

ANNEXURE – I ATTACHMENT TO CONTRACT NOTE

Dear Clients,

Extract from SEBI SECURITIES CONTRACTS (REGULATION) (STOCK EXCHANGES AND CLEARING CORPORATIONS) REGULATIONS, 2012

Please note that any person who is dealing in shares of listed stock exchange/s must comply with regulation 19 and 20 of SECC Regulations, 2012 which state that only fit and proper person is eligible to deal in shares of listed stock exchange/s. The detailed regulations are given below:

Eligibility for acquiring or holding shares.

19. (1) No person shall, directly or indirectly, acquire or hold equity shares of a recognised stock exchange or recognised clearing corporation unless he is a fit and proper person.

(2) Any person who, directly or indirectly, either individually or together with persons acting in concert, acquires equity shares such that his shareholding exceeds two per cent. of the paid up equity share capital of a recognised stock exchange or recognised clearing corporation shall seek approval of the Board within fifteen days of the acquisition.

(3) A person eligible to acquire or hold more than five per cent. of the paid up equity share capital under sub-regulation (2) of regulation 17 and sub-regulation (2) of regulation 18 may acquire or hold more than five per cent. of the paid up equity share capital of a recognised stock exchange or a recognised clearing corporation only if he has obtained prior approval of the Board.

(4) Any person holding more than two per cent. of the paid up equity share capital of the recognised stock exchange or the clearing corporation on the date of commencement of these regulations, shall ensure compliance with this regulation within a period of ninety days from the date of such commencement.

(5) If approval under sub-regulation (2) or (4) is not granted by the Board to any person, such person shall forthwith divest his excess shareholding.

(6) Any person holding more than two per cent. of the paid up equity share capital in a recognised stock exchange or a recognised clearing corporation, as the case may be, shall file a declaration within fifteen days from the end of every financial year to the recognised stock exchange or recognised clearing corporation, as the case may be, that he complies with the fit and proper criteria provided in these regulations.

Fit and proper criteria.

20. 1. For the purposes of these regulations, a person shall be deemed to be a fit and proper person if—

a. such person has a general reputation and record of fairness and integrity, including but not limited to—

(i) financial integrity;

(ii) good reputation and character; and

(iii) honesty;

b. such person has not incurred any of the following disqualifications—

(i) the person, or any of its whole time directors or managing partners, has been convicted by a court for any offence involving moral turpitude or any economic offence or any offence against the securities laws;

(ii) an order for winding up has been passed against the person;

(iii) the person, or any of its whole time directors or managing partners, has been declared insolvent and has not been discharged;

(iv) an order, restraining, prohibiting or debarring the person, or any of its whole time directors or managing partners, from dealing in securities or from accessing the securities market, has been passed by the Board or any other regulatory authority, and a period of three years from the date of the expiry of the period specified in the order has not elapsed;

(v) any other order against the person, or any of its whole time directors or managing partners, which has a bearing on the securities market, has been passed by the Board or any other regulatory authority, and a period of three years from the date of the order has not elapsed;

(vi) the person has been found to be of unsound mind by a court of competent jurisdiction and the finding is in force; and (vii) the person is financially not sound.

20.2 If any question arises as to whether a person is a fit and proper person, the Board's decision on such question shall be final.

COMPLIANCE WITH FIT & PROPER REQUIREMENT BY MEMBERS IN CASE OF TRADING IN SECURITIES OF LISTED DEPOSITORIES

SCHEDULE II

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (INTERMEDIARIES) REGULATIONS, 2008 & THIRD AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 2021.

(1) The applicant or intermediary shall meet the criteria, as provided in the respective regulations applicable to such an applicant or intermediary including:

- (a) the competence and capability in terms of infrastructure and manpower requirements; and
- (b) the financial soundness, which includes meeting the net worth requirements.

(2) The 'fit and proper person' criteria shall apply to the following persons:

- (a) the applicant or the intermediary;
- (b) the principal officer, the directors or managing partners, the compliance officer and the key management persons by whatever name called; and
- (c) the promoters or persons holding controlling interest or persons exercising control over the applicant or intermediary, directly or indirectly:

Provided that in case of an unlisted applicant or intermediary, any person holding twenty percent or more voting rights, irrespective of whether they hold controlling interest or exercise control, shall be required to fulfil the 'fit and proper person' criteria.

Explanation - For the purpose of this sub-clause, the expressions "controlling interest" and "control in case of an applicant or intermediary, shall be construed with reference to the respective regulations applicable to the applicant or intermediary

3) For the purpose of determining as to whether any person is a 'fit and proper person', the Board may take into account any criteria as it deems fit, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) integrity, honesty, ethical behaviour, reputation, fairness and character of the person;
- (b) the person not incurring any of the following disqualifications:
 - (i) criminal complaint or information under section 154 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974) has been filed against such person by the Board and which is pending;
 - (ii) charge sheet has been filed against such person by any enforcement agency in matters concerning economic offences and is pending;
 - (iii) an order of restraint, prohibition or debarment has been passed against such person by the Board or any other regulatory authority or enforcement agency in any matter concerning securities laws or financial markets and such order is in force;
 - (iv) recovery proceedings have been initiated by the Board against such person and are pending;
 - (v) an order of conviction has been passed against such person by a court for any offence involving moral turpitude;

- (vi) any winding up proceedings have been initiated or an order for winding up has been passed against such person;
 - (vii) such person has been declared insolvent and not discharged;
 - (viii) such person has been found to be of unsound mind by a court of competent jurisdiction and the finding is in force;
 - (ix) such person has been categorized as a wilful defaulter;
 - (x) such person has been declared a fugitive economic offender; or
 - (xi) any other disqualification as may be specified by the Board from time to time.
- (4) Where any person has been declared as not 'fit and proper person' by an order of the Board, such a person shall not be eligible to apply for any registration during the period provided in the said order or for a period of five years from the date of effect of the order, if no such period is specified in the order.
- (5) At the time of filing of an application for registration as an intermediary, if any notice to show cause has been issued for proceedings under these regulations or under section 11(4) or section 11B of the Act against the applicant or any other person referred in clause (2), then such an application shall not be considered for grant of registration for a period of one year from the date of issuance of such notice or until the conclusion of the proceedings, whichever is earlier.
- (6) Any disqualification of an associate or group entity of the applicant or intermediary of the nature as referred in sub-clause (b) of clause (3), shall not have any bearing on the 'fit and proper person' criteria of the applicant or intermediary unless the applicant or intermediary or any other person referred in clause (2), is also found to incur the same disqualification in the said matter:
- Provided that if any person as referred in sub-clause (b) of clause (2) fails to satisfy the 'fit and proper person' criteria, the intermediary shall replace such person within thirty days from the date of such disqualification failing which the 'fit and proper person' criteria may be invoked against the intermediary:
- Provided further that if any person as referred in sub-clause (c) of clause (2) fails to satisfy the 'fit and proper person' criteria, the intermediary shall ensure that such person does not exercise any voting rights and that such person divests their holding within six months from the date of such disqualification failing which the 'fit and proper person' criteria may be invoked against such intermediary.
- (7) The 'fit and proper person' criteria shall be applicable at the time of application of registration and during the continuity of registration and the intermediary shall ensure that the persons as referred in sub-clauses (b) and (c) of clause (2) comply with the 'fit and proper person' criteria.

For further details check the SEBI Circular: [SEBI | Securities Contracts \(Regulation\) \(Stock Exchanges and Clearing Corporations\) Regulations, 2018 \[Last amended on May 10, 2024\]](#)