

# CODE OF CONDUCT OF PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR FAIR DISCLOSURE OF UNPUBLISHED PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION (“CODE”)

*[Pursuant to SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015]*

## 1. PREFACE

As part of Company's commitment to transparency and good governance, this Code of practices and procedures for fair disclosure of unpublished price sensitive information has been framed with an objective to preserve the confidentiality of unpublished price sensitive information and to ensure fairness in dealing with all stakeholders. This Code is made pursuant to Regulation 8(1) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015. Capitalised terms used but not defined in this Code, shall have the meaning as ascribed to such terms under the Company's Code of Conduct to regulate, monitor and report trading by Designated Persons in Securities of the Birlasoft Limited, as amended from time to time ("**Insider Trading Code/Policy**").

## 2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Code is to formulate a framework and policy for fair disclosure of events and occurrences that could impact price discovery in the market for its securities.

## 3. PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

The following principles of fair disclosure for the purposes of "Code of Practices and Procedures for Fair Disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information" shall be strictly followed by the Company with immediate effect:

- a) The Company shall promptly disclose to the public "unpublished price sensitive information" (UPSI) that would impact price discovery, no sooner than such credible & concrete information comes into being.
- b) The Company shall ensure that information shared with analysts and research personnel is not UPSI.
- c) The Company shall uniformly & universally disseminate information (UPSI) and avoid selective disclosure.
- d) The Company shall promptly disseminate UPSI that gets disclosed selectively, inadvertently or otherwise, to make such information generally available to all/public.
- e) The Company shall render appropriate and fair response to queries on news reports and requests for verification of market rumours by regulatory authorities, if any.
- f) The Company shall develop best practices to make transcripts or records of proceedings of meetings with analysts and other investor relations conferences on its official website, in order to ensure official confirmation and documentation of disclosures made.
- g) Improvements in investor access to public announcements in addition to release of information to Stock Exchanges.
- h) Company has designated the Compliance Officer to oversee corporate disclosure.

- i) Compliance Officer will ensure that the Company complies with continuous disclosure requirements. He will co-ordinate disclosure of price sensitive information to Stock Exchanges, Analysts, Shareholders and media which will be approved by him in advance.
- j) The Compliance Officer and / or the Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible for deciding whether a public announcement is necessary for verifying or denying any news for effectively responding to market gossips.
- k) The Company will make timely and adequate disclosure of shareholding/changes in ownership/ownership by major shareholders required under the Regulations/SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, to the Stock Exchanges.
- l) The Company shall notify the stock exchanges within two trading days from receipt of the disclosure or from becoming aware of an off-market trade between Insiders who are in possession of UPSI, such off-market trades shall be reported by the Insiders to the Company within two working days.
- m) The Company shall handle all UPSI on a need-to-know basis.

#### **4. LEGITIMATE PURPOSE**

The UPSI can be shared as an exception for Legitimate Purposes (as per its "Policy for determination of Legitimate Purposes" (**Annexure A**), provided it is not shared to evade or circumvent the prohibition under the Regulation), performance of duties, or discharge of legal obligations.

#### **5. CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Company shall adhere to the prescribed standards, under the Insider Trading Policy.

#### **6. DIGITAL DATABASE**

<sup>1</sup>The Board of Directors shall ensure that a structured digital database is maintained as per the regulatory requirements.

#### **7. RESTRICTIONS ON COMMUNICATION AND TRADING BY INSIDERS**

The Board of Directors of the Company shall require the parties to execute agreements to contract confidentiality and non-disclosure obligations on the part of such parties and such parties shall keep information so received confidential, and shall not otherwise trade in securities of the company when in possession of UPSI.

#### **8. CHIEF INVESTOR RELATIONS OFFICER**

The Compliance Officer of the Company has been designated / called as "Chief Investor Relations Officer" to deal with dissemination of information and disclosure of UPSI.

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<sup>1</sup> Modified vide amendment dated November 5, 2020.

## **9. AMENDMENT**

The Board of Directors of the Company, subject to applicable laws, rules & regulations, may amend / substitute any provision(s) with a new provision(s) or replace this entire Code/Policy with a new Code/Policy.

In any circumstance where the terms of this Code differ from any law, rule, regulation etc. for the time being in force, the law, rule, regulation etc. shall take precedence over this Policy.

This Code and any subsequent amendment(s) thereto, shall be promptly intimated to the Stock Exchanges, if required under SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and/or SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and any amendment(s) or re-enactment thereto.

## **10. APPROVED AND ADOPTED**

This Code has been approved and adopted by the Board of Directors on November 5, 2020.

## Annexure-A

### POLICY FOR DETERMINATION OF LEGITIMATE PURPOSES

[Pursuant to Regulation 3 (2A) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015]

#### 1. PREFACE

This Policy, as a part of "Code of practices and procedures for fair disclosure of unpublished price sensitive information", formulated under Regulation 8 of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations 2015, will be known as "Policy for Determination of Legitimate Purposes" hereinafter referred to as the "Policy", and is prepared in accordance with Regulation 3(2A) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.

#### 2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Policy is to identify 'Legitimate Purposes' which will be considered as exception for the purpose of sharing / procuring Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI) relating to the Company or its listed securities or proposed to be listed securities, if any.

#### 3. LEGITIMATE PURPOSES

"**Legitimate Purposes**" shall mean sharing of UPSI in the ordinary course of business by an Insider with the following, provided that such sharing has not been carried out to evade or circumvent the prohibitions of these regulations:

1. Promoters of the Company
2. Auditors (Statutory, Internal, Branch, Cost, Secretarial, GST and any other Auditor as applicable)
3. Staff Members of the Audit firm/team conducting the Audit
4. Collaborators
5. Lenders
6. Customers
7. Suppliers
8. Bankers
9. Legal Advisors
10. Insolvency Professionals
11. Consultants
12. Any other advisors/consultants/partners

It is hereby clarified that any person in receipt of UPSI pursuant to a "legitimate purpose" shall also be considered as an "insider" for the purpose of this Code, the Insider Trading Policy and the Regulations and thus such persons shall maintain confidentiality of such UPSI in compliance with this Code, the Insider Trading Policy and the Regulations.

#### **4. AMENDMENT**

The Board of Directors of the Company, subject to applicable laws, rules & regulations, may amend / substitute any provision(s) with a new provision(s) or replace this entire Policy with a new Policy.

In any circumstance where the terms of this Policy differ from any law, rule, regulation etc. for the time being in force, the law, rule, regulation etc. shall take precedence over this Policy.

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