

ANDHRA CEMENTS
LIMITED

CODE OF CONDUCT
OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Applicability

Applicable to all Directors and Senior Management Personnel of the Company i.e. all Board members including Managing Director/ Whole-time Director and Senior Management who are members of the core management team i.e., all executives who are one level below the Executive Directors including all functional heads.

The Board after finalising the Code of Conduct and after approval shall arrange to get it posted on the website of the Company.

All Board Members and Senior Management Personnel shall affirm the compliance of the Code of Conduct on an annual basis. Annual Report of the Company shall contain this fact signed by the CEO.

General Policy

The Company's philosophy of Corporate Governance is reflected in the commitment of management, which objectively works, realizing and accepting its responsibilities towards shareholders, society and the country. The management's endeavor is to maintain transparency, optimize operational efficiency and retain high level of credibility with the shareholders, creditors and the government.

This Code of Conduct is intended to provide guidance and help to all Directors & Senior Management Personnel in recognising their responsibility and dealing with the issues in such manner as to achieve the objective of the corporate in an ethical way and to help to foster a culture of honesty in the performance of one's duties and accountability.

Each person should act with competence and diligence to bring honour and respect for the Company and comply with all the relevant laws governing the operations of the Company's business in accordance with the principles laid down in the Code. A Director of the Company is to act in the fiduciary capacity and every Senior Management Personnel is to act as a most disciplined, sincere and loyal official to protect the interest of the Company and to make efforts for achievement and promotion of the corporate objectives, inter alia relating to financial, social, cultural and ethical areas.

The Best results can be achieved by adopting the best practices as under:

DIRECTORS

– Every Director to:

- Make reasonable efforts to attend Board and Committee meetings regularly.
- 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.
- Exercise his duties with due and reasonable care, skill and diligence and shall exercise independent judgment.
- 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.
- Shall not assign his office and any assignment so made shall be void.
- Dedicate sufficient time, energy and attention to the affairs of the Company to ensure diligent performance of his duties, including preparing for meetings and decision making by viewing in advance any Agenda / material distributed and making reasonable enquiries.
- Seek to comply with all Corporate Policies.
- Act in the best interest of, and fulfill his fiduciary obligations to the Company's shareholders.
- Conduct himself in a professional, courteous and respectful manner.
- Comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- Act in a manner to enhance and maintain the reputation of the Company.

- Disclose potential conflicts of interest that he may have regarding any matters that may come before the Board, and where any director is interested in any contract or arrangement with a related party, such director shall not be present at the meeting during discussions on the subject matter of the resolution relating to such contract or arrangement.

- Make available to and share with fellow Directors information as may be appropriate to ensure proper conduct and sound operation of the Company and its Board of Directors.
- Respect the confidentiality of information relating to the affairs of the Company acquired in the course of their service as Directors, except when authorized or legally required to disclose such information.
- Restrain from the use of confidential information acquired in the course of their service as Directors to his personal advantage.
- Bring an open and independent mind to Board or Committee meetings and should not make a decision about a matter before attending and participating in the deliberations of the meeting.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

– Every Senior Management Personnel to:

- Attend to the duties regularly.
- Dedicate sufficient time, energy and attention to the affairs of the Company and ensure diligent performance of his duties, including preparing for each meetings and decision making by viewing in advance any Agenda / material distributed and making reasonable inquiries.
- Seek to comply with all Corporate Policies.
- Make available to and share with seniors information as may be appropriate to ensure proper conduct and sound operation of the Company and its Board of Directors.
- Respect the confidentiality of information relating to the affairs of the Company acquired in the course of his service as Sr. Executive, except when authorized or legally required to disclose such information.
- Notify his personal material interest to his seniors and not to participate in the discussions and decision making in the concerned matters.
- Protect Company's assets / funds / properties and ensure its efficient use. Further, avoid theft, carelessness, waste, etc. of the assets/ properties, as these have a direct impact on the Company's profitability.

- Consult the Legal Department of the Company if he is unfamiliar / uncertain about the legal rules involving Company's business before taking any action that may jeopardize the Company or that individual.
- To obtain prior approval of the Chairman/ Managing Director of the Company before accepting employment or a position of responsibility (such as Consultant / Director) with any other Company nor provide 'freelance' services to anyone.

Duties of Independent Directors

The Independent Directors shall also abide by the Code for Independent Directors as contained in Schedule IV to the Companies Act, 2013, as may be amended from time to time. The said Schedule IV specifies the following duties of Independent Directors:

- Undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the Company;
- 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;
- Strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board committees of which he is a member;
- Participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members;
- Strive to attend the general meetings of the Company;
- 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;
- Keep themselves well informed about the Company and the external environment in which it operates;
- Not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee of the Board;
- 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;

- 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;
- Report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the Company's code of conduct or ethics policy;
- Acting within his authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the Company, shareholders and its employees;
- 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.

General

- All persons should avoid conflicts of interest with the Company. Any situation that involves or may reasonably expected to involve, a conflict of interest should be disclosed properly to the Chairman / Director-incharge.
- All persons should act and conduct free from fraud and deception. Their conduct shall conform to the best efforts.
- All persons owe a duty for not taking themselves personally, opportunities that are discovered during the use of the Company's property, information or position, and they have duty towards the Company to advance its objectives and interest.
- All persons not to compete directly or indirectly with the Company and not to disclose the confidential and crucial information gathered by the individuals during the tenure of their position in this Company even after resignation from the directorship or leaving the services of the Company.
- All persons or their family members shall not accept any gift from persons or firms who deal with the Company where such gifts can be construed as a force to influence their actions and decisions in conflict with the interest of the Company.
- All persons shall deal fairly with employees of the Company / Group Companies. They shall not take any unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse of confidential, proprietary or trade secret information, misrepresentation or other unfair dealing-practices.

- All persons shall not indulge in the activity of subscribing or buying or selling the Securities of the Company, which may be in contravention of the Regulations prescribed by SEBI in the matter of Insider Trading. Such persons shall not misuse any unpublished price sensitive information about the Company with others.
- All persons shall give full cooperation to their seniors, share the information with them, if required, in the best interest of the Company or for compliance of the requirement of the good corporate governance.
- All persons must adopt proactive practices to promote the progressive and ethical behaviour at all levels of the management and among other members of the team in the organisation.
- All persons must ensure that none of their actions obstruct other person who is performing his duty as assigned to him.
- All persons ought to report variation of any type in policy Code to their seniors and all of them should give patient hearing to those who want to discuss and criticize any of the issues pertaining to any transaction assuming the same is in the interest of the Company. In case a person feels uncomfortable in discussion of such matters then the person desiring to convey his feeling should contact the Chairman of the Company.
- All persons must disclose if any of their relatives or any Company or firm in which they have interest is entering into employment or any business transaction with the Company. Such disclosure of interest should be given from time to time or periodically to the Company Secretary.
- Only Board of Directors have the right to make any waiver/ modification in any part of this Code of Conduct.
