

## Definition of Independent Director of the Company

### **Independent Director Definition:**

Independent director means outside directors that have specifications as follows;

- 1) Hold not exceeding 0.5% of the total voting shares of the Company, its subsidiary, associate company, nor being a major shareholder or controlling person, including shares held by their related persons (under Section 258 of Securities and Exchange Act).
- 2) Not being or having been an executive director, employees, staff, advisor earning regular monthly salary or the controlling person of the Company, subsidiary, associate company and no benefit or is not stakeholders, unless the foregoing status has ended for at least 3 years.
- 3) Not being a person who is related by blood or legal registration as father, mother, spouse, sibling, and child, including spouse of the child, to executives, major shareholders, controlling person, or persons to be nominated as executive or controlling person of the Company or its subsidiary.
- 4) Not having or having had a business relationship with the Company, its parent company, subsidiary, associate company, major shareholder or controlling person in a manner that may interfere with independent discretion, which includes not being or having been a significant shareholder or the controlling person of any person having a business relationship with the Company, its parent company, subsidiary, associate company, major shareholder or controlling person, unless such foregoing relationships have ended for at least 3 years prior to the date of appointment as independent directors.

The foregoing business relationship shall include normal business transactions, rental or lease of real estate, transactions related to assets or services or granting or receipt of financial assistance through receiving or extending loan, guarantee, providing assets as collateral, and any other similar actions, which result in the Company or the counterparty being subject to indebtedness payable to the other party in an amount starting from 3 percent of the net tangible assets of the Company or from 20 million Baht or more, whichever amount is lower. In this regard, the calculation of such indebtedness shall be in accordance with the method for calculating the value of related party transactions under the Notification of the Capital Market Supervisory Board Re: Rules on Connected Transactions, mutatis mutandis. In any case, the consideration of such indebtedness shall include the indebtedness incurred during the period of 1 year prior to the date of establishing the business relationship with such person.

- 5) Not being or having been an auditor of the Company, subsidiary, associate company, major shareholder, or controlling person, and not being shareholder.
- 6) Not being a person who is appointed as the representative of the Director of the Company, major shareholders or shareholders who is a connected person of a major shareholders.
- 7) Not having any other characteristics that cause the inability to express independent opinions.
- 8) Be capable in protecting all shareholders' benefits equally and supervising in order to prohibit any conflict of interest between the Company and related persons, and able to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors in order to make a decision on significant issues.
- 9) Not being or having been a provider of professional services, which includes serving as a legal advisor or financial advisor being paid with a service fee of more than 2 million Baht per year by the Company, its parent company, subsidiary, associate company, major shareholder, or controlling person, and not being a significant shareholder, controlling person, or partner of such provider of professional services, unless the foregoing

relationship has ended for not less than 3 years prior to the date of appointment as independent directors.

In the case where the person appointed by the Company as an independent director has or used to have a business relationship or provision of professional services at a value exceeding the specified amount under 4) or 9), the Company shall be granted an exemption from such prohibition of having or having had a business relationship or provision of professional services at such excessive value, provided that the Company has obtained an opinion of the board of directors indicating that after a consideration in accordance with the principle in Section 89/7 of the Securities and Exchange Act B.E. 2535 (as amended), the appointment of such person does not affect the performance of duties and the giving of independent opinions, and that the following information has also been disclosed in the notice calling the shareholders' meeting under the agenda for the appointment of independent directors:

- (a) the nature of the business relationship or professional services that deems such person to have characteristics not in compliance with the specified regulations;
- (b) the reason and necessity for keeping or appointing such person as an independent director;
- (c) the opinion of the board of directors of the Company concerning the proposal to appoint such person as an independent director.

Furthermore, this definition of independent directors has been revised so as to be stricter than that defined by the SEC.

**Criteria in selecting independent directors:**

The Company selects independent directors by taking into account the knowledge, experience good understanding in related businesses, vision, as well as sufficient time to perform duty, also with the qualities as stated in the concerned government agencies' announcements, regulations and rules. The Company would invite qualified persons to be its independent directors. The Company considers that the aforementioned independent directors are able to exercise their knowledge and capability as well as provide opinions that are useful and appropriate to support the Company's business operation.