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CODE OF CONDUCT TO REGULATE, MONITOR AND REPORT TRADING IN SECURITIES OF NSDL BY DESIGNATED PERSONS AS A LISTED ENTITY

Under SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015

1) Necessity, Objective and Underlying Principles

- 1.1. The Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") has framed the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI PIT Regulations") that aims at curbing market abuse, and prohibition of insider trading. Regulation 9(1) of the SEBI PIT Regulations require a listed entity to frame their own code of conduct for monitoring, regulating and reporting trades by Designated Persons of such listed entity in Securities of such listed entity by adopting minimum standards set out in Schedule B of the SEBI PIT Regulations.
- 1.2. The Governing Board of NSDL has framed this Code of Conduct encompassing the applicable requirements of the SEBI PIT Regulations and other applicable circulars issued by SEBI applicable to NSDL as a listed entity for regulating, monitoring and reporting trading in Securities of NSDL by Designated Persons and their Immediate Relatives.
- 1.3. The purpose of this Code is to elucidate and inform all Designated Persons of NSDL that they have a responsibility and duty to preserve the confidentiality of the unpublished price sensitive information in relation to NSDL and regulate dealing in its Securities. To achieve these objectives, NSDL hereby notifies that this Code of Conduct to Regulate, Monitor and Report Trades in Securities of NSDL by Designated Persons as a listed entity (hereinafter referred to as "Code") to be followed by all Designated Persons who might have access to Unpublished Price Sensitive Information in relation to NSDL or that may come in possession during the course of discharging his/her functions in NSDL.

2) Effectiveness of the Code

- 2.1. This Code shall be effective from the date of listing of Securities of NSDL.
- 2.2. The Governing Board of NSDL shall be empowered to approve, adopt and amend this Code.
- 2.3. The Code shall continue to be effective until any statutory provision contrary to this Code is made applicable to NSDL or the SEBI PIT Regulations under which the Code has been framed, be repealed by the SEBI or as may be decided by the Governing Board and is subject to change pursuant to any amendments thereof in the said Regulations.
- 2.4. The Governing Board may from time to time, review and amend the provisions of the Code in terms of the global practices being followed and amendments, if any, under the SEBI PIT Regulations.

3) Definitions

In this Code, the following expressions including their grammatical variations and cognate expressions shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, have the meaning assigned to them respectively hereunder:

- **3.1.** "Governing Board" means the Board of Directors of NSDL;
- **3.2.** "NSDL" or "Company" means National Securities Depositories Limited;
- 3.3. "Compliance Officer" means the Compliance Officer, designated from time to time, in compliance with the provisions of the SEBI PIT Regulations;
- **3.4. "Connected Person**" to the extent applicable to NSDL by virtue of being a listed entity, means:
 - (i) any person who is or has during the six months prior to the concerned act been associated with a company, directly or indirectly, in any capacity including by reason of frequent communication with its officers or by being in any contractual, fiduciary or employment relationship or by being a director, officer or an employee of the company or holds any position including a professional or business relationship between himself and the company whether temporary or permanent, that allows such person, directly or indirectly, access to unpublished price sensitive information or is reasonably expected to allow such access.
 - (ii) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the persons falling within the following categories shall be deemed to be connected persons unless the contrary is established, -
 - (a) an immediate relative of connected persons specified in clause 3.8 of this code; or
 - (b) a holding company or associate company or subsidiary company; or
 - (c) an intermediary as specified in section 12 of the SEBI Act, 1992 or an employee or director thereof; or
 - (d) an investment company, trustee company, asset management company or an employee or director thereof; or
 - (e) an official of a stock exchange or of clearing house or corporation; or
 - (f) a member of board of trustees of a mutual fund or a member of the board of directors of the asset management company of a mutual fund or is an employee thereof; or
 - (g) a member of the board of directors or an employee, of a public financial institution as defined in section 2 (72) of the Companies Act, 2013; or
 - (h) an official or an employee of a self-regulatory organization recognised or authorized by the Board; or
 - (i) a banker of the company; or

(j) a concern, firm, trust, Hindu undivided family, company or association of persons wherein a director of a company or his immediate relative or banker of the company, has more than ten percent of the holding or interest.

3.5. "Designated Person" shall mean the following:

- (i) Directors;
- (ii) Key Managerial Personnel;
- (iii) Other Employees upto two levels below Chief Executive Officer of NSDL, irrespective of their functional role in NSDL or ability to have access to Unpublished Price Sensitive Information;
- (iv) Employees of material subsidiaries of NSDL designated on the basis of their functional role or access to unpublished price sensitive information in the organization by their board of directors;
- (v) Any support staff of NSDL such as IT staff, secretarial staff, legal staff, finance, executive secretaries to senior management who have access to Unpublished Price Sensitive Information;
- (vi) any other employee notified/designated by the Compliance Officer in consultation with Governing Board, either for a specific period of time or for an indefinite period of time, based on such person's role, function, designation and seniority in NSDL and the extent to which such person may have access to Unpublished Price Sensitive Information;
- (vii) Immediate Relatives of the persons specified in (i) to (vi) above.
- **3.6.** "Employee" includes any person being in the employment (permanent or temporary) of NSDL or its material subsidiaries;
- **3.7.** "Generally available information" means information that is accessible to the public on a non-discriminatory basis;
- **3.8.** "Immediate Relative" means a spouse of a person, and includes parent, sibling, and children of such person or of the spouse, any of whom is either dependent financially on such person, or consults such person in taking decisions relating to trading in Securities;
- **3.9.** "**Insider**" means any person who is:
 - i. a Connected Person; or
 - ii. in possession of or having access to Unpublished Price Sensitive Information.
- **3.10. "Key Management Personnel" or "KMP"** shall mean key management personnel of NSDL as defined under the SEBI (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018 (read with amendments).
- **3.11.** "Legitimate Purpose" shall include sharing of unpublished price sensitive information in the ordinary course of business by an insider with partners, collaborators, lenders, customers,

- suppliers, merchant bankers, legal advisors, auditors, insolvency professionals or other advisors or consultants, provided that such sharing has not been carried out to evade or circumvent the prohibitions of the SEBI PIT Regulations.
- **3.12.** "Material financial relationship" shall mean a relationship in which one person is a recipient of any kind of payment such as by way of a loan or gift from a Designated Person during the immediately preceding twelve months, equivalent to at least 25% of the annual income of such Designated Person but shall exclude relationships in which the payment is based on arm's length transactions.
- **3.13. "Securities"** shall have the meaning assigned to it under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (42 of 1956) or any modification thereof except units of a mutual fund.
- 3.14. "Structured Digital Database" or "SDD" means a digital database created, updated and maintained by the Company as per the provisions of the SEBI PIT Regulations containing the nature of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information of the Company and the names of such persons who have shared the information and also the names of such persons with whom information is shared under this regulation along with the Permanent Account Number or any other identifier authorized by law where Permanent Account Number is not available. Such database shall not be outsourced and shall be maintained internally with adequate internal controls and checks such as time stamping and audit trails to ensure non-tampering of the database.
- **3.15. "Trading**" means and includes subscribing, buying, selling, pledging dealing, or agreeing to subscribe, buy, sell, pledge, deal in any securities, and "Trade", "Traded" shall be construed accordingly.
- **3.16.** "**Trading Day**" means a day on which the recognized stock exchanges are open for trading;
- **3.17.** "Unpublished Price Sensitive Information" or "UPSI" means any information, relating to NSDL 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 of NSDL and shall, ordinarily including but not restricted to, information relating to the following:
 - (i) financial results;
 - (ii) dividends;
 - (iii) change in capital structure;
 - (iv) mergers, de-mergers, acquisitions, delisting, disposals and expansion of business and such other transactions; and
 - (v) changes in key managerial personnel.

Words and expressions used and not defined in this Code, but defined in the SEBI Act, 1992, the SEBI PIT Regulations, the Securities Contract (Regulation) Act, 1956, the Depositories Act, 1996, or the Companies Act, 2013 and rules and regulations made thereunder shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in such legislations.

4) Applicability

4.1. This Code is applicable to all the Designated Persons of NSDL in respect of their dealing in the Securities of NSDL to the extent it is provided by this Code.

5) Roles and Responsibility of the Compliance Officer

- 5.1. NSDL has designated a Senior Officer of NSDL as Compliance Officer to administer this Code and monitor compliance with the SEBI PIT Regulations. The Compliance Officer for the purpose of this Code shall report to the Governing Board of the Company, and Chairman of the Audit Committee of NSDL on quarterly basis or on such other intervals as decided by the Governing Board. In the absence of the Compliance Officer due to leave or any other reason, the Officer designated by him/her from time-to-time shall discharge the functions referred above.
- 5.2. The Compliance Officer shall ensure the adherence of all the policies, codes, processes and procedures formulated and adopted by the Company for the preservation of UPSI and monitor the compliances and implementation of all the provisions specified in the SEBI PIT Regulations.
- 5.3. The Compliance Officer shall assist any Insider approaching him/ her in addressing any queries regarding adherence to the provisions or reporting requirements of this Code. These queries may include determination of whether a person or entity is an Insider or whether an information is UPSI or what kind of reporting or disclosures does the Insider need to make and so on. All these queries/ clarifications shall be raised through emails at depository-coeff.com.
- 5.4. Further, any leak/ suspected leak of UPSI shall be reported to the above given email id with the subject line "LEAK OF UPSI".
- 5.5. The Compliance Officer shall apprise all the Designated Persons to mark 'nsdlupsi@nsdl.com' in email communications wherever any UPSI of the Company, is being shared. This is a common email ID, in addition to the team specific email IDs, if any.
- 5.6. Dissemination and public disclosure of UPSI as prescribed under the Code of Practices and Procedures for Fair Disclosure of UPSI formulated by the Company as per the provisions of Regulation 8 of SEBI PIT Regulations.

- 5.7. The Compliance Officer shall monitor trades by the Designated Persons, verify, approve or reject trading plans, seek disclosures/ declarations as per provisions of SEBI PIT Regulations, and grant or reject pre-clearance for dealing in the Company's Securities. The Compliance Officer shall notify the trading plan to the stock exchanges and ensure that once approved, the trading plans shall be irrevocable.
- 5.8. The Compliance Officer shall obtain all the declarations/ information as may be required from time to time from the identified Designated Persons for ensuring compliance of the SEBI PIT Regulations.
- 5.9. Upon the violations of this Code, the Compliance Officer shall seek written explanation from the Insider and any such violations shall be reported by the Compliance Officer to the Audit Committee or Governing Board, upon becoming aware of the same, based on the nature of the violation.
- 5.10. The Compliance Officer shall make timely intimations to stock exchange(s) and SEBI of receipt of declarations / disclosures as well as violations under this Code.

6) Disclosure of Information

- 6.1. The Designated Persons shall submit the requisite details/ disclosures in such form and/ or manner as may be specified in this Code or informed from time to time.
- 6.2. All the Designated Persons shall be required to submit following personal information to the Compliance Officer on an annual basis and as and when the information changes:
 - 6.2.1. Permanent Account Number or any other identifier authorized by law of the following persons:
 - 6.2.1.1. Immediate Relatives as per clause 3.8 above;
 - 6.2.1.2. persons with whom such designated person(s) shares a material financial relationship (i.e. a relationship in which the person receives any kind of payment from a Designated Person (such as by way of a loan or gift from a Designated Person) during the immediately preceding twelve months, equivalent to at least 25% of the annual income of such Designated Person. However, relationships in which the payment is based on arm's length transactions is excluded.;
 - 6.2.2. Phone, mobile and cell numbers which are used by them;
 - 6.2.3. Names of educational institutions from which Designated Persons have graduated (to be disclosed on one-time basis);
 - 6.2.4. Names of their past employers (to be disclosed on one-time basis).

The above disclosures shall be made in Form N-II.

7) Disclosure of trading in Securities of NSDL by Designated Persons

- 7.1. The Directors, Committee Members, KMPs and other Designated Persons shall disclose its holdings in the Securities of NSDL as on the date of appointment, to NSDL within 7 (seven) days of such appointment in Form N-I.
- 7.2. The Directors, Committee Members, KMPs and other Designated Persons shall disclose to NSDL the number of securities of NSDL acquired or disposed of within 2 (two) trading days of such transaction if the value of the Securities of NSDL traded, whether in single or multiple transactions over any calendar quarter, aggregates to a traded value in excess of Rs. 10,00,000 (Rupees ten lakhs). The said disclosure shall be made in Form N-IV;
- 7.3. NSDL shall notify the particulars of such trading to the stock exchange on which the Securities of NSDL are listed within 2 (two) trading days of receipt of the disclosure or from becoming aware of such information. It is clarified for the avoidance of doubts that the disclosure of the incremental transactions after any disclosure under this Clause, shall be made when the transactions effected after the prior disclosure cross the threshold specified in Clause 7.2 above.
- 7.4. The Directors, Committee Members, KMPs and other Designated Persons shall disclose to NSDL its holdings in Securities of NSDL on an annual basis, as on 31st March of every year by 30th April of that year. The said disclosure shall be made in Form N-II.
- 7.5. All disclosures received by NSDL from Designated Persons shall be placed before the Audit Committee and the Governing Board on a quarterly basis or on such other intervals as decided by the Governing Board.

8) Restrictions in trading in Securities of NSDL

- 8.1. Designated Persons shall not trade in the Securities of NSDL while in possession of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information or during closure of Trading Window. When the Trading Window is open and not in possession of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information, the trades in Securities of NSDL will be subject to pre-clearance, if the value of trades is in excess of the threshold prescribed in Clause 7.2 above.
- 8.2. All Designated Persons who intend to trade in Securities of NSDL, directly or through a Portfolio Manager, above a threshold prescribed in Clause 7.2 shall obtain a pre-clearance from the Compliance Officer by filing an application in Form N-III. In case the Compliance Officer intends to trade in Securities of NSDL, then, he shall obtain the pre-clearance from the Managing Director.
- 8.3. Prior to granting of pre-clearance of trade to the Designated Person, the Compliance Officer shall be entitled to seek declaration to the effect that the applicant for pre-clearance is not in

- possession of any unpublished price sensitive information relating to NSDL. The Compliance Officer shall also have regard to whether any such declaration is reasonably capable of being rendered inaccurate.
- 8.4. The pre-cleared trade shall be executed by the applicant within seven trading days of obtaining pre-clearance. In case the trade is not executed within seven trading days, the pre-clearance shall lapse, and the Designated Person will have to obtain fresh pre-clearance for executing such trade. The Designated Person(s) shall be required to disclose the details of trade executed/not executed after obtaining pre-clearance in Form N-V.
- 8.5. All transactions in Securities (including those made through Portfolio Manager(s)) in NSDL must be of an investment nature and not speculative in nature. Towards this end, the Designated Person(s), who trade in Securities of NSDL, shall not execute contra trade for a minimum period of 6 (six) months in the Securities of NSDL. Moreover, the holding period shall also apply to purchases in the primary market (such as IPOs). In case of IPOs, the holding period shall commence when the Securities of NSDL are actually allotted. In specific/ exceptional circumstances, the contra trade in a Security can be executed by the Designated Person by obtaining pre-clearance from the Compliance Officer. The Compliance Officer is empowered to grant relaxation from strict application of such restriction for reasons to be recorded in writing provided that such relaxation does not violate the SEBI PIT Regulations. The application for execution of contra trade within the aforesaid restricted period shall be made in Form N-III. If a contra trade is executed, inadvertently or otherwise, in violation of such restriction, the profits from such trade shall be liable to be disgorged for remittance to SEBI for credit to the Investor Protection and Education Fund administered by SEBI. The restriction on contra trade shall not be applicable for trades pursuant to exercise of stock options.
- 8.6. All pre-clearances given for the purpose of Clause 8.2 and 8.5 above along with the accompanying documents will be placed before the Audit Committee and the Governing Board on quarterly basis or on such other intervals as decided by the Governing Board.

9) Trading Window

- 9.1. The Compliance Officer shall notify a 'trading window closure' during which the Designated Persons or their immediate relatives shall not Trade in the Company's securities till the end of 48 hours after UPSI disclosed in public domain or become Generally Available Information. The said intimation shall also be filed with the stock exchange(s) and uploaded on the website of the Company.
- 9.2. The trading window closure restrictions shall not apply in the cases specified under regulation 4 of SEBI PIT Regulations, as amended from time to time.

- 9.3. All Designated Persons shall execute Trades in the Securities of the Company only in a valid trading period called Trading Window prescribed hereunder and shall not execute any Trade or deal in any transaction involving the purchase or sale of the Company's Securities in their own name or in the name of their Immediate Relatives during the period when the Trading Window is closed or any other period as may be specified by the Company from time to time.
- 9.4. The Trading Window for trading in Securities of the Company shall be closed for the following purposes:
 - (i) Declaration of financial results (quarterly and annual), standalone and consolidated, of the Company;
 - (ii) Intended declaration of dividends (both interim and final);
 - (iii) Issue of Securities by way of public, bonus, rights issue etc. or buy-back of Securities and changes in capital structure;
 - (iv) Change in Key Managerial Personnel; and
 - (v) Mergers, demergers, amalgamations, acquisitions, delisting, disposals, expansion of business and such other transactions
- 9.5. In addition to the items specified above, the Trading Window shall also be closed when the Compliance Officer determines that a Designated Person or class of Designated Persons can reasonably be expected to have possession of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information. Such closure shall be imposed in relation to such Securities to which such Unpublished Price Sensitive Information relates.
- 9.6. In case of declaration of financial results, the Trading Window shall be closed during the period beginning from the last day of any financial period for which results are required to be announced and ending 48 (forty-eight) hours after the public release of such results. The gap between clearance of accounts by the Audit Committee and the Board meeting should be as narrow as possible and preferably on the same day to avoid leakage of material information. In all other circumstances, the time for commencement of closing of Trading Window shall be as determined by the Compliance Officer.
- 9.7. The Compliance Officer after taking into account various factors including the Unpublished Price Sensitive Information in question becoming Generally Available Information and being capable of assimilation by the market, shall decide the timing for re-opening of the Trading Window, which however shall not in any event be earlier than 48 hours after the information becoming Generally Available Information.
- 9.8. Trading Window may be closed by the Company during such time in addition to the above period, as may be deemed fit by the Compliance Officer.

9.9. The notice of closure of the Trading Window intimated to the stock exchanges, if any, wherever the Securities of the Company are listed.

Sr. no	Event	Trading Window to remain closed			
		From	То		
1)	Declaration of Financial	1st Quarter - 1st July	48 hours after the		
	Results	2nd Quarter - 1st October	results are submitted		
		3 rd Quarter - 1 st January	to the Stock		
		4 th Quarter - 1 st April	Exchange		
2)	Declaration of Dividends	Date of Notice of Board	48 hours after the		
	(Interim and Final)	Meeting to Directors or	results are submitted		
		Stock Exchange whichever	to the Stock		
		is earlier	Exchange		
3)	Change in Capital Structure	Date of Notice of Board	48 hours after the		
		Meeting to Directors or	event is intimated to		
		Stock Exchange whichever	the Stock Exchange		
		is earlier			
4)	Mergers, De-mergers,	Date of Notice of Board	48 hours after the		
	acquisitions, delisting,	Meeting to Directors or	event is intimated to		
	disposals and expansion of	Stock Exchange whichever	the Stock Exchange		
	business or such other	is earlier			
	transactions				
5)	Change in key managerial	Date of Notice of Board	48 hours after the		
	personnel	Meeting to Directors or	event is intimated to		
		Stock Exchange whichever	the Stock Exchange		
		is earlier			

10) Trading Plan

10.1. A Designated Person is entitled to formulate a Trading Plan and present it to the Compliance Officer for approval and public disclosure pursuant to which trades may be carried out on his behalf in accordance with such plan. The Compliance Officer shall review and approve the Trading Plan if it complies with the SEBI PIT Regulations and shall disclose the Trading Plan to the stock exchanges, where the Security of NSDL is listed. A Designated person who has formulated a Trading Plan and obtained approval of Compliance Officer shall carry out his trading as per the requirements provided under the SEBI PIT Regulations.

11)Preservation Of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information and Chinese Wall

- 11.1. Access to Unpublished Price Sensitive information of the Company shall be on a "need-to-know" basis and no Unpublished Price Sensitive Information shall be communicated to any person except in furtherance of legitimate purposes, in the course of performance of duties or in discharge of legal obligations.
- 11.2. Files containing Unpublished Price Sensitive Information shall be kept secure. Computer files shall have adequate security of login and passwords, etc. Guidelines for maintenance of

electronic records and systems may be prescribed by the Compliance Officer from time to time in consultation with the person in-charge of the information technology function of the Company.

11.3. Chinese Wall Policy:

- 11.3.1. As per the SEBI PIT Regulations, the Company has adopted a Chinese wall policy to prevent the misuse of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information in relation to the Company which separates those areas of the Company which routinely have access to UPSI, considered "inside areas" from those departments which deal with sale/marketing or other departments providing support services, considered "public areas". All Designated Persons shall adhere to the Chinese wall policy and ensure that confidentiality of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information is maintained at all times.
- 11.3.2. The employees in the inside area shall not communicate any price sensitive information to anyone in public area, except in furtherance of legitimate purpose, performance of duties or discharge of legal obligations.
- 11.3.3. The employees in an inside area may be physically segregated from employees in public area. Demarcation of the various departments as inside area may be implemented by the Company.
- 11.3.4. In exceptional circumstances employees from the public areas may be brought "over the wall" and given confidential information on the basis of "need to know" criteria, under intimation to the Compliance Officer.
- 11.3.5. The Designated Persons within the Chinese Walls have a responsibility to ensure the Chinese Wall is not breached deliberately or inadvertently. Any known or suspected breaches of the Chinese Wall must be reported to the Compliance Officer immediately.
- 11.3.6. The Compliance Officer shall report to the Managing Director of any breach of Chinese Wall procedures by any person immediately and if the breach is serious also make a report to the Audit Committee of the Company.

12) Structured Digital Database of recipient of UPSI

As required under Regulation 3(5) of the SEBI PIT Regulations, the Compliance Officer shall maintain a structured digital database of such persons or entities as the case may be with whom UPSI is shared, along with the following information pertaining to the recipients.

- a. Name of the person who has shared the UPSI
- b. Name of such recipient of UPSI;
- c. Name of the Organization or entity which the recipient represents

- d. Postal Address and E-mail ID of such recipient
- e. Permanent Account Number (PAN) or any other identifier authorized by law, if PAN is not available.

Such database shall be maintained in accordance with the SEBI PIT Regulations from time to time, including through adequate internal controls and checks such as time stamping and audit trials to ensure non-tampering of such database.

13) Disciplinary Action

- 13.1. Any Designated Person who trades in securities of NSDL or communicates any information or counsels any person trading in Securities of NSDL, in contravention of the Code or otherwise violates the Code will be subject to disciplinary action as considered appropriate by NSDL. Such actions may include (without limiting) including imposition of wage freeze, suspension, recovery, levying penalty, termination of employment, etc. Any amount collected under this clause shall be remitted to the SEBI for credit to the Investor Protection and Education Fund administered by the SEBI.
- 13.2. In case it is observed that there has been a violation of SEBI PIT Regulations, the same shall be promptly reported to the Audit Committee and the Governing Board of NSDL, and thereafter, to SEBI by the Compliance Officer.
- 13.3. Any disciplinary action by NSDL shall not preclude SEBI from taking any action in case of violation of the SEBI PIT Regulations.

FORM N-I

INITIAL DISCLOSURE BY A DESIGNATED PERSON

(Please refer Clause 7.1 of this Code)

Name of the company:	<u>National Securities Depository Limited</u>
ISIN of the company: _	
Details of Securities held	on appointment of Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) or Director or
upon becoming a Prom	oter or member of the promoter group of a listed company and

Details of Securities held on appointment of Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) or Director or upon becoming a Promoter or member of the promoter group of a listed company and immediate relatives of such persons and by other such persons as mentioned in Regulation 6(2).

Name, PAN,	Category of	Date of	Securities held a	t the time	% of
CIN/DIN &	Person (KMP /	appointment	of appointment of KMP/Director		Shareholding
Address wit h contact nos.	Director o r Promoter	of KMP/Directo	or upon becomi Promoter or member of t	J	
contact nos.	r member of	r / ´	promoter group	ine	
	the promoter group/	becoming Promoter/	Type of	No.	
	Immediate relative	member of the promoter	securities (For	NO.	
	to/others, etc.)	group	Warrants, Convertible Debentures, Rights entitlements,		
1	2	3	etc.) 4	5	6

Note: "Securities" shall have the meaning as defined under regulation 2(1)(i) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.

Details of Open Interest (OI) in derivatives on the securities of the company held on appointment of KMP or Director or upon becoming a Promoter or member of the promoter group of a listed company and immediate relatives of such persons and by other such persons as mentioned in Regulation 6(2).

Open Interest of the Future contracts held at Open Interest of the Option Contracts held at the time of appointment of Director/KMP or the time of appointment of Director/KMP or upon becoming Promoter/member of the upon becoming Promoter/member of the promoter group promoter group Contract Number of Notional Contract Number of Notional specifications specifications value in Rupee units value in units (contracts (contracts Rupee terms terms * lot size) * lot size) 7 9 10 12 8 11

Notes:

Name Signature: Designation: Date:

Place:

⁽¹⁾ This statement is required to be given by a Designated Person within 7 days of joining or becoming a Designated Person.

⁽²⁾ In case of Options, notional value shall be calculated based on premium plus strike price of options

FORM N-II

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE BY A DESIGNATED PERSON (Please refer Clause 6 and Clause 7.4 of this Code)

Name of the company: National Securities Depository Limited

	ISIN of the company: _				
A.	Annual Statement	of Holdings			
1)	Name of the Designa	ted Person:			
2)	Designation (for KM	P and Employee):			
3)	Employee code (for	KMP and Employee):		
4)	Department (for KM	P and Employee):			
5)	Permanent Account	Number (PAN):			
6)	Telephone, Mobile a	nd Cell numbers:			
7)	Educational instituti	ons from which gra	duated:		
8)	Name of past employ	ver:			
9)	Details of immediate	relatives in table b	elow:		
1	Name of immediate	Permanent Acco	ount T	elephone number used	Mobile/ cell
r	elatives	Number			number used
1(D) Details of persons	with whom such	design	nated person(s) shares a	material financial
	relationship in table	below:			
	Name of persons with	Permanent A	ccount	Telephone number used	Mobile/ cell
	whom such designated	Number			number used
	person(s) shares a				

material	financial		
relationship			

11) Statement of holdings in Securities as on 31st March 20____: Securities held by Designated Person

Name	of	the	kind of security	Opening	Purchase/ Sale	No. of security
Designa	ated			balance of	/Pledge /	held as on
Person				securities held	Corporate	31.03.20_
				as on 01.04.20_	action during	(Quantity)
				(quantity)	the year	

Securities held by Immediate Relative of the Designated Person

Name o	f the	kind of security	Opening	Purchase/ Sale	No. of security
Immediate	e		balance of	/Pledge /	held as on
Relative			securities held	Corporate	31.03.20_
			as on 01.04.20_	action during	(Quantity)
			(quantity)	the year	

Notes:

- (1) This statement is required to be given by a Designated Person as on 31st March every year within 30 days thereof.
- (2) Securities shall not include mutual fund units.

Name

Signature:

Designation:

Date:

Place:

FORM N-III

APPLICATION BY DESIGNATED PERSON TO OBTAIN PRE-CLEARANCE

(Please refer Clause 8.2 and Clause 8.5 of this Code)

Name of the company: National Securities Depository Limited ISIN of the company:

To, The Compliance Officer, National Securities Depository Limited

- 1) Name of the Designated Person:
- 2) Designation (for KMP and Employee):
- 3) Employee code (for KMP and Employee):
- 4) Department (for KMP and Employee):
- 5) Nature of transaction: Purchase/Sale/Pledge/gift/others (strike whichever is not applicable)

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I hereby declare that:

(i) I do not have any access or has not received unpublished price sensitive information in respect of the above security(ies) upto the time of making this application/declaration;

(ii) I further state that if I receive or have access to unpublished price sensitive information, I will refrain from trading in the above securities till 48 hours after such information becomes generally available;

(iii) I shall execute the pre-cleared trades within 7 Trading Days from the date of obtaining of the pre-clearance, failing which I shall obtain fresh pre-clearance to execute trades. I shall also report to the Compliance Officer in case I do not execute the pre-cleared trade within the stipulated period;

(iv) I shall not execute a Contra-Trade for a period of at least 6 (six) months from the date of execution of the Trade, without obtaining pre-clearance from the Compliance Officer;

(v) I have not, at any time, contravened the Code of Ethics as notified by the Company from time to time; and

(vi) The disclosure made by me is full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Notes:

1) This application for pre-clearance is required to be submitted by a Designated Person, who intends to trade in a security above the threshold limit of Rs 10,00,000 (Rupees Ten Lakhs) in a single transaction.

2) This application for pre-clearance is required to be submitted by a Designated Person, who intends to execute a contra trade in a security in specific/exceptional circumstances within a period of six months from the date of original transaction.

Place:	Date:	
	Place:	

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Approved : Yes / No

Date :

Reason for Rejection (if applicable)

Signature of the Compliance Officer

(Designated for the purpose of the Code of Ethics)

FORM N-IV

DISCLOSURE BY DESIGNATED PERSON WHERE TRADE VALUE IS IN EXCESS OF TRESHOLD (Please refer Clause 7.2 of this Code)

Name of the company:	National Securities Depository Limited	
ISIN of the company:		
To,		
The Compliance Officer	,	
National Securities Dep	ository Limited	

Details of change in holding of Securities of Promoter, Member of the Promoter Group, Designated Person or Director of a listed company and immediate relatives of such persons and other such persons as mentioned in Regulation 6(2).

Name,	Category of	Securities h	eld Securities acquired/Disposed	Securities held	Date of allotment	Date of	Mode of	Exchange
PAN,	Person	prior	to	post acquisition/	advice/	intimation	acquisition	on which
CIN/DI	(Promoter/	acquisition/		disposal	acquisition of	to	/disposal	the
N,	m ember of	disposal			shares/	company	(on	trad
& address	the				disposal of shares,		market/	e was
					specify		-	

with	promoter			Type o	No.	Value	Transac	Type o	No.	From	То		public/	executed
contact	group/desig	securiti	% of	securities			tion	securities	and %				rights/	
nos.	nated	es (For	share	(For eg.			Type	(For eg.	of				preferential	
	person/	eg.	holding	_			(Purcha	- Shares,	shareh				offer/	
	Director	- Shares		Shares,			se/sale	Warrants	olding				off	
	s/immediate	Warrant		Warrants	,		Pledge /	, Converti					market/	
	relative	S,		Convertib			Revocat	ble					Inter-se	
	to/others	Convert		le			ion /	Debentur					transfer,	
	etc.)	ible		Debentur			Invocati	es, Rights					ESOPs,	
		Debentu		es,			on/	entitleme					etc.)	
		res,		Rights			Others-	nt, etc.)						
		Rights		entitleme			please							
		entitlem		nt, etc.)			specify)							
		ents		,,										
		etc.)												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

Note: (i) "Securities" shall have the meaning as defined under regulation 2(1)(i) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015. (ii) Value of transaction excludes taxes/brokerage/any other charges

Details of trading in derivatives on the securities of the company by Promoter, member of the promoter group, designated person or Director of a listed company and immediate relatives of such persons and other such persons as mentioned in Regulation 6(2).

	Trading in d	erivatives (Speci	fy type of contra	ct, Futures or Opti	ons etc.)	Excha the executed	nge on trade l	which was
Type contract	Contract specifications		Number of units (contracts * lot size)		Number of units (contracts * lot size)			
16	17	18	19	20	21		22	

Note: In case of Options, notional value shall be calculated based on Premium plus strike price of options.

Name:	
Signature:	
Designation:	
Date:	
Place:	

FORM N-V

INTIMATION OF EXECUTION OF TRANSACTION FOR WHICH PRE-CLERANACE WAS OBTAINED (Please refer Clause 8.4 of this Code)

Name of the comp	npany: <u>National Sec</u> any: _	urities Depository I	<u>limited</u>	
To,				
The Compliance	Officer,			
National Securiti	es Depository Limit	ed		
	pre clearance approvorm that I have traded			
Name of the Security	Date of purchase/ sale/ subscription of the said security	No. of security purchased/ sold/ subscribed	Value of securities	In case of non- execution, reason for the same
I, hereby confirm,	that I have executed t	he transaction for wl	nich preclearanc	e was granted to me
within seven trad	ing days of obtaining រុ	ore-clearance.		
Name:				
Signature:				
Designation:				
Date:				
Place:				

FORM N-VI

DETAILS OF TRADING IN SECURITIES BY OTHER CONNECTED PERSONS AS IDENTIFIED BY THE COMPANY

Name of the company:	National Securities Depository Limited
ISIN of the company:	
To,	
The Compliance Officer	,
National Securities Dep	ository Limited

1	Connect	Securities hel	-	Securities	acqu	ired/	Disposed	Securities hel	-	Date	of			Exchange	
1 ' '	ion with company	acquisition/d	isposai					acquisition/di	sposai	allotme advice/ acquisi	′	intimation to company	acquisition/ disposal (on market/	which trade executed	the was
nos. of other connected persons as										shares, disposa shares	/ al of		public/ rights/ Preferential	caccuicu	
identified by the company		securities (For eg.	No. and % of sharehol ding	Type of securitie s (For eg. – Shares, Warrants Converti le Debentur es, Rights entitleme nt, etc.)		ue	-	Type of securities (For eg. – Shares, Warrants, Convertible Debentures, Rights entitlement, etc.)	No. and % of share holding		То		offer / off market/ Inter- se transfer, ESOPs etc.)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	

Note: (i) "Securities" shall have the meaning as defined under regulation 2(1)(i) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015. (ii) Value of transaction excludes taxes/brokerage/any other charges

Details of trading in derivatives on the securities of the company by other connected persons as identified by the company

Trading in derivatives (Specify type of contract, Futures or Options etc.)										
Type of	Contract		Buy Sell							
Contract	specifications	Notional Value	Number of units (contracts * lot size)	Notional Value	Number of units (contracts * lot size)	executed				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22				

Note: In case of Options, notional value shall be calculated based on premium plus strike price of options.

Name:
Signature:
Designation:
Date:
Place:

FORM N-VII

REPORTING OF VOILATION OF THIS CODE

Name of the company:	National Securities Depository Limited
ISIN of the company:	
То,	
The Compliance Officer	,
National Securities Den	ository Limited

SR No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Name of the listed company/ Intermediary/ Fiduciary	
2.	Please tick appropriate check box	
	Reporting in capacity of: Listed Company Intermediary Fiduciary	
3.	Name of the Designated Person (DP) Name of the immediate relative of DP if reporting is for immediate relative.	
4.	PAN of the DP PAN of the immediate relative of DP if reporting is for immediate relative.	
5.	Designation of DP	
6.	Functional Role of DP	
7.	Whether DP is Promoter/Promoter Group/holding CO level position (e.g. CEO, CFO, CTO etc.)	
8.	Transaction details:	
	a) Name of the scrip	
	b) No of shares traded (which includes pledge) and value (Rs.) (Date- wise)	

9.	In case value of trade(s) is more than Rs 10 lacs in a calendar quarter-	
	a) Date of intimation of trade(s) by concerned DP/director/promoter/promoter group to Company under regulation 7 of	
	SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015	
	b) Date of intimation of trade(s) by Company to stock exchanges under regulation 7 of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015	
10.	Details of violations observed under SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015	
11.	Action taken by Listed company/Intermediary/ Fiduciary	
12.	Reasons recorded in writing for taking action stated above	
13.	Details of the previous instances of violations, if any, since last financial year.	
14.	Any other relevant information.	

Yours faithfully,

Name Signature Designation Date Place

FORM N-VIII

FORM FOR INFORMANT'S VOLUNTARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD.

Note: For submission of information through a legal representative, the redacted copy of the Form expunging information that may identify the Informant shall be submitted by the legal representative without expunging any information relating to the legal representative and the details relating to the violation of 80[insider trading laws].

*Indicates that the required field is non-mandatorily, remaining fields are mandatory

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT				
First Name:		Title:		
City / State:		PIN:		
Mobile:		E-Mail address:		
Employment Details*:		Permanent Account Number, if available:		
(where applica	ble)			
First		Title:		
Name:				
ved):				
City / State:		PIN:		
City / State:		PIN:		
	First Name: City / State: Mobile: (where application of the content of t	First Name: City / State: Mobile: Permanent Accoravailable: (where applicable) First Name: red): City / State:		

Telephone (with State Code):	Mobile:	E-Mail address:
Bar Council Enrolment Number:		
III SUBMISSION OF ORIGIN	IAL INFORMATION	
1. Is it a violation of ins	ider trading laws? Ye	s / No
2. If yes to question (1)	, please describe the	type of violation:
3. Has the violation: Oc	curred / Occurring /	Potential to occur in future
4. If the violation has of (in case exact date i		rence: dd/mm/yy oximate period may be entered)
	vith the Board conce	ntives had any prior communication(s) rning this matter?
		which the individual is or was an sultant or contractor? Yes (Details
), was the original in gal and compliance o	Formation submitted first to your ffice? Yes / No
8. If yes question (7), the information: dd/mm		ate of submission of original
violation of insider with respect to: (i) details of th (ii) the unpubli insider trad	trading laws. The description is securities in which shed price sensitive ling is alleged;	mation submitted by you constitutes a etails must include specific information insider trading is alleged; nformation based on which price sensitive information was made

public;

- (iv) details of circumstances/evidence leading to possession of unpublished price sensitive information by the alleged violator(s);
- (v) details of insiders/suspects and their trades (i.e. purchase/sale and quantity purchased/sold) along with dates/period of trades.]
- 10. What facts or supporting material is your allegation based on? Please include self-certified copies of all the relevant documents. Please attach any additional documents to this form, if necessary.
- 11. Identify any documents or other information in your submission that you believe could reasonably be expected to reveal your identity and explain the basis for your belief that your identity would be revealed if the documents were disclosed to a third party.
- 12. Provide details of connection amongst the Informant, the company whose securities are involved and the person against whom information is being provided:

IV. DECLARATION

I/we hereby declare that,-

- A. I/we have read and understood the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
- B. I/we accept that mere furnishing of information by me/us does not by itself confer on me/us right to get reward and that I/we may not get any Reward at all. I/we would be bound by the decisions that the authority competent to grant reward may take;
- C. I/we accept that the Securities and Exchange Board of India is under no obligation to enter into any correspondence regarding action or inaction taken as a result of my/our information.

- D. I/we accept that the reward would be an ex-gratia payment which, subject to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015, shall be granted at the absolute discretion of the competent authority. The decision of the authority shall be acceptable to me/us and I/we shall not challenge it in any litigation, appeal, adjudication, etc.
- E. In the event of my/our death before the reward us paid to me/us, it may be paid to(Details of nominee)
- F. I/we declare that the information contained herein is true, correct and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and belief and not obtained from the categories of persons indicated in sub-regulation(2) and sub-regulation (6) of regulation 7G of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and agree to indemnify the Board in case it is not so found. I/we fully understand that I/we may be subject to action under securities laws as well as Section 182 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (45 of 1860) and ineligible for Reward if, in my/our submission of information or in any other dealings with the Board, I/we knowingly and willfully make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations, or use any false writing or document knowing that the writing or document contains any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement.

Name:
Signature:.....
Designation:
Date: dd/mm/yy
Place:

V. CERTIFICATE BY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE (where the information is submitted through legal representative)

I hereby certify as follows,-

- (a) I have reviewed the completed and signed Voluntary Information Disclosure Form for completeness and accuracy and the information contained therein is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge;
- (b) I have irrevocable consent from the Declarant, to provide to the Securities and Exchange Board of India, the original Voluntary Information Disclosure Form in the event of a request for it from the Securities and Exchange Board of India due to concerns that the Informant has not complied with these regulations or where the Securities and Exchange Board of India requires the said information for the purpose of verification for declaring any gratuitous reward to the Informant or where the Securities and Exchange Board of India determines that it is necessary to seek such information to accomplish the purpose of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act including for the protection of investors, sharing with foreign securities regulators and foreign and Indian law enforcement agencies, etc.;
- (c) I am and shall continue to be legally obligated to provide the original Voluntary Information Disclosure Form without demur within seven (7) calendar days of receiving such request from the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

Name:	:
Signature:	
Designation:	
Date:	
Place:	