

## **Rights and Obligations of Beneficial Owner and Depository Participant as prescribed by SEBI and Depositories**

### **General Clause**

1. The Beneficial Owner and the Depository participant (DP) shall be bound by the provisions of the Depositories Act, 1996, SEBI (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 1996, Rules and Regulations of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Circulars/Notifications/Guidelines issued there under, Bye Laws and Business Rules/Operating Instructions issued by the Depositories and relevant notifications of Government Authorities as may be in force from time to time.
2. The DP shall open/activate demat account of a beneficial owner in the depository system only after receipt of complete Account opening form, KYC and supporting documents as specified by SEBI from time to time.

### **Beneficial Owner information**

3. The DP shall maintain all the details of the beneficial owner(s) as mentioned in the account opening form, supporting documents submitted by them and/or any other information pertaining to the beneficial owner confidentially and shall not disclose the same to any person except as required by any statutory, legal or regulatory authority in this regard.
4. The Beneficial Owner shall immediately notify the DP in writing, if there is any change in details provided in the account opening form as submitted to the DP at the time of opening the demat account or furnished to the DP from time to time.

### **Fees/Charges/Tariff**

5. The Beneficial Owner shall pay such charges to the DP for the purpose of holding and transfer of securities in dematerialized form and for availing depository services as may be agreed to from time to time between the DP and the Beneficial Owner as set out in the Tariff Sheet provided by the DP. It may be informed to the Beneficial Owner that *"no charges are payable for opening of demat accounts"*.
6. In case of Basic Services Demat Accounts, the DP shall adhere to the charge structure as laid down under the relevant SEBI and/or Depository circulars/directions/notifications issued from time to time.
7. The DP shall not increase any charges/tariff agreed upon unless it has given a notice in writing of not less than thirty days to the Beneficial Owner regarding the same.

### **Dematerialization**

8. The Beneficial Owner shall have the right to get the securities, which have been admitted on the Depositories, dematerialized in the form and manner laid down under the Bye Laws, Business Rules and Operating Instructions of the depositories.

### **Separate Accounts**

9. The DP shall open separate accounts in the name of each of the beneficial owners and securities of each beneficial owner shall be segregated and shall not be mixed up with the securities of other beneficial owners and/or DP's own securities held in dematerialized form.
10. The DP shall not facilitate the Beneficial Owner to create or permit any pledge and /or hypothecation or any other interest or encumbrance over all or any of such securities submitted for dematerialization and/or held in demat account except in the form and manner prescribed in the Depositories Act, 1996, SEBI (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 1996 and Bye-Laws/Operating Instructions/Business Rules of the Depositories.

### **Transfer of Securities**

11. The DP shall effect transfer to and from the demat accounts of the Beneficial Owner only on the basis of an order, instruction, direction or mandate duly authorized by the Beneficial Owner and the DP shall maintain the original documents and the audit trail of such authorizations.
12. The Beneficial Owner reserves the right to give standing instructions with regard to the crediting of securities in his demat account and the DP shall act according to such instructions.

### **Statement of account**

13. The DP shall provide statements of accounts to the beneficial owner in such form and manner and at such time as agreed with the Beneficial Owner and as specified by SEBI/depository in this regard.
14. However, if there is no transaction in the demat account, or if the balance has become Nil during the year, the DP shall send one physical statement of holding annually to such BOs and shall resume sending the transaction statement as and when there is a transaction in the account.
15. The DP may provide the services of issuing the statement of demat accounts in an electronic mode if the Beneficial Owner so desires. The DP will furnish to the Beneficial Owner the statement of demat accounts under its digital signature, as governed under the Information Technology Act, 2000.

However if the DP does not have the facility of providing the statement of demat account in the electronic mode, then the Participant shall be obliged to forward the statement of demat accounts in physical form.

16. In case of Basic Services Demat Accounts, the DP shall send the transaction statements as mandated by SEBI and/or Depository from time to time.

**Manner of Closure of Demat account**

17. The DP shall have the right to close the demat account of the Beneficial Owner, for any reasons whatsoever, provided the DP has given a notice in writing of not less than thirty days to the Beneficial Owner as well as to the Depository. Similarly, the Beneficial Owner shall have the right to close his/her demat account held with the DP provided no charges are payable by him/her to the DP. In such an event, the Beneficial Owner shall specify whether the balances in their demat account should be transferred to another demat account of the Beneficial Owner held with another DP or to rematerialize the security balances held.
18. Based on the instructions of the Beneficial Owner, the DP shall initiate the procedure for transferring such security balances or rematerialize such security balances within a period of thirty days as per procedure specified from time to time by the depository. Provided further, closure of demat account shall not affect the rights, liabilities and obligations of either the Beneficial Owner or the DP and shall continue to bind the parties to their satisfactory completion.

**Default in payment of charges**

19. In event of Beneficial Owner committing a default in the payment of any amount provided in Clause 5 & 6 within a period of thirty days from the date of demand, without prejudice to the right of the DP to close the demat account of the Beneficial Owner, the DP may charge interest at a rate as specified by the Depository from time to time for the period of such default.
20. In case the Beneficial Owner has failed to make the payment of any of the amounts as provided in Clause 5&6 specified above, the DP after giving two days notice to the Beneficial Owner shall have the right to stop processing of instructions of the Beneficial Owner till such time he makes the payment along with interest, if any.

**Liability of the Depository**

21. As per Section 16 of Depositories Act, 1996,
  - a. Without prejudice to the provisions of any other law for the time being in force, any loss caused to the beneficial owner due to the negligence of the depository or the participant, the depository shall indemnify such beneficial owner.
  - b. Where the loss due to the negligence of the participant under Clause (1) above, is indemnified by the depository, the depository shall have the right to recover the same from such participant.

**Freezing/ Defreezing of accounts**

22. The Beneficial Owner may exercise the right to freeze/defreeze his/her demat account maintained with the DP in accordance with the procedure and subject to the restrictions laid down under the Bye Laws and Business Rules/Operating Instructions.
23. The DP or the Depository shall have the right to freeze/defreeze the accounts of the Beneficial Owners on receipt of instructions received from any regulator or court or any statutory authority.

**Redressal of Investor grievance**

24. The DP shall redress all grievances of the Beneficial Owner against the DP within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of the complaint.

**Authorized representative**

25. If the Beneficial Owner is a body corporate or a legal entity, it shall, along with the account opening form, furnish to the DP, a list of officials authorized by it, who shall represent and interact on its behalf with the Participant. Any change in such list including additions, deletions or alterations thereto shall be forthwith communicated to the Participant.

**Law and Jurisdiction**

26. In addition to the specific rights set out in this document, the DP and the Beneficial owner shall be entitled to exercise any other rights which the DP or the Beneficial Owner may have under the Rules, Bye Laws and Regulations of the respective Depository in which the demat account is opened and circulars/notices issued there under or Rules and Regulations of SEBI.
27. The provisions of this document shall always be subject to Government notification, any rules, regulations, guidelines and circulars/ notices issued by SEBI and Rules, Regulations and Bye-laws of the relevant Depository, where the Beneficial Owner maintains his/ her account, that may be in force from time to time.

28. The Beneficial Owner and the DP shall abide by the arbitration and conciliation procedure prescribed under the Bye-laws of the depository and that such procedure shall be applicable to any disputes between the DP and the Beneficial Owner.
29. Words and expressions which are used in this document but which are not defined herein shall unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings as assigned thereto in the Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations and circulars/notices issued there under by the depository and /or SEBI.
30. Any changes in the rights and obligations which are specified by SEBI/Depositories shall also be brought to the notice of the clients at once.
31. If the rights and obligations of the parties hereto are altered by virtue of change in Rules and regulations of SEBI or Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations of the relevant Depository, where the Beneficial Owner maintains his/her account, such changes shall be deemed to have been incorporated herein in modification of the rights and obligations of the parties mentioned in this document.

**Terms And Conditions for availing Transaction Using Secured Texting (TRUST) Service offered by CDSL (Annexure 2.6)**

- Definitions: In these Terms and Conditions the terms shall have following meaning unless indicated otherwise: - - -
- “Depository” means Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL)
- TRUST means “Transactions Using Secured Texting” service offered by the Depository.
- “Service Provider” means a cellular service provider(s) with whom the Depository has entered / shall enter into an arrangement for providing the TRUST service to the BO.
- “Service” means the service of providing facility to receive/give instructions through SMS on best effort basis as per the following terms and conditions. The types of transaction that would normally qualify for this type of service would be informed by CDSL from time to time.
- “Third Party” means the operators with whom the Service Provider is having / will have an arrangement for providing SMS to the BO.
- The service will be provided to the BO at his / her request and at the discretion of the depository provided the BO has registered for this facility with their mobile numbers through their DP or by any other mode as informed by CDSL from time to time. Acceptance of application shall be subject to the verification of the information provided by the BO to the Depository
- The messages will be sent on best efforts basis by way of an SMS on the mobile no which has been provided by the BOs. However Depository shall not be responsible if messages are not received or sent for any reason whatsoever, including but not limited to the failure of the service provider or network.
- The BO is responsible for promptly informing its DP in the prescribed manner any change in mobile number, or loss of handset on which the BO wants to send/receive messages generated under TRUST. In case the new number is not registered for TRUST in the depository system, the messages generated under TRUST will continue to be sent to the last registered mobile number. The BO agrees to indemnify the depository for any loss or damage suffered by it on account of messages sent on such mobile number.
- The BO agrees that SMS received by the Depository from the registered mobile number of the BO on the basis of which instructions are executed in the depository system shall be conclusive evidence of such instructions having been issued by the BO. The DP / CDSL will not be held liable for acting on SMS so received.
- The BO shall be responsible for submitting response to the ‘Responsive SMS’ within the specified time period. Transactions for which no positive or negative confirmation is received from the BO, will not be executed except for transaction for deregistration. Further, CDSL shall not be responsible for BOs not submitting the response to the said SMS within the time limit prescribed by CDSL.
- The BO agrees that the signing of the TRUST registration form by all joint holders shall mean that the instructions executed on the basis of SMS received from the registered mobile for TRUST shall be deemed to have been executed by all joint holders.
- The BO agrees to ensure that the mobile number for TRUST facility and SMS alert (SMART) facility is the same. The BO agrees that if he is not registered for SMART, the DP shall register him for SMART and TRUST. If the mobile number provided for TRUST is different from the mobile number recorded for SMART, the new mobile number would be updated for SMART as well as TRUST.
- BOs are advised to check the status of their obligation from time to time and also advise the respective CMs to do so. In case of any issues, the BO/CM should approach their DPs to ensure that the obligation is fulfilled through any other mode of delivery of transactions as may be informed / made available by CDSL from time to time including submission of Delivery Instruction Slips to the DP.

- The BO acknowledges that CDSL will send the message for confirmation of a transaction to the BO only if the Clearing Member (registered by the BO for TRUST) enters the said transaction in CDSL system for execution through TRUST within prescribed time limit.
- The BO further acknowledges that the BO/CM shall not have any right to any claim against either the DP or Depository for losses, if any, incurred due to non receipt of response on the responsive SMS or receipt of such response after the prescribed time period. In the event of any dispute relating to the date and time of receipt of such response, CDSL's records shall be conclusive evidence and the Parties agree that CDSL's decision on the same shall be final and binding on both Parties.
- The BO may request for deregistration from TRUST at any time by giving a notice in writing to its DP or by any other mode as specified by Depository in its operating instructions. The same shall be effected after entry of such request by the DP in CDSL system if the request is received through the DP.
- Depository reserves the right to charge such fees from time to time as it deems fit for providing this service to the BO.
- The BO expressly authorises Depository to disclose to the Service Provider or any other third party, such BO information as may be required by them to provide the services to the BO. Depository however, shall not be responsible and be held liable for any divulgence or leakage of confidential BO information by such Service Providers or any other third party.
- The BO takes the responsibility for the correctness of the information supplied by him to Depository through the use of the said Facility or through any other means such as electronic mail or written communication.
- The BO is solely responsible for ensuring that the mobile number is not misused and is kept safely and securely. The Depository will process requests originated from the registered Mobile as if submitted by the BO and Depository is not responsible for any claim made by the BO informing that the same was not originated by him.
- Indemnity: In consideration of providing the service, the BO agrees that the depository shall not be liable to indemnify the BO towards any damages, claims, demands, proceedings, loss, cost, charges and expenses <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> whatsoever as a consequence of or arising out of interference with or misuse, improper or fraudulent use of the service by the BO.
- Disclaimer: Depository shall be absolved of any liability in case:
  - a. There is loss of any information during processing or transmission or any unauthorized access by any other <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> person or breach of confidentiality.
  - b. There is any lapse or failure on the part of the service providers or any third party affecting the said Facility and that Depository makes no warranty as to the quality of the service provided by any such service provider.
  - c. There is breach of confidentiality or security of the messages whether personal or otherwise transmitted through the Facility.