

POLICY ON DETERMINATION OF MATERIALITY OF EVENTS / INFORMATION

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1. SCOPE AND PURPOSE

Aarti Surfactants Limited (“**Company**”) is required to frame a policy to determine the Material Events / Information in accordance with the current guidelines laid down by Securities Exchange Board of India under Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“**Listing Regulations**”) for the purpose of adequate, accurate, explicit and timely disclosure of the same to the Stock Exchange(s) and to assist the relevant employees of the Company in identifying any potential material event or information and reporting the same to the authorized Key Managerial Personnel, in terms of sub-regulation (5), for determining the materiality of the said event or information and for making the necessary disclosures to the stock exchanges.

The Policy on Determination of Materiality of Events / Information (“**Policy**”) has been adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held on December 07, 2019. This amended Policy is effective from October 31, 2023.

A copy of the Policy shall be disclosed on the website of the Company.

2. APPLICABILITY

This Policy shall be applicable on all events and information in the Company, as and when they come under the criteria enumerated in the Policy.

3. DEFINITIONS

“**Acquisition**” shall mean-

- a. acquiring control, whether directly or indirectly; or
- b. acquiring or agreeing to acquire shares or voting rights in a company, whether existing or to be incorporated, whether directly or indirectly, such that –
 - i. the Company holds shares or voting rights aggregating to five per cent or more of the shares or voting rights in the said company; or
 - ii. there has been a change in holding from the last disclosure made under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) above and such change exceeds two per cent of the total shareholding or voting rights in the said company.
 - iii. the cost of acquisition or the price at which the shares are acquired exceeds the threshold specified in sub-clause (c) of clause (i) of sub-regulation (4) of Regulation 30.

“Authorized Persons” shall mean Whole-time Director, Chief Financial Officer and Compliance Officer.

“Board” shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company;

“Compliance Officer” shall mean the Company Secretary of the Company;

“Key Managerial Personnel/KMP” means Key Managerial Personnel as defined in sub-section (51) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 i.e.-

- a. Chief Executive Officer/ Managing Director/ Manager;
- b. Whole-time Director;
- c. Chief Financial Officer;
- d. Company Secretary;
- e. such other officer, not more than one level below the directors who is in whole-time employment, designated as key managerial personnel by the Board; and
- f. Such other officer as may be prescribed.

“Mainstream Media” shall include print or electronic mode of the following:

- a. Newspapers registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India;
- b. News channels permitted by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting under Government of India;
- c. Content published by the publisher of news and current affairs content as defined under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021; and
- d. Newspapers or news channels or news and current affairs content similarly registered or permitted or regulated, as the case may be, in jurisdictions outside India;

“Material Event or Information” shall mean such information / event as listed under Para 4 of this Policy;

“Subsidiary” means a subsidiary as defined under sub-section (87) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013.

Unless the context requires otherwise, words and expressions not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them under the Listing Regulations, the SEBI Act, 1992, the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, the Companies Act, 2013, or any other cognate statute.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL EVENT OR INFORMATION

- (i) Events specified in Para A of Part A of Schedule III of Listing Regulations are deemed material events and shall be disclosed by the Company without applying any guidelines/ criteria. Such events are enlisted in **Annexure I** of this Policy.
- (ii) Events specified in Para B of Part A of Schedule III of Listing Regulations, the materiality of which has to be determined based on the application of guidelines for materiality. Such events are enlisted in **Annexure II** of this Policy.
- (iii) Any other information/ event viz. any major development that is likely to affect business, e.g. emergence of new technologies, expiry of patents, any change of accounting policy that may have a significant impact on the accounts, etc. and brief details thereof and any other information which is exclusively known to the Company which may be necessary to enable the holders of securities of the Company to appraise its position and to avoid the establishment of a false market in such securities.
- (iv) Events/ information with respect to subsidiaries which are material for the Company, shall also be disclosed to the Stock Exchanges in accordance with Listing Regulations.
- (v) The Company shall disclose all further material developments with respect to the disclosures referred to in this Policy on a regular basis, till the event is resolved / closed, with relevant explanations.
- (vi) The Company may make disclosures of events / information as specified by SEBI from time to time.
- (vii) Details to be provided to the Stock Exchanges while disclosing material events/ information shall be in compliance with the requirements of the Listing Regulations and circulars as may be notified by SEBI from time to time.
- (viii) In case where an event occurs or an information is available with the Company, which has not been indicated in Para A or B of Part A of Schedule III of the Listing Regulations, but which may have material effect on the Company, as determined by the Board of the Company or Authorized Persons in accordance with this Policy, the Company is required to make disclosures in regard thereof.
- (ix) In case an event or information is required to be disclosed by the Company in terms of the provisions of Regulation 30 of the Listing Regulations, pursuant to the receipt of a communication from any regulatory, statutory, enforcement or judicial authority, the Company shall disclose such communication, along with the event or information, unless disclosure of such communication is prohibited by such authority.

5. GUIDELINES TO ASCERTAIN MATERIALITY OF AN EVENT OR INFORMATION

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

Qualitative criteria would mean:

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

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

Quantitative Criteria would mean the omission of an event or information, whose value or the expected impact in terms of value, exceeds the least of the following:

- (a) 2% (two percent) of turnover, as per the last audited consolidated financial statements of the Company;
- (b) 2% (two percent) of net worth, as per the last audited consolidated financial statements of the Company, except in case the arithmetic value of the net-worth is negative;
- (c) 5% (five percent) of the average of absolute value of profit or loss after tax, as per the last three audited consolidated financial statements of the Company.

In terms of the SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2023/123 dated July 13, 2023, if the average of absolute value of profit or loss is required to be considered by disregarding the 'sign' (positive or negative) that denotes such value as the said value/ figure is required only for determining the threshold for 'materiality' of the event and not for any commercial consideration. The following illustration is provided in this regard for clarity:

Table I: Illustration for calculation of average of absolute value of profit or loss after tax

<i>(Amount in Rs. crore)</i>	Profit / loss after tax	Absolute value of profit / loss after tax	Average of absolute value of profit / loss after tax for the 3 years
FY 2020-21	(20)	20	(20+50+20) / 3 = 30
FY 2021-22	50	50	
FY 2022-23	(20)	20	

In case a listed entity does not have a track record of three years of financials, say, in case of a demerged entity, the aforesaid average may be taken for the period / number of years as may be available

- (ii) Materiality will be determined on a case to case basis depending on specific facts and circumstances relating to the information / event. In order to determine whether a particular event / information is material in nature, the 'quantitative' and / or 'qualitative' factors shall be considered.
- (iii) In a case where the quantitative and qualitative criteria as above are not applicable, an event or information may be treated as being material if in the opinion of the Board of the Company, the event or information is considered material.

6. TIMELINES FOR DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL EVENTS / INFORMATION

- (i) The disclosure with respect to the events / information for which timelines have been specified for Part A of Schedule III shall be made within such timelines. Refer **Annexure I & II** of this Policy.
- (ii) All events / information identified as material in line with the regulation and under this Policy shall be disclosed as soon as reasonably possible and in any case not later than the following:
 - (a) For all material events / information for which decision is taken in a Board meeting within 30 (thirty) minutes from the closure of the board meeting;
 - (b) For all material events / information emanating from within the Company within 12 (twelve) hours from the occurrence of the event or information;
 - (c) For all material events / information relating to the Company but emanating from outside the Company within 24 (twenty-four) hours from the occurrence of the event or information.

In case the disclosure is made after the stipulated timeline, the Company shall provide an explanation for the delay along with the disclosure.

7. GUIDELINES ON OCCURRENCE OF AN EVENT / INFORMATION & ITS TIMELY DISCLOSURE

- (i) The occurrence of material events/ information:
 - (a) depends upon the stage of discussion, negotiation or approval; and
 - (b) in other instances, where there is no such discussion, negotiation or approval required viz. in case of natural calamities, disruptions etc., it would depend upon the timing when the company became aware of the event / information.
- (ii) In respect of the events under 7(i)(a), the events /information can be said to have occurred upon receipt of approval of the Board e.g. further issue of capital by rights issuance and in certain events / information after receipt of approval of both i.e. Board and Shareholders.

However, considering the price sensitivity involved for certain events e.g. decision on declaration of dividends etc., disclosure shall be made on receipt of approval of the event by the Board, pending Shareholder's approval. Approvals other than final approval, such as in-principle approval or approval to explore (which is not final approval) given by the Board, will not require disclosure under this Policy.

- (iii) In respect of the events under 7(ii)(b), the events / information can be said to have occurred when the Company becomes aware of the events / information, or as soon as, an officer of the Company has, or ought to have reasonably come into possession of the information in the course of the performance of his duties. The term 'officer' shall have the same meaning as defined under the Companies Act, 2013 and shall also include Promoter of the Company.

8. RESPONDING TO MARKET RUMOURS

- (i) Effective from April 1, 2024, in terms of Regulation 30(11), the Company shall confirm, deny or clarify any event or information reported in the Mainstream Media which is not general in nature and which indicates that rumours of an impending specific Material Event or Information in terms of the SEBI Regulations are circulating amongst the investing public.
- (ii) The Company shall confirm / deny / clarify the market rumour, as soon as reasonably possible but not later than 24 hours from the reporting of event / information. Provided further that if the listed entity confirms the reported event or information, it shall also provide the current stage of such event or information.
- (iii) The Company shall also adhere to the Code of Fair Disclosure framed under the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.

9. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF AGREEMENTS BINDING LISTED ENTITIES

- (i) All the shareholders, promoters, promoter group entities, related parties, directors, key managerial personnel and employees of a listed entity or of its holding, subsidiary and associate company, who are parties to the agreements specified in clause 5A of para A of part A of schedule III to these regulations, shall inform the listed entity about the agreement to which such a listed entity is not a party, within two working days of entering into such agreements or signing an agreement to enter into such agreements:

Provided that for the agreements that subsist as on the date of notification of clause 5A to para A of part A of schedule III, the parties to the agreements shall inform the listed entity, about the agreement to which such a listed entity is not a party and the listed entity shall in turn disclose all such subsisting agreements to the Stock Exchanges and on its website within the timelines as specified by the Board.

- (ii) The listed entity shall disclose the number of agreements that subsist as on the date of notification of clause 5A to para A of part A of schedule III, their salient features, including the link to the webpage where the complete details of such agreements are available, in the Annual Report for the financial year 2022-23 or for the financial year 2023-24.]

10. ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES

- (i) Unless otherwise decided by the Board, the Authorized Persons shall be jointly or severally authorized to determine materiality of an event or information for the purpose of making disclosure to the Stock Exchanges.
- (ii) The Authorized Persons will be guided by the circulars issued by SEBI from time to time, while expressing a view on whether an event/ information has occurred requiring a disclosure to be made under this Policy and the contents of such disclosure.
- (iii) The Authorized Persons shall take into consideration totality of factors surrounding the particular information to take a view on whether the information is market sensitive information.
- (iv) The Authorized Persons may seek expert advice where so felt necessary as to whether the information is required to be disclosed in accordance with the terms of this Policy.
- (v) The heads of various departments of the Company will support the Authorized Persons with regard to compliance of the terms of this Policy, and forthwith notify the Authorized Persons and provide all relevant details with regard to any event/ information which is likely to be construed as material under Clause 4 of this Policy.
- (vi) The contact details of the Authorized Persons shall be disclosed to the Stock Exchange(s) and also be placed on the Company's website.
- (vii) The Compliance Officer shall make necessary disclosures to the Stock Exchange(s) and ensure overall compliance of this Policy.

11. CONTACT DETAILS

Pursuant to Regulation 30(5) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company herein provides the contact details of the Authorised Persons for the purpose of determining the materiality of any event or transactions or information and for the purpose of making disclosure to Stock Exchange(s).

Sr. No.	Purpose	Authorized Persons	Contact Details
1.	Determining Materiality	Mr. Nikhil P. Desai (CEO and Managing Director)	202, Udyog Kshetra, 2nd Floor, Mulund Goregaon Link road, Mulund (W), Mumbai – 400080 Contact No. 022 67816435 Email:- co.asl@aartisurfactants.com
2.	Submission of Disclosure	Mrs. Priyanka A. Chaurasia (Company Secretary and Compliance Officer)	

12. INTERPRETATION

In any circumstance where the terms of this Policy differ from any existing or newly enacted law, rule or regulation governing the Company, the law, rule, or regulation will take precedence over this Policy and procedures until such time as this Policy is changed to conform to the law, rule or regulation.

13. AUTHORITY TO MAKE ALTERATIONS

The Board is authorized to make such alterations to this Policy as considered appropriate, subject, however, to the condition that such alterations shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Regulations. The Company Secretary, being the Compliance Officer, is also authorized to make amendment in this Policy, where there is any statutory changes necessitating the amendment in the Policy.

Annexure –I

Timeline for disclosure of events specified in Para A of Schedule III of the LODR Regulations

Para / sub- para	Events	Timeline for disclosure
A.	Events which shall be disclosed without any application of the guidelines for materiality as specified in sub-regulation (4) of regulation (30):	
1.	Acquisition(s) (including agreement to acquire), Scheme of Arrangement (amalgamation/ merger/ demerger/restructuring), sale or disposal of any unit(s), division(s), whole or substantially the whole of the undertaking(s) or subsidiary of the Company, sale of stake in the associate company of the Company or any other restructuring.	Within 12 hours *
2.	Issuance or forfeiture of securities, split or consolidation of shares, buyback of securities, any restriction on transferability of securities or alteration in terms or structure of existing securities including forfeiture, reissue of forfeited securities, alteration of calls, redemption of securities etc.	Within 12 hours *
3.	New Ratings(s) or Revision in Rating(s).	Within 24 hours
4.	Outcome of Meetings of the board of directors	Timeline as specified in sub-para 4 of Para A of Schedule III.
5.	Agreements (viz. shareholder agreement(s), joint venture agreement(s), family settlement agreement(s) (to the extent that it impacts management and control of the Company), agreement(s)/treaty(ies)/contract(s) with media companies) which are binding and not in normal course of business, revision(s) or amendment(s) and termination(s) thereof	Within 12 hours * (for agreements where Company is a party); Within 24 hours (for agreements where Company is not a party).
5A.	Agreements entered into by the shareholders, promoters, promoter group entities, related parties, directors, key managerial personnel, employees of the Company or of its holding, subsidiary or associate company, among themselves or with the Company or with a third party, solely or jointly, which, either directly or indirectly or potentially or whose purpose and effect is to, impact the management or control of the Company or impose any restriction or create	Within 12 hours * (for agreements where Company is a party);

	<p>any liability upon the Company, shall be disclosed to the Stock Exchanges, including disclosure of any rescission, amendment or alteration of such agreements thereto, whether or not the Company is a party to such agreements:</p> <p>Provided that such agreements entered into by a Company in the normal course of business shall not be required to be disclosed unless they, either directly or indirectly or potentially or whose purpose and effect is to, impact the management or control of the Company or they are required to be disclosed in terms of any other provisions of these regulations.</p>	Within 24 hours (for agreements where Company is not a party).
6.	Fraud or defaults by a Company, its promoter, director, key managerial personnel, senior management or subsidiary or arrest of key managerial personnel, senior management, promoter or director whether occurred within India or abroad.	Within 24 hours
7.	Change in directors, key managerial personnel (Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary etc.), senior management, Auditor and Compliance Officer.	<p>Within 12 hours * (except in case resignation);</p> <p>Within 24 hours (in case of resignation)</p>
7A.	In case of resignation of the auditor of the Company, detailed reasons for resignation of auditor, as given by the said auditor.	Timeline as specified in sub-para 7A of Para A of Schedule III.
7B.	Resignation of independent director including reasons for resignation.	Timeline as specified in sub-para 7B of Para A of Schedule III.
7C.	Letter of resignation along with detailed reasons for the resignation as given by the key managerial personnel, senior management, Compliance Officer or director.	Timeline as specified in sub-para 7C of Para A of Schedule III.
7D.	In case the Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer of the Company was indisposed or unavailable to fulfil the requirements of the role in a regular manner for more than forty-five days in any rolling period of ninety days, the same along with the reasons for such indisposition or unavailability, shall be disclosed to the stock exchange(s).	Within 12 hours *
8.	Appointment or discontinuation of share transfer agent.	Within 12 hours *
9.	Resolution plan/ Restructuring in relation to loans/borrowings from banks/financial institutions.	Within 24 hours
10.	One-time settlement with a bank.	Within 24 hours

11.	Winding-up petition filed by any party / creditors.	Within 24 hours
12.	Issuance of notices, call letters, resolutions and circulars sent to shareholders, debenture holders or creditors or any class of them or advertised in the media by the Company.	Within 12 hours *
13.	Proceedings of annual and extraordinary general meetings of the Company.	Within 12 hours *
14.	Amendments to memorandum and articles of association of Company, in brief.	Within 12 hours *
15.	<p>(a) Schedule of analysts or institutional investors meet and presentations made by the Company to analysts or institutional investors.</p> <p>(b) Audio or video recordings and transcripts of post earnings/quarterly calls, by whatever name called, conducted physically or through digital means.</p>	Timeline as specified in sub-para 15 of Para A of Schedule III.
16.	Events in relation to the corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) of a listed corporate debtor under the Insolvency Code.	Within 24 hours
17.	<p>Initiation of Forensic audit: In case of initiation of forensic audit, (by whatever name called), the following disclosures shall be made to the stock exchanges by the Company:</p> <p>(a) The fact of initiation of forensic audit along-with name of entity initiating the audit and reasons for the same, if available;</p> <p>(b) Final forensic audit report (other than for forensic audit initiated by regulatory / enforcement agencies) on receipt by the Company along with comments of the management, if any.</p>	<p>Within 12 hours * (if initiated by the Company);</p> <p>Within 24 hours (if initiated by external agency).</p>
18.	Announcement or communication through social media intermediaries or mainstream media by directors, promoters, key managerial personnel or senior management of a Company, in relation to any event or information which is material for the Company in terms of regulation 30 of these regulations and is not already made available in the public domain by the Company.	Within 24 hours
19.	<p>Action(s) initiated or orders passed by any regulatory, statutory, enforcement authority or judicial body against the Company or its directors, key managerial personnel, senior management, promoter or subsidiary, in relation to the Company, in respect of the following:</p> <p>(a) search or seizure; or</p> <p>(b) re-opening of accounts under section 130 of the Companies Act, 2013; or</p> <p>(c) investigation under the provisions of Chapter XIV of the Companies Act, 2013;</p>	Within 24 hours
20.	<p>Action(s) taken or orders passed by any regulatory, statutory, enforcement authority or judicial body against the Company or its directors, key managerial personnel, senior management, promoter or subsidiary, in relation to the Company, in respect of the following:</p> <p>(a) suspension;</p> <p>(b) Imposition of fine or penalty;</p>	Within 24 hours

	(c) settlement of proceedings; (d) debarment; (e) disqualification; (f) closure of operations; (g) sanctions imposed; (h) warning or caution; or any other similar action(s) by whatever name called;	
21.	Voluntary revision of financial statements or the report of the board of directors of the Company under section 131 of the Companies Act, 2013.	Within 12 hours *

* **Note:** In case the event or information emanates from a decision taken in a meeting of board of directors, the same shall be disclosed within thirty minutes from the closure of such meeting as against the timeline indicated in the table above.

Annexure -II

Timeline for disclosure of events specified in Para B of Schedule III of the LODR Regulations

Para B.	Events which shall be disclosed upon application of the guidelines for materiality referred sub - regulation (4) of regulation (30)	Timelines
1.	Commencement or any postponement in the date of commencement of commercial production or commercial operations of any unit / division.	Within 12 hours *
2.	Any of the following events pertaining to the Company: (i) arrangements for strategic, technical, manufacturing, or marketing tie-up; or (ii) adoption of new line(s) of business; or closure of operation of any unit, division, or subsidiary (entirety or piecemeal)	Within 12 hours *
3.	Capacity addition or product launch.	Within 12 hours *
4.	Awarding, bagging/ receiving, amendment or termination of awarded/ bagged orders/ contracts not in the normal course of business.	Within 24 hours
5.	Agreements (viz. loan agreement(s) or any other agreement(s) which are binding and not in normal course of business) and revision(s) or amendment(s) or termination(s) thereof.	Within 12 hours * (for agreements where Company is a party); Within 24 hours (for agreements where Company is not a party).
6.	Disruption of operations of any one or more units or division of the Company due to natural calamity (earthquake, flood, fire etc.), force majeure or events such as strikes, lockouts etc.	Within 24 hours
7.	Effect(s) arising out of change in the regulatory framework applicable to the Company.	Within 24 hours
8.	Pendency of any litigation(s) or dispute(s) or the outcome thereof which may have an impact on the Company.	Within 24 hours
9.	Frauds or defaults by employees of the Company which has or may have an impact on the Company.	Within 24 hours
10.	Options to purchase securities including any ESOP/ESPS Scheme.	Within 12 hours *
11.	Giving of guarantees or indemnity or becoming a surety, by whatever name called, for any third party.	Within 12 hours *
12.	Granting, withdrawal, surrender, cancellation or suspension of key licenses or regulatory approvals.	Within 24 hours
13.	Delay or default in the payment of fines, penalties, dues, etc. to any regulatory, statutory, enforcement or judicial authority.	Within 12 hours *

C.	Any other information/event viz. major development that is likely to affect business, e.g. emergence of new technologies, expiry of patents, any change of accounting policy that may have a significant impact on the accounts, etc. and brief details thereof and any other information which is exclusively known to the Company which may be necessary to enable the holders of securities of the Company to appraise its position and to avoid the establishment of a false market in such securities.	Within 24 hours
D.	Without prejudice to the generality of para (A), (B) and (C) above, the Company may make disclosures of event/ information as specified by the SEBI from time to time.	Timeline as specified by the SEBI.

* **Note:** In case the event or information emanates from a decision taken in a meeting of board of directors, the same shall be disclosed within thirty minutes from the closure of such meeting as against the timeline indicated in the table above.