

AION-TECH SOLUTIONS LIMITED

POLICY ON DETERMINATION OF MATERIALITY FOR DISCLOSURES

1. BACKGROUND;

AION-TECH Solutions Limited (formerly known as Goldstone Technologies Limited) (the Company) is committed to being open and transparent with all stakeholders and believes in disseminating information in a fair and timely manner. The Company's securities are listed on the BSE Limited (BSE), National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) and the Company must comply with the continuous disclosure obligations imposed by the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations 2015 (Listing Regulations). The Listing Regulations is effective from December 1, 2015. Listing Regulations mandate listed entities to formulate a Policy for determining materiality of events or information that warrant disclosure to its stakeholders. It is in this context that the Policy on Determination of Materiality for Disclosure(s) ("Policy") has been framed.

2. DEFINITIONS;

In this Policy, unless the context requires otherwise:

- a. "Board of Directors" shall mean the Board of Directors of AION-TECH Solutions Limited.
- b. "Key Managerial Personnel" means Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of AION-TECH Solutions Limited.
- c. "Officer" includes any Director, Manager or Key Managerial Personnel or any person in accordance with whose directions or instructions the Board of Directors or any one or more of the Directors is or are accustomed to act and includes Promoter of the Company.
- d. "Promoter" and "Promoter Group" shall have the same meaning as assigned to them respectively in clauses (oo) and (pp) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 2 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018.
- e. "Senior Management" shall have the same meaning as assigned under clause (bbb) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 2 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018.

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- f. “Subsidiary” means a subsidiary as defined under Sub-section (87) of Section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013;

All other words and expressions used but not defined in this Policy, but defined in the SEBI Act, 1992, Companies Act, 2013, the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, the Depositories Act, 1996 and/or the rules and regulations made there under shall have the same meaning as respectively assigned to them in such Acts or rules or regulations or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereto, as the case may be.

3. OBJECTIVE OF THE POLICY;

The objectives of this Policy are as follows:

- a. To ensure that the Company complies with the disclosure obligations to which it is subject as a publicly-traded company as laid down by the Listing Regulations, various Securities Laws and any other legislations.
- b. To ensure that the information disclosed by the Company is timely, transparent and continuous till the termination of the specific event or information.
- c. To ensure that to the best of the knowledge of the management, the corporate documents and public statements are accurate and do not contain any misrepresentation.
- d. To protect the confidentiality of Material / Price sensitive information within the context of the Company’s disclosure obligations.
- e. To provide a framework that supports and fosters confidence in the quality and integrity of information released by the Company.
- f. To ensure uniformity in the Company’s approach to disclosures, raise awareness and reduce the risk of selective disclosures.

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4. TYPE OF INFORMATION;

The information covered by this Policy shall include “information related to the Company's business, operations, or performance which has a significant effect on securities investment decisions” (hereinafter referred to as “material information”) that the Company is required to disclose in a timely and appropriate manner by applying the guidelines for assessing materiality. Events or information that is to be disclosed based on materiality principle are specified in **Annexure 1** to this Policy.

Events or information that is to be disclosed without any application of the guidelines for materiality are specified in **Annexure 2** to this Policy.

5. PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCLOSURE;

The Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary (**Authorized Persons**) shall jointly be responsible and in the absence of any one of above authorized persons the remaining two shall be responsible to determine the materiality of an event or information and either the Managing Director or the Company Secretary of the Company is authorized to make appropriate disclosure on a timely basis. The Authorized Persons are empowered to seek appropriate counsel for guidance, as and when necessary, from other internal or external stakeholders as they may deem fit.

The Authorized Persons shall have the following powers and responsibilities for determining the material events or information:

- a. To review and assess an event or information that may qualify as ‘material’ and may require disclosure, on the basis of facts and circumstances prevailing at a given point in time.
- b. To determine the appropriate time at which the disclosures are to be made to the stock exchanges based on an assessment of actual time of occurrence of an event or information.
- c. To disclose developments that are material in nature on a regular basis, till such time the event or information is resolved/closed, with relevant explanations.

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- d. To consider such other events or information that may require disclosure to be made to the stock exchanges which are not explicitly defined in the Listing Regulations and determine the materiality, appropriate time and contents of disclosure for such matters.
- e. To disclose all events or information with respect to the subsidiaries which are material for the Company.

6. GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSING MATERIALITY;

Materiality will be determined on a case-to-case basis depending on the facts and the circumstances pertaining to the event or information.

The following criteria will be applicable for determination of materiality of event or information: –

- a. The omission of an event or information which is likely to:
 - result in a discontinuity or alteration of an event or information already available publicly; or
 - result in significant market reaction if the said omission came to light at a later date;
- b. The omission of an event or information, whose value or the expected impact in terms of value, exceeds the lower of the following:
 - two percent of turnover, as per the last audited consolidated financial statements of the Company;
 - 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;
 - 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.

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- c. In case where the criteria specified in sub-clauses as specified above is not applicable; then in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Company, the event / information ought to be disclosed.

7. GUIDANCE ON TIMING OF AN EVENT OR INFORMATION;

The Company may be confronted with the question as to when an event/information can be said to have occurred. In certain instances, the answer to above question would depend upon the stage of discussion, negotiation or approval and in other instances where there is no such discussion, negotiation or approval required viz. in case of natural calamities, disruptions etc, the answer to the above question would depend upon the timing when the Company became aware of the event/information.

In the former, the events/information (based on the facts and circumstances), can probably be said to have occurred upon receipt of approval of Board of Directors.

However, considering the price sensitivity involved, for certain events e.g. decision on declaration of dividends etc., disclosure shall be made on receipt of approval of the event by the Board of Directors, pending Shareholder's approval.

In the latter, the events/information can be said to have occurred when the Company becomes aware of the events/information, or as soon as, an officer of the Company has, or ought to have reasonably come into possession of the information in the course of the performance of his duties.

Further, the Company shall ensure that all events or information which are material in terms of the provisions of this regulation shall be first disclosed to the stock exchanges 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 Company;

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- iii) twenty-four hours from the occurrence of the event or information, in case the event or information is not emanating from within the Company:

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.

8. OBLIGATIONS OF INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS AND AUTHORIZED PERSON FOR DISCLOSURE;

- (a) Any event or information, including the information forming part of Annexure 1 and Annexure 2 to the Policy shall be forthwith informed to the Authorized Persons upon occurrence, with adequate supporting data/information, to facilitate a prompt and appropriate disclosure to the stock exchanges.
- (b) The Authorized Persons will then ascertain the materiality of such event(s) or information based on the above guidelines.
- (c) On completion of the assessment, the Managing Director/Company Secretary shall, if required, make appropriate disclosure(s) to the Stock Exchanges.

9. POLICY REVIEW;

The Authorized Person may review the Policy from time to time. Material Changes to the Policy will need the approval of the Board of Directors.

Should there be any inconsistency between the terms of the Policy and the Listing Regulations, the provisions of the Listing Regulations shall prevail.

Any amendments to the Listing Regulations shall mutatis mutandis be deemed to have been incorporated in this Policy.

10. EFFECTIVE DATE;

The amended Policy shall be effective from the date of approval of Board of Directors (i.e.) December 11, 2023.

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11. WEBSITE;

As per the provisions of the Listing Regulations, the Policy shall be disclosed on the website of the Company. Further, the Company shall disclose on its website all such events or information which has been disclosed to stock exchange(s) under the Listing Regulations and such disclosures shall be made available on the website of the Company for a period of five years and thereafter as per the Documentation Retention and Archival Policy of the Company.

12. CONTACT DETAILS;

Questions or clarifications about the Policy or disclosures made by the Company should be referred to the Company Secretary, who is in charge of administering, enforcing and updating this policy.

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Annexure 1

EVENTS OR INFORMATION THAT ARE TO BE DISCLOSED BASED ON MATERIALITY GUIDELINES LISTED IN THE 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 Company:
 - arrangements for strategic, technical, manufacturing, or marketing tie-up; or
 - adoption of new line(s) of business; or
 - closure of operation of any unit, division or subsidiary (in entirety or in piecemeal).
3. Significant 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 Company due to natural calamity (earthquake, flood, fire etc.), force majeure or events such as strikes, lockouts etc.
7. Significant impact on financial, operational, strategic or reputation arising out of change in the regulatory framework.
8. Pendency of any litigation(s) or dispute(s) or the outcome thereof which may have an impact on the Company.
9. Frauds or defaults by employees of the listed entity which has or may have an impact on the Company.
10. Options to purchase securities including any ESOP/ESPS Scheme.

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11. Giving significant guarantees or indemnity or becoming a surety for any third party.
12. Granting, withdrawal, surrender, cancellation or suspension of key/material licenses or material regulatory approvals.
13. Delay or default in the payment of fines, penalties, dues, etc. to any regulatory, statutory, enforcement or judicial authority.
14. 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.

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Annexure 2

Events or Information that are to be disclosed WITHOUT application of Materiality Guidelines listed in the Policy

1. Acquisition(s) (including agreement to acquire), Scheme of Arrangement (amalgamation, merger, demerger or restructuring), sale or disposal of any unit(s), division(s), whole or substantially the whole of the undertaking(s) or subsidiary of the listed entity, sale of stake in associate company of the listed entity or any other restructuring.

Explanation (1)- For the purpose of this clause, 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 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 made under sub clause of clause (ii) of the Explanation above 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 clause, “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

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- (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 subclause (c) of clause (i) of sub-regulation (4) of regulation 30.

Explanation (3)- For the purpose of this clause, “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 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;

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- (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 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 Company 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 Company or impose any restriction or create any liability upon the Company, shall be disclosed to the Stock Exchanges, including disclosure of any rescission, amendment or alteration of such agreements thereto, whether or not the Company is a party to such agreements.

Provided that such agreements entered into by the Company 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 Company 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 the Company, 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.

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For the purpose of this Clause:

(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 Company.”

7. Change in directors, key managerial personnel (Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer , Company Secretary etc.), Senior Management, Auditor and Compliance Officer.
8. Appointment or discontinuation of share transfer agent.
9. Resolution plan/ Restructuring in relation to loans/borrowings from banks/financial institutions.
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 Company.
13. Proceedings of Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings of the Company.
14. Amendments to memorandum and articles of association of Company, in brief.

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15. 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 on financial results made by the Company to analysts or institutional investors.

16. 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.

17. Action(s) initiated or orders passed by any regulatory, statutory, enforcement authority or judicial body against the Company or its directors, key managerial personnel, senior management, promoter or subsidiary, in relation to the Company, 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;

18. 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;

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(h) warning or caution; or

(i) any other similar action(s) by whatever name called;

19. Voluntary revision of financial statements or the report of the Board of Directors of the Company under section 131 of the Companies Act, 2013.

20. Any other events as mentioned in the Part A of the Schedule III of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 including amendments thereof from time to time.