

Akzo Nobel India Limited

**POLICY ON
DETERMINATION OF MATERIALITY OF
EVENTS/ INFORMATION**

(Approved by the Board of AkzoNobel India Limited at its meeting held on 29 Jan 2016)

Introduction:

In terms of the Regulation 30 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “Regulations”), Akzo Nobel India Limited (hereinafter referred to as “the Company”) has framed a Policy for determination of materiality of events/ information. This policy shall be known as ‘Policy for determination of materiality of events/information’ (hereinafter referred to as “this Policy”) and shall be effective from 1st December, 2015 (“Effective Date”).

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to determine the following:

- materiality of events and information based on criteria specified under clause (i) of sub-regulation (4) of Regulation 30 of the Listing Regulations
- communicating the principles of materiality based on which the Company shall make disclosures of events or information.
- ensuring that adequate and timely information is provided to Stock Exchanges and investors

Disclosure of Material Events/ Information/ Developments

As per clause 30 (1) of the Regulations, the Company is required to make disclosures of any events or information which, in the opinion of the board of directors of the listed company, is material.

Disclosure to be made to Stock Exchanges & update on Website	
<u>Deemed material events</u> Events specified in Para A of Part A of Schedule III of Regulations	<u>Determined material events</u> Events specified in Para B of Part A of Schedule III, based on application of the guidelines for materiality (See Annexure)

Guidelines/ criterion 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;
- (c) In case where the criteria specified in sub-clauses (a) and (b) are not applicable, an event/information may be treated as being material if in the opinion of the board of directors of listed entity, the event / information is considered material.

Authorised Key Managerial Personnel for determining materiality and making disclosures

The board of directors of the Company have authorized the below Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) for the purpose of determining materiality of an event or information and for the purpose of making disclosures to stock exchange(s) under regulation 30 (5). The contact details of below KMP shall be disclosed to the stock exchange(s) and as well as uploaded on the Company's website through this policy. Any changes therein as may be determined by the Board from time to time shall also be informed to the stock exchange(s) by any of the continuing KMPs.

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Process of information disclosure

- With reference to regulation 30 (6), the Company shall first disclose to stock exchange(s) of all events, as specified in **Part A of Schedule III**, (Annexure) or information as soon as reasonably possible and not later than 24 hours from the occurrence of event or information
- Provided that in case the disclosure is made after 24 hours of occurrence of the event or information, the Company shall, along with such disclosures provide explanation for delay.
- Provided further that disclosure with respect to events specified in sub-para 4 of Para A of Part A of Schedule III shall be made within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the Board Meeting.
- The Company shall, with respect to disclosures referred to in this regulation, make disclosures updating material developments on a regular basis, till such time the event is resolved/ closed, with relevant explanations.
- The Company shall disclose on its website all such events or information which has been disclosed to stock exchange(s) under this regulation, and such disclosures shall be hosted on the website of the Company for a minimum period of 5 years and thereafter as per the archival policy of the Company, as disclosed on its website.
- The Company shall provide specific and adequate reply to all queries raised by stock exchange(s) with respect to any events or information: Provided that the stock exchange(s) shall disseminate information and clarification as soon as reasonably practicable.
- The Company may on its own initiative also, confirm or deny any reported event or information to stock exchange(s).

- 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, but which may have material effect on it, the Company is required to make adequate disclosures in regard thereof.

Amendments

The Board may subject to the applicable laws amend any provision(s) or substitute any of the provision(s) with the new provision(s) with new provision(s) or replace the Policy entirely with a new Policy. However, no such amendment or modification shall be inconsistent with the applicable provisions of any law for the time being in force.

Scope & Limitation

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this policy and any law/ regulations in force, the provisions of such law/ regulations shall prevail over this Policy.

Dissemination of Policy

This policy shall be hosted on website of the Company and address of such web link thereto shall be provided in the Annual Report of the Company. This Policy shall also be hosted on Company's intranet.

ANNEXURE TO THE POLICY ON DETERMINATION OF MATERIALITY OF EVENTS/ INFORMATION

(Tracking SCHEDULE III of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

PART A: DISCLOSURES OF EVENTS OR INFORMATION

The following shall be events/information, upon occurrence of which listed entity shall make disclosure to stock exchange(s):

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), or sale or disposal of any unit(s), division(s) or subsidiary of the listed entity or any other restructuring.
Explanation- For the purpose of this sub-para, the word 'acquisition' shall mean,-
 - (i) acquiring control, whether directly or indirectly; or,
 - (ii) acquiring or agreeing to acquire shares or voting rights in, a company, whether directly or indirectly, such that -
 - (a) the listed entity holds shares or voting rights aggregating to 5% 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 sub-clause (a) of clause (ii) of the Explanation to this sub-para and such change exceeds 2% of the total shareholding or voting rights in the said company.
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. Revision in Rating(s).
4. *Outcome of Meetings of the board of directors:* The listed entity shall disclose to the 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).
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.
 6. Fraud/defaults by promoter or key managerial personnel or by listed entity or arrest of key managerial personnel or promoter.
 7. Change in directors, key managerial personnel (Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer , Company Secretary etc.), Auditor and Compliance Officer.
 8. Appointment or discontinuation of share transfer agent.
 9. Corporate debt restructuring.
 10. One time settlement with a bank.
 11. Reference to BIFR and 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. Schedule of Analyst or institutional investor meet and presentations on financial results made by the listed entity to analysts or institutional investors;

B. Events which shall be disclosed upon application of the guidelines for materiality referred sub-regulation (4) of regulation (30):

1. Commencement or any postponement in the date of commencement of commercial production or commercial operations of any unit/division.
2. Change in the general character or nature of business brought about by arrangements for strategic, technical, manufacturing, or marketing tie-up, adoption of new lines of business or closure of operations of any unit/division (entirety or piecemeal).
3. Capacity addition or product launch.
4. Awarding, bagging/ receiving, amendment or termination of awarded/ bagged orders/contracts not in the normal course of business.
5. Agreements (viz. loan agreement(s) (as a borrower) 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 Company 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 Company
8. Litigation(s) / dispute(s) / regulatory action(s) with impact.

9. Fraud/defaults etc., by Directors (other than KMP) or employees of Company.
10. Options to purchase securities including any ESOP/ESPS Scheme.
11. Giving of guarantees or indemnity or becoming a surety for any third party.
12. Granting, withdrawal, surrender, cancellation or suspension of key licenses or regulatory approvals.

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.

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 Board from time to time.