VIGIL MECHANISM / WHISTLE BLOWER POLICY

PREAMBLE

Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Listing Regulation requires every listed Company and such class or classes of Companies, as may be prescribed to establish a vigil mechanism for the Directors and employees to report genuine concerns in such manner as may be prescribed.

The Company has adopted a Code of Conduct for Directors and Senior Management Personnel ("The Code"), which lays down the principles and standards that should govern the actions of the Directors and Senior Management Personnel.

Any actual or potential violation of the Code, howsoever insignificant or perceived as such, is a matter of serious concern for the Company. Such a vigil mechanism shall provide for adequate safeguards against victimization of persons who use such mechanism and also make provision for direct access to the Chairman of the Audit Committee in appropriate or exceptional cases.

[Mandatory requirement for all listed companies to establish a mechanism called "Whistle Blower Policy" for employees to report to the management instances of unethical behaviour, actual or suspected, fraud or violation of the Company's code of conduct.]

POLICY

In compliance of the above requirements, Shivalik Rasayan Limited, being a Listed Company has established a Vigil (Whistle Blower) Mechanism and formulated a Policy in order to provide a framework for responsible and secure whistle blowing/vigil mechanism and the same has been reviewed and revised by Board in its meeting held on 14.11.2024.

POLICY APPLICABILITY

The Policy applies to all the Company's employees. The policy shall also apply to any complaints made by directors, other stakeholders of the Company such as customers and members of public.

DEFINITIONS

"Audit Committee" means the Committee constituted by the Company in accordance with Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013.

"Company" means Shivalik Rasayan Limited.

"Disciplinary action" means any action that can be taken on the completion of /during the investigation proceedings including but not limited to a warning, imposition of fine, suspension from official duties or any such action as is deemed to be fit considering the intensity of the matter.

"Good Faith" - An employee shall be deemed to be communicating in 'good faith' if there is a reasonable basis for communication of unethical and improper practices or any other alleged wrongful conduct. Good Faith shall be deemed lacking when the employee does not have personal knowledge on a factual basis for the communication or where the employee knew or reasonably should have known that the communication about the unethical and improper practices or alleged wrongful conduct is malicious, false or frivolous.

"Personnel" means any employee of the Company (including outsourced, temporary and on contract personnel), director and / or third-party engaged by or on-behalf of the Company. Personnel cover the Directors and Employees as defined hereinafter.

a) "Director" means a director appointed to the Board of a Company.
b) "Employee" means any employee of the Company (whether working in India or abroad), including the Directors of the Company.

"Protected Disclosure" means a written communication of a concern made in good faith, which discloses or demonstrates information that may evidence an unethical or improper activity under the title.

"Reportable Matter" means a genuine concern concerning actual or suspected fraudulent practices, such as improperly tampering with the Company books and records, or theft of the Company property; and/or breach the Code. Please note that complaints concerning professional development issues of employees or employees' compensation or other personal grievances are not Reportable Matters for purposes of this Policy.

"**Vigilance Officer**" is a person nominated/appointed to receive protected disclosures from Whistle Blowers, maintaining records thereof, placing the same before the Audit Committee for its disposal and informing the Whistle Blower the result thereof.

"**Whistle Blower"** is a Director or employee who makes a Protected Disclosure under this Policy and also referred in this policy as complainant.

SCOPE

All Personnel have an obligation to report any Reportable Matters, of which they are or become aware of, to the Company.

This Policy is intended to encourage and enable personnel to raise concerns within the Company prior to seeking resolution outside the Company. This Policy ensures that the Company personnel are empowered to pro-actively bring to light such instances without fear of reprisal, discrimination or adverse employment consequences.

However, this Policy neither releases personnel from their duty of confidentiality in the course of their work, nor is it a route for taking up a grievance about a personal situation. This Policy is not intended to question financial or business decisions taken by the Company that are not reportable matters nor should it be used as a means to reconsider any matters which have already been addressed pursuant to disciplinary or other internal procedures of the Company. The Whistle-blower's role is that of a reporting party. Whistle-blowers are not investigators or finders of facts; neither can they determine the appropriate corrective or remedial action that may be warranted.

The Policy covers malpractices and events which have taken place/ suspected to take place involving:

1. Abuse of authority
2. Breach of contract
3. Negligence causing substantial and specific danger to public health and safety
4. Manipulation of company data/records

5. Financial irregularities, including fraud or suspected fraud or Deficiencies in Internal Control and check or deliberate error in preparations of Financial Statements or Misrepresentation of financial reports
6. Any unlawful act whether Criminal/ Civil
7. Pilferage of confidential/propriety information
8. Deliberate violation of law/regulation
9. Wastage / misappropriation of company funds/assets
10. Bribery or corruption
11. Retaliation
12. Breach of IT Security and data privacy
13. Social Media Misuse
14. Breach of Company Policy or failure to implement or comply with any approved Company Policy.

The following nature of complaints shall not be covered by this Policy:

1. Complaints those are frivolous in nature;
2. Issues relating to personal grievance (increment, promotion, etc.);

If such complaints are received, they shall be forwarded to respective stakeholders for action on the same.

The Policy should not be used for raising malicious or unfounded allegations against colleagues or superiors. The above should be supported by proper evidence and reliable information. Care should be taken not to indulge in baseless allegation and should not be used in place of the Company's grievance procedures.

If a complaint, after an investigation proves to be frivolous, malicious or made with an ulterior intent, the Audit Committee shall take appropriate disciplinary against the concerned Whistle Blower.

Any Employee and / or Director, knowingly hiding information in any form regarding any unethical practice/activities/behaviour in one's workplace will also constitute unethical practice on the Employee's part.

PROCEDURE

All Protected Disclosures should be reported in writing by the complainant as soon as possible, the Whistle Blower becomes aware of the same and should either be typed or written in a legible handwriting in English.

The Protected Disclosure should be submitted under a covering letter signed by the complainant in a closed and secured envelope and should be super scribed as "Protected disclosure under the Whistle Blower policy" or sent through email with the subject "Protected disclosure under the Whistle Blower policy". If the complaint is not super scribed and closed as mentioned above, the protected disclosure will be dealt with as if a normal disclosure.

All Protected Disclosures should be addressed to the Vigilance Officer of the Company or to the Chairman of the Audit Committee in exceptional cases.

The contact details of the Vigilance Officer are as under:-

Name and Address –

Ms. Parul Choudhary, Company Secretary of Shivalik Rasayan Limited, at corporate office 1506, Chiranjiv Tower, 43, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019. Email- cs@shivalikrasayan.com

In order to protect the identity of the complainant, the Vigilance Officer will not issue any acknowledgment to the complainants and they are not advised neither to write their name / address on the envelope nor enter into any further correspondence with the Vigilance Officer. Anonymous / Pseudonymous disclosure shall not be entertained by the Vigilance Officer.

On receipt of the protected disclosure the Vigilance Officer shall detach the covering letter bearing the identity of the Whistle Blower and process only the Protected Disclosure.

A Protected Disclosure may be made anonymously. If a Protected Disclosure is made anonymously or otherwise, the Protected Disclosure must provide as much detail and be as specific as possible, including names and dates, in order to facilitate the investigation

However, disclosures expressed anonymously will ordinarily NOT be investigated.

To the extent possible, the Protected Disclosure must include the following:
a) The name of the employee, and/or third party or parties involved;
b) Where it happened (division or office or location);
c) When did it happen: a date or a period of time;
d) Type of concern (what happened);
e) Submit proof or identify where proof can be found, if possible;
f) Whom to contact for more information, if possible; and/or
g) Prior efforts to address the problem, if any.

INVESTIGATION

All Protected Disclosures under this policy will be recorded and thoroughly investigated. The Vigilance Officer will carry out an investigation either himself/herself or by involving any other Officer of the Company/ Committee constituted for the same/an outside agency before referring the matter to the Audit Committee of the Company.

The Audit Committee, if deems fit, may call for further information or particulars from the complainant and at its discretion, consider involving any other/additional Officer of the Company and/or Committee and/ or an outside agency for the purpose of investigation.

The investigation by itself would not tantamount to an accusation and is to be treated as a neutral fact finding process.

The investigation shall be completed normally within 90 days of the receipt of the protected disclosure and is extendable by such period as the Audit Committee deems fit.

Any member of the Audit Committee or other officer having any conflict of interest with the matter shall disclose his/her concern/interest forthwith and shall not deal with the matter.

DECISION AND REPORTING

If an investigation leads to a conclusion that an improper or unethical act has been committed, the Chairman of the Audit Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors of the Company to take such disciplinary or corrective action as it may deem fit.

Any disciplinary or corrective action initiated against the Subject as a result of the findings of an investigation pursuant to this Policy shall adhere to the applicable personnel or staff conduct and disciplinary procedures.

A quarterly report with number of complaints received under the Policy and their outcome shall be placed before the Audit Committee and the Board.

A complainant who makes false allegations of unethical & improper practices or about alleged wrongful conduct of the Subject to the Vigilance Officer or the Audit Committee shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the rules, procedures and policies of the Company.

NO RETALIATION

No Whistle-blower, who in "Good Faith" makes a Protected Disclosure, shall suffer harassment, retaliation, or adverse actions or any similar consequences.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The complainant, Vigilance Officer, Members of Audit Committee, the Subject and everybody involved in the process shall, maintain confidentiality of all matters under this Policy, discuss only to the extent or with those persons as required under this policy for completing the process of investigations and keep the papers in safe custody.

As a matter of general deterrence, the Company shall publicly inform employees of the penalty imposed and disciplinary action taken against any person for misconduct arising from retaliation. Any investigation into allegations of potential misconduct will not influence or be influenced by any disciplinary or redundancy procedures already taking place concerning an employee reporting a matter under this policy.

A supervisor or manager who retaliates against a Whistle-blower who has made a Protected Disclosure in good faith will be subject to disciplinary action including termination of employment, or a similar consequence if not employed by the Company. This Policy is intended to encourage and enable Personnel to raise concerns within the Company prior to seeking resolution outside of the Company.

PROTECTION

No unfair treatment will be meted out to a Whistle Blower by virtue of his/ her having reported a Protected Disclosure under this policy. Adequate safeguards against victimization of complainants shall be provided. The Company will take steps to minimize difficulties, which the Whistle Blower may experience as a result of making the Protected Disclosure.

The identity of the Whistle Blower shall be kept confidential to the extent possible and permitted under law. Any other employee assisting in the said investigation shall also be protected to the same extent as the Whistle Blower.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

While it will be ensured that genuine Whistle Blowers are accorded complete protection from any kind of unfair treatment as herein set out, any abuse of this protection will warrant disciplinary action.

Protection under this Policy would not mean protection from disciplinary action arising out of false or bogus allegations made by a Whistle Blower knowing it to be false or bogus or with a mala fide intention.

Whistle Blowers, who make any Protected Disclosures, which have been subsequently found to be mala fide, frivolous or malicious, shall be liable to be prosecuted.

ACCESS TO CHAIRMAN OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Whistle Blower shall have right to access Chairman of the Audit Committee directly in exceptional cases and the Chairman of the Audit Committee is authorized to prescribe suitable directions in this regard.

RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS

All Protected disclosures in writing or documented along with the results of Investigation relating thereto, shall be retained by the Company for a period of 5 (five) years or such other period as specified by any other law in force, whichever is more.

AMENDMENT

The Company reserves its right to amend or modify this Policy in whole or in part, at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever. However, no such amendment or modification will be binding on the Directors and employees unless the same is not communicated in the manner described as above.

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