

P S RAJ STEELS LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS P S RAJ STEELS PRIVATE LIMITED)

VIGIL MECHANISM (WHISTLE BLOWER) POLICY

PRELIMINARY

Regulation 22 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, as amended ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), *inter-alia*, requires all listed companies to establish a vigil mechanism/whistle blower policy for Directors and Employees to report genuine concerns, instances of Unethical behavior, actual or suspected fraud, transgression of legal or regulatory requirements or violation of the Company's code of conduct.

Pursuant to Section 177 (9) of the Companies Act, 2013, it is obligatory for listed companies to establish a Vigil Mechanism for Directors and Employees to report genuine concerns in such manner as prescribed *vide* the Rules framed thereunder. Further, Section 177 (10) of the Companies Act, 2013 provides that the Vigil Mechanism under sub-section (9) shall provide for adequate safeguards against victimization of Director(s) or Employee(s) or any other person who use such mechanism and make provisions for direct access to the Chairperson of the audit committee in appropriate or exceptional cases.

POLICY

In compliance of the above requirements, P S Raj Steels Limited, being a Public Company has established a Vigil (Whistle Blower) Mechanism and formulated a Policy (the "Policy") in order to provide a framework for responsible and secure whistle blowing/vigil mechanism to provide a channel to the Directors and Employees of the Company to report genuine concerns about unethical behavior, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the Codes of Conduct or policy.

DEFINITIONS

- a) "Audit Committee" means the Audit Committee of the Board which as on date complies with the provisions of Section 177 of the Act read with applicable Rules and Regulation 18 of the SEBI Listing Regulations.
- b) "Chairperson" means Chairperson of the Audit Committee of the Board.
- c) "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 "SCOPE OF THE POLICY" with respect to the Company. It should be factual and not speculative and should contain as much specific information as possible to allow for proper assessment of the nature and extent of the concern.
- d) "Subject" means a person or group of persons against or in relation to whom a Protected Disclosure is made or evidence gathered during the course of an investigation.
- e) "Vigilance Officer/Vigilance Committee or Committee" is a person or Committee of persons, 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.
- f) "Whistle Blower" is a Director or Employee who makes a Protected Disclosure under this Policy and also referred in this policy as complainant.

SCOPE OF THE POLICY

The Policy is an extension of the Code of Conduct for Directors & Senior Management Personnel and covers disclosure of any unethical and improper or malpractices and events which have taken place/ suspected to take place involving:

- 1. Abuse of authority.
- 2. Breach of the Company's Code of Conduct.

- 3. Breach of Business Integrity and Ethics.
- 4. Breach of terms and conditions of employment and rules thereof.
- 5. Intentional financial irregularities, including fraud or suspected fraud.
- 6. Deliberate violation of laws/regulations.
- 7. Gross or Willful Negligence causing substantial and specific danger to health, safety and environment.
- 8. Manipulation of company data/records.
- 9. Any unlawful act, whether civil or criminal, the latter having repercussions on the Company and its reputation
- 10. Pilferation of confidential/propriety information.
- 11. Gross Wastage/misappropriation of Company funds/assets.
- 12. Any other Unethical, biased, favored, imprudent act or behavior

PROCEDURE

All Protected Disclosures should be reported in writing by the complainant as soon as possible, not later than 30 days after the Whistle Blower becomes aware of the same and should either be typed or written in a legible handwriting in English and such disclosure should be addressed to Vigilance Officer of the Company or to the Chairperson of the Audit Committee in exceptional cases.

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

Company Secretary & Compliance Officer:

❖ Email ID <u>cs@psrajsteels.com</u>

❖ Mobile No. 9992555491

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 and such investigation shall be completed within 90 days of receipt of protected disclosure or such period as may be extended by Audit Committee.

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.

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.

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.

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 7 (seven) 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. However, no such amendment or modification will be binding on the Directors and employees unless the same is not communicated.
