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NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION POLICY

❖ Purpose of this Policy:

Universal Contractors and Engineers Limited (“Company”) has adopted this Policy on appointment and remuneration of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management (the “Policy”) as required by the provisions of Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the “Act”) and the provisions of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended from time to time.

The purpose of this Policy is to establish and govern the procedure applicable:

- a) To evaluate the performance of the members of the Board.
- b) To ensure remuneration to Directors, KMP and Senior Management involves a balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long-term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the Company and its goals.
- c) To retain, motivate and promote talent and to ensure long term sustainability of talented managerial persons and create competitive advantage.

The Committee should ensure that the level and composition of remuneration is reasonable and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate Directors of the quality required to run the Company successfully and the relationship of remuneration to performance is clear and meets appropriate performance benchmarks.

❖ Definitions:

“Independent Directors” means a director referred to in Section 149(6) of the Act and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time

“Nomination and Remuneration Committee” (“the Committee”), by whatever name called, shall mean a Committee of Board of Directors of the Company, constituted in accordance with the provisions of Section 178 of the Act and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time

“Remuneration” means any money or its equivalent given or passed to any person for services rendered by him and includes perquisites as defined under the Income-tax Act, 1961;

“Key Managerial Personnel” (the “KMP”) shall mean “Key Managerial Personnel” as defined in Section 2(51) of the Act.

“Senior Managerial Personnel/ Senior Management” shall mean the officers and personnel of the listed entity who are members of its core management team, excluding the Board of Directors, and shall also comprise all the members of the management one level below the Chief Executive Officer or Managing Director or Whole Time Director or Manager (including Chief Executive Officer and Manager, in case they are not part of the

Board of Directors) and shall specifically include the functional heads, by whatever name called and the Company Secretary and the Chief Financial Officer.

❖ **Composition of the Committee:**

The composition of the Committee is/shall be in compliance with the provisions of Section 178 of the Act and the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended from time to time.

❖ **Role of the Committee:**

The Committee shall:

- Formulation of the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a director and recommend to the board of directors a policy relating to, the remuneration of the directors, key managerial personnel and other employees;
- For every appointment of an independent director, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall evaluate the balance of skills, knowledge and experience on the Board and on the basis of such evaluation, prepare a description of the role and capabilities required of an independent director. The person recommended to the Board for appointment as an independent director shall have the capabilities identified in such description. For the purpose of identifying suitable candidates, the Committee may:
 - o use the services of an external agencies, if required;
 - o consider candidates from a wide range of backgrounds, having due regard to diversity; and
 - o consider the time commitments of the candidates.
- Formulation of criteria for evaluation of performance of independent directors and the board of directors, committees of the board and reviewing implementation and compliance;
- Devising a policy on diversity of board of directors;
- Identifying persons who are qualified to become directors and who may be appointed in senior management in accordance with the criteria laid down and recommend to the board of directors their appointment and removal.
- To extend or continue the term of appointment of the independent director, on the basis of the report of performance evaluation of independent directors.

- To recommend to the Board, all remuneration, in whatever form, payable to senior management.

❖ **Appointment and Removal of director, key managerial personnel and senior management**

a) The Committee shall identify and ascertain the integrity, qualification, expertise and experience of the person for appointment as Director, KMP or at Senior Management level and recommend his /her appointment, as per Company's Policy.

b) A person should possess adequate qualification, expertise and experience for the position he/she is considered for appointment. The Committee has authority to decide whether qualification, expertise and experience possessed by a person is sufficient/satisfactory for the position.

c) The Company shall not appoint or continue the employment of any person as Whole-time Director who has attained the age of seventy years. Provided that the term of the person holding this position may be extended beyond the age of seventy years with the approval of shareholders by passing a special resolution.

❖ **Term / Tenure**

The Term of the Directors including Managing/Whole-time Director/Independent Director shall be governed as per the provisions of the Act and Rules made thereunder and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time. Whereas the term of the KMP (other than the Managing/Whole-time Director) and Senior Management shall be governed by the prevailing HR policies of the Company

❖ **Evaluation**

The Committee shall carry out evaluation of performance of every Director.

The Committee shall identify evaluation criteria which will evaluate Directors based on knowledge to perform the role, time and level of participation, performance of duties, level of oversight, professional conduct and independence. The appointment/re-appointment/continuation of Directors on the Board shall be subject to the outcome of the yearly evaluation process. The Framework for performance evaluation of Independent Directors and the Board is decided by Board and the Committee time to time.

❖ **Removal**

The Committee may recommend with reasons recorded in writing, removal of a Director,

KMP or Senior Management Personnel subject to the provisions and compliance of the Companies Act, 2013, rules and regulations and the policy of the Company.

❖ Retirement

The Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel shall retire as per the applicable provisions of the Act and the prevailing policy of the Company. The Board will have the discretion to retain the Director, KMP, Senior Management Personnel in the same position/remuneration or otherwise even after attaining the retirement age, for the benefit of the Company.

❖ Policy for remuneration to Directors/KMP/Senior Management Personnel

1) Remuneration to Managing Director/ Whole-time Director, KMP and Senior Management:-

The remuneration/compensation/commission, etc., as the case may be, to the Managing/ Whole-time Director will be governed by the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and applicable Rules and Regulations and will be determined by the Committee and recommended to the Board for approval. The remuneration / compensation / commission, etc., as the case may be, shall be subject to the prior / post approval of the shareholders of the Company and Central Government, wherever required. Further, the Chairman & Managing Director of the Company is authorised to decide the remuneration of KMP (other than Managing/ Whole-time Director) and Senior Management, and which shall be decided by the Chairman & Managing Director based on the standard market practice and prevailing HR policies of the Company.

2) Remuneration to Non-Executive/Independent Directors:-

The remuneration/commission/sitting fees, as the case may be, to the Non-Executive/ Independent Director, shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder for the time being in force or as may be decided by the Committee/ Board/shareholders.

An Independent Director shall not be entitled to any stock option of the Company unless otherwise permitted in terms of the Act and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time.

This Policy is approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on February 01, 2025 and shall be effective from the date of listing of the equity shares of the Company.
