

Whistle Blower Policy / Vigil Mechanism

OBJECTIVE:

- To provide a framework for the Directors and employees of the Company to report genuine concerns and actual / potential violations, fearlessly, in the process ensuring the highest possible standards of ethical, moral and legal business conduct, in line with the commitment of Harrisons Malayalam Limited (HML) to its stakeholders.
- To provide necessary safeguards for protection of complainants from reprisals or victimization, for bringing out the truth in good faith.

SCOPE: All Directors and permanent employees of the Company.

THE ROLE OF THE COMPLAINANT:

- The complainant's role is to report a serious concern (actual or suspected). The complainant shall **not** report any petty complaints. These concerns could have a large impact on HML. Concerns / violations that can be reported are:
 - ✚ deliberate or intentional non-compliance of the applicable laws;
 - ✚ incorrect financial reporting or accounting irregularities;
 - ✚ Actions not in line with applicable company policy amounting to serious improper conduct;
 - ✚ improper and unlawful practices;
 - ✚ cases of fraud;
 - ✚ misappropriation of Company's funds;

All employees of the Company are eligible to report any instance of leak of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information.

Explanation: "Unpublished Price Sensitive Information" is as defined under Regulation 2(1)(n) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and the HML Code Of Conduct To Regulate, Monitor And Report Trading By Insiders and Code of Practices and Procedures for Fair Disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information.

- Bring to early attention of the company any improper practice, as above, the moment they become aware of. Although they are not required to provide any proof, they must have sufficient cause for concern.
- Provide full co-operation to the Investigation team and maintain full confidentiality.

SAFEGUARDS:

- Any harassment or victimisation of the complainant will not be tolerated by the Management.
- If any employee who victimises or harasses a complainant, such actions could constitute sufficient grounds for dismissal of such an employee.
- Every effort will be made to protect the complainant(s) identity and would be kept confidential to the extent possible, subject to legal constraints.

HOW TO RAISE A CONCERN?

- Complaints shall be in writing or sent through e-mail, containing the name of the complainant, as any follow-up questions and investigation may not be possible unless the source of the information is identified. Complainants should not make any malicious allegations on any person, which may result in appropriate disciplinary action being taken against them.
- Concerns expressed anonymously will not be usually investigated. However, subject to the seriousness of the issue being raised, the Authorised person can initiate an investigation independently.
- The complaints can be directly reported / lodged with the Designated Person. Alternatively, complaints can also be sent to the Chairman of the Audit Committee of Harrisons Malayalam Limited.
- The Designated Person has been authorised by the Audit Committee of the Company to receive all complaints under this policy and ensure appropriate action.

DESIGNATED PERSON AND OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Name & Designation : Mr. Sumit Babu, Head Legal
Contact Details : Harrisons Malayalam Limited, 24/1624,
Bristow Road, Cochin -682 003.
Phone : Direct 0484-6624324 Mobile 9446005097
Email.ID : ethics@harrisonsmalayalam.com

The Other committee members are:

1. Mr. Anil George-Vice President- Tea
2. Mr. Vinod Kumar NS, Head - HR

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DESIGNATED PERSON & COMMITTEE:

- Ensure that the policy is being implemented. Ensure that necessary safeguards are provided to the complainant and maintain strict confidentiality.
- To record all the complaints received.
- If initial enquiries indicate that the concern has no basis, or it is not a matter to be pursued under this policy, it may be dismissed at this stage and the decision documented. Subject to legal constraints, the complainant will receive information about the outcome of any investigations.
- The investigation, if found required, would be conducted in a fair manner, as a neutral fact finding process and without presumption of guilt.
- If the complaint is against the Designated Person or any of the Committee members, bring this to the notice of the Audit committee.
- Based on a thorough examination of the findings, where an improper practice is proved, suggest suitable disciplinary action, including dismissal, if warranted, and also recommend preventive measures in suitable cases for non-occurrence in the future. All discussions / deliberations would be minuted and the final report prepared.
- Report shall be made out at regular intervals and forwarded to the Audit Committee for information and noting.
- In exceptional cases as may be decided by the Committee after considering the facts of the particular case, provide a direct access to the Whistle Blower / Complainant to meet the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

ROLE OF AUDIT COMMITTEE:

- Oversee the functioning of the Committee constituted.
- Review the reports forwarded by the committee.
- Choose to initiate further investigation, if need arises.
- In case of conflict of interest between the Audit Committee Members, the remaining members of the Audit Committee shall deal with the matter.
- Engage an independent external agency to conduct investigation, if it deems fit.

CHANGES TO POLICY

The Audit Committee may, if necessitated, change / modify the policy at any time.

The policy reviewed by the Audit Committee has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held on September 21, 2023.

Chairman
Audit Committee

September 21, 2023