



## **RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY**

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## **BACKGROUND**

This document lays down the framework of Risk Management at Quadrant Televentures Limited (hereinafter referred to as the '**Company**' or '**QTL**') and defines the policy for the same.

This document shall be under the authority of the Board of Directors of the Company. It seeks to identify risks inherent in any business operations of the Company and provides guidelines to define, measure, report, control and mitigate the identified risks.

## **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of Risk Management at QTL is to create and protect shareholder value by minimizing threats or losses, and identifying and maximizing opportunities. An enterprise wide risk management framework is applied so that effective management of risks is an integral part of every employee's job.

## **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

1. Providing a framework that enables future activities to take place in a consistent & controlled manner
2. Improving decision making, planning and prioritization by comprehensive and structured understanding of business activities, volatility and opportunities/ threats.
3. Contributing towards more efficient use/ allocation of the resources within the organization
4. Protecting and enhancing assets and Company image
5. Reducing volatility in various areas of the business
6. Developing and supporting people and knowledge base of the organization.
7. Optimizing operational efficiency

## **REGULATORY**

Risk Management Policy is framed as per the following regulatory requirements: -

### **A. COMPANIES ACT, 2013**

1. Provisions of the Section 134(3)

There shall be attached to financial statements laid before a company in general meeting, a report by its Board of Directors, which shall include -

(n) a statement indicating development and implementation of a risk management policy for the company including identification therein of elements of risk, if any, which in the opinion of the Board may threaten the existence of the Company.

2. Section 177(4) stipulates:

Every Audit Committee shall act in accordance with the terms of reference specified in writing by the Board which shall, inter alia, include -

(vii) evaluation of internal financial controls and risk management systems.

3. SCHEDULE IV [Section 149(8)]

#### **I. Code For Independent Directors**

##### **II. Role and functions:**

The independent directors shall:

- (1) help 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;
- (4) satisfy themselves on the integrity of financial information and that financial controls and **the systems of risk management** are robust and defensible;

#### **B. LISTING AGREEMENT CLAUSE 49**

##### **Key functions of the Board**

The board should fulfill certain key functions, including:

- a. Reviewing and guiding corporate strategy, major plans of action, **risk policy**, annual budgets and business plans; setting performance objectives; monitoring implementation and corporate performance; and overseeing major capital expenditures, acquisitions and divestments.
- g. Ensuring the integrity of the company's accounting and financial reporting systems, including the independent audit, and that appropriate systems of control are in place, in particular, **systems for risk management**, financial and operational control, and compliance with the law and relevant standards.

##### **D. Role of Audit Committee**

The role of the Audit Committee shall include the following:

11. Evaluation of internal financial controls and risk management systems;

##### **VI. Risk Management**

A. The company shall lay down procedures to inform Board members about the risk assessment and minimization procedures.

B. The Board shall be responsible for framing, implementing and monitoring the risk management plan for the company.

C. The Company shall also constitute a Risk Management Committee. The Board shall define the roles and responsibilities of the Risk Management Committee and may delegate monitoring and reviewing of the risk management plan to the committee and such other functions as it may deem fit.

Quadrant Televentures Limited (**QTL**) being a listed Company, is required to adhere to the regulations made both by the Companies Act, 2013 and Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement governed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Where any stipulation is common between the regulations, more stringent of the two shall be complied with.

## **DEFINITIONS**

**"Audit Committee or Committee"** means Committee of Board of Directors of the Company constituted under the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and Listing agreement.

**"Board of Directors" or "Board"** in relation to a Company, means the collective body of Directors of the Company. (Section 2(10) of the Companies Act, 2013)

**"Policy"** means Risk Management Policy.

## **POLICY**

Before proceeding to the policy attention is drawn to the roles that the Board and Audit Committee are required to play under the above regulations governing Risk Management:

The Board's role under both the regulations is to ensure framing, implementing and monitoring risk management plan, having in place systems for risk management as part of internal controls with duty being cast upon Independent Directors to bring unbiased angle to the Board's deliberations on making risk management systems more robust.

Audit Committee's role is to evaluate the risk management systems.

This policy shall complement the other policies of QTL in place e.g. Related Party Transactions Policy, to ensure that the risk if any arising out of Related Party Transactions are effectively mitigated.

## **BROAD PRINCIPLES**

The Board has to review the business plan at regular intervals and develop the Risk Management Strategy which shall encompass laying down guiding principles on proactive planning for identifying, analyzing and mitigating all the material risks, both external and internal viz. Environmental, Business, Operational, Financial and others. Communication of Risk Management Strategy to various levels of management for effective implementation is essential.

## **POLICY NORMS**

At QTL, we believe that an effective Risk Management process is the key to sustained operations thereby protecting Shareholder value, improving governance processes, achieving strategic objectives and being well prepared for adverse situations or unplanned circumstances, if they were to occur in the lifecycle of the business activities. QTL shall ensure implementation of effective Enterprise Risk Management by: -

1. Putting in place Risk Management Frameworks and Processes.
2. Identifying risks and promoting a pro-active approach to treating such risks.
3. Allocating adequate resources to mitigate and manage risk and minimize their adverse impact on outcomes.
4. Optimising risk situations to manage adverse exposure on deliverables and bring them in line with acceptable Risk Appetite of the Company.
5. Striving towards strengthening the Risk Management System through continuous learning and improvement.
6. Providing clear and strong basis for informed decision making at all levels of the organisation on an ongoing basis, having duly evaluated like risks and their mitigation plan being controllable and within risk appetite.
7. Delineating business continuity processes and disaster management plans, for unforeseen exigencies and keeping the organization constituents, prepared to appropriately and adequately deal with such circumstances, under eventuality of such happenings.
8. Complying with all relevant laws and regulations across its areas of operation.
9. Communicating this policy to the required stakeholders through suitable means and periodically reviewing its relevance in continuously changing business environment.

## **DEVELOPMENT OF ACTION PLAN**

The Board has constituted a **Risk Management Committee** consisting of two Independent Directors and one Non-Executive Director and defined the Committee's role and responsibility. The Committee shall not only assist in implementation of the Risk Management Plan of the Board but also monitor its implementation and review. The members of the Risk Management Committee shall give their collective suggestions to the Board for periodic updation of the Risk Management Plan to ensure that the same is in sync with changing macro and micro factors having bearing on all material aspects of the businesses QTL is engaged in or shall undertake.

## **BOARD APPROVAL**

The Action Plan and Guidelines decided by the Risk Management Committee shall be approved by the Board. The Board shall also approve the Risk Management (including Risk Treatment) strategy, control structure and policy guidelines and delegate authority and accountability for risk management to the Company's executive team.

The guidelines shall include prescription on:

## **RISK TREATMENT**

Treatment of Risk through the process of selecting and implementing measures to mitigate risks. To prioritize risk control actions in terms of their potential to benefit the organization. Risk treatment includes risk control/ mitigation and extends to risk avoidance, risk transfer (insurance), risk financing, risk absorption etc. for

- a) Effective and efficient operations
- b) Effective Internal Controls
- c) Compliance with laws & regulations

Risk Treatment shall be applied at all levels through carefully selected validations at each stage to ensure smooth achievement of the objective.

## **ROLE OF RISK / AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The following shall serve as the Role and Responsibility of the Risk/ Audit Committee authorized to evaluate the effectiveness of the Risk Management Framework:

- Review of the strategy for implementing risk management policy
- To examine the organization structure relating to Risk management
- Evaluate the efficacy of Risk Management Systems – Recording and Reporting
- To review all hedging strategies/risk treatment methodologies vis-à-vis compliance with the Risk Management Policy and relevant regulatory guidelines
- To define internal control measures to facilitate a smooth functioning of the risk management systems
- Ensure periodic review of operations and contingency plans and reporting to Board in order to counter possibilities of adverse factors having a bearing on the risk management systems.

## **INTEGRATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

QTL's risk management strategy is to be integrated with the overall business strategies of the organization and its mission statement to ensure that its risk management capabilities aide in establishing competitive advantage and allow management to develop reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of the Company's objectives.

## **PENALTIES**

The penalties are prescribed under the Companies Act, 2013 (**the Act**) under various sections which stipulate having a Risk Management Framework in place and its disclosure.

Section 134 (8) (dealing with disclosure by way of attachment to the Board Report): If a company contravenes the provisions of this section, the company shall be punishable with fine which shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees but which may extend to twenty-five lakh rupees and every officer of the company who is in default shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine which shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees but which may extend to five lakh rupees, or with both.

There are other provisions of the Act as well as SEBI Act which stipulate stiff penalties. Therefore, this Policy prescribes that violation of the provisions applicable to Risk Management Framework is something the Company cannot afford to **risk**.

## **REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed by the Board from time to time as may be necessary.

This Policy will be communicated to all vertical/functional heads and other concerned persons of the Company.