



Criteria for making payment to Non- Executive Directors

With changes in the Corporate Governance norms, the role and responsibilities of Non-Executive Directors(NED) and the degree and quality of their engagement with the Board has undergone a substantial change over a period of time. The Non executive Directors bring in a wider perspective in the deliberations and decision making of the Board which adds value to the Company. They also play a crucial role in the Independent functioning of the Board. Following are the criteria for making payments to Non-executive Directors of the Company:

1. Sitting Fee:

Such 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;

2. 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 the net profit of the Company.

Currently the Company is not paying Commission to its NEDs.

3. 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.

4. Reimbursement of actual expenses incurred:

NEDs may also be paid/reimbursed such sums either as fixed allowance and /or actual as fair compensation for travel, boarding and lodging and incidental and /or actual out of pocket expenses incurred by such member for attending Board/Committee Meetings or for Company's work.

5. Payment to independent directors:

An Independent Director shall not be entitled to any stock option and shall receive Sitting fees and reimbursement of expenses for participation in meetings of the Board or committee thereof and profit related remuneration up to a specified percentage of net profits in such proportion, as may be permissible under the Companies Act, 2013 and any other applicable law at the discretion of the Board.

The above criteria and policy are subject to review by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company from time to time.

Amendments

The Company reserves the right to modify and/or amend this document at any time subject to the applicable provisions the Companies Act, 2013 and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
