



# Whistle Blower Policy

## PREFACE

The Company has adopted the Code of Ethics & Business Conduct, which lays down the principles and standards that should govern the actions of the Company and its employees. Any actual or potential violation of the Code, howsoever insignificant or perceived as such, would be a matter of serious concern for the Company. The role of the employees in pointing out such violations of the Code cannot be undermined. Accordingly, this Whistleblower Policy (“the Policy”) has been formulated with a view to provide a mechanism for employees of the Company to raise concerns of any violations of legal or regulatory requirements, incorrect or misrepresentation of any financial statements and reports, etc.

## POLICY OBJECTIVES

The Whistleblower policy intends to cover serious concerns that could have grave impact on the operations and performance of the business of the Company. The policy neither releases employees from their duty of confidentiality in the course of their work, nor can it be used as a route for raising malicious or unfounded allegations against people in authority and / or colleagues in general.

## DEFINITIONS

The definitions of some of the key terms used in this Policy are given below.

- a. “Audit Committee” means the Audit Committee of Directors constituted by the Board of Directors of the Company in accordance with Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013 and read with Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement with the Stock Exchanges.
- b. “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- c. “Company” means, “Techno Electric & Engineering Company Ltd”.
- d. “Counselor” means the person appointed by the Board for the purpose of receiving complaints under this Policy and ensuring appropriate action.
- e. “Employee” means every employee of the Company (whether working in India or abroad), including the Directors in the employment of the Company.
- f. “Investigators” means that person authorized, appointed, consulted or approached by the Counselor/Chairman of the Audit Committee and includes the auditors of the Company.
- g. “Protected Disclosure” means any communication made in good faith that discloses or demonstrates information that may evidence unethical or improper activity.
- h. “Policy” means, Whistleblower Policy.

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- i. “Subject” means a person against or in relation to whom a Protected Disclosure has been made or evidence gathered during the course of an investigation.
- j. “Whistleblower” means an Employee making a Protected Disclosure under this Policy.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

All Employees of the Company are eligible to make Protected Disclosures under the Policy. The Protected Disclosures may be in relation to matters concerning the Company.

## **MANAGEMENT ACTION ON FALSE DISCLOSURES**

An employee who knowingly makes false allegations of unethical & improper practices or alleged wrongful conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, in accordance with Company rules, policies and procedures. Further this policy may not be used as a defense by an employee against whom an adverse personnel action has been taken independent of any disclosure of intimation by him and for legitimate reasons or cause under Company rules and policies.

- a. While it will be ensured that genuine Whistle Blowers are accorded complete protection from any kind of unfair treatment as herein set out, any abuse of this protection will warrant disciplinary action.
- b. Protection under this Policy would not mean protection from disciplinary action arising out of false or bogus allegations made by a Whistle blower knowing it to be false or bogus or with a mala fide intention.

## **PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING & DEALING WITH DISCLOSURES**

- a. All Protected Disclosures concerning financial/accounting matters should be addressed to the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Company for investigation.
- b. In respect of all other Protected Disclosures, those concerning the Counselor and employees at the levels of Vice Presidents and above should be addressed to the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Company and those concerning other employees should be addressed to the Counselor of the Company.
- c. The contact details of the Chairman of the Audit Committee are as under:

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- d. The Protected Disclosure should be forwarded under a covering letter which shall bear the identity of the Whistle Blower. The Chairman of the Audit Committee / Counselor, as the case may be shall detach the covering letter and forward only the Protected Disclosure to the Investigators for investigation.
- e. Protected Disclosures should be factual and not speculative or in the nature of a conclusion, and should contain as much specific information as possible to allow for proper assessment of the nature and extent of the concern.
- f. For the purpose of providing protection to the Whistle Blower, the Whistle Blower should disclose his/her identity in the covering letter forwarding such Protected Disclosure.

## **INVESTIGATION**

- a. All Protected Disclosures reported under this Policy will be thoroughly investigated by the Counselor / Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Company who will investigate / oversee the investigations under the authorization of the Audit Committee. If any member of the Audit Committee has a conflict of interest in any given case, then he/she should rescue himself/herself and the other members of the Audit Committee should deal with the matter.
- b. The Counselor / Chairman of the Audit Committee may at his discretion, consider involving any Investigators for the purpose of investigation.
- c. The decision to conduct an investigation taken by Counselor/ Chairman of the Audit Committee itself not an accusation and is to be treated as a neutral fact finding process.
- d. Subject(s) will normally be informed in writing of the allegations at the outset of a formal investigation and have opportunities for providing their inputs during the investigation.
- e. Subject(s) shall have a duty to co-operate with the Counselor / Chairman of the Audit Committee or any of the Officers appointed by it in this regard to the extent that such cooperation will not compromise self-incrimination protections available under the applicable laws.
- f. Subject(s) have a responsibility not to interfere with the investigation. Evidence shall not be withheld, destroyed or tampered with and witness shall not be influenced, coached, threatened or intimidated by the subject(s).
- g. Unless there are compelling reasons not to do so, Subjects will be given the opportunity to respond to material findings contained in an investigation report. No allegation of wrongdoing against a Subject shall be considered as maintainable unless there is good evidence in support of the allegation.
- h. Subject(s) have a right to be informed of the outcome of the investigations.

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i. The investigation shall be completed normally within 90days of the receipt of the protected disclosure and is extendable by such period as the Counselor / Chairman of the Audit Committee deems fit and as applicable.

In exceptional cases, where the Whistle Blower/ Subject is not satisfied with the outcome of the investigation and the decision, he/she can make a direct appeal to the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

### **ANONYMOUS ALLEGATION**

Whistleblowers must put their names to allegations as follow-up questions and investigation may not be possible unless the source of the information is identified. Disclosures expressed anonymously will ordinarily NOT be investigated.

### **PROTECTION TO WHISTLE BLOWER**

a. No unfair treatment will be meted out to a Whistle Blower by virtue of his/her having reported a Protected Disclosure under this Policy. The Company, as a policy, condemns any kind of discrimination, harassment, victimization or any other unfair employment practice being adopted against Whistle Blowers. Complete protection will, therefore, be given to Whistle Blowers against any unfair practice like retaliation, threat or intimidation of termination/suspension of service, disciplinary action, transfer, demotion, refusal of promotion, or the like including any direct or indirect use of authority to obstruct the Whistle Blower's right to continue to perform his duties/functions including making further Protected Disclosure. The Company will take steps to minimize difficulties, which the Whistle Blower may experience as a result of making the Protected Disclosure. Thus, if the Whistle Blower is required to give evidence in criminal or disciplinary proceedings, the Company will arrange for the Whistle Blower to receive advice about the procedure, etc.

b. A Whistle Blower may report any violation of the above clause to the Chairman of the Audit Committee, who shall investigate into the same and recommend suitable action to the management.

c. The identity of the Whistle Blower shall be kept confidential to the extent possible and permitted under law.

d. Any other Employee assisting in the said investigation shall also be protected to the same extent as the Whistle Blower.

### **DECISION**

If an investigation leads the Chairman of the Audit Committee to conclude that an improper or unethical act has been committed, the Chairman of the Audit Committee shall recommend to the management of the Company to take such disciplinary or corrective action.

## **REPORTING**

The Counselor shall submit a report to the Chairman of the Audit Committee on a regular basis about all Protected Disclosures referred to him/her since the last report together with the results of investigations, if any.

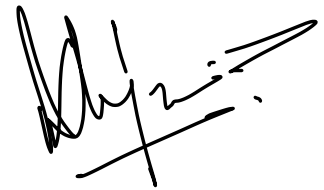
## **RETENTION OF DOCUMENT**

All Protected Disclosures in writing or documented along with the results of investigation relating thereto shall be retained by the Company for a minimum period of seven years.

## **AMENDMENT**

The Company reserves its right to amend or modify this Policy in whole or in part, at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever. However, no such amendment or modification will be binding on the Employees unless the same is notified to the Employees in writing.

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023



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