



DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION POLICY

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This Policy will regulate the process of dividend declaration and its pay-out by Gayatri Projects Limited ("the Company") in accordance with the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 read with the applicable Rules framed there under, as may be in force for the time being ("Companies Act") and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and the amendments made thereto ["SEBI (LODR)"] and / or other applicable Legislations, Rules and Regulations as may be in force at the relevant time.

Objective

The objective of this policy is to ensure a regular dividend income for the shareholders and long term capital appreciation for all stakeholders of the Company. The Company would ensure to strike the right balance between the quantum of dividend paid and amount of profits retained in the business for various purposes. The Board of Directors will refer to the policy while declaring/recommending dividends on behalf of the Company. Through this policy, the Company would endeavor to maintain a consistent approach to dividend pay-out plans. The Company shall put in necessary efforts to ensure that apart from Dividend the other benefits such as Scrip Dividend (Bonus Issue) Buy Back of Shares, Stock Split etc., are extended to the shareholders subject to compliance of the applicable regulations both stipulated under the Companies Act, 2013, SEBI Regulations and other applicable enactments / regulations. The Company believes that it operates in an Industry/ Environment where Working Capital requirements are high.

Category of Dividends

The Companies Act provides for two forms of Dividend- Final & Interim. The Board of Directors shall have the power to recommend final dividend to the shareholders for their approval in the general meeting of the Company. The Board of Directors shall have the absolute power to declare interim dividend during the financial year, as and when they consider it fit. The Board may, at its sole discretion, declare / recommend a Special Dividend under certain circumstances such as extraordinary profits from sale of any major asset(s) or any special occasion or significant event.

Factors to be considered while recommending / declaring Dividend

The decision regarding dividend pay-out is a crucial decision as it determines the amount of profit to be distributed among the shareholders and amount of profit to be retained in business. The Board of Directors will endeavor to take a decision with an objective to enhance shareholders wealth and market value of the shares. The Dividend pay-out decision of any company depends upon certain internal and external factors

Internal Factors:-

The Board will take into account various internal factors while recommending / declaring Dividend, which inter alia will include

- i) Profits earned during the year;
- ii) Present & future Capital requirements of the existing businesses;
- iii) Expansion/ Modernization of existing businesses;
- iv) Additional investments in subsidiaries/associates of the Company;
- v) Fresh investments into external businesses;
- vi) Business Acquisitions (if any);
- vii) Any other factor as deemed fit by the Board.

External Factors:-

Apart from the various internal factors aforementioned the Board will take into account the various external factors while recommending / declaring dividend which inter alia include the following-

- **State of Economy-** in case of uncertain or recessionary economic and business conditions, Board will endeavor to retain larger part of profits to build up reserves to absorb future shocks.
- **Capital Markets-** when the markets are favorable, dividend pay-out can be liberal. However, in case of unfavorable market conditions, Board may resort to a conservative dividend pay-out in order to conserve cash outflows.
- **Statutory Restrictions-** the Board will keep in mind the restrictions imposed under the applicable legislations and the covenants stipulated by Lenders, if any with regard to recommendation and /or declaration of dividend.

Dividend Range

The Company stands committed to deliver sustainable value to all its stakeholders. The Company will strive to distribute an optimal and appropriate level of the profits earned by it in its business and investing activity, with the shareholders, in the form of dividend. As explained in the earlier part of this Policy, determining the dividend pay-out is dependent upon several factors, both internal to a business and external to it. Taking into consideration the aforementioned factors, the Board will endeavor to maintain a Dividend pay-out in the range of 15% to 30% of the profits after tax (PAT) on standalone financials. As mentioned above, for computing the PAT for purposes of determining the Dividend, the Board may at its discretion, subject to the provisions of the law, exclude any or all of (i) extraordinary charges (ii) exceptional charges (iii) one off charges on account of change in applicable law or rules or accounting policies or accounting standards (iv) provisions or write offs on account of impairment in investments (long term or short term) (v) non-cash charges pertaining to amortization or ESOP or resulting from change in accounting policies or accounting standards. Further, the Board may amend the pay-out range, whenever considered appropriate by it, keeping in mind the various factors having a bearing on the dividend payout decision.

The above policy has been approved by the Board of Gayatri Projects Limited at its meeting held on 29th May, 2017