# CODE OF PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR FAIR DISCLOSURE OF UNPUBLISHED PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION IN TERMS OF REGULATION 8 OF SEBI (PROHIBITION OF INSIDER TRADING) REGULATIONS, 2015

**UR SUGAR INDUSTRIES LIMITED** 

#### **I. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Code of Practices and Procedures for Fair Disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (the "Code") is to clearly outline procedures and practical guidelines that would be followed by UR Sugar Industries Limited for the consistent, transparent, regular and timely public disclosure and dissemination of Unpublished Price Sensitive information. The Company is committed to factual, timely and accurate disclosure based on applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

#### **II. APPLICABILITY:**

This Code shall be applicable and binding on all the employees, officers, directors and those persons authorized to speak on behalf of the Company. This Code which has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors shall come into effect from May 30, 2015.

#### **III. INFORMATION COVERED BY THIS CODE**

#### A. Unpublished Price Sensitive Information

"Unpublished Price Sensitive Information" means any information, relating to the Corporate or its Securities, directly or indirectly, that is not generally available which upon becoming generally available is likely to materially affect the price of the Securities and shall generally include information relating to the following:

- Financial
- results;
- dividends;
- change in capital structure;
- mergers, de-mergers, acquisitions, delisting, disposals and expansion of business and such other transactions;
- changes in key managerial personnel; and
- material events in accordance with the listing agreement

#### B. Material Information as stipulated under Clause 30 of the Listing Agreements

Material information means any information relating to the business or affairs of the Company that results in, or would reasonably be expected to result in a significant change in the market price or value of the securities of the Company or that would reasonably be expected to have a significant influence on any reasonable investor's investment decisions. Material Information includes, without limitation, information regarding:

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 Company or any other restructuring;

Explanation. - '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 Company 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 and such change exceeds two per cent of the total shareholding or voting rights in the said company.
- 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. Revision in credit rating(s);
- 4. Outcome of Meetings of the Board of Directors: The Company 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 Company from stock exchange(s).
- 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 Company),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;
- 6. Fraud/defaults by Promoter or Key Managerial Personnel or by Company or arrest of Key Managerial Personnel or Promoter;
- 7. Change in Directors, Key Managerial Personnel (Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary etc.), Auditor and Compliance Officer;
- 8. Appointment or discontinuation of share transfer agent;
- 9. Corporate debt restructuring;

- 10. One-time settlement with a bank;
- 11.Reference to BIFR and 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 Company;
- 13. Proceedings of Annual and extraordinary general meetings of the Company;
- 14. Amendments to memorandum and articles of association of Company, in brief;
- 15. Schedule of Analyst or institutional investor meet and presentations on financial results made by the Company to analysts or institutional investors.

# Annexure B Illustrative list of events which shall be disclosed upon application of the guidelines for materiality:

- 1. Commencement or any postponement in the date of commencement of commercial production or commercial operations of any unit/division;
- 2. Change in the general character or nature of business brought about by arrangements for strategic, technical, manufacturing, or marketing tie-up, adoption of new lines of business or closure of operations of any unit/division (entirety or 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) (as a borrower) 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 Company 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 Company;
- 8. Litigation(s) / dispute(s) / regulatory action(s) with impact;
- 9. Fraud/defaults etc. by directors (other than key managerial personnel) or employees of Company;
- 10. Options to purchase securities including any ESOP/ESPS Scheme;
- 11. Giving of guarantees or indemnity or becoming a surety for any third party;
- 12. Granting, withdrawal, surrender, cancellation or suspension of key licenses or regulatory approvals;

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 Company which may be necessary to enable the

holders of securities of the Company to appraise its position and to avoid the establishment of a false market in such securities.

This list is not exhaustive, but is intended to provide examples of information that may require public disclosure.

For the purpose of this Code, all the above information including unpublished price sensitive information would be referred to as "Material Information".

#### IV. CHIEF INVESTOR RELATIONS OFFICER

The Company would designate one of its senior officer as the Chief Investor Relations Officer (CIRO) from time to time, who shall jointly and severally along with the Company Secretary be responsible to deal with the dissemination of information and disclosure of any Material Information. Employees must not respond under any circumstances to inquiries from the stock exchanges, the media or others, unless authorized to do so by the Executive directors of the Company.

#### V. BASIC PRINCIPLES OF DISCLOSURES

Procedures governing the disclosure of Material Information required to be disclosed shall provide that such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the following principles:

Information should be disclosed immediately through the stock exchanges and press release.

No selective disclosure. Previously undisclosed unpublished price sensitive information must not be disclosed to selected individuals. If previously undisclosed information is inadvertently disclosed to an analyst or any other person, such information must then be disclosed to the stock exchanges immediately.

Under certain circumstances, the Company may determine that such disclosure would be unduly detrimental to the Company (for example if release of the information would cause prejudice to negotiations in a corporate transaction), in which case, the information shall be kept confidential until the Company determines it may be publicly disclosed. Information should be disclosed only once there is credibility to the information and the information has concretized. Disclosures should be made in a timely manner.

Disclosure must be complete in all material respects and should not be misleading. Unfavorable Material Information must be disclosed as promptly and completely as favorable information.

Disclosure must be corrected immediately if the Company is subsequently made aware that its earlier disclosure contained a material error or omission at the time it was given.

#### VI. DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL INFORMATION

The Company shall disclose Material Information concerning its business and affairs to the public immediately, except when otherwise required for the purpose of maintaining the confidentiality of the information. This Code is to enable all persons investing in the securities of the Company to have the opportunity for equal and timely access to information that may affect their investment decisions regarding those securities.

This Code further provides that, once there is credibility to the information and once the information has been set out in stone to a level of concretization, the information would be disclosed by the Company in a timely manner.

#### VII. PROCESS OF DISCLOSURES OF MATERIAL INFORMATION

In case any Functional Head becomes aware of some Material Information about the Company, the said Functional Head would contact Executive directors of the Company.

The Executive director in consultation with the CIRO and/ or the company secretary would then determine whether the information requires disclosure to the stock exchanges or not in accordance with the Listing Agreements. Thereafter, the company secretary and the CIRO with the help of the concerned functional head will prepare the content of the disclosure and determine the timing of the disclosures. Thereafter, the Company Secretary will disclose the said information to the stock exchanges. The CIRO shall ensure that the said information is thereafter properly disseminated to the public as deem necessary.

#### VIII. DELAY IN DISCLOSING MATERIAL INFORMATION

Under certain circumstances, the Company may keep Material Information confidential for a limited period of time because immediate disclosure may compromise certain strategic business opportunities of the Company or may not be disc losable due to third-party confidentiality restrictions or uncertainty of events. The determination of when to not disclose Material Information immediately shall be made by the whole-time directors of the Company.

### IX. INFORMATION TO BE SHARED ON A NEED TO KNOW BASIS:

The directors/ employees of the Company shall not discuss the matters or developments regarding the Company which in any way relate to Material Information with any other persons, except that are required to be disclosed in performance of his or her duties or under applicable laws or regulations or in legal proceedings. To protect Material Information from disclosure, the directors/ employees of the Company:

- Should not discuss Material Information in public places where Material Information may be overheard (e.g., elevators, restaurants, airplanes, taxicabs) or participate in, host or link to Internet chat rooms, on-line social networking sites, newsgroup discussions or bulletin boards which discuss matters pertaining to the Company's activities or its securities;
- Should not carry, read or discard Material Information in an exposed manner in public places;
- Should not discuss Material Information with any other persons, except as required in performance of his or her duties;
- Shall advise the other persons with whom they are meeting where Material Information may be disclosed, before the meeting, that they must not divulge the Material Information; and
- Should not deal in the securities of the Company until the Material Information is publicly disclosed.

#### X. UNINTENTIONAL/ INADVERTENT DISCLOSURE:

In the event the Company makes an unintentional disclosure of Material Information, it shall forthwith take steps to ensure that the same is disclosed to the stock exchanges immediately. Further, if the Company becomes aware that there has been an inadvertent disclosure of Material Information it should immediately contact the CIRO and/or company secretary, who in consultation with any one of the whole-time directors, shall consider the matter and take appropriate steps.

#### XI. CONTACTS WITH FINANCIAL ANALYSTS, INVESTORS AND THE MEDIA

The Company communicates with its institutional shareholders through meetings with analysts and discussions between fund managers and management. The Company also participates at investor conferences from time to time. All interactions with institutional shareholders, fund managers and analysts are based on generally available information that is accessible to the public on a non-discriminatory basis. The presentations made to analysts and fund managers are placed on the Company's website. The official news releases are also displayed on the said website.

The main channel of communication to the shareholders is through the annual report. Details relating to quarterly performance and financial results are disseminated to the shareholders through press releases and uploaded on the Company's website.

Briefings are given to update the market after each quarterly result are announced through group meetings or teleconference. Meetings with investors (bilateral and general) are being held to ensure that the investment community receives a balanced and complete view of the Company's and its subsidiaries' performance, while always observing applicable rules concerning selective disclosure, equal treatment of shareholders and insider trading. Individual meetings will also be held with the institutional shareholders, fund managers and analysts to share generally available information.

#### XII. MARKET RUMOURS

The Company shall not comment, affirmatively or negatively, on market rumors. Should a stock exchange request that the Company makes a definitive statement in response to a market rumor that is causing significant volatility in the securities of the Company, the CIRO and/or the company secretary in consultation with whole-time directors shall consider the matter and content of the Company's response, such as confirming "no corporate development at this time".

#### XIII. REVIEW OF ANALYST REPORTS

The Company may at the request of the Analysts review their research reports for the limited purpose of pointing errors based on previously disclosed information.

#### XIV. MAINTENANCE OF DISCLOSURE RECORDS

The Company shall maintain and store records in respect of disclosures made by it through any means under the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, Rules made there under, SEBI Act, 1992, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines issued there under and the Listing Agreements, for audit and future reference.

#### XV. SHARE DEALING CODE

No Employee including his/her Immediate Relatives shall either on his/ her own behalf or on behalf of any other person, trade or undertake to trade or cause to trade in the Securities of the Company

- (i) when he/ she is in possession of any Unpublished Price Sensitive Information and
- (ii) during the Restricted Trading Period.

## XVI. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATION

This Code shall be reviewed from time to time and any amendments or modifications thereto shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board of Directors of the Company.

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