



BEST AGROLIFE LIMITED
NOMINATION & REMUNERATION
POLICY

BACKGROUND

The Nomination & Remuneration Policy (“Policy”) of Best Agrolife Limited (“Company”) is formulated under the requirements of applicable laws, including the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended (“Listing Regulations”). The Policy is intended to set out criteria to pay equitable remuneration to the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel (KMP), senior management (as defined below) and other employees of the Company and to harmonise the aspirations of human resources with the goals of the Company.

In order to incorporate further changes in the Nomination & Remuneration policy as per the latest amendments provided in the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2021 read with Corrigendum, w.e.f. January 01, 2022, the Board of Directors had adopted a revised Nomination & Remuneration Policy for the Company at its meeting held on **August 05, 2022**. The Policy can be downloaded from the website of the Company at www.bestagrolife.com

OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

The objectives and purpose of this Policy are:

1. To formulate the criteria for determining qualifications, competencies, positive attributes and independence for appointment of a director (executive/non-executive/independent) of the Company (“Director”); and
2. To recommend policy relating to the remuneration of the Directors, KMP and Senior Management to the Board of Directors of the Company (“Board”).

This includes reviewing and approving corporate goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the whole-time Directors, evaluating their performance in light of those goals and objectives and either as a committee or together with the other independent Directors (as directed by the Board), determine and approve whole-time Directors’ compensation based on this evaluation; making recommendations to the Board with respect to KMP and Senior Management compensation and recommending incentive-compensation that are subject to approval of the Board.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

At Best Agrolife the responsibility of Nomination and Remuneration is at the level of the Board of Directors of the company. The BOD shall constitute a NR Committee in compliance with Section 178 of the Act, consisting of the following board members:

1. Chairperson (Independent Director)
2. Member (Independent/Non – Executive Director)
3. Member (Independent/Non – Executive Director)

The quorum for a meeting of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall be either two members or one third of the members of the committee, whichever is greater,

including at least one independent director in attendance. Further that half of the members of the committee shall be Independent Directors.

The Board has authority to reconstitute this Committee from time to time.

Definitions

- a. 'Board' means Board of Directors of the Company.
- b. 'Directors' means directors of the Company.
- c. 'Committee' means Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Company as constituted or reconstituted by the Board, in accordance with the Act and applicable Listing Regulations.
- d. 'Company' means Best Agrolife Limited.
- e. 'Independent Director' means a Director referred to in Section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules.
- f. 'Key Managerial Personnel (KMP)' means
 - i) the Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer or manager
 - ii) Whole-time Director
 - iii) the Company Secretary;
 - iv) the Chief Financial Officer; and
 - v) Any other person as defined under the Companies Act, 2013 from time to time
- g. Senior Management means officers/personnel of the Company who are members of its core management team.

Unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions used in this Policy and not defined herein but defined in the Companies Act, 2013 and Listing Regulations as may be amended from time to time shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them therein.

GENERAL

This Policy is divided in three parts: -

Part – A covers the matters to be dealt with and recommended by the Committee to the Board;

Part – B covers the appointment and removal of Directors, KMP and Senior Management; and

Part – C covers remuneration for Directors, KMP and Senior Management.

Part – A Matters to be dealt with, perused and recommended to the Board by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee

The following matters shall be dealt with by the Committee: -

(a) Size and composition of the Board: Periodically reviewing the size and composition of the Board to have an appropriate mix of executive and independent Directors to maintain its independence and separate its functions of governance and management and to ensure that it is structured to make appropriate decisions, with a variety of perspectives and skills, in the best interests of the Company;

The Committee shall also assist the Board in ensuring the Board nomination process is in line with the diversity policy of the Board relating to differences in thought, perspective, regional and industry experience, cultural and geographical background, age, ethnicity, race, gender, knowledge & skills including – expertise in financial, global business, leadership, technology, mergers & Acquisition, Board service, strategy sales and marketing, environment social & governance (“ESG”), risk and cyber security and other domains. The policy on Board diversity is available at <https://www.bestagrolife.com/investorss/Policy-on-Board-Diversity.pdf>

(b) Directors: Formulate the criteria determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a Director and recommend candidates to the Board when circumstances warrant the appointment of a new Director, having regard to qualifications, integrity, expertise and experience for the position.

(c) Succession plans: Establishing and reviewing Board, KMP and Senior Management succession plans in order to ensure and maintain an appropriate balance of skills, experience and expertise on the Board and Senior Management.

(d) Evaluation of performance:

(i) Make recommendations to the Board on appropriate performance criteria for the Directors.

(ii) Formulate the criteria and framework for evaluation of performance of every Director on the Board of the Company.

(iii) Identify ongoing training and education programs for the Board to ensure that Non-Executive Directors are provided with adequate information regarding the business, the industry and their legal responsibilities and duties.

(e) Remuneration framework and policies: The Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the Board on:

a. Remuneration of executive Directors to be presented for shareholders’ approval including severance, if any.

b. Individual and total remuneration of non-executive Directors and the chairperson (if non-executive), including any additional fees payable for membership of Board committees;

c. the remuneration and remuneration policies for KMP and Senior Management including basic pay, incentive payments, equity awards, retirement rights, severance pay if any and service contracts having regard to the need to:

(i) attract and motivate talent to pursue the Company’s long-term growth;

(ii) demonstrate a clear relationship between executive compensation and performance;
(iii) be reasonable and fair, having regard to best governance practices and legal requirements and

(iv) balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long-term performance objectives as appropriate for the Company and its goals

d. the Company's incentive compensation and equity-based plans including a consideration of performance thresholds and regulatory and market requirements;

PART – B

Policy for appointment and removal of Directors, KMP and Senior Management

(a) Appointment criteria and qualifications

1. The Committee shall ascertain the integrity, qualification, expertise and experience of the person identified for appointment as Director, KMP or Senior Management and recommend to the Board his/her appointment. The Committee has discretion to decide whether qualification, expertise and experience possessed by a person is sufficient / satisfactory for the position.

2. A person to be appointed as Director, KMP or Senior Management should possess adequate qualification, expertise and experience for the position he / she is considered for.

3. A person, to be appointed as Director, should possess impeccable reputation for integrity, deep expertise and insights in sectors / areas relevant to the Company, ability to contribute to the Company's growth and complementary skills in relation to the other Board members.

4. For every appointment of an independent director, the NRC shall evaluate the balance of skills, knowledge and experience on the Board and on the basis of such evaluation, prepare a description of the role and capabilities required of an independent director. The person recommended for such role shall meet the description.

5. For the purpose of identifying suitable candidates, the Committee may;

a. use the services of an external agencies, if required

b. consider candidates from a wide range of backgrounds, having due regard to diversity and c. consider the time commitments of the candidates

6. The Company shall appoint or continue the employment of a person as Managing Director / wholtime Director and non-executive Director who has not attained the maximum age of retirement as prescribed under relevant laws.

7. A whole-time KMP of the Company shall not hold office in more than one company except in its subsidiary company at the same time. However, a whole-time KMP can be appointed as a director in any company, with the permission of the Board of Directors of the Company.

8. The Company shall not appoint any resigning independent director, as whole-time director, unless a period of one year has elapsed from the date of resignation as an independent director.

(b) Term / Tenure

1. Managing Director / Whole-time Director - The Company shall appoint or re-appoint any person as its Managing Director and CEO or Whole-time Director for a term not exceeding five years at a time. No re-appointment shall be made earlier than one year before the expiry of term.

2. Non-executive Director - Non-Executive director's office is subject to retirement by rotation at the Annual general meeting in the manner as specified under relevant laws.

3. Independent Director - An Independent Director shall hold office for a term up to five consecutive years on the Board of the Company and will be eligible for re-appointment on passing of a special resolution by the Company and disclosure of such appointment in the Board's report.

No Independent Director shall hold office for more than two consecutive terms, but such Independent Director shall be eligible for appointment after expiry of three years of ceasing to become an Independent Director.

Provided that an Independent Director shall not, during the said period of three years, be appointed in or be associated with the Company in any other capacity, either directly or indirectly. At the time of appointment of Independent Director, it should be ensured that number of Boards on which such Independent Director serves, is restricted to applicable regulations in force.

(c) Removal - Due to reasons for any disqualification mentioned in the Companies Act, 2013, rules made thereunder or under any other applicable Act, rules and regulations, the Committee may recommend, to the Board with reasons recorded in writing, removal of a Director, KMP or Senior Management subject to the provisions and compliance of the said Act, rules and regulations.

(d) Retirement - The Directors, KMP and Senior Management shall retire as per the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the prevailing policy of the Company. The Board will have the discretion to retain the Directors, KMP and Senior Management in the same position / remuneration or otherwise, even after attaining the retirement age, for the benefit of the Company.

PART – C

Policy relating to the remuneration for Directors, KMP and Senior Management

i. The remuneration / compensation / commission etc. to Directors will be determined by the Committee and recommended to the Board for approval.

ii. The remuneration and commission to be paid to the Managing Director shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, and the rules made thereunder.

iii. Increments to the existing remuneration / compensation structure may be recommended by the Committee to the Board which should be within the limits approved by the Shareholders in the case of Managing Director.

iv. Where any insurance is taken by the Company on behalf of its Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer, the Company Secretary for indemnifying them against any liability, the premium paid on such insurance shall not be treated as part of the remuneration payable to any such personnel.

v. The remuneration to KMP's shall be decided and recommended by the NR Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

vi. If, in any financial year, the Company has no profits or its profits are inadequate, the Company shall pay remuneration to its Managing Director in accordance with the provisions of Schedule V of the Act and if it is not able to comply with such provisions, with the previous approval of the Central Government.

vii. The remuneration payable to each Non-Executive Director(s) is based on the remuneration structure as determined by the Board, and is revised from time to time, depending on individual contribution, the Company's performance, and the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder.

viii. The remuneration to the Non-executive Directors (including Independent Directors) may be paid within the monetary limit approved by shareholders, subject to the limit not exceeding 1% of the profits of the Company computed as per the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

ix. The Independent Directors shall not be entitled to any stock option of the Company.

LIMITATION AND AMENDMENT

The Board of Directors may in their discretion and on recommendation of the NR committee, make any changes/modifications and/or amendments to this Policy from time to time.

Requirements with respect to quorum, notice of meeting, documentation, etc shall be in conformity with the applicable Secretarial Standards issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and approved by the Central Government, unless expressly stated otherwise.

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Policy and of the Act or Listing Regulations or any other statutory enactments, rules, the provisions of such Act or Listing Regulations or statutory enactments, rules shall prevail over and automatically be applicable to this Policy and the relevant provisions of the Policy would be amended/modified in due course to make it consistent with the law.