# **GOWRA LEASING & FINANCE LIMITED**

# CODE OF PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR FAIR DISCLOSURE OF UNPUBLISHED PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

[Under Regulation 8(1) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015]

This Policy shall come into effect from April 1, 2019

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#### 1. **Introduction:**

- 1.1 The SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 ("PIT Regulations") mandates every listed company to formulate a stated framework and policy for fair disclosure of events and occurrences that could impact price discovery in the market for its securities.
- 1.2 In this regard, Board of Directors of Gowra Leasing and Finance Limited ("GLFL/Company") has laid down this Code of Practices and Procedures for Fair Disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information ('the Code') for adoption.

# 2. Scope:

- 2.1 *GLFL* endeavors to preserve the confidentiality of unpublished price sensitive information (UPSI) and to prevent its misuse. To achieve these objectives, and in compliance with the aforesaid Regulations, GLFL has adopted this Fair Disclosure Code.
- 2.2 This Code ensures timely and adequate disclosure of UPSI which would impact the price of its securities and to maintain uniformity, transparency and fairness in dealing with all its stakeholders.
- 2.3 GLFL is committed to timely and accurate disclosure based on applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

#### 3. Terms and Definition:

3.1 Words and expressions used but not defined in this Code shall have the same meaning assigned to them in the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 or the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, the Depositories Act, 1996 or the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules and regulations made thereunder, as the case may be or in any amendment thereto.

#### 4. Principles of Fair Disclosure:

- 4.1 To adhere to the principles as mentioned in Schedule A to the Regulations, GLFL shall ensure the following:
- i. Prompt public disclosure of unpublished price sensitive information that would impact price discovery no sooner than credible and concrete information comes into being in order to make such information generally available.
- ii. Uniform and universal dissemination of unpublished dissemination of unpublished price sensitive unpublished price sensitive information to avoid selective disclosure.

- iii. Prompt dissemination of unpublished price sensitive information that gets disclosed selectively, inadvertently or otherwise to make such information generally available.
- iv. Ensuring that information shared with analysts and research personnel is not unpublished price sensitive information.
- v. Developing best practices to make transcripts or records of proceedings of meetings with analysts and other investor relations conferences on the official website to ensure official confirmation and documentation of disclosure made.
- vi. Handling of all unpublished price sensitive information on a need to know basis.

## 4.2 Chief Investor Relations Officer ("CIO") to oversee and coordinate disclosures:

- i. The Compliance Officer of the Company is designated as the Chief Investor Relations Officer and is responsible for dissemination of information and disclosure of UPSI
- ii. The Compliance Officer is also responsible for ensuring compliance under this code, overseeing and coordinating disclosure of UPSI to stock exchanges, shareholders, analysts and media and for educating GLFL's staff on disclosure policies and procedure.
- iii. All UPSI is to be handled on "need to know basis", i.e., UPSI should be disclosed only to those within GLFL who need the information to discharge their duty and whose possession of such information will not give rise to a conflict of interest or appearance of misuse of the information. All the non-public information directly received by any employee should immediately be reported to the Compliance Officer.

# 4.2 Powers & Duties of Chief Investor Relations Officer:

- i. Other than information which is price sensitive in accordance with the Companies Act 2013, the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 or any other applicable law for the time being in force, the CIO in consultation with the Managing Director & Chief Financial Officer (CFO) shall decide whether an information is price sensitive or not.
- ii. The CIO shall ensure that disclosure to Stock Exchanges is made promptly.
- iii. All information disclosure/dissemination may normally be approved in advance by the CIO. In case information is accidentally disclosed without prior approval of CIO, the person responsible shall immediately inform the CIO.
- iv. The CIO shall ensure that no unpublished price sensitive information is disclosed selectively to any one or group of research analysts or investors to the disadvantage of other stakeholders.

- v. Any queries or requests for verification of market rumor(s) by the Regulatory Authorities shall be forwarded to the CIO, who shall decide on the clarification to be provided.
- vi. The CIO shall decide whether a public announcement is necessary for verifying or denying any rumor(s).

## 4.3 Prompt disclosure of unpublished price sensitive information:

- i. GLFL will ensure that any event which has a bearing on the share price of the Company shall be disseminated promptly upon the conclusion of the event, by communicating the same to the stock exchanges in accordance with the PIT regulations.
- ii. To ensure that the information is disseminated in a uniform manner, GLFL will transmit the information to all the stock exchanges where the securities of the Company are listed, at the same time and shall also publish the same on the website of the Company.

## 4.4 Disclosure with reference to Analysts/ Media:

- i. All UPSI shall be first communicated to the stock exchanges before the same is shared with Analyst and Research personnel.
- ii. Transcript of the meetings / concalls with Analysts shall be furnished to the stock exchanges and then posted on GLFL's website.

#### **4.5 Responding to Market Rumors:**

i. The Compliance Officer and/or the Investor Relations Team and /or any other official(s) ("spokesperson") authorized by the Board of Directors of the Company shall give an appropriate and fair response to queries on news reports and requests for verification of market rumors by regulatory authorities. They shall also be responsible for deciding whether a public announcement is necessary for verifying or denying rumors and making disclosures.

### 4.6 Sharing of UPSI for legitimate purpose:

The UPSI shall be shared by any person(s) authorized by the Board of Directors or CIO of the Company in this behalf, only in furtherance of legitimate purpose(s) which shall include the following;

i. Sharing of UPSI in the ordinary course of business by any Insider, Designated Person, or by any Authorized person with existing or proposed partners, collaborators, lenders, customers, suppliers, merchant bankers, legal advisors, auditors, insolvency professionals or other advisors or consultants.

- ii. Sharing of UPSI where such communication is in furtherance of performance of duty (ies);
- iii. Sharing of UPSI for discharge of legal obligation(s).
- iv. Sharing of UPSI for any other genuine or reasonable purpose as may be determined by the CIO of the Company.
- v. Sharing of UPSI for any other purpose as may be prescribed under the Securities Regulations or Company Law or any other law for the time being in force, in this behalf, as may be amended from time to time.

Provided that such sharing should not be carried out to evade or circumvent the prohibitions of PIT Regulations.

However, other provisions / restrictions as prescribed under the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 or any other law for the time being in force in this behalf, as may be amended from time to time, shall be observed.

4.7 Policy for determination of legitimate purposes and policy for procedure of inquiry in case of leak of UPSI are set in Annexure A and Annexure B of this code.

#### 4.8 Amendment

The Board of Directors of the Company, in sync with applicable laws, rules & regulations, may amend / substitute any provision(s) with a new provision(s) or replace this entire Code with a new Code.

In any circumstance where the terms of the Code differ from any law, rule, regulation etc. for the time being in force, the law, rule, regulation etc. shall take precedence over the Code.

The Code and any subsequent amendment(s) thereto, shall be promptly intimated to the Stock Exchanges.

#### POLICY FOR DETERMINATION OF LEGITIMATE PURPOSES

[Pursuant to Regulation 3 (2A) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) (Amendment)

Regulations, 2018]

#### 1. PREFACE

This Policy, as a part of "Codes of Fair Disclosure and Conduct" formulated under Regulation 8 of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations 2015, will be known as "Policy for Determination of Legitimate Purposes" hereinafter referred to as the "Policy".

This Policy is prepared in accordance with Regulation 3(2A) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018.

#### 2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to identify 'Legitimate Purposes' for performance of duties or discharge of legal obligations, which will be considered as exception for the purpose of procuring unpublished price sensitive information (UPSI) relating to the Company or its listed securities or proposed to be listed securities, if any.

#### 3. **DEFINITION**

- a) "Legitimate Purposes" shall mean sharing of UPSI in the ordinary course of business by an Insider with the following, provided that such sharing has not been carried out to evade or circumvent the prohibitions of these regulations:
- 1. Promoters of the Company
- 2. Auditors (Statutory, Internal, Branch, Cost, Secretarial, GST and any other Auditor as applicable)
- 3. Staff Members of the Audit firm/team conducting the Audit
- 4. Collaborators
- 5. Lenders
- 6. Customers
- 7. Suppliers
- 8. Bankers
- 9. Legal Advisors
- 10. Insolvency Professionals
- 11. Consultants
- 12. Any other advisors/consultants/partners
- 13. Any other person with whom UPSI is shared

b) "Insider"- Any person in receipt of UPSI pursuant to a "legitimate purpose" shall be considered as an "insider" for purpose of these regulations and due notice shall be given to such persons (Insiders) to maintain confidentiality of such unpublished price sensitive information in compliance with these regulations.

#### 4. DIGITAL DATABASE

The Board of Directors shall ensure that a structured digital database is maintained containing the names of such persons or entities, as the case may be, with whom UPSI is shared under Regulation 3 along with the Permanent Account Number (PAN) or any other identifier authorized by law, where PAN is not available. Such database shall be maintained with adequate internal controls and checks, such as time stamping, audit trails, etc. to ensure non-tampering of the database.

#### 5. RESTRICTIONS ON COMMUNICATION AND TRADING BY INSIDERS

The board of directors shall require the parties to execute agreements to contract confidentiality and non-disclosure obligations on the part of such parties and such parties shall keep information so received confidential, and shall not otherwise trade in securities of the company when in possession of unpublished price sensitive information

#### 6. AMENDMENT

The Board of Directors of the Company, subject to applicable laws, rules & Regulations, may amend / substitute any provision(s) with a new provision(s) or replace this entire Policy with a new Policy.

In any circumstance where the terms of this Policy differ from any law, rule, regulation etc. for the time being in force, the law, rule, regulation etc. shall take precedence over this Policy.

This Policy and any subsequent amendment(s) thereto, shall be promptly intimated to the Stock Exchanges, if required under SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and/or SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and any amendment, reamendment or re- enactment thereto.

# 7. Applicability

This Code shall be applicable with effect from April 1, 2019.

# POLICY FOR PROCEDURE OF INQUIRY IN CASE OF LEAK OF UNPUBLISHED PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION ("UPSI")

[Under Regulation 9A of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018]

#### 1. BACKGROUND

The SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 has mandated every listed company to formulate a written policy and procedures for inquiry in case of leak of unpublished price sensitive information and initiate appropriate inquiries on becoming aware of leak of unpublished price sensitive information and inform the Board promptly of such leaks, inquiries and results of such inquiries. In this regard, Board of Directors of Gowra Leasing and Finance Limited have laid down this policy for procedure of inquiry in case of leak of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information ('the policy'), for adoption.

#### 2. OBJECTIVES

- (i) To strengthen the internal control system to prevent leak of UPSI.
- (ii) To restrict and prohibit the practice of sharing of UPSI, with the un-authorized person, which originates from within the company and which affects the market price of the Company as well as loss of reputation and investors' / financers' confidence in the company.
- (iii) To have a uniform code to curb the un-ethical practices of sharing UPSI by Insiders, Employee(s) & Designated Persons with any person, firm, Company or Body Corporate.
- (iv) To initiate inquiry in case of leak of UPSI or suspected leak of UPSI and inform the same to the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") promptly.
- (v) To penalize any Insider, Employee & Designated Persons who appears to have found guilty of violating this policy.

#### 3. SCOPE

To lay procedures for inquiry in case of leak of unpublished price sensitive information or suspected leak of unpublished price sensitive information and inform the Board promptly of such leaks, inquiries and results of such inquiries.

#### 4. **DEFINITIONS**

Words and expressions used but not defined in this Code shall have the same meaning assigned to them in the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 or the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, the Depositories Act, 1996 or the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules and regulations made thereunder, as the case may be or in any amendment thereto.

# 5. DUTIES OF CHIEF INVESTOR RELATIONS OFFICER

The Compliance Officer of the Company is designated as the Chief Investor Relations Officer and is responsible for dissemination of information and disclosure of UPSI.

The CIO shall be responsible to;

- (i) Oversee the Compliance of this policy.
- (ii) Report the incident of actual or suspected leak of UPSI to the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- (iii) Intimate the incident of actual or suspected leak of UPSI to the Stock Exchanges.
- (iv) To co-ordinate with and disclose the relevant facts of the incident of actual or suspected leak of UPSI to the Enquiry committee.

# 6. DISCLOSURE OF ACTUAL OF SUSPECTED LEAK OF UPSI TO STOCK EXCHANGES:

On becoming aware of actual or suspected leak of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information of the Company, the CIO shall ensure that the same shall be promptly intimated to the Stock Exchanges on which the securities of the Company are listed in the format as set out in "Annexure C" to this policy.

#### 7. REPORT OF ACTUAL OF SUSPECTED LEAK OF UPSI TO SEBI

On becoming aware of actual or suspected leak of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information of the Company, the CIO shall ensure that a report on such actual or suspect leak of UPSI, preliminary enquiry thereon and results thereof shall be promptly made to the SEBI in the format as set out in "Annexure D" to this policy.

#### 8. CONSTITUTION OF ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors or any Committee authorized by them in this behalf, shall constitute a committee to be called as "Enquiry Committee". The Enquiry Committee shall consist of minimum 3 (three) Members which shall include Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Investor Relation Officer and any other officer of the Company as may be mutually decided by the members of the Committee.

#### 9. DUTIES OF ENQUIRY COMMITTEE:

The Enquiry Committee shall be responsible-:

- (a) To conduct a preliminary enquiry to ascertain the truth contained in the information or complaint pertaining to actual or suspected leak of UPSI, if any; and
- (b) To authorize any person to collect necessary support material; and
- (c) To decide disciplinary action thereon.

#### 10. PROCEDURE FOR ENQUIRY IN CASE OF LEAK OF UPSI:

On becoming aware of suo moto or otherwise, of actual or suspected leak of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information of the Company by any promoter, director, key managerial person, Insider, employee, designated person, support staff or any other known or un-know person, the CIO after informing the same to the Managing Director or Chief Financial Officer of the Company, shall follow the below mentioned procedure in order to enquire and/or investigate the matter to ensure-:

# (a) Preliminary Enquiry:

Preliminary enquiry is a fact-finding exercise. The object of preliminary enquiry is to ascertain the truth or otherwise of the allegations contained in the information or complaint, if any, and to collect necessary available material in support of the allegations, and thereafter to decide whether there is justification to embark on any disciplinary action.

The Enquiry Committee shall appoint and/or authorize any person(s), as it may deem fit, to initiate/conduct an enquiry to collect the relevant fact, material substances on actual or suspected leak of UPSI.

# (b) Report of Preliminary Enquiry to the Enquiry Committee:

The Person(s) appointed/authorized to enquire the matter of actual or suspected leak of UPSI submit his/her report to the Enquiry Committee within 7 days from the date of his appointment on this behalf.

## (c) Disciplinary Action:

The Disciplinary action(s) shall include, wage freeze, suspension, recovery, termination of employment contract/agreement etc., as may be decided by the Members of the Committee.

#### 11. AMENDMENT

The Board of Directors of the Company, subject to applicable laws, rules & Regulations, may amend / substitute any provision(s) with a new provision(s) or replace this entire Policy with a new Policy.

In any circumstance where the terms of this Policy differ from any law, rule, regulation etc. for the time being in force, the law, rule, regulation etc. shall take precedence over this Policy.

This Policy and any subsequent amendment(s) thereto, shall be promptly intimated to the Stock Exchanges, if required under SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and/or SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and any amendment, reamendment or re- enactment thereto.

# FORMAT FOR INTIMATION OF ACTUAL OR SUSPECTED LEAK OF UPSI TO THE STOCK EXCHANGES

To

**BSE Limited** 

P. J. Towers, Dalal Street, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001

Ref.: BSE Scrip Code No. 53709

Dear Sir / Madam,

<u>Sub: Intimation of actual or suspected leak of UPSI pursuant to Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015.</u>

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015, we are reporting actual or suspected leak of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI) of the Company, as follows;

Name of Offender, if known	
Name of Organization	
Designation (Employee, Insider, Designated Person or any other)	
Nature of Information	
Whether any action initiated by the Company? If yes, narration of the same	Yes/No

Request you to kindly take the aforementioned on your records.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

For Gowra Leasing and Finance Limited Managing Director / Compliance Officer

#### FORMAT FOR REPORTING ACTUAL OR SUSPECTED LEAK OF UPSI TO THE SEBI

To.

Securities and Exchange Board of India Plot No. C 4-A, G Block, Near Bank of India, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai – 400 051

Ref.: BSE Scrip Code No. 530709

Dear Sir / Madam,

<u>Sub: Report of actual or suspected leak of UPSI pursuant to regulation 9A (5) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulation, 2015</u>

Pursuant to Regulation 9A (5) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulation, 2015, we are reporting actual or suspected leak of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI) of the Company, as follows:

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015, we are reporting actual or suspected leak of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI) of the Company, as follows;

Name of Offender, if known	
Name of Organization	
Designation	
(Employee, Insider, Designated Person or any	
other)	
Nature of Information	
Whether any action initiated by the	Yes/No
Company? If yes, narration of the same	

Request you to kindly take the aforementioned on your records.

Thanking you,

Yours

faithfully

For Gowra Leasing and Finance Limited

**Managing Director / Compliance Officer**