

# Criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a director of Axis Clinicals Limited

The Board shall comprise of individuals who have demonstrated significant achievements in business, education, professions, financial sector and public service. They must have the requisite intelligence, education and experience to make a significant contribution to the deliberations of the Board of Directors.

## **I. QUALIFICATION CRITERIA**

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board (the "Committee") is responsible for evaluating the qualifications of each director candidate and of those directors who are to be nominated for election by shareholders at each annual general meeting, and for recommending duly qualified director nominees to the full Board for election.

The overall ability and experience of individual candidates should determine their suitability. The qualification criteria set forth herein to describe the qualities and characteristics are desired for the Board as a whole and for Board members individually.

### **A. Director Qualification Review Procedure**

The Board shall determine the director's qualifications to serve on the Board, upon the recommendation of the Committee, prior to nominating said director for election at the Company's next annual general meeting. In addition, with respect to each director candidate considered for election to the Board between annual meetings, prior to such election, the Committee shall evaluate each director candidate and recommend to the Board any duly qualified director candidates for recommendation by the Board.

The Director candidate shall be evaluated by the Committee as per the criteria set forth herein.

## **B. General Director Qualification Criteria**

The Board has not established specific minimum age, education, years of business experience or specific types of skills for Board members, but, in general, expects a candidate to have extensive experience and proven record of professional success, leadership and the highest level of personal and professional ethics, integrity and values. In its evaluation, the Committee shall consider the Board size and composition of the Board according to the following guidelines:

– With respect to Board composition as a whole and the Board Committees, the required number of directors who qualify as “independent” pursuant to applicable rules and the Independence Standards as per the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and the Listing Agreement with the Stock Exchanges (as may be amended from time to time) shall be maintained.

## **C. Additional Review Criteria**

The Committee shall also consider the personal qualities of each director candidate to be able to make a substantial active contribution to Board deliberations. The director candidate must be willing to commit, as well as have, sufficient time available to discharge the duties of Board membership.

The director candidate should be able to develop a good working relationship with other Board members and contribute to the Board's working relationship with the senior management of the Company.

The Committee shall also consider its policies with respect to retirement age, change in employment status, as well as all other relevant facts and circumstances in making its recommendations to the Board.

## **II. INDEPENDENCE STANDARDS**

The following would be the independence review procedure and criteria to assist the Committee evaluate the independence of Directors for recommending to the Board for appointment. A Director is independent if the Board affirmatively determines that the Director does not have a direct or indirect material relationship with the Company, including its affiliates or any member of senior management. “Affiliate” shall mean any company or other entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Company.

Also, the candidate shall be evaluated based on the criteria provided under the applicable laws including Companies Act, 2013 read with Rules thereon and the Listing Agreement with the Stock Exchanges. In addition to applying these guidelines, the Board will consider all relevant facts and circumstances in making its determination relative to a director's independence.

## **A. Independence Review Procedures**

### **1. Annual Review**

The director's independence for the independent director will be determined by the Board on an annual basis upon the declarations made by such Directors as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rules thereon and the Listing Agreement.

### **2. Individual Director Independence Determinations**

If a director nominee is considered for appointment to the Board between annual general meetings, a determination of independence, upon the recommendation of the Committee, shall be made by the Board prior to such appointment.

All determinations of independence shall be made on a case-by-case basis for each director after consideration of all the relevant facts and circumstances and the standards set forth herein. The Board reserves the right to determine that any director is not independent even if he or she satisfies the criteria set forth by the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rules thereon and the Listing Agreement.

### **3. Notice of Change of Independent Status**

Each director has an affirmative obligation to inform the Board of any change in circumstances that may put his or her independence at issue.

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