

VIGIL MECHANISM / WHISTLE BLOWER POLICY:

While every employee's contract of employment stipulates that he will not disclose confidential information about the employer's affairs, in order to bring about accountability and transparency, there should be a mechanism to enable employees to voice their concerns where they discover information which they believe shows serious malpractice, impropriety, abuse or wrong doing within the organization. The employees should be encouraged and assisted to raise concerns without any fear of victimization, subsequent discrimination or disadvantage. If the employee has acted in good faith it does not matter if one is mistaken and the Company shall ensure protection from any harassment or victimization of/against the disclosing employee.

The Company has adopted a Whistle Blower Policy which applies to all permanent employees of the Company including those who are on probation and comes into effect from April 1, 2014, to provide a formal mechanism to the Directors and employees to report their concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the Company's Code of Conduct or ethics policy. The Policy provides for adequate safeguards against victimization of employees who avail of the mechanism and also provides for direct access to the Chairman of the Audit Committee. It is affirmed that no personnel of the Company has been denied access to the Audit Committee.

1. Policy and Procedure for disclosure, enquiry and disciplinary action

1.1 Concerns which may be raised-illustrative list

A whole variety of issues could fall under malpractice, impropriety, abuse and wrong doing, some of which are listed below:

- Breach of any Policy or Manual or Code adopted by the Company.
- Fraud and corruption (e.g. receiving bribes).
- Health and safety risks, including risks to the public as well as other employees e.g. faulty electrical equipment).
- Any sort of financial malpractice.
- Abuse of power (e.g. Bullying/harassment).
- Any unlawful act, including failure to comply with legal or statutory obligation for and on behalf of the Company.
- Any other unethical or improper conduct.



1.2 Concerns - how to raise/whom to disclose

The concern should be disclosed through letter, e-mail, telephone, fax or any other method to any of the following persons, who shall comprise the Corporate Compliance Committee, headed by the Managing Director & Chairman reporting directly to the Audit Committee of the Board.

The Corporate Compliance Committee comprises the Managing Director & Chairman, the Executive Director & Company Secretary, the CEO and the HR.

All relevant information regarding the concern should be disclosed not later than 1 year from the date on which the employee came to know of the concern. Upon receipt of the disclosure, the member of the Compliance Committee receiving the same shall furnish a copy to the Managing Director & Chairman who shall decide which member shall be responsible for the investigation.

1.3 Procedure for investigation

Obtain full details and clarifications of the complaint.

Consider the involvement of the Company's Auditors or any other external investigation agency or person.

Fully investigate into the allegation with the assistance where appropriate of other individuals/bodies.

Prepare a detailed written report and submit the same to the Compliance Committee not later than 30 days from the date of disclosure of the concern.

Based on the findings in the written report and after conduct of such further investigation as it may deem fit, the Compliance Committee shall take a decision in the matter not later than 30 days from the date of the written report. If the complaint is shown to be justified then they shall invoke disciplinary or other appropriate action against the defaulting employee.

A copy of all decisions of the Compliance Committee shall be placed before the Audit Committee at the meeting held immediately after such final decision.

The employee making the disclosure as well as all other persons involved in the investigation and the members of the Compliance Committee shall not make public the Concern disclosed except with the prior written permission of the Audit Committee, except where the employee is called upon to disclose this by any judicial process.

For Haryana Leather Chemicals Ltd.

