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**Re: ISIN - INE111Q01013****Sub: Code of Conduct to Regulate, Monitor and Report trading by Insiders including Designated Persons**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we wish to inform you that the Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held today, i.e., May 27, 2021, has adopted revised 'Code of Internal Procedures and Conduct for Regulating, Monitoring and Reporting trading by Insiders including Designated Persons', and the same is enclosed herewith for your kind reference.

The copy of the amended code will be available on the Company's website at [www.pdsmultinational.com](http://www.pdsmultinational.com).

We request you to kindly take the above on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
for PDS Multinational Fashions Limited



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*Encl.: As Above*

**PDS MULTINATIONAL FASHIONS LIMITED**

**CODE OF INTERNAL PROCEDURES AND CONDUCT FOR REGULATING,  
MONITORING AND REPORTING OF TRADING BY INSIDERS INCLUDING DESIGNATED  
PERSONS<sup>1</sup>**

*(Approved in the Board Meeting held on 28.05.2015 and made effective from May 14, 2015 and amended on  
14.02.2019 and made effective from 01.04.2019 and further amended on 27.05.2021)*

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<sup>1</sup> This Code is revised by The Board of Directors in their meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 and it shall have effect from 1st April, 2019.

**CODE OF INTERNAL PROCEDURES AND CONDUCT FOR REGULATING, MONITORING AND REPORTING OF  
TRADING BY INSIDERS INCLUDING DESIGNATED PERSONS<sup>2</sup>  
[Under Regulation 9(1) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015]**

## Preamble

Securities and Exchange Board of India (“SEBI”) vide its Notification dated January 15, 2015, had issued the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and further amended the same vide its notification dated December 31, 2018, the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018, (“PIT Regulations”) to put in place a framework to regulate, monitor and report trading by the Designated Persons and immediate relatives of Designated Persons. This Code has been formulated to regulate, monitor and report trading by the Designated Persons to comply with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time. The Code is prescribed to ensure that the Designated Persons and immediate relatives of Designated Persons do not trade in the Securities of the Company when they are in possession of UPSI, and to prevent any speculative dealings, knowingly or unknowingly, by the Designated Persons and Immediate Relatives of Designated Persons.

## Objective of this Code of Conduct:

The objective of this Code of Conduct is to prevent Insider Trading by prohibiting trading, communicating, counselling or procuring Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (“UPSI”). Insider Trading is an unethical practice resorted to by those in power and privy to certain unpublished price sensitive information relating to a company to profit at the expense of the general investors who do not have access to such information and the Company has no tolerance for any form of Insider Trading or similar unlawful security related trade practices.

Further, this Code of Conduct has been prepared by adopting the standards set out in Schedule B of the PIT Regulations in order to regulate, monitor and report trading by Designated Persons and immediate relatives of Designated Person and towards achieving compliance with the regulations.

In order to fully understand the scope of restrictions on insider trading, it is useful to understand the following terms/definitions.

## 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

- 1.1 “Act” means the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992.
- 1.2 “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- 1.3 “Company” means PDS Multinational Fashions Limited.

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1.4 **“Code” or “Code of Conduct”** shall mean the Code of Internal Procedures and Conduct for Regulating, Monitoring and Reporting of trading by designated persons and immediate relatives of designated person of the Company as amended from time to time.

1.5 **“Compliance Officer”** means Company Secretary or such other senior officer designated so and reporting to the Board of Directors, who is financially literate and is capable of appreciating requirements for legal and regulatory compliance under PIT Regulations and who shall be responsible for compliance of policies, procedures, maintenance of records, monitoring adherence to the rules for the preservation of unpublished price sensitive information, monitoring of trades and the implementation of the codes specified in PIT regulations under the overall supervision of the Board of Directors of the Company.

1.6 **“Connected Person”** means:

- (i) any person who is or has during the six months prior to the concerned act been associated with a company,, directly or indirectly, in any capacity including by reason of frequent communication with its officers or by being in any contractual, fiduciary or employment relationship or by being a director, officer or an employee of the Company or holds any position including a professional or business relationship between himself and the Company whether temporary or permanent, that allows such person, directly or indirectly, access to unpublished price sensitive information or is reasonably expected to allow such access.
- (ii) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the persons falling within the following categories shall be deemed to be connected persons unless the contrary established:
  - (a) an immediate relative of connected persons specified in clause (i); or
  - (b) a holding company or associate company or subsidiary company; or
  - (c) an intermediary as specified in Section 12 of the Act or an employee or director thereof; or
  - (d) an investment company, trustee company, asset management company or an employee or director thereof; or
  - (e) an official of a stock exchange or of clearing house or corporation; or
  - (f) a member of board of trustees of a mutual fund or a member of the board of directors of the asset management company of a mutual fund or is an employee thereof; or
  - (g) a member of the Board of directors or an employee, of a public financial institution as defined in section 2 (72) of the Companies Act, 2013; or
  - (h) an official or an employee of a self-regulatory organization recognised or authorized by the Board; or
  - (i) a banker of the Company; or
  - (j) a concern, firm, trust, Hindu undivided family, company or association of persons wherein a director of the Company or his immediate relative or banker of the Company, has more than ten per cent, of the holding or interest.

1.7 **“Dealing in Securities”** means an act of subscribing to, buying, selling or agreeing to subscribe to, buy, sell or deal in the securities of the Company either as principal or agent.

1.8 **“Designated persons”** shall include the following:

- (i). Promoters and Promoter Group;
- (ii). Directors ;
- (iii). Key Managerial Personnel;
- (iv). Functional Heads;
- (v). Executive secretaries/assistants of Directors/Key Managerial Personnel;
- (vi). Employees in the grade of Manager and above;
- (vii). Auditors, Analysts and Consultants;
- (viii). Any person working in Finance department, Secretarial Department or any support staff of the Company such as IT staff etc..
- (ix). Immediate Relatives of the persons specified in point no.(i) to point no. (viii)
- (x). Such other persons who may designated as such from time to time, by the Board of Directors or by the Compliance Officer in consultation with the Chairperson, Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer, for the purpose this Code.
- (xi). Directors/Key Managerial Personnel and other Employees of material subsidiary(ies) of the Company who are due to their functional role/ position are reasonably believed to have access to UPSI;

1.9 **“Director”** means a member of the Board of Directors of the Company or Directors of its Material Subsidiary Companies in India or outside India.

1.10 **“Employee”** means every employee of the Company including the Directors in the employment of the Company and the employee of Material Subsidiary Company in India or outside India.

1.11 **"Generally available Information"** means information that is accessible to the public on a non-discriminatory basis.

1.12 **"Immediate Relative"** means a spouse of a person, and includes parent, sibling, and child of such person or of the spouse, any of whom is either dependent financially on such person, or consults such person in taking decisions relating to trading in securities.

1.13 **“Insider”** means any person who is,

- (i) a connected person; or
- (ii) in possession of or having access to unpublished price sensitive information (“UPSI”) .

1.14 **“Key Managerial Person”** means Chairman/Vice-Chairman Group Chief Operating Officer, Group Chief Financial Officer and the persons as defined in Section 2(51) of the Companies Act, 2013.

- 1.15 **"Material Financial Relationship"** shall mean a relationship in which one person is a recipient of any kind of payment such as by way of a loan or gift during the immediately preceding twelve months, equivalent to at least 25% of such payer's annual income but shall exclude relationships in which the payment is based on arm's length transactions
- 1.16 **"Legitimate purposes"** means and includes sharing of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information in the Ordinary Course of Business by an insider with partners, collaborators, lenders, customers, suppliers, merchant bankers, legal advisors, auditors, insolvency professionals or other advisors or consultants or on a need-to-know basis. Provided that such sharing shall not be carried out to evade or circumvent the prohibitions of the Code or the Regulations.
- 1.17 **"Promoter"** shall have the meaning assigned to it under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 or any modification thereof:
- 1.18 **"Promoter Group"** shall have the meaning assigned to it under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 or any modification thereof.
- 1.19 **"Securities"** shall have the meaning assigned to it under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (42 of 1956) or any modification thereof except units of a mutual fund;
- 1.20 **"Regulations"** shall mean the Securities & Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and any amendments thereto.
- 1.21 **"Specified Persons"** means the Promoters and Promoter Group, Directors, connected persons, the insiders, the Designated persons and their immediate relatives are collectively referred to as Specified Persons.
- 1.22 **"Takeover regulations"** means the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011 and any amendments thereto;
- 1.23 **"Trading"** means and includes subscribing, buying, selling, dealing, or agreeing to subscribe, buy, sell, deal in any securities, and "trade", "Traded" shall be construed accordingly.
- 1.24 **"Trading Day"** means a day on which the recognized stock exchanges are open for trading;
- 1.25 **"Unpublished Price Sensitive Information"** ("UPSI") means any information, relating to a company or its securities, directly or indirectly, that is not generally available which upon becoming generally available, is likely to materially affect the price of the securities and shall, ordinarily including but not restricted to, information relating to the following:
- (i) financial results of the Company;
  - (ii) Intended declaration of dividends (Interim and Final);

- (iii) Change in capital structure i.e. Issue of securities, buy - back of securities or any forfeiture of shares;
- (iv) Mergers, De-mergers, Amalgamation, Acquisitions, De-listing of Securities, Scheme of Arrangement or Takeover, disposals, spin off or selling division of whole or substantially whole of the undertaking and expansion of business and such other transactions.
- (v) changes in key managerial personnel; and
- (vi) Any other matter as may be prescribed under SEBI Regulations to be price sensitive, from time to time.
- (vii) Material events in accordance with The Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

*Words and expressions used and not defined in this Code, but defined in the Act, Regulations, The Securities Contract (Regulation) Act, 1956 or the Companies Act, 2013 Depositories Act, 1996 and rules and regulations made thereunder shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in those legislations.*

## 2. COMPLIANCE OFFICER

2.1 Subject to supervision of the Board of Directors, the Compliance Officer, shall be responsible for:

- (i) Setting forth policies, procedures, monitoring adherence to the Code and SEBI Regulations for the preservation of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information, approval and review of trading plans, pre-clearance of Trades and monitoring of Trades and implementation of this Code.
- (ii) Assisting all Insiders, Designated Persons and Employees in addressing any clarifications regarding the SEBI Regulations and this Code.
- (iii) Obtaining disclosures from Insiders and Designated Persons and to give information, in respect of the disclosures received, to all the stock exchanges where the Securities are listed, as applicable.
- (iv) Maintaining and preserving all disclosures/undertakings and applications made under this Code.
- (v) Regulating and monitoring the Trading Window of the Securities of the Company.
- (vi) Advising all Designated Persons not to trade in Securities of the Company when the Trading Window is closed.
- (vii) Investigating any Employee in relation to the Trading of Securities and handling of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information of the Company.

2.2 The Compliance Officer shall report to the Board of Directors and shall provide reports to the Chairman of the Audit Committee at such frequency as may be stipulated by the Board of Directors but not less than once in year.

## 3. RESTRICTION ON COMMUNICATION OR PROCUREMENT OF "UNPUBLISHED PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION"

3.1 All information shall be handled within the Company on a need-to-know basis and no insider shall

communicate, provide or allow access to any UPSI to any other person including other insider except where such communication is in furtherance of the insider's legitimate purposes, performance of duties or discharge of his legal obligations.

3.2 No person shall procure from or cause the communication by any Insider of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information, relating to the Company or Securities listed or proposed to be listed, except in furtherance of legitimate purposes, performance of duties or discharge of legal obligations.

3.3 UPSI may be communicated, provided, allowed access to or procured, in connection with a transaction which entails:

- an obligation to make an open offer under the Takeover Regulations where the Board of Directors of the Company is of informed opinion that sharing of such information is in the best interests of the Company;
- not attracting the obligation to make an open offer under the takeover regulations but where the Board of Directors of the Company is of informed opinion that sharing of such information is in the best interests of the Company and the information that constitute unpublished price sensitive information is disseminated to be made generally available at least two trading days prior to the proposed transaction being effected in such form as the Board of Directors may determine to be adequate and fair to cover all.

However, 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, except for the limited purpose and shall not otherwise trade in securities of the Company when in possession of unpublished price sensitive information.

3.4 Need to Know:

- (i) "need to know" basis means that Unpublished Price Sensitive Information should be disclosed only to those within the Company 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.
- (ii) All non-public information directly received by any employee should immediately be reported to the head of the department.

3.5 Limited access to confidential information-

Files containing confidential information shall be kept secure. Computer files must have adequate security of login and password, etc.

## 4. PREVENTION OF MISUSE OF "UNPUBLISHED PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION"

4.1 Trading Plan

An insider shall be entitled to formulate a trading plan for dealing in securities of the Company and



present it to the Compliance Officer for approval and public disclosure pursuant to which trades may be carried out on his behalf in accordance with such plan in the format set out in **Annexure-I** of this Code.

4.2 Trading Plan shall:

- (i) not entail commencement of trading on behalf of the insider earlier than six months from the public disclosure of the plan;
- (ii) not entail trading for the period between the twentieth trading day prior to the last day of any financial period for which results are required to be announced by the issuer of the securities and the second trading day after the disclosure of such financial results;
- (iii) entail trading for a period of not less than twelve months;
- (iv) not entail overlap of any period for which another trading plan is already in existence;
- (v) set out either the value of trades to be effected or the number of securities to be traded along with the nature of the trade and the intervals at, or dates on which such trades shall be effected; and
- (vi) not entail trading in securities for market abuse.

4.3 The Compliance Officer shall review the Trading Plan made as above and shall approve it forthwith. However, he shall be entitled to take express undertakings as may be necessary to enable such assessment and to approve and monitor the implementation of the plan as per provisions of the Regulations.

Provided that pre-clearance of trades shall not be required for a trade executed as per an approved trading plan.

Provided further that trading window norms and restrictions on contra trade shall not be applicable for trades carried out in accordance with an approved trading plan.

4.4 The Trading Plan once approved shall be irrevocable and the Insider shall mandatorily have to implement the plan, without being entitled to either deviate from it or to execute any trade in the securities outside the scope of the trading plan.

However, the implementation of the trading plan shall not be commenced, if at the time of formulation of the plan, the Insider is in possession of any unpublished price sensitive information and the said information has not become generally available at the time of the commencement of implementation. The commencement of the Plan shall be deferred until such unpublished price sensitive information becomes generally available information. Further, the Insider shall also not be allowed to deal in securities of the Company, if the date of trading in securities of the Company, as per the approved Trading Plan, coincides with the date of closure of Trading Window announced by the Compliance Officer.

## 5. TRADING WINDOW

5.1 All Designated Persons shall execute Trades in the Securities of the Company only in a valid trading

period called Trading Window prescribed hereunder and shall not execute any Trade or deal in any transaction involving the purchase or sale of the Company's Securities in their own name or in the name of their Immediate Relatives during the period when the Trading Window is closed or any other period as may be specified by the Company from time to time.

- 5.2 The Trading Window shall also be applicable to any person having contractual or fiduciary relation with the Company such as auditors, accountancy firms, law firms, analysts, and consultants etc. assisting or advising the Company and who are likely to have access to any Unpublished Price Sensitive Information. The Compliance Officer shall intimate the aforesaid persons having contractual or fiduciary relation with the Company and handling such Unpublished Price Sensitive Information, of the requirements relating to handling of such information and restriction on Trading in the relevant Securities during the closure of the Trading Window.
- 5.3 The Trading Window shall be closed when the Compliance Officer determines that a Designated Person or class of Designated Persons can reasonably be expected to have possession of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information. Such closure shall be imposed in relation to such Securities to which such Unpublished Price Sensitive Information relates. In case of declaration of financial results, the Trading Window shall be closed during the period beginning from the last day of any financial period for which results are required to be announced and ending 48 hours after the public release of such results.
- 5.4 The Compliance Officer after taking into account various factors including the Unpublished Price Sensitive Information in question becoming Generally Available Information and being capable of assimilation by the market, shall decide the timing for re-opening of the Trading Window, which however shall not in any event be earlier than 48 hours after the information becoming Generally Available Information.
- 5.5 Trading window will not be applicable for exercise of ESOPs and for execution of trades in adherence to pre-approved trading plans.
- 5.6 The notice of closure of the Trading Window shall be intimated to the stock exchanges (BSE/NSE).

## 6. PRE-CLEARANCE OF TRADES

- 6.1 All Designated Persons, who intend to deal in the securities of the Company when the trading window is opened and if the value of the proposed trades is above 50,000 shares or up to Rs. 10 Lakhs (market value) or 1% of total shareholding, whichever is less, should pre-clear the transaction. However, no designated person shall be entitled to apply for pre-clearance of any proposed trade if such designated person is in possession of UPSI even if the trading window is not closed and hence he shall not be allowed to trade.
- 6.2 Designated Persons intending to deal in the Securities of the Company upto the threshold limit as specified at point no. 6.1, may do so without any preclearance from the Compliance Officer. In all

other cases, they should pre-clear the transactions as per the pre-dealing procedure as provided hereinafter.

Notes :

- i. The onus of aforesaid disclosures will be on the Designated Persons.
- ii. With respect to the conditions on seeking Pre-clearance as envisaged in 6.1 above, it is hereby clarified that the dealing between the Designated Persons and their relatives shall not be aggregated. It has to be on an individual basis.
- iii. It is hereby clarified that Pre-clearance will not be required for exercise of ESOPs.

#### 6.3 Procedure for pre-clearance of Trades:

- (i) An application may be made in the format set out in **Annexure-II** of this code to the Compliance officer indicating the estimated number of securities that the designated person intends to deal in, the details as to the depository with which he has a security account, the details as to the securities in such depository mode and such other details as may be required by any rule made by the company in this behalf.
- (ii) An undertaking in the format set out in **Annexure III** of this Code, shall be executed in favour of the Company by such persons applying for pre-clearance.
- (iii) Designated Persons shall complete execution of their pre-cleared Trades in respect of Securities of the Company not later than 7 Trading Days after the approval of preclearance is given which is set out in **Annexure IV**, failing which fresh pre-clearance would be required for the Trades to be executed.
- (iv) Designated Persons executing pre-cleared Trades shall file within 2 working days of the execution of the Trade, the details of such Trade, with the Compliance Officer in the format set out **Annexure V** of this Code. In the event such Trade is not executed, a report to that effect shall be filed with the Compliance Officer also in the format set out in **Annexure V** of this Code.

#### 6.4 Restriction on Contra-Trade for 6 months

- (i) All Designated Persons who are permitted to Trade shall not enter into a contra Trade during the next Six (6) months following the prior Trade.
- (ii) In case the contra trade is necessitated by emergency, the Compliance Officer may waive the holding period after recording in writing reasons in this regard provided such waiver does not amount to violation of the PIT Regulations or this Code. Similarly in the case of emergency of Trade by a Compliance Officer, the Compliance Officer may obtain the waiver from the Managing Director or in his absence, the Chairman of the Board, provided that such waiver does not violate this Code or the SEBI Regulations. The application for waiver shall be made in the format set out in **Annexure VI** of this Code.
- (iii) In case a contra Trade is executed, inadvertently or otherwise, in violation of such a

restriction, the profits from such Trade shall be liable to be disgorged for remittance to SEBI for credit to the Investor Protection and Education Fund administered by SEBI under the Act.

Provided that this shall not be applicable for trades pursuant to exercise of stock options.

## 7. PRESERVATION OF UNPUBLISHED PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

- 7.1 Access to Unpublished Price Sensitive information shall be on a “need-to-know” basis and no unpublished Price Sensitive Information shall be communicated to any person except in furtherance of legitimate purposes, in the course of performance of his duties or in discharge of his legal obligations.
- 7.2 Files containing Unpublished Price Sensitive Information shall be kept secure. Computer files shall have adequate security of login and passwords, etc. Guidelines for maintenance of electronic records and systems may be prescribed by the Compliance Officer from time to time in consultation with the person in-charge of the information technology function of the Company.
- 7.3 To prevent the misuse of UPSI, the Company adopts the “Chinese Wall” policy and segregate the premises into inside areas and public areas. Inside areas refer to those areas and departments of the Company in which UPSI may ordinarily be available. Public areas refer to those areas where any UPSI would ordinarily not be available, and to which any outside person may be allowed access.
- 7.4 As per the said Chinese Wall:-
- (i) The Employees in the inside areas are not allowed to communicate any UPSI to anyone in the public areas.
  - (ii) The Employees in inside area may be physically separated from the Employees in public area.
  - (iii) Demarcation of the various departments as inside areas may be implemented by the Compliance Officer in consultation with the Board of Directors;
  - (iv) The Employees within the inside area of the Chinese Walls have a responsibility to ensure the Chinese Wall is not breached deliberately or inadvertently. Known or suspected breaches of the Chinese Wall must be referred to the Compliance Officer immediately;
  - (v) The establishment of Chinese Wall is not intended to suggest that within inside areas material, Unpublished Price Sensitive Information can be circulate freely. Within inside areas, the need-to-know shall be in effect; and
  - (vi) Only in exceptional circumstances, Employees from the public areas may be permitted to ‘cross the wall’ are brought ‘over the wall’ and provided UPSI on “need to know” basis under intimation to the Compliance Officer. In such cases, the Compliance Officer shall ensure that all necessary restrictions are imposed on such Employee(s) in relation to protection of such Unpublished Price Sensitive Information.

7.5 Any person in receipt of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information pursuant to a “Legitimate Purpose” shall be considered an “Insider” for purposes of the Regulations and this Code and due notice shall be given to such persons to maintain confidentiality of such Unpublished Price Sensitive Information. However, non-receipt of such notice while in receipt of any Unpublished Price Sensitive Information shared for Legitimate Purpose would not absolve any person from complying with this Code and any person dealing with Unpublished Price Sensitive Information shall be under an obligation to preserve the same under the relevant regulation(s).

## 8. DISCLOSURES

### 8.1 General Provisions

- (i) All public disclosures required to be made pursuant to the SEBI Regulations and this Code shall be made in the formats specified in the SEBI Regulations and this Code.
- (ii) The disclosures to be made by any person under this Code shall include those relating to Trading by such person’s Immediate Relatives, and by any other person for whom such person takes Trading decisions.
- (iii) The disclosures made under this Code and PIT Regulations shall be maintained by the Company for minimum Five (5) years.

### 8.2 Initial Disclosure of shareholding to the Company

- (i) Every person on appointment as a key managerial personnel or a director of the Company or upon becoming a promoter or member of the promoter group shall disclose his holding of securities in the format set out in **Annexure VII** (Form B) of this Code of the Company as on the date of appointment or becoming a promoter, to the Company within seven (7) days of such appointment or becoming a promoter.

### 8.3 Continual Disclosure of trading in shares to the Company

- (i) Every promoter, member of the promoter group, designated person and director of the Company shall disclose in the format set out in **Annexure VIII** (Form C) of this Code to the Company the number of such securities acquired or disposed of within two (2) trading days of such transaction if the value of the securities traded, whether in one transaction or a series of transactions over any calendar quarter, aggregates to a traded value in excess of Rs. 10 Lakhs (Rupees. Ten lakhs).
- (ii) Company shall notify the particulars of such trading to the stock exchanges (BSE/NSE) within two (2) trading days of receipt of the disclosure or from becoming aware of such information.

It is hereby clarified that the disclosure of the incremental transactions after any continual disclosure made under this sub-clause, shall be made when the transactions effected after the prior disclosure cross the threshold specified in this sub-clause above.

#### 8.4 Disclosure by other Connected Persons

The Compliance Officer or the Company may, at its discretion require any other Connected Person or class of Connected Persons to make disclosures of his/its/their holdings and Trading in Securities of the Company in the format set out in **Annexure IX** of this Code, at such frequency as may be determined by the Compliance Officer in order to monitor compliance with the SEBI Regulations.

### 9. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

The decision of the Board of Directors with regard to any or all matters relating to this Code shall be final and binding on all concerned. This Code shall be reviewed from time to time and the Board of Directors shall have the power to modify, amend or replace this Code in part or full, as may be thought fit from time to time in their absolute discretion.

### 10. ANNUAL DISCLOSURES BY DESIGNATED PERSONS

10.1 Designated Persons shall also be required to disclose Names and PAN (Permanent Account Number or any other identifier authorized by law of the following persons to the company on an annual basis and as and when the information changes in the format set out in **Annexure X** of this Code:

- (a) immediate relatives;
- (b) persons with whom such designated person(s) shares a material financial relationship;
- (c) Phone, mobile and cell numbers which are used by them

#### 10.2 One Time Disclosure by Designated Persons

One-time disclosure of names of educational institutions from which Designated Persons have studied and names of their past employers.

### 11. DIGITAL DATABASE OF RECIPIENT OF UPSI

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 information is shared under this regulation, which shall contain the following information:

- (i) Name & PAN of such recipient of UPSI;
- (ii) Name & PAN of the person by whom UPSI is shared
- (iii) Name of the Organization or entity to which the recipient represent
- (iv) Postal Address and E-mail ID of such recipient

- (v) Date of sharing UPSI
- (vi) Details of UPSI shared
- (vii) Mode of sharing UPSI

The Board of Directors/ Compliance Officer shall also be responsible to ensure that such databases shall be maintained with adequate internal controls and checks such as time stamping and audit trails to ensure non-tampering of such database.

## 12. PENALTY FOR CONTRAVENTION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

- 12.1 Every Specified Person shall be individually responsible for complying with the provisions of the Code (including to the extent the provisions hereof are applicable to his/her dependents).
- 12.2 Any Specified Person who trades in securities or communicates any information for trading in securities, in contravention of this Code may be penalised and appropriate action may be taken by the Company.
- 12.3 Specified Persons who violate the Code shall also be subject to disciplinary action by the Company, which may include wage freeze, suspension, recovery, clawback, ineligibility for future participation in employee stock option plans, etc.
- 12.4 The action by the Company shall not preclude SEBI from taking any action in case of violation of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR INQUIRY IN CASE OF LEAK OF UNPUBLISHED PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION OR SUSPECTED LEAK OF UNPUBLISHED PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

### Preamble

This Policy is framed with an aim to implement a structured procedure for investigation in case of leak or suspected leak of UPSI.

### Applicability

This policy shall apply to all Insiders and any other persons as assigned by law from time to time.

### Process of inquiry in case of leak of UPSI or suspected leak of UPSI

1. Complaint (written or oral or electronic) regarding a leak or suspected leak of UPSI may be received by the Company from the following sources:
  - a. Internal:
    - i. Whistleblower vide the whistleblower process as illustrated in the Vigil Mechanism Policy
    - ii. Any leak or suspected leak of UPSI detected through the internal controls implemented by the Company.
  - b. External: Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, Depository, Stock Exchange, Regional Director, Registrar of Companies, regulatory / statutory authority or any other department of Central or State Government based on the complaint received from a whistle-blower (above shall be collectively referred to as "Complaint(s)")
2. The Chief Compliance Officer shall report the Complaint to the Audit Committee within a reasonable time from the date of receipt of the Complaint;
3. The Audit Committee shall review the Complaint and shall discuss with the Chief Compliance Officer and Company Secretary on potential next steps including but not limited to seek additional information to consider an investigation, disclosure requirements to the regulatory authorities, appointment of an investigation panel consisting of internal employees or external agencies. If the Complaint implicates the Chief Compliance Officer and/or Company Secretary then they shall recuse themselves from the said inquiry process;
4. If the Audit Committee mandates an investigation, then the identified panel of investigators shall conduct the investigation into the Complaint(s) and present their findings to the Chief Compliance Officer. The executive summary of the investigation shall be reported to the Audit Committee by the Chief Compliance Officer;



5. Based on the update provided by the Chief Compliance Officer, the Audit Committee shall put forward its recommendation to the Board. The Board, on receipt of such recommendation and after due review/deliberations, shall decide on the next steps;
6. The Board shall have the power to amend any of the provisions of this Policy, substitute any of the provisions with a new provision and also replace this Policy entirely with a new Policy;

Any words used in this Policy but not defined herein shall have the same meaning as described to it in the Companies Act, 2013 or Rules made thereunder, Securities & Exchange Board of India Act or Rules and Regulations made thereunder, SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 or any other relevant legislation/law applicable to the Company, as amended from time to time

**ANNEXURE-I**  
**APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL TRADING PLAN**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To,  
**The Compliance Officer,**  
**PDS Multinational Fashions Limited,**  
 #758&759, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 19<sup>th</sup> Main, Sector-2,  
 HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102, Karnataka

1. Name of the Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PAN \_\_\_\_\_
2. No. of securities held in the Company as on date: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Approval sought for: Self [  ] Immediate Relative (IR) [  ]
4. Trading plan belongs for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months i.e. for a period commencing from \_\_\_\_\_ and ending on \_\_\_\_\_
5. Details of the proposed trade:

S. No.	Nature of transaction (Sale/Purchase)	Date of transaction/ period/ interval for transaction	Value of trade/ No. of securities transacted	Conditions /Remarks

**Undertaking:**

- (a) I will not commence trading earlier than six months from the public disclosure of the plan.
- (b) I do not have overlapping trading plan for the same period.
- (c) In the event that I am in possession/knowledge of any information that is construed as “Unpublished Price Sensitive Information” as defined in the Policy, at the time of formulation and approval of this plan but which is not made public at the time of trading as per the approved time schedule in the said plan, I shall inform the Compliance Officer of the same and shall completely refrain from dealing in the securities of the Company until such information becomes public;
- (d) I have not contravened the provisions of the Insider Trading Policy as notified by the Company from time to time;
- (e) I have made full and true disclosure in the matter.

- (f) I undertake to abide by this trading plan once approved and shall furnish such declarations disclosures as may be deemed necessary by compliance officer for the monitoring of this plan.
- (g) I shall not use this trading plan as a tool for market abuse.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Designated Employee

For use of Compliance Officer:

Application recd. date	Approval Date	Approval No.	Approval No. Compliance Officer's signature

Approval granted for Trading Plan for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months commencing from \_\_\_\_\_ upto \_\_\_\_\_  
Notification to Stock Exchange \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Compliance Officer

**Note:** Please provide all the information. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

**ANNEXURE-II**  
**FORMAT OF APPLICATION FOR PRE-DEALING APPROVAL**

To,  
**The Compliance Officer,**  
**PDS Multinational Fashions Limited,**  
 #758&759, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 19<sup>th</sup> Main, Sector-2,  
 HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102, Karnataka

Dear Sir,

Pursuant to the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and any modification thereof and the Company's **Code of Conduct to regulate, monitor and report trading in Securities of the Company** and the **Code of Practices and Procedures for Fair Disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information**, I seek approval to purchase / sale / subscription of \_\_\_\_\_ equity shares of the company as per details given below (*strike out whichever is not applicable*):

(i)	Name of the applicant	
(ii)	Designation & Department	
(iii)	Relationship with the Applicant (Self/Immediate Relative)	
(iv)	Number of securities held as on date	
(v)	Permanent Account Number (Self/Immediate Relative)	
(vi)	Folio No. / DP ID / Client ID No.)	
(vii)	The proposal is for	(a) Purchase of securities (b) Subscription to securities (c) Sale of securities
(viii)	Proposed date of dealing in securities	
(ix)	Estimated number of securities proposed to be acquired/subscribed/sold	
(x)	Price at which the transaction is proposed	
(xi)	Current market price (as on date of application)	
(xii)	Whether the proposed transaction will be through stock exchange or off-market deal	
(xiii)	Folio No. / DP ID / Client ID No. where the securities will be credited / debited	

I enclose herewith the form of Undertaking signed by me.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature of Employee)

Encl.: Undertaking

**Notes:**

1. No application for pre-clearance can be made during closure of trading window; neither any pre-cleared transaction can be carried out during closure of trading window.
2. Pre-clearance required whenever Director(s)/ KMP/ Promoter or Person who is part of Promoter Group/ Designated Person(s) intend dealing in its securities more than Rs. 50,000 shares or upto Rs. 10lac in value(market value) or 1% of total shareholding, whichever is low.
3. Pre-cleared order must necessarily be executed within 7 days of approval.

**ANNEXURE-III**  
**FORMAT OF UNDERTAKING TO BE ACCOMPANIED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR PRE-CLEARANCE**

To,

**PDS Multinational Fashions Limited,**

#758&759, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 19<sup>th</sup> Main, Sector-2,

HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102, Karnataka

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a designated person of the company as per the Rules for Trading in the securities of the Company residing at \_\_\_\_\_, am desirous of dealing in \_\_\_\_\_\* shares of the Company as mentioned in my application dated \_\_\_\_\_ for pre-clearance of the transaction.

I, further declare that I am not in possession of or otherwise privy to any unpublished Price Sensitive Information as defined in the Company's Code of Conduct for prevention of Insider Trading (the Code) up to the time of signing this Undertaking.

In the event that I have access to or received any information that could be construed as "Price Sensitive Information" as defined in the Code, after the signing of this undertaking but before executing the transaction for which approval is sought, I shall inform the Compliance Officer of the same and shall completely refrain from dealing in the securities of the Company until such information becomes public.

I declare that I have not contravened the provisions of the Code as notified by the Company from time to time.

If approval is granted, I shall execute the deal within 7 days of the receipt of approval failing which I shall seek pre-clearance.

I undertake to submit the necessary report within Two (2) days of execution of the transaction / a 'Nil' report if the transaction is not undertaken.

I shall hold the Securities for a minimum period of 6 (six) months from the date of trade/that I have complied with the requirement of minimum holding period of six (6) months with respect to the securities sold (applicable only in respect of sale transaction) I, declare that I have made full and true disclosure in the matter.

In the event of this transaction being in violation of the Rules or the applicable laws, (a) I will, unconditionally, release, hold harmless and indemnify to the fullest extent, the Company and its directors and officers, (the 'indemnified persons') for all losses, damages, fines, expenses, suffered by the indemnified persons, (b) I will compensate the indemnified persons for all expenses incurred in any investigation, defense, crisis management or public relations activity in relation to this transaction and (c) I authorize the Company to recover from me, the profits arising from this transaction and remit the same to the SEBI for credit of the Investor Protection and Education Fund administered by the SEBI.

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Date :

\* Indicate number of shares

**ANNEXURE IV**  
**PRE-TRADING APPROVAL**

Date: .....

To,

Mr/Ms/Mrs. ....

Pre-Trading Approval No...../year

**Pre-Trading Approval– Your application dated .....**

Dear Sir,

With reference to your above application seeking approval for undertaking certain transactions in Securities ~~(including derivatives)~~ of the Company detailed therein, please be informed that you are hereby authorized to undertake the transaction(s) as detailed in your said application.

This approval is being issued to you based on the various declarations, representations and warranties made by you in your said application.

This approval letter is valid from ..... till ..... (i.e., for 7 (seven) trading days from date thereof). If you do not execute the approved transaction/trade on or before this date you would have to seek fresh pre-trading approval before executing any transaction/trade in the Securities ~~(including derivatives)~~ of the Company. Further, you are required to file the details of the executed transactions in the attached format within 2 (two) trading days from the date of transaction/trade. In case the transaction is not undertaken a 'Nil' report shall be necessary.

Yours faithfully,

Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

PDS Multinational Fashions Limited

**ANNEXURE V**
**FORMAT FOR DISCLOSURE OF TRANSACTIONS EXECUTED/NOT EXECUTED AFTER OBTAINING PRE-CLEARANCE**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To,  
**The Compliance Officer,**  
**PDS Multinational Fashions Limited,**  
 #758&759, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 19<sup>th</sup> Main, Sector-2,  
 HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102, Karnataka

Dear Sir,

With reference to trading approval granted by the Company to me on \_\_\_\_\_, I, hereby inform that:

- I have not bought / sold/ subscribed any securities of the Company
- I have bought/sold/subscribed to \_\_\_\_\_ securities as mentioned below on \_\_\_\_\_(date).

Name of holder	No. Of securities dealt with	Bought/sold/subscribed	DP ID/Client ID / Folio No	Price (Rs.)

In connection with the aforesaid transaction, please find enclosed copy of the following for your records:

1. Broker's contract note.
2. Proof of payment to/from brokers.
3. Extract of bank passbook/statement (to be submitted in case of demat transactions).
4. Copy of Delivery instruction slip (applicable in case of sale transaction).

I hereby undertake to preserve the original copy of the above mentioned document for a period of 3 years and produce to the Compliance Officer/Securities Exchange Board of India, if required in future.

I agree to hold the above securities for a minimum period of six (6) months. In case there is any urgent need to sell these securities within the said period, I shall approach the Compliance Officer for necessary approval. (applicable in case of purchase / subscription).

I declare that the above information is correct and that no provisions of the Company's Code and/or applicable laws/regulations have been contravened for effecting the above said transactions(s).

 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**
**Date:**
**Name:**
**Place:**
**Designation:**



**ANNEXURE VI**  
**APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF MINIMUM HOLDING PERIOD**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To,  
The Compliance Officer,  
PDS Multinational Fashions Limited,  
#758&759, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 19<sup>th</sup> Main, Sector-2,  
HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102, Karnataka

Dear Sir,

Pursuant to SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and Company's Code of Conduct to Regulate, Monitor and Report Trading by Insiders, I \_\_\_\_\_ (name and designation of the Designated Person) had \_\_\_\_\_ (provide the details of purchase/sale/subscribe for shares as the case may be) \_\_\_\_\_ (number of securities) of the Company on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) after obtaining pre-clearance on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

The details of transaction executed were submitted on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in format prescribed. I seek your approval to waive off the time restrictions and permit to execute a contra-trade for \_\_\_\_\_ (number of securities) of the Company due to \_\_\_\_\_ (valid reason(s) for executing contra trade).

I declare that I am not in possession of any Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (as defined under the Company's Code of Conduct to Regulate, Monitor and Report Trading by Insiders) up to the date of this application.

I further declare that in case I have access to any Unpublished Price Sensitive Information after the signing of this application and before executing a contra- trade (if permitted), I shall:

1. Promptly inform the Compliance Officer
2. Refrain from trading in securities of the Company.

Yours truly,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
Name:  
Designation:

Date:  
Place:

Enclosed:

1. Copy of pre-clearance approval

**ANNEXURE-VII**

**SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015**  
**[Regulation 7 (1) (b) read with Regulation 6(2) – Disclosure on**  
**becoming a Key Managerial Personnel/Director/Promoter/Member of the**  
**promoter group]**

Name of the company: \_\_\_\_\_

ISIN of the company: \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Securities held on appointment of Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) or Director or upon becoming a Promoter or member of the promoter group of a listed company and immediate relatives of such persons and by other such persons as mentioned in Regulation 6(2).

Name, PAN, CIN/DIN & Address with contact nos.	Category of Person (KMP / Director or Promoter member of the promoter group/ Immediate relative to/others, etc.)	Date of appointment of KMP/Director / OR Date of becoming Promoter/ member of the promoter group	Securities held at the time of appointment of KMP/Director or upon becoming Promoter or member of the promoter group		% of Shareholding
			Type of securities (For eg. – Shares, Warrants, Convertible Debentures, Rights entitlements, etc.)	No.	
1	2	3	4	5	6

**Note:** "Securities" shall have the meaning as defined under regulation 2(1)(i) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.

Details of Open Interest (OI) in derivatives on the securities of the company held on appointment of KMP or Director or upon becoming a Promoter or member of the promoter group of a listed company and immediate relatives of such persons and by other such persons as mentioned in Regulation 6(2).

Open Interest of the Future contracts held at the time of appointment of Director/KMP or upon becoming Promoter/member of the promoter group			Open Interest of the Option Contracts held at the time of appointment of Director/KMP or upon becoming Promoter/member of the promoter group		
Contract specifications	Number of units (contracts * lot size)	Notional value in Rupee terms	Contract specifications	Number of units (contracts * lot size)	Notional value in Rupee terms
7	8	9	10	11	12

**Note:** In case of Options, notional value shall be calculated based on premium plus strike price of options

 Name  
 Signature:  
 Designatio

 Place:  
 Date:

**ANNEXURE-VIII**  
**FORMAT FOR CONTINUAL DISCLOSURE OF SECURITIES**  
 [Regulation 7 (2) read with Regulation 6 (2) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015]

**FORM C**

Name of the company:

ISIN of the company:

Details of change in holding of Securities of Promoter, Employee or Director of a listed company and other such persons as mentioned in Regulation 6(2).

Name, PAN No., CIN /DIN & addresses with contact	Category of Person (Promoters//Members of the promoter group/ -.)- /designated Person/ Directors/ immediate relative to/ others etc.)	Securities held prior to acquisition/ disposal	Securities acquired/Disposed	Securities held post acquisition/ disposal	Date of allotment advice / acquisition of shares / sale of shares specify	Date of intimation to the Company	Mode of acquisition (market purchase/ public rights/preferential offer / off market/ Inter-se transfer, ESOPs, etc.	Exchange on which the trade was executed
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		Type of security (For e.g. – Shares, Warrants, Convertible Debiture s, Rights entitl emen ts etc.)	No. and % of share holdi ng	Type of securi ty (For e.g. – Share s, Warr ants, Conv ertibl e Debe ntur e s, Right s entitl emen ts etc.)	No.	Valu e	Trans act ion Typ e (Pur chas e / Sale / Pled ge / Rev oke/ Invok e, Other s pleas e specif y)	Type of securi ty (For e.g. – Share s, Warr ants, Conv ertibl e Debe ntur e s, Right s entitl emen ts etc.)	No. and % of share holdi ng	Fr om	To			

Note:(i). "Securities" shall have the meaning as defined under regulation 2(1) (i) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.

(ii) Value of transaction excludes taxes/brokerage/any other charges

Details of trading in derivatives of the company by Promoter, Employee or Director of a listed company and other such persons as mentioned in Regulation 6(2)

Type of Contract	Contract specifications	Trading in derivatives (Specify type of contract, Futures or Options etc.)				Exchange on which the trade Was executed
		Buy		Sell		
		Notional Value	Number of units (contracts * lot size)	Notional Value	Number of units (contracts *lotsize)	
NA						

Note: In case of Options, notional value shall be calculated based on premium plus strike price of options

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:

Name:

Designation:

Date:

Place:

**ANNEXURE IX**
**SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015  
 Regulation 7(3) – Transactions by Other connected persons as identified by the company**
**Details of trading in securities by other connected persons as identified by the company**

Name, PAN, CIN/DIN, & address with contact nos. of other connected persons	Connection with company	Securities held prior to acquisition/disposal		Securities acquired/Disposed				Securities held post acquisition/disposal		Date shares specified		Date	Mode of transfer, ESOPs etc.)	Exchange on which trade
		Type – Shares, Warrants, Convertible Debentures, Rights entitlement, etc.)	No. and % of share holding	Type of securities (For eg. – Shares, Warrants, Convertible Debentures, Warrants, Convertible Debentures, Rights entitlement, etc.)	No.	Value	Transaction Type (Purchase/Sale/Pledge/Reversion/Invocation/Others-please specify)	Type of securities (For eg. – Shares, Warrants, Convertible Debentures, Rights entitlement, etc.)	No. and % of share holding	From	To			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

**Note: (i)** "Securities" shall have the meaning as defined under regulation 2(1)(i) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.

**(ii)** Value of transaction excludes taxes/brokerage/any other charges

Details of trading in derivatives on the securities of the company by other connected persons as identified by the company

Trading in derivatives (Specify type of contract, Futures or Options etc.)						Exchange on which the trade was executed
Type of Contract	Contract specifications	Buy		Sell		
		Notional Value	Number of units (contracts * lot size)	Notional Value	Number of units (contracts * lot size)	
16	17	18	19	20	2 1	22

**Note:** In case of Options, notional value shall be calculated based on premium plus strike price of options.

Name:

Signature:

Place:

**ANNEXURE X  
FORMT OF ANNUAL DISCLOSURE**

[Para 14 of Schedule B read with Regulation 9(1) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015]

To,  
The Compliance Officer  
PDS Multinational Fashions Limited

**Statement of Shareholding of Directors**

Name	Designation Department	No. of shares held on 1 <sup>st</sup> April, _____	No. of shares Bought During the year	No. of shares sold during the year	No. of shares held on 31 <sup>st</sup> March, _____	Folio No./ DP ID/ Client ID

**Details of Shares held by dependent family members -**

Name of Relative	Relationship	No. of Shares held on 1 <sup>st</sup> April, _____	No. of Shares Bought During the year	No. of Shares Sold during the year	No. of Shares held on 31 <sup>st</sup> March, _____	Folio No. /DP ID/ Client ID

I declare that the shares sold have been held by me for 180 days –

I further declare that the above disclosure is true and correct and is in accordance with the previous disclosures given to the Company.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:**

- **Immediate Relative** includes spouse, parent, sibling and their children or of the spouse, any of whom is either dependent financially on them, or consults them in taking decisions relating to Trading in Securities.
- **Material Financial Relationship** means a relationship in which one person is a recipient of any kind of payment such as by way of a loan or gift during the immediately preceding 12 months, equivalent to at least 25% of such payer's annual income but shall exclude relationship in which payment is based on arm's length transaction