



**POLICY ON DETERMINATION OF  
MATERIALITY OF EVENT**

*(Adopted by Board in their Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup>  
April 2022)*

## **I. BACKGROUND AND APPLICABILITY OF THE POLICY**

SEBI - Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements Regulations, 2015 (LODR) requires every Listed Company to disclose events or information which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of a Company are material. In this context, the following policy has been framed by the Board of Directors ("Board") of FirstMeridian Business Services Limited ("the Company") at its meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 with the objective of determining materiality of events.

1. Regulation 30 of the LODR mandates disclosure of all deemed material events to the Stock Exchanges. These events have been specified in Para A of Part A of Schedule III of the LODR and shall be disclosed as applicable from time-to-time.
2. For disclosure of certain events (as specified in Para B of Part A of Schedule III) to the Stock Exchanges the following criteria shall be considered by the Board for determining whether the events are material or not:-

Where the omission of an event or information, is likely to result in:

- a) discontinuity or alteration of event or information already available publicly or
- b) a significant market reaction if the said omission came to light at a later date.

Where it would be difficult to report the events based on qualitative criteria as stated in points (a) and (b) above, the same may be considered material for disclosure, upon meeting materiality thresholds as mentioned herein below.

This Policy shall also apply to the events to which neither Para A nor Para B of Part A of Schedule III applies but have a material effect on Company.

## **II. MATERIALITY THRESHOLDS**

Materiality must be determined on a case by case basis depending on specific facts and circumstances relating to the information/event. The qualitative (as stated in points (a) and (b) and quantitative criteria shall apply to events specified in Para B of Part A of Schedule III of the SEBI Regulations only. (Reproduced as an Annexure to this Policy).

**The following will be the materiality criteria under sub-regulation (4):**

(i) The listed entity shall consider the following criteria for determination of materiality of events/information:

(a) the omission of an event or information, which is likely to result in discontinuity or alteration of event or information already available publicly; or

(b) the omission of an event or information is likely to result in significant market reaction if the said omission came to light at a later date;

(c) In case where the criteria specified in sub-clauses (a) and (b) are not applicable, an event/information may be treated as being material if in the opinion of the board of directors of listed entity, the event/information is considered material.

(ii) The listed entity shall frame a policy for determination of materiality, based on criteria specified in this sub-regulation, duly approved by its board of directors, which shall be disclosed on its website.

**DISCLOSURE PROCESS**

1. Any event purported to be reportable under Regulation 30 of the Regulations shall be informed to the Chairman/Executive Director/Group CEO/Chief Financial Officer & Company Secretary of the Company on an immediate basis with adequate supporting data/information to facilitate a prompt and appropriate disclosure. Any other event, even if not covered under the Regulations but is potentially of price sensitive nature, must also be informed, for further evaluation to the Chief Financial Officer & Company Secretary.
2. The Chairman, the Executive Director/Group CEO and the Chief Financial Officer & Company Secretary of the Company shall severally be responsible and authorized for ascertaining the materiality of events considering its nature and its disclosure after taking into consideration the various provisions of the Regulations and this policy.
3. After evaluation, any one of the above mentioned persons shall make disclosure to the Stock Exchanges.
4. The Company shall use the electronic facilities provided by the Stock Exchanges for dissemination of the information and may subsequently disclose the same via other media, including the press release, website, etc.
5. Statutory timeframes for disclosure shall be adhered to. Delay, if any, should be sufficiently explained along with the disclosure.
6. Regular updates, where relevant, shall be made with relevant explanations.

7. All disclosures shall be available on the website of the Company for a period of 5 years.

### **III. MODIFICATION OF THE POLICY**

This Policy is framed based on the provisions of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 last amended on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022. In case of any subsequent amendments to the Regulations which makes any of the provisions in the Policy inconsistent, the provisions of the Regulations shall prevail. The Policy shall be reviewed by the Audit Committee and on recommendations shall be modified by the Board so as to align the same with the amendments or to incorporate the changes as may be felt appropriate by the Audit Committee.

The list of events in Annexure, as it stands today may be updated, from time to time, by authorized persons, to reflect any changes to the Regulations and the updated version be issued and published as necessary, without any requirement for approval from the Audit Committee or the Board.

**Annexure (Same as Para B of Part A of Schedule III)**

Events which shall be disclosed upon application of materiality thresholds as set out in point II after the application of Qualitative test set out in Point I:

1. Commencement or any postponement in the date of commencement of commercial production or commercial operations of any unit/division.
2. Change in the general character or nature of business brought about by arrangements for strategic, technical, manufacturing, or marketing tie-up, adoption of new lines of business or closure of operations of any unit/division (entirety or piecemeal).
3. 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) (as a borrower) 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 listed entity due to natural calamity (earthquake, flood, fire etc.), force majeure or events such as strikes, lockouts etc.
7. Effect(s) arising out of change in the regulatory framework applicable to the listed entity
8. Litigation(s) / dispute(s) / regulatory action(s) with impact.
9. Fraud/defaults etc. by directors (other than key managerial personnel) or employees of listed entity.
10. Options to purchase securities including any ESOP/ESPS Scheme.
11. Giving of guarantees or indemnity or becoming a surety for any third party.
12. Granting, withdrawal, surrender, cancellation or suspension of key licenses or regulatory approvals.

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