLICY

### **1. Objectives**

The objectives of the audit committee (the "committee") of the board of directors (the "Board") of Shantnu Investments (India) Limited (the "Company") are to assist the Board with **oversight** of following:

- i) the accuracy, integrity and transparency of the Company's financial statements with adequate and timely disclosures
- ii) compliance with legal and regulatory requirements,
- iii) the Company's independent auditors' qualifications and independence, and
- iv) the performance of the Company's independent auditors and internal audit function.

The role, responsibilities and powers of the committee shall include matters set out in this charter and such other items as may be prescribed by applicable laws as amended or by the Board in compliance with applicable laws from time to time.

### **2. Process**

The committee fulfills its objective through the following process:

- i. Ensuring an effective and independent internal audit function which works to provide assurance regarding the adequacy and operation of internal controls and processes intended to safeguard the Company's assets; effective and efficient use of the Company's resources; and timely and accurate recording of all transactions.
- ii. Meeting the independent auditor in a financial year to discuss key observations relating to the financial statement for the relevant period.
- iii. Providing an independent channel of communication for the Compliance Officer, internal auditor and the independent auditor.
- iv. Inviting members of the management, and at its discretion, external experts in legal, financial and technical matters, to provide advice and guidance.
- v. Providing periodic feedback and reports to the Board.
- vi. Periodically reviewing its own charter, structure, processes and membership.

### **3. Powers**

The audit committee shall have, inter alia, the following powers:

- i. To investigate any activity within its terms of reference.
- ii. To seek information from any employee.
- iii. To obtain outside legal or other professional advice as required.
- iv. To institute special investigations into any matter provided in this charter or referred to it by the Board, with full access to the internal auditors, chairperson of the Board, management and the independent auditor, as well as all books, records, facilities and personnel of the Company.
- v. To secure attendance of the auditors, internal auditor, and the head of finance and of outsiders with relevant expertise.

### **4. Responsibilities**

The Committee shall have the following authorities and responsibilities

#### **4.1 Relating to Financial Statements**

i) Reviewing with management and the independent auditor the annual audited financial statements and the quarterly audited/unaudited financial statements, and recommendation to the Board for adoption and for filing annual reports. Such review should primarily focus on:

- Any changes in accounting policies and practices
- Pre-approval/approval/disclosure of any related party transactions
- Significant accounting entries based on judgment of the management
- Qualifications, if any, in draft audit report
- Matters required to be included in the Director's Responsibility Statement to be included in the Board's report under Section 134 (3)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013
- Significant adjustments and/or provisions arising out of audit
- Compliance with accounting standards
- Compliance with stock exchange and other legal requirements concerning financial statements

ii) Reviewing the management discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations;

iii) Evaluation of internal financial controls. Oversight of the company's financial reporting process and disclosure of financial information to ensure that the financial statements are accurate, adequate and reliable.

iv) Review financial statements and investments made by any material unlisted subsidiary.

v) Reviewing, with the management, and independent auditors, any prospectus or such other document including financial statements contained therein, proposed to be issued by the Company for the purpose of raising capital, including debt.

vi) Review, pre-approve, approve or subsequently modify transactions of the Company with related parties.

#### **4.2 Relating to Independent Auditors**

i) Make recommendations to the Board for appointment, retention, termination, remuneration/compensation, and terms of appointment of an independent accounting firm to act as the Company's independent auditor.

ii) Review with independent auditors, the nature and scope of audit coverage, to ascertain adequacy and appropriateness.

iii) Review management letters/letters of internal control weaknesses issued by the independent auditors.

iv) Review with the internal auditor, any audit problems and the management's response.

v) Approval of all audit and permitted non-auditing services to be provided by the Independent auditor to the Company. For the purpose of this clause, 'non-auditing services' shall mean any professional services provided to the Company by the independent auditor, other than those provided to the Company in connection with an audit or a review of the financial statements of the Company.

vi) Annually obtaining and reviewing a report by the independent auditor that describes :

- ❖ the independent auditor's internal quality control procedures,
- ❖ any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the independent auditor or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, regarding any independent audit performed by the independent auditor, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues, and
- ❖ to assess the auditor's independence- all relationships between the independent auditor and the Company at least annually, to evaluate the qualifications, performance and independence of the Company's independent auditors

vii) Conducting a post-audit review of the financial statements and audit findings, including any significant suggestions for improvements provided to the management by the independent auditor or the internal auditor.

viii) Assist management in carrying out management's obligation of fostering a culture of cooperation and openness between management, the committee, external auditors, internal auditors and other internal and external compliance functions.

#### **4.3 Relating to Internal Audit Function**

i) Reviewing the adequacy of internal audit function, including its coverage and frequency of internal audit.

ii) Reviewing the appointment, removal and terms of remuneration of the internal auditor.

iii) Discussing with internal auditors any significant findings relating to internal control weaknesses and follow up thereon. Reviewing internal audit reports relating to internal control weaknesses.

iv) Reviewing the findings of any investigations by the internal auditors into matters where there is suspected fraud or irregularity or a failure of internal control systems of a material nature.

#### **4.4 Relating to Internal Controls**

Reviewing with the management, performance of independent and internal auditors and the adequacy of internal control systems.

#### **4.5 Relating to Integrity & Compliance Function of the Company**

i) Review of compliance of the Company with the requirements of the SEBI and such other applicable regulatory bodies.

ii) Review of compliance with the Company's Code of Conduct and Ethics

iii) Review of Company's compliance with employee benefit plans.

iv) Establish and review procedures for receiving, retaining and treating complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and procedures for protection of employees and others who raise concerns through the whistleblower mechanism, including direct access to the chairperson of the audit committee in appropriate or exceptional cases.

#### **4.6 Other Responsibilities**

i) Review, in conjunction with legal counsel, any legal matters that could have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements. Review, in conjunction with management and the independent auditor, any correspondence with regulators or governmental agencies and any published reports that raise material issues regarding the Company's financial statements or accounting policies. As appropriate, engage independent counsel or other advisors as it

deems necessary or appropriate to carry out its duties. The committee shall set the compensation, and oversee the work of, any independent counsel or other advisors retained by it. The Company will provide appropriate funding, as determined by the committee, to pay the independent auditor, any other registered public accounting firm and any independent counsel and any other outside advisors hired by the committee and any administrative expenses of the committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its activities.

ii) Oversee and manage the Company's risk assessment and risk management policies.

iii) Approval of appointment of the chief financial officer after assessing the qualifications, experience and background, etc. of the candidate.

iv) Periodically report to the Board or Committee of the Board inter alia all significant matters that have come to the knowledge of the Audit Committee, which impinge on internal controls, financial statements, policies and statutory/regulatory compliances.

v) Set hiring policies with regard to employees and former employees of the independent auditor and oversee compliance with such policies.

vi) Monitoring of and review with the management of end use of funds raised through issuances (public issue, rights issue, preferential issue etc.) and related matters, and making appropriate recommendations to the Board.

vii) Scrutinize inter-corporate loans and investments.

viii) Carry out valuation of undertakings or assets of the Company, wherever it is necessary.

ix) Look into reasons for substantial defaults in payment to the depositors, debenture holders, shareholders (in case of non-payment of declared dividend) and creditors (if any).

## **5. Composition**

i) The committee shall comprise a minimum of three directors forming majority of Independent Directors.

ii) Each member of the committee will be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements and otherwise comply with the financial literacy requirements of the Listing Agreement.

iii) One of the members shall be elected as the chairperson, either by the entire Board or by the members themselves, by majority vote. The chairperson of the committee shall be present at Annual General Meetings to answer shareholder queries.

iv) The members of the committee shall be elected by the Board, and shall continue until their successors are duly elected.

v) The Company Secretary shall act as the secretary to the committee.

## **6. Disclosure Requirements.**

- i) The committee charter should be published on the Company's website.
- ii) The committee shall disclose in the Company's annual reports filed with regulators for each fiscal year whether or not, with respect to the concerned fiscal year:
- The committee has reviewed the audited financial statements with the management, including a discussion of the quality of the accounting principles as applied, and significant judgments affecting the Company's Financial Statement.
  - The independent auditors have discussed with the committee their judgments of the quality of those principles as applied and judgments referred to above under the circumstances.
  - The members of the committee have discussed among themselves, without the management of Independent Auditors being present, the information disclosed to committee as described above.
  - The committee, in reliance on the review and discussions conducted with the management and the independent auditors pursuant to the requirements above, believes that the Company's financial statements are fairly presented in conformity all material respects.
  - The committee has satisfied its responsibilities in compliance with its charter
- iii) The committee shall report to the shareholders as required by applicable law

## **7. Meetings and Reports.**

- i) The committee shall meet as number of times as may be required. Meetings may be in person or through calls/video conferences as permitted by law.
- ii) The committee shall meet separately with the management, with the internal auditors and with the independent auditors.
- iii) The committee shall undertake an annual performance evaluation of its effectiveness and submit it to the Board.
- iv) The committee shall report regularly to the Board with respect to the committee's activities and receive feedback and direction from the Board on such activities. Committee reports shall include any significant issues that arise with respect to the quality or integrity of the Company's financial statements, the Company's compliance with legal or regulatory requirements, the performance of the internal audit function or the performance and independence of the Company's independent auditor, as applicable, with recommendations being made to the Board by the committee as appropriate.
- v) The committee shall facilitate the open flow of information and cooperation with other committees of the Board.
- vi) The committee shall assess its own performance annually.

## **8. Delegation of Authority**

The committee may delegate to one or more designated members of the committee the authority to pre-approve audit and permissible non-audit services, provided such pre-approval decision is presented to the full audit committee at its scheduled meetings.