

INTERNAL GUIDELINES

Corporate governance is about commitment to values and ethical business conduct. It is also about how an organisation is managed viz., its corporate and business structure, its culture, policies and the manner in which it deals with various stakeholders. Timely and accurate disclosure of information regarding the financial position of the company, its performance and ownership forms part of the corporate governance.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PHILOSOPHY

Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited (“the company”) is committed to the highest standards of corporate governance in all its activities and processes. The company has always believed in and practices the highest standards of corporate governance since its inception. The Board recognises that governance expectations are constantly evolving and it is committed to keeping its standards of transparency and dissemination of information under continuous review to meet both letter and spirit of the law and its own demanding levels of business ethics.

The company believes that sound corporate governance practices are crucial to the smooth and efficient operation of a company and its ability to attract investment, protect the rights of its stakeholders and provide shareholder value. Everything the company does is defined and conditioned by the highest standards of governance, which serve its values. The company firmly believes in and follows the below quote:

“The fundamental principle of economic activity is that no man you transact with will lose; then you shall not.”

The corporate governance philosophy of the company is driven by the following fundamental principles:

- Adhere to corporate governance standards beyond the letter of law;
- Maintain transparency and high degree of disclosure levels;
- Maintain a clear distinction between the personal interest and corporate interest;
- Have a transparent corporate structure driven by business needs and
- Ensure compliance with applicable laws.

The corporate governance practices of the company ensure that the board remains informed, independent and involved in the company and that there are ongoing efforts towards better governance to mitigate “non-business” risks.

The board is fully aware of its fiduciary responsibilities and recognises its responsibilities to shareholders and other stakeholders to uphold the highest standards in all matters concerning the company and has empowered responsible persons to implement its broad policies and guidelines and has set up adequate review processes.

The board of directors (‘the board’) are committed to representing the long-term interests of the stakeholders and in providing effective governance over the company’s affairs and exercise reasonable business judgment on the affairs of the company.

The company's commitment to ethical and lawful business conduct is a fundamental shared value of the board, the senior management and all employees of the company. Consistent with its Values and Beliefs, the company has formulated a Code of Conduct applicable to the board and senior management. Further, the company has also adopted an Insider Trading Code for prevention of insider trading and a Whistle Blower Policy for reporting any concerns or grievances by directors / employees / customers and vendors in their dealings with the company. In order to ensure that the mechanism is effective and as prescribed, direct access to the Chairman of the Audit Committee is provided to the complainant.