

# KREON FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

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## *Policy for determination of materiality of events or information*

### **I. PREFACE**

The Company has adopted the following policy and procedures with regard to determination of Materiality of events or information which are required to be disclosed to the Stock Exchanges in terms of Regulation 30 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“Listing Regulations”). This Policy has been formulated in accordance with Clause (ii) of sub-regulation (4) of Regulation 30 of the Listing Regulations.

### **II. PURPOSE OF THE POLICY**

The purpose of this Policy is to determine materiality of events and information based on criteria specified under clause (i) of sub-regulation (4) of Regulation 30 of the Listing Regulations and to ensure that the Company shall make disclosure of events / information specified in para A and B of Part A of Schedule III of the Listing Regulations to the Stock Exchanges and to provide guidance to Company and its Officers to make disclosures that are appropriate and would be consistent with the facts of each event.

### **III. APPLICABILITY**

This Policy has been updated based on the amendments made to Regulation 30 and Schedule III of the LODR Regulations, by way of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2023 dated June 14, 2023 w.e.f. July 15, 2023 (“LODR Amendments”) and the SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2023/123, dated July 13, 2023 (“SEBI Disclosure Circular”). The Board shall review, and if found required, may amend this Policy from time to time. This Policy is applicable to the Company with effect from December 1, 2015, and the amended Policy is applicable to the Company w.e.f. July 15, 2023.

#### **IV. CRITERIA FOR DETERMINATION OF MATERIALITY OF EVENTS / INFORMATION**

The Company shall consider the criteria as specified in clause (i) of sub-regulation 4 of Regulation 30 of the Listing Regulations for determination of materiality of events / information as under:

- (a) the omission of an event or information, which is likely to result in discontinuity or alteration of event or information already available publicly; or
- (b) the omission of an event or information is likely to result in significant market reaction if the said omission came to light at a later date; or
- (c) the omission of an event or information, whose value or the expected impact in terms of value, exceeds the lower of the following:
  - (1) two percent of turnover, as per the last audited consolidated financial statements of the Company;
  - (2) two percent of net worth, as per the last audited consolidated financial statements of the Company, except in case the arithmetic value of the net worth is negative;
  - (3) five percent of the average of absolute value of profit or loss after tax, as per the last three audited consolidated financial statements of the Company;
- (d) In case where the criteria specified in sub-clauses (a) (b) and (c) is not applicable, an event/information may be treated as being material if in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Company, the event / information is considered material.

Provided that any continuing event or information which becomes material pursuant to notification of the amendment regulations shall be disclosed by the listed entity within thirty days from the date of coming into effect of the LODR Amendments.

#### **V. DISCLOSURE OF EVENTS OR INFORMATION**

- A. The Company shall first disclose to the stock exchange(s) all events or information which are material in terms of the provisions of this regulation as soon as reasonably possible and in any case not later than the following:
  - (i) thirty minutes from the closure of the meeting of the board of directors in which the decision pertaining to the event or information has been taken;
  - (ii) twelve hours from the occurrence of the event or information, in case the event or

- information is emanating from within the listed entity;
- (iii) twenty four hours from the occurrence of the event or information, in case the event or information is not emanating from within the listed entity;

Provided that disclosure with respect to events for which timelines have been specified in Part A of Annexure (as per Part A of Schedule III of Listing Regulations) shall be made within such timelines;

Provided further that in case the disclosure is made after the timelines specified under this regulation, the Company shall, along with such disclosure provide the explanation for the delay.

- B. In case where an event occurs or an information is available with the Company, which has not been indicated in Para A or B of Annexure (as per Para A or B of Part A of Schedule III of Listing Regulations), but which may have material effect on it, the Company is required to make adequate disclosures in regard thereof.
- C. In case an event or information is required to be disclosed by the Company in terms of the provisions of this policy, pursuant to the receipt of a communication from any regulatory, statutory, enforcement or judicial authority, the Company shall disclose such communication, along with the event or information, unless disclosure of such communication is prohibited by such authority.
- D. The Company may on its own initiative also, confirm or deny any reported event or information to stock exchange(s).
- E. Disclosure requirements for certain types of agreements binding on Company:

(1). All the shareholders, promoters, promoter group entities, related parties, directors, key managerial personnel and employees of Company or of its holding, subsidiary and associate company, who are parties to the agreements specified in Clause 5A of para A of part A of Annexure (Clause 5A of para A of part A of schedule III to Listing Regulations), shall inform the listed entity about the agreement to which such a listed entity is not a party, within two working days of entering into such agreements or signing an agreement to enter into such agreements:

Provided that for the agreements that subsist as on the date of notification of clause 5A to para A of part A of schedule III to Listing Regulations, the parties to the agreements shall inform the Company, about the agreement to which Company is not a party and the Company shall in turn disclose all such subsisting agreements to the Stock Exchanges and on its website within the timelines as specified by the Board.

(2). The listed entity shall disclose the number of agreements that subsist as on the date of notification of clause 5A to para A of part A of schedule III to Listing Regulations, their salient features, including the link to the webpage where the complete details of such agreements are available, in the Annual Report for the financial year 2022-23 or for the financial year 2023-24.

## **VI. PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINATION OF MATERIALITY OF EVENTS/ INFORMATION**

In order to ensure that the Company complies with the disclosure obligations under Regulations 30 of the Listing Regulations, the following is an internal system for reporting any event / information which may require disclosure so that the event / information can be properly assessed and decision can be made regarding its disclosure to the Stock Exchanges.

Under the system, all Directors including Whole Time Director, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary are Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) and responsible for relevant areas of the Company's operations. The event / information should be reported immediately after a KMP becomes aware of it for the purpose of determining materiality of an event or information and for the purpose of making disclosures to stock exchange(s) under this regulation.

On receipt of communication of material / potential material event / information, Whole-time Director along with the Company Secretary will:

- i. Review event / information and to take whatever steps necessary to verify its accuracy;
- ii. Apply the quantitative criteria whereby materiality shall become applicable to an event/ information where the value involved or the impact exceeds the limits specified under

Clause III of this policy on the basis of the latest audited financial statements of the Company and any major expansion of business plans or execution of new projects subject to necessary approvals if required, as applicable.

- iii. Assess whether the event / information is required to be disclosed to the Stock Exchanges under the Listing Regulations / in terms of “Clause III – Criteria for determination of materiality of events / information” of this policy.
- iv. Review updating material developments on a regular basis, till such time the event is resolved /closed.
- v. Review specific and adequate reply to queries raised by stock exchange(s) with respect to any events or information.
- vi. Apply the Guidance on when an event/information has occurred.
- vii. Refer matter for external legal advice where they are not certain about materiality of event / information.

The procedure to be followed in relation to the disclosure / announcement of material event / information is as follows:

**a. Prepare draft announcement to the Stock Exchanges:** If the event / information is material, the Company Secretary will prepare draft announcement to the Stock Exchanges which is factual and expressed in clear manner and obtain approval of Whole-time Director of the Company.

**b. Make Announcements:** The Company Secretary on behalf of the Company will make or arrange for making the announcement with the Stock Exchanges as soon as reasonably possible and not later than the following:

- i. thirty minutes from the closure of the meeting of the board of directors in which the decision pertaining to the event or information has been taken;
- ii. twelve hours from the occurrence of the event or information, in case the event or information is emanating from within the listed entity;
- iii. twenty four hours from the occurrence of the event or information, in case the event or information is not emanating from within the listed entity

Provided that disclosure with respect to events for which timelines have been specified in Part A of Schedule III shall be made within such timelines.

Provided that in case the disclosure is made after timelines specified under the regulation, the listed entity shall, along with such disclosures provide explanation for delay.

**c Post announcement on website:** After making the announcement with the Stock Exchanges, the Company Secretary will arrange to place it on the website of the Company. Such disclosures shall be hosted on the website of the listed entity for a minimum period of five years.

## **VII. AMENDMENT**

The policy shall come into force with immediate effect. A copy of this Policy shall be circulated to all the Directors and KMP's for their approval. Upon its approval, a copy of this Policy shall also be posted on the website of the Company. Any change in the Policy shall be approved by the Board, which shall have the right to withdraw and / or amend any part of this Policy or the entire Policy, at any time, as it deems fit, or from time to time, and the decision of the Board, in this respect, shall be final and binding.

The said policy has been amended by the Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

## ANNEXURE

A. The following events / information specified in para A of Part A of Schedule III to the Listing Regulations upon occurrence of which the Company shall make disclosure to the Stock Exchanges without any application of the guidelines for materiality:

1. Acquisition(s) (including agreement to acquire), Scheme of Arrangement (amalgamation/ merger/ demerger/restructuring), or sale or disposal of any unit(s), division(s) or subsidiary of the listed entity or any other restructuring.

Explanation (1): For the purpose of this sub-para, the word 'acquisition' shall mean: /

- i. acquiring control, whether directly or indirectly; or,
- ii. acquiring or agreeing to acquire shares or voting rights in, a company, whether directly or indirectly, such that -
  - a) the listed entity holds shares or voting rights aggregating to five per cent or more of the shares or voting rights in the said company, or;
  - b) there has been a change in holding from the last disclosure made under sub-clause a) of clause (ii) of the Explanation to this sub-para and such change exceeds two per cent of the total shareholding or voting rights in the said company.
  - c) the cost of acquisition or the price at which the shares are acquired exceeds the threshold specified in sub-clause (c) of clause (i) of sub-regulation (4) of regulation 30.

Explanation (2) - For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, "sale or disposal of subsidiary" and "sale of stake in associate company" shall include-

- (i) an agreement to sell or sale of shares or voting rights in a company such that the company ceases to be a wholly owned subsidiary, a subsidiary or an associate company of the listed entity; or
- (ii) an agreement to sell or sale of shares or voting rights in a subsidiary or associate company such that the amount of the sale exceeds the threshold specified in sub-clause (c) of clause (i) of sub-regulation (4) of regulation 30.

Explanation (3)- For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “undertaking” and “substantially the whole of the undertaking” shall have the same meaning as given under section 180 of the Companies Act, 2013.

2. Issuance or forfeiture of securities, split or consolidation of shares, buyback of securities, any restriction on transferability of securities or alteration in terms or structure of existing securities including forfeiture, reissue of forfeited securities, alteration of calls, redemption of securities etc.
3. New Rating(s) or Revision in Rating(s).
4. Outcome of Meetings of the board of directors: The listed entity shall disclose to the Exchange(s), within 30 minutes of the closure of the meeting, held to consider the following:
  - a) dividends and/or cash bonuses recommended or declared or the decision to pass any dividend and the date on which dividend shall be paid/dispatched;
  - b) any cancellation of dividend with reasons thereof;
  - c) the decision on buyback of securities;
  - d) the decision with respect to fund raising proposed to be undertaken
  - e) increase in capital by issue of bonus shares through capitalization including the date on which such bonus shares shall be credited/dispatched;
  - f) reissue of forfeited shares or securities, or the issue of shares or securities held in reserve for future issue or the creation in any form or manner of new shares or securities or any other rights, privileges or benefits to subscribe to;
  - g) short particulars of any other alterations of capital, including calls;
  - h) financial results;
  - i) decision on voluntary delisting by the listed entity from stock exchange(s).

Provided that in case of board meetings being held for more than one day, the financial results shall be disclosed within thirty minutes of end of the meeting for the day on which it has been considered.
5. Agreements (viz. shareholder agreement(s), joint venture agreement(s), family settlement agreement(s) (to the extent that it impacts management and control of the listed entity),



agreement(s)/treaty(ies)/contract(s) with media companies) which are binding and not in normal course of business, revision(s) or amendment(s) and termination(s) thereof.

- 5A. Agreements entered into by the shareholders, promoters, promoter group entities, related parties, directors, key managerial personnel, employees of the listed entity or of its holding, subsidiary or associate company, among themselves or with the listed entity or with a third party, solely or jointly, which, either directly or indirectly or potentially or whose purpose and effect is to, impact the management or control of the listed entity or impose any restriction or create any liability upon the listed entity, shall be disclosed to the Stock Exchanges, including disclosure of any rescission, amendment or alteration of such agreements thereto, whether or not the listed entity is a party to such agreements:

Provided that such agreements entered into by a listed entity in the normal course of business shall not be required to be disclosed unless they, either directly or indirectly or potentially or whose purpose and effect is to, impact the management or control of the listed entity or they are required to be disclosed in terms of any other provisions of these regulations.

Explanation: For the purpose of this clause, the term “directly or indirectly” includes agreements creating obligation on the parties to such agreements to ensure that listed entity shall or shall not act in a particular manner.

6. Fraud or defaults by a listed entity, its promoter, director, key managerial personnel, senior management or subsidiary or arrest of key managerial personnel, senior management, promoter or director of the listed entity, whether occurred within India or abroad:

For the purpose of this sub-paragraph:

(i) ‘Fraud’ shall include fraud as defined under Regulation 2(1)(c) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to Securities Market) Regulations, 2003.

(ii) ‘Default’ shall mean non-payment of the interest or principal amount in full on the date when the debt has become due and payable.

Explanation 1 - In case of revolving facilities like cash credit, an entity would be considered to be in 'default' if the outstanding balance remains continuously in excess of the sanctioned limit or drawing power, whichever is lower, for more than thirty days.

Explanation 2 - Default by a promoter, director, key managerial personnel, senior management, subsidiary shall mean default which has or may have an impact on the listed entity.

7. Change in directors, key managerial personnel (Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary etc., senior management, Auditor and Compliance Officer.

7A. In case of resignation of the auditor of the listed entity, detailed reason for resignation of auditor, as given by the said auditor, shall be disclosed by the listed entity to the Stock Exchange as soon as possible but not later than twenty-four hours of receipt of such reasons from the auditor.

7B. Resignation of independent director including reasons for resignation of an Independent Director of the listed entity within seven days from the date of resignation, the following disclosure shall be made to the Stock Exchanges by the Listed Entity.

- i. The letter of resignation along with detailed reasons for the resignation as given by the said Director.
- ii. Names of listed entities in which the resigning director holds directorships, indicating the category of directorship and membership of board committees, if any
- iii. The Independent Director shall, along with the detailed reasons, also provide a confirmation that there is no other material reasons other than those provided
- iv. The confirmation as provided by the Independent Director above shall be disclosed by the listed entity to the Stock Exchanges along with the disclosures as specified in sub-clause (i) and (ii) above.

7C. In case of resignation of key managerial personnel, senior management, Compliance Officer or director other than an independent director; the letter of resignation along with detailed reasons for the resignation as given by the key managerial personnel, senior

management, Compliance Officer or director shall be disclosed to the stock exchanges by the listed entities within seven days from the date that such resignation comes into effect.

7D. In case the Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer of the listed entity was indisposed or unavailable to fulfil the requirements of the role in a regular manner for more than forty five days in any rolling period of ninety days, the same along with the reasons for such indisposition or unavailability, shall be disclosed to the stock exchange(s).

8. Appointment or discontinuation of share transfer agent.
9. Resolution plan/ Restructuring in relation to loans/borrowings from banks/financial institutions including the following details:
  - (i) Decision to initiate resolution of loans/borrowings;
  - (ii) Signing of Inter-Creditors Agreement (ICA) by lenders;
  - (iii) Finalization of Resolution Plan;
  - (iv) Implementation of Resolution Plan;
  - (v) Salient features, not involving commercial secrets, of the resolution/ restructuring plan as decided by lenders.
10. One time settlement with a bank.
11. Winding-up petition filed by any party / creditors.
12. Issuance of Notices, call letters, resolutions and circulars sent to shareholders, debenture holders or creditors or any class of them or advertised in the media by the listed entity.
13. Proceedings of Annual and extraordinary general meetings of the listed entity.
14. Amendments to memorandum and articles of association of listed entity, in brief.
15. (a) Schedule of Analyst or institutional investor meet at least two working days in advance (excluding the date of the intimation and the date of the meet) and presentations made by the listed entity to analysts or institutional investors;  
Explanation: For the purpose of this clause 'meet' shall mean group meetings or group conference calls conducted physically or through digital means.
  - (b) Audio or video recordings and transcripts of post earnings/quarterly calls, by whatever name called, conducted physically or through digital means, simultaneously with

submission to the recognized stock exchange(s), in the following manner:

- (i) the presentation and the audio/video recordings shall be promptly made available on the website and in any case, before the next trading day or within twenty -four hours from the conclusion of such calls, whichever is earlier;
- (ii) the transcripts of such calls shall be made available on the website within five working days of the conclusion of such calls:

16. The following events in relation to the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CRIP) of a listed Corporate Debtor under the Insolvency Code:

- a. Filing of application by the corporate applicant for initiation of CRIP, also specifying the amount of default;
- b. Filing of application by financial creditor for initiation of CRIP against the corporate debtor, also specifying the amount of default;
- c. Admission of application by the Tribunal, along with the amount of default or rejection or withdrawal, as applicable;
- d. Public announcement made pursuant to order passed by the Tribunal under Section 13 of Insolvency Code;
- e. List of Creditors as required to be displayed by the corporate debtor under Regulation 13(2) (c) of the IBBI ( Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Person) Regulations, 2016
- f. Appointment/ Replacement of the Resolution Professional
- g. Prior or post- facto intimation of the meetings of Committee of Creditors
- h. Brief particulars of invitation of resolution plans under Section 25(2)(h) of Insolvency code in the Form specified under Regulation 365 (A) of the IBBI (insolvency Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016,
- i. Number of Resolution plans received by Resolution Professional
- j. Filing of resolution plan with the Tribunal
- k. Approval of resolution plan by the Tribunal or rejection, if applicable
- l. Specific features and details of the resolution planas approved by the Adjudicating Authority under the Insolvency Code, not involving commercial secrets, including

details such as:

- (i) Pre and Post net-worth of the company;
- (ii) Details of assets of the company post CIRP;
- (iii) Details of securities continuing to be imposed on the companies' assets;
- (iv) Other material liabilities imposed on the company;
- (v) Detailed pre and post shareholding pattern assuming 100% conversion of convertible securities;
- (vi) Details of funds infused in the company, creditors paid-off;
- (vii) Additional liability on the incoming investors due to the transaction, source of such funding etc.;
- (viii) Impact on the investor –revised P/E, RONW ratios etc.;
- (ix) Names of the new promoters, key managerial personnel, if any and their past experience in the business or employment. In case where promoters are companies, history of such company and names of natural persons in control;
- (x) Brief description of business strategy.

m. Any other material information not involving commercial secrets.

n. Proposed steps to be taken by the incoming investor/acquirer for achieving the MPS;

o. Quarterly disclosure of the status of achieving the MPS;

p. The details as to the delisting plans, if any approved in the resolution plan

17. Initiation of Forensic audit: In case of initiation of forensic audit, (by whatever name called), the following disclosures shall be made to the stock exchanges by listed entities:

a) The fact of initiation of forensic audit along-with name of entity initiating the audit and reasons for the same, if available;

b) Final forensic audit report (other than for forensic audit initiated by regulatory / enforcement agencies) on receipt by the listed entity along with comments of the management, if any

18. Announcement or communication through social media intermediaries or mainstream media by directors, promoters, key managerial personnel or senior management of a

listed entity, in relation to any event or information which is material for the listed entity in terms of regulation 30 of these regulations and is not already made available in the public domain by the listed entity. Explanation –“social media intermediaries” shall have the same meaning as defined under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

19. Action(s) initiated or orders passed by any regulatory, statutory, enforcement authority or judicial body against the listed entity or its directors, key managerial personnel, senior management, promoter or subsidiary, in relation to the listed entity, in respect of the following:

(a) search or seizure; or

(b) re-opening of accounts under section 130 of the Companies Act, 2013; or

(c) investigation under the provisions of Chapter XIV of the Companies Act, 2013; along with the following details pertaining to the actions(s) initiated, taken or orders passed

i. name of the authority;

ii. nature and details of the action(s) taken, initiated or order(s) passed;

iii. date of receipt of direction or order, including any ad-interim or interim orders, or any other communication from the authority;

iv. details of the violation(s)/contravention(s) committed or alleged to be committed;

v. impact on financial, operation or other activities of the listed entity, quantifiable in monetary terms to the extent possible.

20. Action(s) taken or orders passed by any regulatory, statutory, enforcement authority or judicial body against the listed entity or its directors, key managerial personnel, senior management, promoter or subsidiary, in relation to the listed entity, in respect of the following:

(a) suspension;

(b) imposition of fine or penalty;

(c) settlement of proceedings;

(d) debarment;

- (e) disqualification;
- (f) closure of operations;
- (g) sanctions imposed;
- (h) warning or caution; or
- (i) any other similar action(s) by whatever name called; along with the following details pertaining to the actions(s) initiated, taken or orders passed:
  - i.name of the authority;
  - ii. nature and details of the action(s) taken, initiated or order(s) passed;
  - iii. date of receipt of direction or order, including any ad-interim or interim orders, or any other communication from the authority;
  - iv. details of the violation(s)/contravention(s) committed or alleged to be committed;
  - v. impact on financial, operation or other activities of the listed entity, quantifiable in monetary terms to the extent possible.

21. Voluntary revision of financial statements or the report of the board of directors of the listed entity under section 131 of the Companies Act, 2013.

**B.** The following events / information specified in para B of Part A of Schedule III to the Listing Regulations upon occurrence based on application of guidelines on materiality as given in clause IV of this Policy:

- 1.** Commencement or any postponement in the date of commencement of commercial production or commercial operations of any unit/division.
- 2.** Any of the following events pertaining to the listed entity:
  - (a) arrangements for strategic, technical, manufacturing, or marketing tie-up; or
  - (b) adoption of new line(s) of business; or
  - (c) closure of operation of any unit, division or subsidiary (in entirety or in piecemeal)
- 3.** Capacity addition or product launch.
- 4.** Awarding, bagging/ receiving, amendment or termination of awarded/bagged orders/contracts not in the normal course of business.
- 5.** Agreements (viz. loan agreement(s) or any other agreement(s) which are binding and not in normal course of business) and revision(s) or amendment(s) or termination(s) thereof.
- 6.** Disruption of operations of any one or more units or division of the listed entity due to natural calamity (earthquake, flood, fire etc.), force majeure or events such as strikes, lockouts etc.
- 7.** Effect(s) arising out of change in the regulatory framework applicable to the listed entity
- 8.** Pendency of any litigation(s) or dispute(s) or the outcome thereof which may have an impact on the listed entity.
- 9.** Frauds or defaults by employees of the listed entity which has or may have an impact on the listed entity
- 10.** Options to purchase securities including any ESOP/ESPS Scheme.
- 11.** Giving of guarantees or indemnity or becoming a surety, by whatever named called, for any third party.
- 12.** Granting, withdrawal, surrender, cancellation or suspension of key licenses or regulatory approvals.
- 13.** Delay or default in the payment of fines, penalties, dues, etc. to any regulatory, statutory,



enforcement or judicial authority.

- C. Any other information/event viz. major development that is likely to affect business, e.g. emergence of new technologies, expiry of patents, any change of accounting policy that may have a significant impact on the accounts, etc. and brief details thereof and any other information which is exclusively known to the listed entity which may be necessary to enable the holders of securities of the listed entity to appraise its position and to avoid the establishment of a false market in such securities.
- D. Without prejudice to the generality of para (A), (B) and (C) above, the Company may make disclosures of event/information as specified by the Board from time to time.