TBP:BRD:10:421 14th August, 2014

Shri Russi Jal Taraporevala, Director, Standard Industries Limited, Mumbai

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(AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF STANDARD INDUSTRIES LIMITED AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2005).

(Already uploaded on the Company's Website under 'Our Group > Code of Conduct')

# STANDARD INDUSTRIES LIMITED

# Annexure 2

Guidelines of professional conduct, Role, Function and Duties as an Independent Director (As provided in Schedule IV of the Companies Act)

#### Guidelines of Professional conduct:

An Independent Director shall:

- 2. uphold ethical standards of integrity and probity;
- 3. act objectively and constructively while exercising his duties;
- 4. exercise his responsibilities in a bona fide manner in the interest of the Company;
- 5. devote sufficient time and attention to his professional obligations for informed and balanced decision making;
- 6. not allow any extraneous considerations that will vitiate his exercise of objective independent judgment in the paramount interest of the Company as a whole, while concurring in or dissenting from the collective judgment of the Board in its decision making;
- 7. not abuse his position to the detriment of the Company or its shareholders or for the purpose of gaining direct or indirect personal advantage or advantage for any associated person;
- 8. refrain from any action that would lead to loss of his independence;
- 9. where circumstances arise which make an independent Director lose his independence, the independent Director must immediately inform the Board accordingly;
- 10. assist the Company in implementing the best corporate governance practices.

## Role and functions:

The Independent Directors shall:

- 1. Assist in bringing an independent judgment to bear on the Board's deliberations especially on issues of strategy, performance, risk management, resources, key appointments and standards of conduct.
- 2. Bring an objective view in the evaluation of the performance of Board and management.

- 3. Scrutinise the performance of management in meeting agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance.
- 4. Satisfy themselves on the integrity of financial information and that financial controls and systems of risk management are robust and defensible.
- 5. Safeguard the interests of all stakeholders, particularly the minority shareholders.
- 6. Balance the conflicting interest of the stakeholders.
- 7. Determine appropriate levels of remuneration of executive directors, key managerial personnel and senior management and have a prime role in appointing and where necessary recommend removal of executive directors, key managerial personnel and senior management.
- 8. Moderate and arbitrate in the interest of the Company as a whole, in situations of conflict between management and shareholder's interest.

#### **Duties:**

The Independent Directors shall:

- 1. Undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the Company.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Board Committees of which he is a Member.
- 4. Participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members.
- 5. Strive to attend the general meetings of the Company.
- 6. 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.

- 7. Keep themselves well informed about the Company and the external environment in which it operates.
- 8. Not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee of the Board.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the Company's code of conduct or ethics policy.
- 12. Acting within his authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the Company, shareholders and its employees.
- 13. 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.
- 14. The independent directors of the company shall hold at least one meeting in a year, without the attendance of non-independent directors and members of management;
- 15. All the independent directors of the company shall strive to be present at such meeting;
- 16. The meeting shall:
  - (a) review the performance of non-independent directors and the Board as a whole;
  - (b) review the performance of the Chairperson of the company, taking into account the views of executive directors and non-executive directors;
  - (c) assess the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between the company management and the Board that is necessary for the Board to effectively and reasonably perform their duties.