



LETTER OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

Date: 31st March, 2015

Dear Mrs. C Sarala,

We are pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors has at its meeting held on 31st day of March, 2015, have passed the resolution for your appointment as an Independent Director of the Company subject to the approval of members at the ensuing Annual General Meeting pursuant to the provision stated under the Companies Act, 2013 (Act).

As per the requirements of the Act, the above is being formalized through this letter of appointment.

This letter sets out the terms of your appointment as an Independent Director.

The terms of your appointment, as set out in this letter, are subject to the extant provisions of the:

- i. applicable laws, including the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules and regulations made thereunder;
- ii. Articles of Association of the Company

As amended from time to time.

1. Appointment and term thereof your appointment as a non-executive Independent Director on the Board of Directors (Board) of the Company will be for an initial term up to 5 years and shall take effect from 31.03.2015, unless terminated earlier or extended, as per the provisions of this letter or applicable laws.

The word "term" should be construed as defined under the Companies Act, 2013 (Act).

As an Independent Director, you will not be liable to retire by rotation.

The Company has adopted the provisions with respect to appointment and term of Independent Directors, which is in consistence with the Act.

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2. Board Committee

The Board may, if it deems fit, invite you for being appointed on one or more existing Board Committees or any such Committee that may be set up in the future. Your appointment on such Committee(s) will be subject to the applicable regulations.

You are expected to attend Board, Committees, to which you may be appointed and Shareholders' meetings, and to devote such time to your duties as deemed appropriate for discharge of your duties effectively.

Ordinarily all meetings are held in Hyderabad, unless determined otherwise.

By accepting this appointment, you confirm that you are able to allocate sufficient time to meet the expectations from your role to the satisfaction of the Board.

3. Role, Duties and Responsibilities

Your role and duties will be those normally required of a Non-Executive Independent Director under the Act. There are certain duties prescribed for all Directors, both Executive and Non-Executive, which are fiduciary in nature and the same are specified under Section 166 of the Act. Extract of Section 166 of the Act is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-1**

4. In addition to the above requirements, you are also required to discharge the duties, roles and functions as applicable to Independent Directors as stated under Schedule IV to the Act, as in force and as may be amended from time to time. While performing such duties, roles and functions, you will be required to abide by the 'Guidelines of Professional Conduct' as stated under the said Schedule. Schedule IV of the Act is enclosed herewith as **Annexure -2**

5. Additional Applicable Statutory Requirements

As a Non-Executive Director on the Board, you will be subject to all relevant provisions of the Act.

6. Code of Conduct / Excluded Actions

You will follow the Code of Conduct of the Company and furnish annual affirmation of the same.

You will apply the highest standards of confidentiality and not disclose to any person or company (whether during the course of the tenure as Independent Director or at any time after its cessation) any confidential information concerning the Company including any subsidiary or associate thereof with which you come into contact by virtue of your position as a Director, except as permitted by law or with prior clearance from the Chairman of the Board.

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7. Induction and Development

The Company shall, if required, conduct formal induction program for its Independent Directors.

The Company shall, as may be required, support Directors to continually update their skills and knowledge and improve their familiarity with the Company and its business. The Company will fund/arrange for training on all matters which are common to the whole Board.

8. Performance Appraisal / Evaluation Process

As a member of the Board, your performance shall be evaluated annually.

Evaluation shall be done by all the other Directors. The criteria for evaluation shall be determined by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee and disclosed in the Company's Annual Report. However, the actual evaluation process shall remain confidential and shall be a constructive mechanism to improve the effectiveness of the Board/Committee.

9. Disclosures, other Directorships and Business Interests

During the Term, you agree to promptly notify the Company of any change in your Directorships and provide such other disclosures and information as may be required under the applicable laws. You also agree that upon becoming aware of any potential conflict of interest with your position as Independent Director of the Company, you shall promptly disclose the same to the Company. Please confirm that as on date of this letter, you have no such conflict of interest issues with your existing Directorships, if any. During your Term, you agree to promptly provide a declaration under Section 149(7) of the Act, upon any change in circumstances which may affect your status as an Independent Director.

10. Changes of Personal Details

During the Term, you shall promptly intimate the Company and the Registrar of Companies in the prescribed manner, of any change in address or other contact and personal details provided to the Company.

11. Fees / Remuneration

You will be paid such remuneration by way of sitting fees for attending the meetings of the Board and the Committees as may be decided by the Board from time to time, subject to approval of the shareholders, if required.



Further, the Company may pay or reimburse to you such fair and reasonable expenditure, as may have been incurred by you while performing your role as an Independent Director of the Company.

12. Termination

Your Directorship on the Board of the Company shall terminate or cease in accordance with law. Apart from the grounds of termination as specified in the Act, your Directorship may be terminated for violation of any provision of the Code of Conduct of the Company.

You may resign from the Directorship of the Company by giving a notice in writing to the Company stating the reasons for resignation. The resignation shall take effect from the date on which the notice is received by the Company or the date, if any, specified by you in the notice, whichever is later.

If, at any stage during the Term, there is a change that may affect your status as an Independent Director as envisaged in Section 149(6) of the Act, you agree to promptly submit your resignation to the Company with effect from the date of such change.

13. Cooperation

In the event of any claim or litigation against the Company, based upon any alleged conduct, act or omission on your part during your Term, you agree to render all reasonable assistance and cooperation to the Company and provide such information and documents as are necessary and reasonably requested by the Company or its counsel.

14. Governing Law

This document is governed by and will be interpreted in accordance with Indian Law and your engagement shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Indian courts.

If you are willing to accept these terms of appointment relating to your appointment as a Non-Executive Independent Director of the Company, kindly confirm your acceptance of these terms by signing and returning to us the enclosed copy of this letter.

15. Miscellaneous

This letter represents the entire understanding, and constitutes the whole agreement, in relation to your appointment and supersedes any previous agreement between yourself and the Company with respect thereto and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, excludes any warranty, condition or other undertaking implied at law or by custom.

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No waiver or modification of this letter shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by you and the Company.

16. Acceptance of Appointment

We are confident that the Board and the Company will benefit immensely from your rich experience and we are eager to have you as an integral part of the growth of our Company. If these terms of appointment are acceptable to you, please confirm your acceptance by signing and returning the enclosed copy of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

For Krishnapatnam Port Company Limited

C Visweswara Rao
Chairman
DIN: 00009262

AGREE AND ACCEPT

I have read and understood the terms of my appointment as an Independent Director of the Company and I hereby affirm my acceptance to the same.

Name: C Sarala
Place: Hyderabad
Date: 31.03.2015

Annexure -1



Section 166 –Duties of Directors

166. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a director of a company shall act in accordance with the articles of the company.

(2) A director of a company shall 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 interests of the company, its employees, the shareholders, the community and for the protection of environment.

(3) A director of a company shall exercise his duties with due and reasonable care, skill and diligence and shall exercise independent judgment.

(4) A director of a company shall not involve in a situation in which he may have a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interest of the company.

(5) A director of a company shall not achieve or attempt to achieve any undue gain or advantage either to himself or to his relatives, partners, or associates and if such director is found guilty of making any undue gain, he shall be liable to pay an amount equal to that gain to the company.

(6) A director of a company shall not assign his office and any assignment so made shall be void.

(7) If a director of the company contravenes the provisions of this section such director shall be punishable with fine which shall not be less than one lakh rupees but which may extend to five lakh rupees.

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SCHEDULE IV
[See section 149(8)]
CODE FOR INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

The Code is a guide to professional conduct for independent directors. Adherence to these standards by independent directors and fulfilment of their responsibilities in a professional and faithful manner will promote confidence of the investment community, particularly minority shareholders, regulators and companies in the institution of independent directors.

I. Guidelines of professional conduct:

An independent director shall:

- (1) uphold ethical standards of integrity and probity;
- (2) act objectively and constructively while exercising his duties;
- (3) exercise his responsibilities in a *bona fide* manner in the interest of the company;
- (4) devote sufficient time and attention to his professional obligations for informed and balanced decision making;
- (5) not allow any extraneous considerations that will vitiate his exercise of objective independent judgment in the paramount interest of the company as a whole, while concurring in or dissenting from the collective judgment of the Board in its decision making;
- (6) not abuse his position to the detriment of the company or its shareholders or for the purpose of gaining direct or indirect personal advantage or advantage for any associated person;
- (7) refrain from any action that would lead to loss of his independence;
- (8) where circumstances arise which make an independent director lose his independence, the independent director must immediately inform the Board accordingly;
- (9) assist the company in implementing the best corporate governance practices.

II. Role and functions:

The independent directors shall:

- (1) help in bringing an independent judgment to bear on the Board's deliberations especially on issues of strategy, performance, risk management, resources, key appointments and standards of conduct;
- (2) bring an objective view in the evaluation of the performance of board and management;
- (3) scrutinise the performance of management in meeting agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance;
- (4) satisfy themselves on the integrity of financial information and that financial controls and the systems of risk management are robust and defensible;
- (5) safeguard the interests of all stakeholders, particularly the minority shareholders;
- (6) balance the conflicting interest of the stakeholders;
- (7) determine appropriate levels of remuneration of executive directors, key managerial personnel and senior management and have a prime role in appointing and where necessary recommend removal of executive directors, KMP and senior management;
- (8) moderate and arbitrate in the interest of the company as a whole, in situations of conflict between management and shareholder's interest.

III. Duties :

The independent directors shall—

- (1) undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the company;

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- (2) 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;
- (3) strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board committees of which he is a member;
- (4) participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members;
- (5) strive to attend the general meetings of the company;
- (6) where they have concerns about the running of the company or a proposed action, ensure that these are addressed by the Board and, to the extent that they are not resolved, insist that their concerns are recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting;
- (7) keep themselves well informed about the company and the external environment in which it operates;
- (8) not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee of the Board;
- (9) pay sufficient attention and ensure that adequate deliberations are held before approving related party transactions and assure themselves that the same are in the interest of the company;
- (10) 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;
- (11) report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the company's code of conduct or ethics policy;
- (12) acting within his authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the company, shareholders and its employees;
- (13) not disclose confidential information, including commercial secrets, technologies, advertising and sales promotion plans, unpublished price sensitive information, unless such disclosure is expressly approved by the Board or required by law.

IV. Manner of appointment:

- (1) Appointment process of independent directors shall be independent of the company management; while selecting independent directors the Board shall ensure that there is appropriate balance of skills, experience and knowledge in the Board so as to enable the Board to discharge its functions and duties effectively.
- (2) The appointment of independent director(s) of the company shall be approved at the meeting of the shareholders.
- (3) The explanatory statement attached to the notice of the meeting for approving the appointment of independent director shall include a statement that in the opinion of the Board, the independent director proposed to be appointed fulfils the conditions specified in the Act and the rules made thereunder and that the proposed director is independent of the management.
- (4) The appointment of independent directors shall be formalised through a letter of appointment, which shall set out :
 - (a) the term of appointment;
 - (b) the expectation of the Board from the appointed director; the Board-level committee(s) in which the director is expected to serve and its tasks;
 - (c) the fiduciary duties that come with such an appointment along with accompanying liabilities;

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- (d) provision for Directors and Officers (D and O) insurance, if any;
 - (e) the Code of Business Ethics that the company expects its directors and employees to follow;
 - (f) the list of actions that a director should not do while functioning as such in the company; and
 - (g) the remuneration, mentioning periodic fees, reimbursement of expenses for participation in the Boards and other meetings and profit related commission, if any.
- (5) The terms and conditions of appointment of independent directors shall be open for inspection at the registered office of the company by any member during normal business hours.
- (6) The terms and conditions of appointment of independent directors shall also be posted on the company's website.

V. Re-appointment:

The re-appointment of independent director shall be on the basis of report of performance evaluation.

VI. Resignation or removal:

- (1) The resignation or removal of an independent director shall be in the same manner as is provided in sections 168 and 169 of the Act.
- (2) An independent director who resigns or is removed from the Board of the company shall be replaced by a new independent director within a period of not more than one hundred and eighty days from the date of such resignation or removal, as the case may be.
- (3) Where the company fulfils the requirement of independent directors in its Board even without filling the vacancy created by such resignation or removal, as the case may be, the requirement of replacement by a new independent director shall not apply.

VII. Separate meetings:

- (1) The independent directors of the company shall hold at least one meeting in a year, without the attendance of non-independent directors and members of management;
- (2) All the independent directors of the company shall strive to be present at such meeting;
- (3) The meeting shall:
 - (a) review the performance of non-independent directors and the Board as a whole;
 - (b) review the performance of the Chairperson of the company, taking into account the views of executive directors and non-executive directors;
 - (c) assess the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between the company management and the Board that is necessary for the Board to effectively and reasonably perform their duties.

VIII. Evaluation mechanism:

- (1) The performance evaluation of independent directors shall be done by the entire Board of Directors, excluding the director being evaluated.
- (2) On the basis of the report of performance evaluation, it shall be determined whether to extend or continue the term of appointment of the independent director.

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