

# DHANLAXMI BANK

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### 1. STATUTORY MANDATE

The Board of Directors of Dhanlaxmi Bank Limited has adopted the following policy and procedures with regard to disclosure of material events which are necessary to be disclosed to the stock exchanges based on criteria as may be deemed necessary and has been adopted as part of this policy. The Board may review and amend this policy from time to time.

This Policy is in terms of Regulation 30 of Chapter IV of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

#### 2. POLICY OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

The purpose / objectives of the policy are as follows:-

- > To determine the events and information which in the opinion of the Board are Material and needs to be disclosed to the stock exchanges as per the time span hitherto defined:
- ➤ To present a high level policy statement for the Bank regarding disclosure of material events / information in accordance with the provisions of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("LODR");
- ➤ Define the Bank's policy on disclosure of events / information and to provide guidance to the Board of Directors, KMPs and other executives and staff working in the Bank in making decisions and undertaking regarding its responsibility about making public such events / information which may materially affect the performance of the company and thereby the share prices of the Bank;
- > Systematic identification, categorization, review, disclosure and updation on website the details of information / events which are considered material or not but which may have a bearing on the performance of the Bank and which may materially affect the share prices of the Bank

### 3. **DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this policy-

- ➤ "Bank" means Dhanlaxmi Bank Limited which was incorporated under the Companies Act, 1913 and is a Bank under the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- > "Board of Directors or Board" means the Board of Directors of the Bank, as constituted from time to time.
- ➤ "Independent Director" means a Director of the Bank, who satisfies the criteria for independence of a Director laid down under Section 149 (6) of the Companies Act 2013 read with Schedule IV and SEBI LODR, 2015 entered into with the stock exchanges.
- ➤ "Policy" means Policy on Disclosure of Material Events / Information.
- > "Material Events" are those that are specified in Para A of Part A of Schedule III of

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SEBI LODR, 2015.

- ➤ "Other Events" are those as may be decided from time to time and in accordance with Para B of Part A of Schedule III of SEBI LODR, 2015.
- ➤ "SEBI LODR, 2015" means the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
- ➤ "Key Managerial Personnel" (KMP) of the Bank means Managing Director & CEO, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of the Bank.
- > "Senior management" shall mean:
  - 1. Chief Financial Officer
  - 2. Company Secretary
  - 3. Chief Compliance Officer
  - 4. Chief Risk Officer
  - 5. Head Internal Audit
  - 6. Chief Vigilance Officer
  - 7. Head Treasury
  - 8. Any other Officer in the grade of Deputy General Manager & above in the Corporate Office of the Bank
  - 9. Any other person who are part of the Bank's core management team appointed by the Board designated as Senior management

All the words and expressions used in this policy, unless defined hereinafter, shall have meaning respectively assigned to them under the SEBI LODR, 2015 and in the absence of its definition or explanation therein, as per the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules, Notifications and Circulars made/issued there under, as amended from time to time.

### 4. POLICY

The Board of Directors shall determine the events which are classified under different categories to be material and / or other events having a bearing on the performance of the Bank and on the share prices of the Bank, which needs to be disclosed to the stock exchanges as per the time span specified against each category.

The Bank shall first disclose to the stock exchange(s) all events or information which are material as soon as reasonably possible and, in any case, not later than the following:

- i. thirty minutes from the closure of the meeting of the board of directors in which the decision pertaining to the event or information has been taken;
- ii. twelve hours from the occurrence of the event or information, in case the event or information is emanating from within the Bank;
- iii. twenty four hours from the occurrence of the event or information, in case the event or information is not emanating from within the Bank:

If the management is not in a position to inform the stock exchange within the timelines

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specified, then it shall inform the stock exchange as soon as it is possible with an explanation as to reason for delay in disclosing the said information.

The events to be disclosed by the Bank are broadly classified into the following categories:

# 1.1 <u>Category A - Events which shall be disclosed without any application of the guidelines for materiality as specified in sub-regulation (4) of regulation (30) of the SEBI LODR, 2015.:</u>

1. Acquisition(s) (including agreement to acquire), Scheme of Arrangement (amalgamation, merger, demerger or restructuring), sale or disposal of any unit(s), division(s), whole or substantially the whole of the undertaking(s) or subsidiary of the listed entity, sale of stake in associate company of the listed entity or any other restructuring.

Explanation (1) - For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, the word 'acquisition' shall mean-

- (i) acquiring control, whether directly or indirectly; or
- (ii) acquiring or agreement to acquire shares or voting rights in a company, whether existing or to be incorporated, whether directly or indirectly, such that
  - (a) the listed entity holds shares or voting rights aggregating to five per cent or more of the shares or voting rights in the said company; or
  - (b) there has been a change in holding from the last disclosure made under subclause (a) of clause (ii) of the Explanation to this sub-paragraph and such change exceeds two per cent of the total shareholding or voting rights in the said company; or
  - (c) 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.

Explanation (2) - For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, "sale or disposal of subsidiary" and "sale of stake in associate company" shall include-

- (i) an agreement to sell or sale of shares or voting rights in a company such that the company ceases to be a wholly owned subsidiary, a subsidiary or an associate company of the listed entity; or
- (ii) an agreement to sell or sale of shares or voting rights in a subsidiary or associate company such that the amount of the sale exceeds the threshold specified in sub-clause (c) of clause (i) of sub-regulation (4) of regulation 30.

Explanation (3)- For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, "undertaking" and "substantially the whole of the undertaking" shall have the same meaning as given under section 180 of the Companies Act, 2013.

- 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.
- 3. New Rating(s) or Revision in Rating(s).
- 4. Outcome of Meetings of the board of directors: The listed entity shall disclose to the

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Exchange(s), within 30 minutes of the closure of the meeting, held to consider the following:

- a) dividends and/or cash bonuses recommended or declared or the decision to pass any dividend and the date on which dividend shall be paid/dispatched;
- b) any cancellation of dividend with reasons thereof;
- c) the decision on buyback of securities;
- d) the decision with respect to fund raising proposed to be undertaken
- e) increase in capital by issue of bonus shares through capitalization including the date on which such bonus shares shall be credited/dispatched;
- f) reissue of forfeited shares or securities, or the issue of shares or securities held in reserve for future issue or the creation in any form or manner of new shares or securities or any other rights, privileges or benefits to subscribe to;
- g) short particulars of any other alterations of capital, including calls;
- h) financial results;
- i) decision on voluntary delisting by the listed entity from stock exchange(s): Provided that in case of board meetings being held for more than one day, the financial results shall be disclosed within thirty minutes of end of the meeting for the day on which it has been considered.
- 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 listed entity), 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.
- 5A. Agreements entered into by the shareholders, promoters, promoter group entities, related parties, directors, key managerial personnel, employees of the listed entity or of its holding, subsidiary or associate company, among themselves or with the listed entity 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 listed entity or impose any restriction or create any liability upon the listed entity, shall be disclosed to the Stock Exchanges, including disclosure of any rescission, amendment or alteration of such agreements thereto, whether or not the listed entity is a party to such agreements:

Provided that such agreements entered into by a listed entity 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 listed entity or they are required to be disclosed in terms of any other provisions of these regulations.

Explanation: For the purpose of this clause, the term "directly or indirectly" includes agreements creating obligation on the parties to such agreements to ensure that listed entity shall or shall not act in a particular manner.

6. Fraud or defaults by a listed entity, its promoter, director, key managerial personnel, senior management or subsidiary or arrest of key managerial personnel, senior management, promoter or director of the listed entity, whether occurred within India or abroad:

For the purpose of this sub-paragraph:

(i) 'Fraud' shall include fraud as defined under Regulation 2(1)(c) of Securities

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- and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to Securities Market) Regulations, 2003.
- (ii) 'Default' shall mean non-payment of the interest or principal amount in full on the date when the debt has become due and payable.

Explanation 1- In case of revolving facilities like cash credit, an entity would be considered to be in 'default' if the outstanding balance remains continuously in excess of the sanctioned limit or drawing power, whichever is lower, for more than thirty days. Explanation 2- Default by a promoter, director, key managerial personnel, senior management, subsidiary shall mean default which has or may have an impact on the listed entity.

- 7. Change in directors, key managerial personnel (Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary etc.), senior management, Auditor and Compliance Officer.
- 7A. In case of resignation of the auditor of the listed entity, detailed reasons for resignation of auditor, as given by the said auditor, shall be disclosed by the listed entities to the stock exchanges as soon as possible but not later than twenty four hours of receipt of such reasons from the auditor.
- 7B. Resignation of independent director including reasons for resignation: In case of resignation of an independent director of the listed entity, within seven days from the date of resignation, the following disclosures shall be made to the stock exchanges by the listed entities:
  - i. The letter of resignation along with detailed reasons for the resignation as given by the said director 417.
  - ia. Names of listed entities in which the resigning director holds directorships, indicating the category of directorship and membership of board committees, if any.
  - ii. The independent director shall, along with the detailed reasons, also provide a confirmation that there is no other material reasons other than those provided.
  - iii. The confirmation as provided by the independent director above shall also be disclosed by the listed entities to the stock exchanges along with the disclosures as specified in sub-clause (i) and (ii) above.
- 7C. In case of resignation of key managerial personnel, senior management, Compliance Officer or director other than an independent director; the letter of resignation along with detailed reasons for the resignation as given by the key managerial personnel, senior management, Compliance Officer or director shall be disclosed to the stock exchanges by the listed entities within seven days from the date that such resignation comes into effect.
- 7D. In case the Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer of the listed entity 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).
- 8. Appointment or discontinuation of share transfer agent.
- 9. Resolution plan/ Restructuring in relation to loans/borrowings from banks/financial institutions including the following details:
  - (i) Decision to initiate resolution of loans/borrowings;

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- (ii) Signing of Inter-Creditors Agreement (ICA) by lenders;
- (iii) Finalization of Resolution Plan;
- (iv) Implementation of Resolution Plan;
- (v) Salient features, not involving commercial secrets, of the resolution/restructuring plan as decided by lenders.
- 10. One time settlement with a bank.
- 11. Winding-up petition filed by any party / creditors
- 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 listed entity.
- 13. Proceedings of Annual and extraordinary general meetings of the listed entity.
- 14. Amendments to memorandum and articles of association of listed entity, in brief.
- 15. (a) Schedule of analysts or institutional investors meet at least two working days in advance (excluding the date of the intimation and the date of the meet) and presentations made by the listed entity to analysts or institutional investors. Explanation: For the purpose of this clause 'meet' shall mean group meetings or group conference calls conducted physically or through digital means.
  - (b) Audio or video recordings and transcripts of post earnings/quarterly calls, by whatever name called, conducted physically or through digital means, simultaneously with submission to the recognized stock exchange(s), in the following manner:
    - (i) the presentation and the audio/video recordings shall be promptly made available on the website and in any case, before the next trading day or within twenty-four hours from the conclusion of such calls, whichever is earlier;
    - (ii) the transcripts of such calls shall be made available on the website within five working days of the conclusion of such calls:
- 16. The following events in relation to the corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) of a listed corporate debtor under the Insolvency Code:
  - a) Filing of application by the corporate applicant for initiation of CIRP, also specifying the amount of default;
  - b) Filing of application by financial creditors for initiation of CIRP against the corporate debtor, also specifying the amount of default;
  - c) Admission of application by the Tribunal, along with amount of default or rejection or withdrawal, as applicable;
  - d) Public announcement made pursuant to order passed by the Tribunal under section 13 of Insolvency Code;
  - e) List of creditors as required to be displayed by the corporate debtor under regulation 13(2)(c) of the IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016;
  - f) Appointment/ Replacement of the Resolution Professional;
  - g) Prior or post-facto intimation of the meetings of Committee of Creditors;
  - h) Brief particulars of invitation of resolution plans under section 25(2)(h) of Insolvency Code in the Form specified under regulation 36A(5) of the IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016;
  - i) Number of resolution plans received by Resolution Professional;
  - j) Filing of resolution plan with the Tribunal;
  - k) Approval of resolution plan by the Tribunal or rejection, if applicable;

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- Specific features and details of the resolution plan as approved by the Adjudicating Authority under the Insolvency Code, not involving commercial secrets, including details such as:
  - (i) Pre and Post net-worth of the company;
  - (ii) Details of assets of the company post CIRP;
  - (iii) Details of securities continuing to be imposed on the companies' assets;
  - (iv) Other material liabilities imposed on the company;
  - (v) Detailed pre and post shareholding pattern assuming 100% conversion of convertible securities:
  - (vi) Details of funds infused in the company, creditors paid-off;
  - (vii) Additional liability on the incoming investors due to the transaction, source of such funding etc.;
  - (viii) Impact on the investor revised P/E, RONW ratios etc.;
  - (ix) Names of the new promoters, key managerial personnel, if any and their past experience in the business or employment. In case where promoters are companies, history of such company and names of natural persons in control;
  - (x) Brief description of business strategy.
- m) Any other material information not involving commercial secrets.
- n) Proposed steps to be taken by the incoming investor/acquirer for achieving the MPS;
- o) Quarterly disclosure of the status of achieving the MPS;
- p) The details as to the delisting plans, if any approved in the resolution plan.
- 17. 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 listed entities:
  - a) The fact of initiation of forensic audit along-with name of entity initiating the audit and reasons for the same, if available;
  - b) Final forensic audit report (other than for forensic audit initiated by regulatory / enforcement agencies) on receipt by the listed entity along with comments of the management, if any.
- 18. Announcement or communication through social media intermediaries or mainstream media by directors, promoters, key managerial personnel or senior management of a listed entity, in relation to any event or information which is material for the listed entity in terms of regulation 30 of these regulations and is not already made available in the public domain by the listed entity.
  - Explanation "social media intermediaries" shall have the same meaning as defined under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.
- 19. Action(s) initiated or orders passed by any regulatory, statutory, enforcement authority or judicial body against the listed entity or its directors, key managerial personnel, senior management, promoter or subsidiary, in relation to the listed entity, in respect of the following:
  - (a) search or seizure: or
  - (b) re-opening of accounts under section 130 of the Companies Act, 2013; or
  - (c) investigation under the provisions of Chapter XIV of the Companies Act, 2013;

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along with the following details pertaining to the actions(s) initiated, taken or orders passed:

- i. name of the authority;
- ii. nature and details of the action(s) taken, initiated or order(s) passed;
- iii. date of receipt of direction or order, including any ad-interim or interim orders, or any other communication from the authority;
- iv. details of the violation(s)/contravention(s) committed or alleged to be committed;
- v. impact on financial, operation or other activities of the listed entity, quantifiable in monetary terms to the extent possible.
- 20. Action(s) taken or orders passed by any regulatory, statutory, enforcement authority or judicial body against the listed entity or its directors, key managerial personnel, senior management, promoter or subsidiary, in relation to the listed entity, in respect of the following:
  - (a) suspension;
  - (b) imposition of fine or penalty;
  - (c) settlement of proceedings;
  - (d) debarment;
  - (e) disqualification;
  - (f) closure of operations;
  - (g) sanctions imposed;
  - (h) warning or caution; or
  - (i) any other similar action(s) by whatever name called; along with the following details pertaining to the actions(s) initiated, taken or orders passed:
    - i. name of the authority;
    - ii. nature and details of the action(s) taken, initiated or order(s) passed;
    - iii. date of receipt of direction or order, including any ad-interim or interim orders, or any other communication from the authority;
    - iv. details of the violation(s)/contravention(s) committed or alleged to be committed;
    - v. impact on financial, operation or other activities of the listed entity, quantifiable in monetary terms to the extent possible.
- 21. Voluntary revision of financial statements or the report of the board of directors of the listed entity under section 131 of the Companies Act, 2013.

# 1.2 <u>Category B - Events which shall be disclosed upon application of guidelines for materiality as specified in sub-regulation (4) of regulation (30) of SEBI LODR, 2015</u>

- 1. Commencement or any postponement in the date of commencement of commercial production or commercial operations of any unit/division.
- 2. Any of the following events pertaining to the listed entity:
  - (a) arrangements for strategic, technical, manufacturing, or marketing tie-up; or
  - (b) adoption of new line(s) of business; or
  - (c) closure of operation of any unit, division or subsidiary (in entirety or in piecemeal).
- 3. Capacity addition or product launch.
- 4. Awarding, bagging/ receiving, amendment or termination of awarded/bagged

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- orders/contracts not in the normal course of business.
- 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.
- 6. Disruption of operations of any one or more units or division of the listed entity due to natural calamity (earthquake, flood, fire etc.), force majeure or events such as strikes, lockouts etc.
- 7. Effect(s) arising out of change in the regulatory framework applicable to the listed entity.
- 8. Pendency of any litigation(s) or dispute(s) or the outcome thereof which may have an impact on the listed entity.
- 9. Frauds or defaults by employees of the listed entity which has or may have an impact on the listed entity.
- 10. Options to purchase securities including any ESOP/ESPS Scheme.
- 11. Giving of guarantees or indemnity or becoming a surety, by whatever named called, for any third party.
- 12. Granting, withdrawal, surrender, cancellation or suspension of key licenses or regulatory approvals.
- 13. Delay or default in the payment of fines, penalties, dues, etc. to any regulatory, statutory, enforcement or judicial authority.

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 listed entity which may be necessary to enable the holders of securities of the listed entity to appraise its position and to avoid the establishment of a false market in such securities.

The management shall periodically bring to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Bank, all information, events or materials which in its opinion has to be brought to the attention of the stock exchanges.

The Bank shall be guided by SEBI LODR, 2015 and other guidelines / circulars issued by SEBI, as amended from time to time, on the details that need to be provided while disclosing events / information.

### 5. CRITERIA FOR DISCLOSURE OF EVENTS / INFORMATION

As per Regulation 30(4)(i) of the Listing Regulations, the Bank shall consider the following criteria for determination of materiality of events / information:

- 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; or
- c) The omission of an event or information, whose value or the expected impact in terms of value, exceeds the lower of the following:
  - (1) two percent of turnover, as per the last audited consolidated financial

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- statements of the listed entity;
- (2) two percent of net worth, as per the last audited consolidated financial statements of the listed entity, except in case the arithmetic value of the net worth is negative;
- (3) 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 listed entity;
- d) In case where the criteria specified in sub-clauses (a), (b) and (c) is not applicable, an event or information may be treated as being material if in the opinion of the board of directors of the listed entity, the event or information is considered material:

## 6. AUTHORITY FOR DETERMINATION OF MATERIALITY OF EVENTS / INFORMATION

A two-member Committee called "Committee for Determination of Materiality of Events / Information" (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") consisting of the Managing Director & CEO as its Chairman and the Chief Financial Officer as its Member is authorized to determine whether an event / information is material or not and in turn about its time line for disclosure to the stock exchanges based on the category of information as specified above, subject to such information being placed at the Board meeting prior to, or immediately after, the said information being made public. The Company Secretary will be the Coordinator & Liaison Officer for the Committee.

### 7. WEBSITE UPDATION / UPDATES TO STOCK EXCHANGES

The Bank shall disclose on its website all such events or information which has been disclosed to stock exchange(s) under this Policy, and such disclosures shall be hosted on the website of the Bank for a minimum period of five years and thereafter as per the archival policy of the Bank, as disclosed on its website.

The Company Secretary, who is the Coordinator & Liaison Officer for the Committee, is authorized to make disclosures to stock exchange(s) under this regulation as will be advised by the Committee.

The contact details of the Managing Director & CEO, the Chief Financial Officer and the Company Secretary shall be disclosed to the stock exchange(s) and on the website of the Bank.

The Bank shall, with respect to disclosures referred to in this Policy, make disclosures updating material developments on a regular basis, till such time the event is resolved/closed, with relevant explanations. The Committee shall give updates to the Board of Directors and to the stock exchanges on any material event that may have been first informed to the stock exchanges including further developments, if any, on such events. Such updates shall also be hosted on the website of the Bank.

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### 8. COMPLIANCE OFFICER

The Company Secretary shall be the Compliance Officer for the purpose of complying with the provisions of SEBI LODR, 2015.

### 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Policy will be effective from the date of approval by the Board.

### 10. POLICY REVIEW

The Code is valid for a period of 1 year from the date of approval by the Board of Directors of the Bank. In case of any amendment (s), clarification (s), circular (s) etc. issued by the relevant authorities, in the interim, not being consistent with the provisions laid down under this Code, then such amendment(s), clarification(s), circular(s), etc. shall prevail upon the provisions in this Code and this Code shall stand amended accordingly.

The Board has the power to replace this Policy entirely with a new policy.

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