# **REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

#### 1. COMPANY'S PHILOSOPHY ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE:

Lotus Chocolate Company Limited to set the highest standards of Corporate Governance right from its inception benchmarked with the best class practices across the globe. Effective Corporate Governance is the manifestation of professional beliefs and values, which configures the organizational values, credo and actions of its employees. The aim of "Good Corporate Governance" is to ensure commitment of the board in managing the company in a transparent manner for maximizing long-term value of the company for its shareholders and all other partners. It integrates all the participants involved in a process, which is economic, and at the same time social.

Hence it harmonizes the need for a company to strike a balance at all times between the need to enhance shareholders' wealth whilst not in any way being detrimental to the interests of the other stakeholders in the company.

#### 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

#### a) Composition and Category of Directors:

In terms of compliance with the requirement of Regulation 17 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the Company endeavour to have an optimum combination of Executive and Non-Executive Directors to maintain the independence of the Board and separate the functions of Governance and Management through Board and Committees. As on 31st March, 2016, the Board consist of the following:

- 3 Independent Non-executive Directors;
- 2 Executive Directors;
- 4 Non-Executive Director.
- \*Shri. A. Surya Prakash Reddy was appointed as Independent Director of the Company on 05th July, 2016.
- \*Shri. Rabindranath Jarugumilli resigned as Independent Director of the company with effect from 05th July, 2016.

# b) Attendance of each Director at the Board meetings and the last Annual General Meeting:

The particulars of attendance of Board Meetings and Annual General Meeting by Directors for the financial year ended 31.03.2016 has been set out here below:

S. No	Name of Director	Category	Meetings attended	Attendance at last AGM on 29.09.2015
1	P.Prakash Pai	Director	5	Yes
2	P. Ananth Pai	Director	5	Yes
3	Subramanya Ram Ganapath	Whole time Director	5	Yes
4	Gottemukkala Venkatapathi Raju	Director	5	Yes
5	Pai Abhijeet	Director	5	Yes
6	Ashwini Pai	Director	5	Yes
7	Bharathan Rajagopalan Thatai	Director	5	Yes
8	Dilip Mangesh Kalelkar	Whole time Director	5	Yes
9	*Rabindranath Jarugumilli	Independent Director	3	Yes

# Number of other Directorships, Committee Membership(s) & Chairmanship(s):

SI. No.	Name of the Director	Other Directorships	Committee Membership	Committee Chairmanship
1	Shri Dilip Mangesh Kalekar	0	0	0
2	Shri Subramanya Ram Ganapath	1	0	0
3	Shri P. Ananth Pai	6	0	0
4	Shri P. Prakash Pai	6	0	0
5	Shri Pai Abhijeet	8	0	0
6	Smt. Ashwini Pai	1	0	0
7	Shri Gottemukkala Venkatapathi Raju	0	0	0
8	Shri Bharathan Rajagopalan Thatai	0	0	0
9	Shri. Rabindranath Jagurmili	0	0	0

# d) Number of Board Meetings held and the date on which held:

In terms of compliance with the requirement of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, 05(Five) Board Meetings were held during the financial year ended 31.03.2016. The maximum gap between any two Board Meetings was not more than 120 days at any time.

The dates on which the Board meetings were held are:

14.05.2015	12.08.2015	20.08.2015
13.11.2015	13.02.2016	Cate

# **BOARD COMMITTEES:**

Details of the Board Committees and other related information are provided hereunder:

## 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

# (i) Brief description of terms of reference:

The terms of reference stipulated by the Board to the Audit Committee includes review of the following:

- · Management Discussion and Analysis of financial condition and results of operations;
- Statement of significant related party transactions submitted by Management;
- Management letters / letters of internal control weaknesses issued by the Statutory Auditors;
- Internal Audit Reports relating to internal control weaknesses; and
- The appointment, removal and terms of remuneration of the Chief Internal Auditor.
- Oversight of the Company's financial reporting process and the disclosure of its financial information to ensure that the financial statement is correct, sufficient and credible.
- Recommending to the Board, the appointment, re-appointment and, if required, the replacement or removal of the Statutory Auditor and the fixation of Audit fees.
- Approval of payment to Statutory Auditors for any other services rendered by the Statutory Auditors.
- The annual financial statements before submission to the Board for approval, with particular reference to following with the Management:

- i. Matters required to be included in the Director's Responsibility Statement to be included in the Board's report in terms of Clause (3C) of Section 134 of the Companies Act, 2013
- ii. Changes, if any, in accounting policies and practices and reasons for the same.
- iii. Major accounting entries involving estimates based on the exercise of judgment by Management
- iv. Significant adjustments made in the financial statements arising out of Audit findings
- v. Compliance with listing and other legal requirements relating to financial statements
- vi. Disclosure of any related party transactions
- vii. Qualifications in the draft Audit Report.
- Reviewing, with the Management, the quarterly financial statements before submission to the Board for approval.
- Reviewing, with the Management, performance of Statutory and Internal Auditors, adequacy of the internal control systems.
- Reviewing the adequacy of internal audit function, if any, including the structure of the Internal
  Audit department, staffing and seniority of the official heading the department, reporting structure
  coverage and frequency of internal audit.
- Discussion with Internal Auditors any significant findings and follow up there on.
- Reviewing the findings of any internal investigations by the Internal Auditors into matters where
  there is suspected fraud or irregularity or a failure of internal control systems of a material nature
  and reporting the matter to the Board.
- Discussion with Statutory Auditors before the Audit commences, about the nature and scope of Audit as well as post-Audit discussion to ascertain any area of concern.
- To review the functioning of the Whistle Blower Mechanism.
- To look into the reasons for substantial defaults in the payment to the depositors, debenture holders, shareholders (in case of non-payment of declared dividends) and creditors.

#### (ii) Composition:

The Company's Audit Committee comprises of the following Directors :

SI.No	Name of Director	Designation
1	Shri P. Prakash Pai	Chairman
2	Shri P. Ananth Pai	Member
3	Shri Gottemukkala Venkatapathi Raju	Member
4	Shri Bharathan Rajagopalan Thatai	Member

The Company continued to derive immense benefit from the deliberation of the Audit Committee comprising of two Non-Executive Directors and two Independent Directors. As Shri Prakash Pai Peraje, who is heading the Audit Committee as Chairman having rich experience and professional knowledge in Finance, Accounts and Company Law, the members always added the value for the Company. Minutes of each Audit Committee are placed before the Board and discussed in the meeting.

#### (iii) Meeting and attendance during the year:

In terms of compliance with the requirement of Regulation 18 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations,2015 the Audit Committee met (5) times during the financial year under review, on 14.05.2015, 12.08.2015, 20.08.2015, 13.11.2015, 13.02.2016 and the attendance of the members of the Audit Committee as recorded is as under:

SI No	Name of the Director	No. of Meetings Attended
1.	Shri P. Prakash Pai	5
2.	Shri P. Ananth Pai	5
3.	Shri Gottemukkala Venkatapathi Raju	5
4.	Shri Bharathan Rajagopalan Thatai	5

The Statutory Auditors and Internal Auditors of the Company have also attended the above meetings on invitation. The recommendations made by the Audit Committee from time to time have been followed by the Company. The Chairman of the Audit Committee has attended the Annual General Meeting to answer the queries raised by the Shareholders regarding Audit and Accounts.

#### 4. NOMINATION & REMUNERATION COMMITTEE:

#### (i) Brief description of terms of reference:

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company was held on 30th March, 2015 in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 19 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, the Board has renamed its "Remuneration Committee" as the "Nomination and Remuneration Committee". The brief terms of reference of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, inter alia, include the following:

- a. Identifying and selection of persons for appointment as Directors and senior management in accordance with the criteria laid down and to recommend to the Board their appointment.
- b. Formulate the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a Director.
- c. Recommend/review remuneration of the Managing Director and Whole time Director(s) based on performance and defined assessment criteria.
- d. Recommend to the Board a policy for selection and appointment of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and other senior management positions.
- e. Formulate and review criteria for evaluation of performance of the Board of Directors f. Devise a policy on Board diversity.
- g. Succession planning for the Board level and key management positions.
- h. Carry out any other function as mandated by the Board from time to time and/or enforced by any statutory notification/amendment.

## ii) Composition:

SI.No	Name of Director	Designation
1.	Shri P. Prakash Pai	Member
2.	Shri P. Ananth Pai	Member
3.	Shri Gottemukkala Venkatapathi Raju Member	
4.	Shri Bharathan Rajagopalan Thatai Member	

# iii) Attendance during the year:

The Remuneration Committee met 5 times, during the financial year under review,14.05.2015, 12.08.2015, 20.08.2015, 13.11.2015, 13.02.2016. The attendance of the meeting by the members of the Committee as recorded is as under:

S. No	Name of the Director	No. of Meetings Attended
1.	Shri Ananth Pai Peraje	5
2.	Shri Prakash Pai Peraj	5
3.	Shri Gottemukkala Venkatapathi Raju	5
4.	Shri Subramanya Ram Ganapath	5
5.	Shri Bharathan Rajagopalan Thatai	5

#### **REMUNERATION POLICY:**

The nomination and remuneration committee has adopted a Nomination and Remuneration Policy which, interalia, deals with the manner of selection of Board of Directors, KMP & other senior management and their remuneration. The extract of the same is as follows:

## a) Remuneration to Executive Director and KMP:

Executive Directors and KMP are eligible for a monthly remuneration as may be approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Committee. The Executive Director and KMP remuneration is determined based on levels of responsibility and scales prevailing in the industry. The executive Directors are not paid sitting fee for any Board/Committee meetings attended by them.

#### b) Remuneration to Non-Executive Directors:

The Non- Executive / Independent Director may receive remuneration by way of sitting fees for attending meetings of Board or Committees thereof.

#### (i) Details of Remuneration of Non – Executive Directors:

The Company does not pay Sitting fees to the Non-executive Directors.

# (ii) Pecuniary relationship or transactions of Non-Executive Director:

The Non-Executive Independent Directors do not have any other material pecuniary relationship or transactions with the Company, its promoters or its Management, which in the opinion of the Board may affect independence of judgment of such Directors.

#### (iii) Details of Remuneration to Executive Directors:

(Amount in Rs.)

Name of Director	Salary	HRA	Commission	Perks	Total
Shri Subramanya Ram Ganpath, WTD	745,800				745,800
Shri Dilip Mangesh Kalelkar, WTD	600,000				600,000
TOTAL	1,345,800				1,345,800

#### **FAMILIARISATION PROGRAMMES FOR BOARD MEMBERS:**

Your Company follows a structured orientation and familiarisation programme through various reports/codes/ internal policies for all the Directors with a view to update them on the Company's policies and procedures on a regular basis. Periodic presentations are made at the Board Meetings on business and performance, long term strategy, initiatives and risks involved. The framework on familiarisation programme have been posted in the website of the Company.

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#### **CODE OF CONDUCT:**

The Company has in place a comprehensive Code of Conduct applicable to all the employees and Non-Executive Directors including Independent Directors. The Code is applicable to Non-executive Directors including Independent Directors to such extent as may be applicable to them depending on their roles and responsibilities. The Code gives guidance and support needed for ethical conduct of business and compliance of law. A copy of the Code has been posted on the Company's website.

#### INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS' MEETING:

During the year, meeting of Independent Directors was held to review the performance of the Board as a whole on parameters of effectiveness and to assess the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between the management and the Board.

#### **PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 the Board has carried out the annual performance evaluation of its own performance, the Directors individually as well as the evaluation of the working of its Board Committees. A structured questionnaire was prepared after circulating the draft forms, covering various aspects of the Board's functioning such as adequacy of the composition of the Board and its Committees, Board culture, execution and performance of specific duties, obligations and governance.

The Performance evaluation of the Chairman and Managing Director and the Non-Independent Directors was carried out by the Independent Directors. The Directors express their satisfaction with the evaluation process.

#### 5. STAKEHOLDERS RELATIONSHIP COMMITTEE:

# (i) Brief description of terms of reference:

During the year at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company held on 27th November, 2015 in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and as per the Regulation 20 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the Board has renamed its "Shareholders Grievance Committee" as the "Stakeholders Relationship Committee". The Stakeholders Relationship Committee constituted by the Board of Directors interalia approves transfer of shares and redresses shareholders / investor's grievances and complaints regarding non-receipt of Annual Reports, etc.

# (ii) Composition:

SI.No.	Name of Director	Designation
1.	1. Shri P. Prakash Pai Member	
2.	Shri P. Ananth Pai Member	
3.	Shri Gottemukkala Venkatapathi Raju	Member
4.	Shri Subramanya Ram Ganapath	Member

Shri U.V.Kini is acting as Compliance Officer of the Company.

#### **Status of Investor Complaints for the Financial Year**

Nature of Complaint	Received	Resolved
Non-receipt of Share Certificates sent for transfer	Nil	Nil
Non-receipt of Dividend Warrants	Nil	Nil
Any other complaints (Change of address)	02	02

There are no outstanding complaints as on 31.03.2016.

#### 6. RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Company has constituted a Risk Management Committee which has laid down procedures to inform the Board of Directors about the Risk Management and its minimization procedures. The Board of Directors review these procedures periodically.

#### 7. GENERAL BODY MEETINGS:

## i) Location and time for the last 3 years General Meetings were:

Year	Locations	Date	Time
2014-2015	Lions Bhavan, Near Paradise Circle, 29th Se Secunderabad.		10.00a.m.
2013-2014	Lions Bhavan, Near Paradise Circle, Secunderabad.	30th September 2014	10.00 a.m
2012-2013	Lions Bhavan, Near Paradise Circle, Secunderabad.	30th September 2013	10.00 a.m

#### ii. Whether any special resolutions passed in the previous 3 AGMs

2014-15: In the AGM held on 29th September, 2015 the company has passed no Special resolutions.

2013-14: In the AGM held on 30th September, 2014 the company has passed no Special Resolutions.

2012-13: In the AGM held on 30th September, 2013 the company has passed no Special Resolutions.

ii) Postal Ballot passed in last year Financial year i.e., 2014-15:

During the year 2014-15 your Company has passed 3 resolutions through Postal Ballot as per the provisions of Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014.

### 9. DISCLOSURES:

(i) Disclosures on materially significant related party transactions i.e., transactions of the company of material nature, with its promoter, the Directors or the management, or relatives etc. that may have potential conflict with the interests of company at large:

Besides the transactions mentioned elsewhere in the Annual Report, there were no materially significant related party transactions during the year conflicting with the interest of the Company.

(ii) Details of non-compliance by the company, penalties, strictures imposed on the company by Stock Exchange, SEBI or any statutory authority, on any matter related to capital markets, during the last three years:

None.

# (iii) Whistle Blower policy:

Pursuant to Section 177(9) and (10) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 22 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 the Company has formulated Whistle Blower Policy for vigil mechanism for Directors and employees to report to the management about the unethical behaviour, fraud or violation of Company's code of conduct. The mechanism provides for adequate safeguards against victimization of employees and Directors who use such mechanism and makes provision for direct access to the Chairperson of the Audit Committee in exceptional cases. None of the personnel of the Company has been denied access to the Audit Committee. The policy is available on the Company website, www.lotuschocolate.com

# (iv) Non Mandatory Requirements:

Adoption of non-mandatory requirements of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 is being reviewed by the Board from time to time.

#### 10. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION:

#### i. Financial / Quarterly Results:

The Company intimates un-audited as well as audited financial results to the Stock Exchanges, immediately after the Board meetings at which they are approved. The results of the Company are also published in at least one prominent national and one regional newspaper having wide circulation. Normally the results are published in Financial Express (English) and Nava Telangana (Telugu). The financial results are also displayed on the Company's website www.lotuschocolate.com

## ii. Newspapers wherein results normally published

The official news releases are published in Business Standard (English) and Nava Telangana (Telugu), Detailed presentations made to institutional investors, financial analyst, etc. are displayed on the Company's website www.lotuschocolate.com.

#### Website:

The website www.lotuschocolate.com contains a separate dedicated section for the Company's "Investor Relations" where shareholders' information is available. The full Annual Report, shareholding pattern etc. is also available in the 'Investor Relations' sections on the website of the Company.

#### **CEO/CFO Certification**

In line with the requirements of Regulation 17(8) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations,2015, Shri Kommula Ganeswara Rao, Chief Finance Officer have submitted a certificate to the Board, certifying inter-alia, that the Financial Statements and the Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31st March, 2016 were reviewed to the best of their knowledge and belief, that they do not contain any material untrue statement, do not omit any material facts, are not misleading statements, together present a true and fair view and are in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations. The certificate further confirms that the transactions entered into by the Company for establishing internal control, financial reporting, evaluation of the internal control systems and making of necessary disclosures to the Auditors and the Audit Committee have been complied with.

# The Management Discussion and Analysis Report:

A Report of the Management Discussion and Analysis is attached as part of the Annual Report.

#### 11. GENERAL SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION:

Annual General Meeting	Date : 30th September, 2016 Time : 10:00 A.M. Venue : Lions Bhavan, Near Paradise Circle, Secunderabad.	
Financial Calendar	1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016	
Date of Book Closure	24th September, 2016 - 30th September, 2016 (both days inclusive)	
Listing on Stock Exchanges	BSE Ltd	
Stock Code	523475	
ISIN Number for NSDL & CDSL	INE026D01011	

# i. Registrar and Transfer Agents

Share Transfers & Communication regarding Share Certificates, Dividends & Change of Address may be sent to

#### M/s CIL SECURITIES LIMITED

214, Raghava Ratna Tower, Chirag Ali Lane, Chirag Ali Lane, Hyderabad, Telangana 500001 Phone # +91-040-2320 2465

Email ID: advisors@cilsecurities.com Website: www.cilsecurities.com

#### ii. Share Transfer System

The Transfer of shares in physical form is processed and completed by Registrar & Transfer Agents within a maximum period of 30 days from the date of receipt, provided all the documents are in order. In case of shares in electronic form, the transfers are processed by NSDL/CDSL through respective Depository Participants. In compliance with the Listing Agreement with the Stock Exchanges, a Practicing Company Secretary carries out audit of the system of transfer and a certificate to that effect is issued.

#### iii. Reconciliation of share Capital Audit:

As stipulated by the SEBI, a qualified Practicing Company Secretary carries out the Share Capital Audit to reconcile the total admitted Capital with NSDL and CDSL and the total issued and listed capital. The Audit is carried out every quarter and the Report thereon is submitted to the Stock Exchanges and is also placed before the Board of Directors. The Report inter-alia confirms the total listed and paid up share capital of the Company is in agreement with the aggregate of the total dematerialised shares and those in the physical mode.

#### iv. Shareholding Pattern as on 31st March, 2016:

Category	No. of. Shares	% Holding
Promoters	9253020	72.06
Promoters Bodies Corporate	0	0
Resident Individuals	3365091	26.21
Bodies Corporate	177127	1.38
Indian Financial Institutions	0	0
Non Resident Indians	33722	0.26
Government	700	0.01
Trusts	0	0
Clearing Members	3889	0.03
Mutual Funds	0	0
Banks – Foreign Banks	3200	0.02
Directors and Relatives	4300	0.03
Total	12841049	100

#### v. Dematerialisation of Shares & Liquidity

The trading in Company's shares is permitted only on dematerialized form. In order to enable the shareholders to hold their shares in electronic form and to facilitate scrip-less trading, the Company has enlisted its shares with NSDL and CDSL.

## vi. Plant Locations:

Doulatabad, Hathnoora Mandal, Medak District, Telangana, PIN-502 296.

## vii. Address for correspondence

SI. No.	Shareholders Correspondence for	Address
1.	Transfer/Dematerialization/ Consolidation /Split of shares, Issue of Duplicate Share Certificates, Non-receipt of dividend/ Bonus shares, etc., change of address of Members and Beneficial Owners and any other query relating to the shares of the Company.	M/s CIL SECURITIES LIMITED 214, Raghava Ratna Tower, Chirag Ali Lane, Chirag Ali Lane, Hyderabad, Telangana 500001 Phone # +91-040-2320 2465 Email ID: advisors@cilsecurities.com Website: www.cilsecurities.com
2.	2. Investor Correspondence / Queries on Annual Report, Revalidation of Dividend Warrants, Sub-Division, etc.	Shri U.V. Kini Company Secretary and Compliance Officer.
		8-2-596, 1st Floor, 1B, Sumedha Estates, Avenue-4, Puzzolana Towers, Street No. 1, Road No. 10, Banjara hills, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500034 E-mail: complaints@lotuschocolate.com Phone No.: 040-2352607/08 Fax no.: 040-2352610

## 12. Depository Services:

For guidance on Depository Services, Shareholders may write to the Company or to the respective Depositories:

National Securities Depository Ltd	Central Depository Services (India) Ltd
Trade World, 4th Floor,	Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers,
Kamala Mills Compound,	17th Floor, Dalal Street,
Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400 013	Mumbai – 400 023
Tel: 091-022-24972964-70	Tel: 091-022-22723333/22723224
Fax: 091-022-24972993 / 24976351	Fax: 091-022-22723199
Email:info@nsdl.co.in.	Email: investors@cdslindia.com

# 13. Company's Policy on prevention of insider trading:

Pursuant to the requirements of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2016, and in continuation with your Company's efforts to enhance the standards of corporate governance in the Company, and to strictly monitor and prevent insider trading within the company, your company has in place a Code of Conduct which is approved by the Board.

The Chief Financial Officer is acting as Compliance Officer for the said purpose. The code is applicable to all such employees, officers, Directors and Promoters of the Company who are expected to have access to the unpublished price sensitive information relating to the Company and the same is being implemented as a self-regulatory mechanism. The code has been circulated to all the members of the Board and Senior Management and others concerned the compliance of the same has been affirmed by them.

# 14. Particulars of Directors, who are retiring by rotation, seeking re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting pursuant to Regulation 36(3) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 and Secretarial Standard-2:

Name of Director	Shri. A Surya Prakash Reddy	
Expertise in specific functional areas	Agro Based Industry	
Date of Birth	04-08-1952	
Qualification	B Sc (Ag)	
List of Other Companies in which Directorship is held as on 31st March, 2016.	NIL	
Chairman/ Member of the Committees of the Board of other Companies in which he is a Director as on 31st March, 2016	NIL	
Name of Director	Shri. Peraje Prakash Pai	
Expertise in specific functional areas	Possesses extensive experience and entrepre- neurial leadership in the development of a machine building enterprise	
Date of Birth	09/03/1959	
Qualification	B.tech - Engineering Graduate Managing Partner of Puzzolana Machinery Fabricators (Hyd) LLP	
List of Other Companies in which Directorship is held as on 31st March, 2016.	6	
Chairman/ Member of the Committees of the Board of other Companies in which he is a Director as on 31st March, 2016	0	
Name of Director	Shri. Peraje Ananth Pai	
Expertise in specific functional areas	special skills in costing, purchasing, optimization methods, Finance & Accounts	
Date of Birth	20/05/1964	
Qualification	FCA-Joint Managing Partner of M/s Puzzolana Machinery Fabricators (Hyd) LLP	
List of Other Companies in which Directorship is held as on 31st March, 2016.	6	
Chairman/ Member of the Committees of the Board of other Companies in which he is a Director as on 31st March, 2016	0	

## **DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE OF CODE OF CONDUCT**

Pursuant to the Circular No. SEBI/CFD/DIL/CG/1/2004/12/10 dated 29th Oct' 2004, it is hereby declared that the Company has obtained confirmation from all the Board Members and Senior Management Personnel of the Company for the compliance of the Code of Conduct of the Company for the year 2015-16.

Place: Hyderabad Date: 12.08.2016 Sd/-G.S. Ram WHOLE-TIME DIRECTOR DIN: 02395478



# **AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE REGARDING CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

To
The Members of
Lotus Chocolate Company Limited

We have examined the compliance of conditions of Corporate Governance by M/s Lotus Chocolate Company Limited for the year ended 31st March 2016, as stipulated in SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 with BSE Limited.

The compliance of these conditions of Corporate Governance is the responsibility of the Management. Our examination was limited to the procedures and implementation thereof, adopted by the Company for ensuring the compliance of the conditions of the Corporate Governance. It is neither an Audit nor an expression of opinion on the Financial Statements of the Company.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, we certify that the Company has complied with the conditions of Corporate Governance as stipulated in the above mentioned Listing Agreement.

We further state that such compliance is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company nor the efficiency or effectiveness with which the Management has conducted the affairs of the Company.



For M/s. S.R. Mohan & Company Chartered Accountants (FRN-002111S)

> Sd/-B Brahmanandam Partner M. No. 020026

Date: 12.08.2016 Place: Hyderabad

#### **CEO/CFO CERTIFICATIONS**

As required by Regulation 17(8) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure requirements) Regulations,2015 entered with the Stock Exchanges, we have certified to the Board that for the financial year ended 31st March 2016, the Company has complied with the requirements of the said sub clause.

#### For LOTUS CHOCOLATE COMPANY LIMITED

Sd/-RA RAO

KOMMULA GANESWARA RAO CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Date: 12.08.2016

## **Compliance with Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

As provided under regulation 17(5) of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 entered with the Stock Exchange, the Board Members and the Senior Management Personnel have confirmed compliance with the Code of Conduct and the Ethics for the financial year ended 31st March, 2016.

## For LOTUS CHOCOLATE COMPANY LIMITED

Sd/-

KOMMULA GANESWARA RAO CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Date: 12.08.2016

## **CERTIFICATE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

We have examined the compliance of conditions of corporate governance, by LOTUS CHOCOLATE COMPANY LIMITED, for the year ended 31.03.2016 as stipulated in Regulation 27(2) of (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) of the said Company with stock exchange.

The compliance of conditions of corporate governance is the responsibility of the management. Our examination was limited to procedures and implementation thereof, adopted by the company for ensuring the compliance of the conditions of the corporate governance. It is neither audit nor an expression of opinion on the financial statement of the Company.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, we certify that the Company has complied with the conditions of corporate governance as stipulated in the above mentioned listing agreement.

We state that as the records maintained, no investor grievances against the Company are pending for a period exceeding one month before Shareholders/Investors Grievance Committee.

We further state that such compliance is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company nor efficiency or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

Place: Hyderabad Date: 12.08.2016 Sd/- **RAKHI AGARWAL** PROPRIETOR FCS NO.7047, CP NO.6270