

Criteria for making payments to Non-Executive Directors

Introduction:

SEBI (Listing Obligation Disclosure Requirement) Regulation 2015 provides that all fees/ compensation, if any paid to nonexecutive directors, including independent directors, shall be fixed by the Board of Directors and shall require previous approval of the shareholders in general meeting. Provided that, requirement of obtaining prior approval of shareholders in general meeting shall not apply to payment of sitting fees to non-executive directors, if made within the limits prescribed under Companies Act, 2013 for payment of sitting fees without approval of the Central Government. In keeping with the above, any fee/remuneration payable to the NEDs of the Company shall abide by the following:

Sitting Fee:

Non-Executive director(s) may receive remuneration by way of fee for attending meetings of the Board or Committee thereof or any other meeting as required by Companies Act, 2013, Equity Listing Agreement or other applicable law or for any other purpose whatsoever as may be decided by the Board.

Commission:

Under the Companies Act, 2013, Section 197 allows a company to pay remuneration to its NEDs either by way of a monthly payment or at a specified percentage of the net profits of the company or partly by one way and partly by the other. Further, the section also states that where the company has either managing director or whole-time director or manager, then a maximum of 1% of its net profits can be paid as remuneration to its NEDs. In case there is no managing director or whole-time director or manager, then a maximum of 3% of net profit can be paid. Thus, the basis of payment to the NEDs is as per provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder and as may be approved by the Board of Directors subject to shareholders approval.

Currently the Company is not paying any Commission to its NEDs.

Professional Fees:

Under the Companies Act, 2013, Section 197 allows a Company to pay remuneration to its NEDs for services rendered by any such Director if:

- A. The services rendered are of Professional nature;
- B. In the opinion of Nomination and Remuneration Committee the Director possess the requisite qualification for the practice of the profession.

As per the provision of Section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company shall approve the Professional fees to be paid to Non-Executive Director(s), and with the approval of the Shareholders where ever required.

Reimbursement of actual expenses incurred:

NEDs may also be paid/reimbursed such reasonable sums incurred by them for travel, boarding and lodging and incidental and /or actual out of pocket expenses incurred by such member for attending Board/Committee Meetings/general meetings or for Company's work.

Payment to independent directors:

An independent director shall not be entitled to any stock option and may receive remuneration only by way of fees and reimbursement of expenses for participation in meetings of the Board or committee thereof and profit related commission up to a certain percentage of net profits in such proportion, as may be permissible under the applicable law and as may be approved by the Board of Directors for payment to NED.