



## Shristi Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited

### Related Party Transactions Policy

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#### 1. Background

Related Party Transactions (“RPTs”) refer to transactions between a company and its related entities such as subsidiaries, associates, joint ventures, Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and their relatives, or entities owned or controlled by them.

The Companies Act, 2013 puts more responsibility and accountability for the Board of Directors, Audit Committee, Key Managerial Personnel (KMPs) to revamp and/or put systems and processes in place for compliance of legal requirements with regard to execution and approval of RPTs, on a continuous basis. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (“SEBI”) (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 require the Board of Directors of every listed company to, inter alia, formulate a policy on materiality of related party transactions and on dealing with related party transactions.

SEBI has amended the said Regulations, including by, the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Accordingly, the Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 have amended the Policy in compliance with the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 [as amended] (“the Regulations”).

#### 2. Legal Framework

- The Companies Act, 2013 (“the Act”)
- Accounting Standards 18 issued by ICAI
- SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements ) Regulations 2015 & as amended

#### 3. Definitions

**“Audit Committee” or “the Committee”** refers to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company constituted under the provisions of the Companies Act and the Rules framed thereunder, read with the provisions of the SEBI Listing Regulations and as reconstituted by the Board from time to time.

**“Board of Directors” or “Board”** means the board of directors of the Company, as constituted from time to time.

**“Related Party”** means related party as defined in Regulation 2(1)(zb) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 [as amended] (hereinafter referred to as “SEBI Listing Regulations”), which inter alia provides that a “related party” means a related party as defined under

sub-section (76) of Section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 or under the applicable accounting standards [as amended].

[Further, any person or entity belonging to the promoter or promoter group of the Company and holding 20 per cent or more of the shareholding in the Company shall also be deemed to be related party].

**“Relative”** means relative as defined under sub-section (77) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 and under Regulation 2(1)(ZD) of SEBI LODR as amended from time to time

**“Key Managerial Personnel”** in relation to a Company means KMP as defined in the Act.

**“Associate Company”** means a company which has significant influence but which is not a subsidiary of the Company having such influence and includes a joint venture company.

**“Significant Influence”** means control of at least 20% of the total share capital or of business decisions under an agreement.

**“Joint Venture”** means a contractual arrangement whereby two or more parties undertake an economic activity which is subject to joint control.

**“Control”** shall include:

- a) The right to appoint majority of the Directors or to control the management or policy decisions exercisable by a person or persons acting individually or in concert, directly or indirectly, including by virtue of their shareholding or management rights or shareholders’/voting agreements etc.; or
- b) ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than one half of the voting power of the Company; or
- c) a substantial interest in voting power and the power to direct, by statute or agreement, the financial and/or operating policies of the Company.

**“Related Party Transaction”** (“RPT”) shall mean such transaction as specified under Section 188 of the Act or rules made thereunder and under Regulation 2(1)(ZC) of SEBI LODR, as amended from time to time.

**“Specific Related Party Transaction”** shall mean any of the following transactions entered into by the Company with any of its Related Parties which are, either not in the ordinary course of business or not on arm’s length basis:

- a. sale, purchases or supply of any goods or materials;
- b. selling or otherwise disposing of, or buying, property of any kind;
- c. leasing of property of any kind;
- d. availing or rendering of any services;

- e. appointment of any agent for purchases or sale of goods, materials, services or property;
- f. such related party's appointment to any office or place of profit in the company, its subsidiary company or associate company; and
- g. underwriting the subscription of any securities or derivatives thereof, of the company.

**“Arm’s Length Transaction”** means a transaction between two related parties that is conducted as if they were unrelated, so that there is no conflict of interest.

**“Material Related Party Transaction”** means a transaction with a related party which is in terms of the provisions of the Act and SEBI LODR, as amended from time to time.

[Notwithstanding the above, a transaction involving payments made to a related party with respect to brand usage or royalty shall be considered material if the transaction(s) to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceed 2% (two percent) of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company as per the last audited financial statements of the Company.]\*

**“Office or Place of Profit”** means any office or place:

- i. where such office or place is held by a director, if the director holding it receives from the company anything by way of remuneration over and above the remuneration to which he is entitled as director, by way of salary, fee, commission, perquisites, any rent-free accommodation, or otherwise;
- ii. where such office or place is held by an individual other than a director or by any firm, private company or other body corporate, if the individual, firm, private company or body corporate holding it receives from the company anything by way of remuneration, salary, fee, commission, perquisites, any rent-free accommodation, or otherwise;

**“Responsibility Officer”** means the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Company. The Board may, where it is considered necessary so to do, appoint such other officer as it may consider proper as such Responsibility Officer(s).

**“Applicable Laws”** means the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder, the Listing Agreement and include any other statute, law, standards, regulations or other governmental instruction relating to Related Party Transactions.

All capitalized terms used in this Policy but not defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Act and the Rules thereunder and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (Listing Regulations), as amended from time to time.

#### **4. Policy**

All RPTs must be reported to the Audit Committee and referred for prior approval by the Committee in accordance with this Policy.

All Material RPTs under the SEBI LODR shall require the approval of Shareholders through ordinary resolutions and all entities falling under the definition of “related parties” shall abstain from voting on such resolutions pursuant to SEBI LODR. However, Agreement for transactions not covered under SEBI LODR but covered under Section 188 of the Act read together with the rules thereto would require prior approval of the Shareholders through special resolutions for the transactions exceeding the specified threshold limits as mentioned in the Act and such related party as may be a related party in the context of the contract or arrangement for which the said ordinary resolution is being passed shall not vote on such resolution.

\*with effective from 01.01.2022

#### **5. Identification of Related Parties**

The Responsibility Officer shall at all times:

- a) Identify and keep on record list of Company’s Related Parties, along with their requisite details.
- b) The Responsibility Officer shall identify such functional heads, departmental heads and such other employees (Designated Employees) who are responsible for entering into contracts/ arrangements/ agreements with entities for and on behalf of the Company and circulate the list of Related Parties to all such Designated Employees of the Company along with the approval thresholds for entering into transactions with such listed Related Parties.
- c) The Responsibility Officer shall also set down the mechanism for reporting of such transactions proposed to be entered or entered with related parties by such Designated Employees as specified in (b) above.
- d) The record of Related Parties shall be updated whenever necessary and shall be reviewed at least once in every six months.
- e) With regard to low value Transactions (all transactions with Related Parties below value of Rs. 1 (one) crore per transaction), internal systems may be created to ensure that the Designated Employees approving the transactions are not related to the contracting parties and alternative approving authorities are put in place.
- f) The Responsibility Officer shall be responsible for implementation and monitoring of the Company’s RPT Policy at all times and submit a half yearly report of the same to the Audit Committee for review.

#### **6. Identification of Potential RPTs**

Each Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel (SMP) is responsible for providing notice to the Board or Audit Committee of any potential RPT involving him or

her or his or her Relative, including any additional information about the transaction that the Board/Audit Committee may reasonably request.

The Board/Audit Committee will determine whether the transaction does, in fact, constitute a RPT requiring compliance with this Policy.

The Company strongly prefers to receive such notice of any potential Related Party Transaction well in advance so that the Audit Committee/Board has adequate time to obtain and review information about the proposed transaction.

## **7. Review and Approval of RPTs**

### **I. Audit Committee Approval**

RPTs, if any, will be referred to the Audit Committee for review and prior approval, wherever applicable.

The Audit Committee may grant Omnibus Approval for RPTs proposed to be entered into by the Company subject to the following conditions:

- i. It shall lay down the criteria for granting the omnibus approval in line with the Policy and such approval shall be applicable in respect of transactions which are repetitive in nature.
- ii. It shall satisfy itself regarding the need for such omnibus approval and that such approval is in the interest of the Company.
- iii. Such omnibus approval shall specify –
  - The name/s of the related party, nature of transaction, period of transaction, maximum amount of transaction that can be entered into;
  - The indicative base price / current contracted price and the formula for variation in the price if any, and
  - Such other conditions as the Audit Committee may deem fit.

Provided that where the need for RPT cannot be foreseen and aforesaid details are not available, Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for such transactions subject to their value not exceeding Rs. 1 (One) crore per transaction.

- iv. It shall review, atleast on a quarterly basis, the details of RPTs entered into by the Company pursuant to each of the omnibus approval given.
- v. Such omnibus approvals shall be valid for a period not exceeding one year and shall require fresh approvals after the expiry of 1 (one) year.

\*Provided that only those members of the audit committee, who are independent directors, shall approve related party transactions (w.e.f 01.01.2022).

Any Member of the Audit Committee who has a potential interest in any RPT will recuse himself or herself and abstain from discussion and voting on the approval of the RPT.

In order to review a RPT, the Audit Committee will be furnished with all relevant material information of the RPT, including the terms of the transaction, the business purpose of the transaction, the benefits to the Company and to the Related Party, and any other relevant matters.

In determining whether to approve a RPT, the Audit Committee will consider the following factors, among others, to the extent relevant to the RPT

- Name of the related party and the relationship
- Nature and duration of transaction and material terms including the value, if any
- The manner of determining the pricing and whether the terms of the RPT are fair and on arm's length basis to the Company
- Business rationale for such transactions.

## **II. Board Approval**

If the Audit Committee determines that a RPT should be brought before the Board, or it is mandatory under any Applicable law for Board to approve a RPT, or in the case of Specific RPTs, then the considerations set forth above shall apply to the Board's review and approval of the matter, with such modification as may be necessary or appropriate under the circumstances.

## **III. Shareholder's Approval**

If the Audit Committee and the Board determines that a RPT should be brought before the Shareholders, or it is mandatory under any Applicable law for the shareholders to approve a RPT or in case of material RPTs, then such shareholder approval, as may be necessary or appropriate under the circumstances, shall be obtained and the considerations set forth above shall apply to the Shareholders' approval of the matter.

In case of a wholly owned subsidiary, for the Related Party Transactions (RPTs) specified in Section 188 of the Act, the special resolution passed by the holding company shall be sufficient for the purpose of entering into the RPTs between wholly owned subsidiary and the holding company.

For the Related Party Transactions (RPTs) covered under SEBI LODR transactions entered into between a holding company and its wholly owned subsidiary whose accounts are consolidated with such holding company and placed before the shareholders at the general meeting for approval are exempted from compliance requirements under the said clause.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following RPTs shall not require approval of Audit Committee or Board or Shareholders:

- i. Any transaction that involves the providing of compensation to a Director or KMP in connection with his or her duties to the Company or any of its subsidiaries or associates, including the reimbursement of reasonable business and travel expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business.
- ii. Any transaction in which the Related Party's interest arises solely from ownership of securities issued by the Company and all holders of such securities receive the same benefits pro rata as the Related Party.
- iii. Any transaction arising out of Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations dealt with under specific provisions of the Companies Act, 1956/Companies Act, 2013.
- iv. Reimbursement of pre-incorporation expenses incurred by a Related Party as approved by the Board of Directors.
- v. Any other exception which is consistent with the Applicable Laws, including any rules or regulations made thereunder.

#### **8. Requirement of fresh approvals for past contracts, if any**

Contracts entered into by the Company, after making necessary compliances under the Companies Act, 1956, which already came into effect before the commencement of the Companies Act, 2013, i.e. 1st April 2014, will not require fresh approval till the expiry of the original term of such contracts.

#### **9. RPTs not approved under this Policy**

In the event the Company becomes aware of a RPT with a Related Party that has not been approved under this Policy prior to its consummation, the matter shall be reviewed by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall consider all of the relevant facts and circumstances regarding the RPT, and shall evaluate all options available to the Company, including ratification, revision or termination of the RPT. The Audit Committee shall also examine the facts and circumstances pertaining to the failure of reporting such RPT to the Committee under this Policy, and shall take any such action it deems appropriate.

In any case, where the Audit Committee determines not to ratify a RPT that has been commenced without approval, the Audit Committee, as appropriate, may direct additional actions including, but not limited to, immediate discontinuation or rescission of the transaction. The Audit Committee has authority to modify or waive any procedural requirements of this Policy.

#### **10. Existing Related Party Transactions (RPTs)**

This Policy shall operate prospectively and all the agreements which have been entered before the effective date of this policy and are in accordance with the then prevailing laws shall be valid and effective. However, any agreement for material transactions which has been already approved and continued to be operational beyond 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, procedure under **Item 7** is to be followed.

This Policy will be communicated to all Directors, KMPs, functional heads and other concerned executives of the Company.

## **11. Register**

The Company shall maintain Registers of RPT(s) in Form MBP 4 or such other form as may be prescribed under the Applicable Laws.

## **12. Disclosures/Amendment**

Pursuant to Section 134(3)(h) of the Companies Act, 2013, particulars of contracts or arrangements with related parties referred to in Section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013 shall be disclosed in the Director's Report in the prescribed format.

The Company shall submit half year disclosures of related party transactions on a consolidated basis, in the format specified in the relevant accounting standards for annual results to the stock exchanges and publish the same on its website.

The Company shall disclose the Policy on dealing with Related Party Transactions (RPTs) on its website and a web link thereto shall be provided in the Annual Report of the Company.

The rights to interpret/amend/modify this Policy subject to applicable laws, vests in the Audit Committee/ Board of Directors of the Company. The Board may also establish further rules and procedures, from time to time, to give effect to this Policy.

In case of any conflict between the provisions of this policy and of the SEBI LODR / SEBI Act,1992 / the Companies Act, 2013 or any other statutory enactments, rules, the provisions of such Acts, rules, regulations or statutory enactments thereof shall prevail over this policy.

**Place: Kolkata**

**Date: February 11, 2022**

**This Policy has been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board at their respective meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.**