

## **Diversity of Board of Directors**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This Policy on Board Diversity (the 'Policy') sets out Data Patterns (India) Limited ('DPIL' or 'Company') approach to ensuring adequate diversity in its Board of Directors (the 'Board') and is approved and adopted by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board and is compliant to the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('SEBI LODR Regulations') and the Companies Act, 2013.

Diversity in the composition of the Board of Directors has become essential in view of the expansion of business, greater social responsibility, increasing emphasis on Corporate Governance, need for addressing concerns of diverse stakeholders and the necessity for managing risks in the business effectively. A Board composed of appropriately qualified and skilled people, with a broad range of experience relevant to the business, is important for effective corporate governance and sustained commercial success of a company.

In view of the above, the Company has framed this Policy on Board Diversity and Director Attributes ("Policy") that encourages diversity of thought, experience, knowledge, perspective, age and gender in the Board. The Policy sets out the approach to diversity in the Board of Directors of the Company so as to ensure that the Board has an appropriate blend of functional and industry expertise.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY**

The Objectives of the Policy include:

- i. Board to drive diversity and have an appropriate blend of functional and industry expertise;
- ii. While recommending the appointment of a director to, *inter alia*, consider the manner in which the function and domain expertise of the individual contributes to the overall skill domain mix of the Board;
- iii. To help the Company build a better Board that can draw upon a wide range of perspectives, expertise, knowledge and experience;
- iv. To achieve an optimum and balanced Board, with a wide range of attributes;

- v. To encourage healthy and open discussion and promote independence of judgement in Board and Committee deliberations; and
- vi. To have an optimum mix of Executive, Non-Executive and Independent Directors, including Women Directors.

### **POLICY OVERVIEW**

To meet the above Objectives:

- i. The Board of DPIL will ensure that a transparent Board nomination process is in place that encourages diversity of thought, experience, skills, knowledge, perspective, age, nationality, gender, cultural and educational background;
- ii. It will be ensured that the Board has an appropriate blend of functional and industry expertise and skills;
- iii. The consideration and selection of candidates for appointment to the Board will be based on merit which shall include a review of any candidate's integrity, experience, educational background, industry or related experience and more general experience;
- iv. Candidates that bring a diversity of background and opinion from amongst those candidates with the appropriate background and industry or related expertise and experience and having the ability to devote sufficient time to the affairs of the Company, should be considered for appointment to the Board; and
- v. While recommending the appointment of a Director, the NRC will consider the criteria laid down under the Act and other applicable Regulations/Guidelines issued by Statutory and Regulatory Authorities, from time to time, and the manner in which the function and domain expertise of the individual will contribute to the overall skill-domain mix of the Board.

### **ROLE OF NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Company shall review and assess Board composition on behalf of the Board and shall recommend to the Board, the appointment of new directors based on their qualification, positive attributes and independence.

**POLICY REVIEW**

The NRC will review the policy from time to time and make recommendations on any required changes to Board for consideration and approval.