



# **Prataap Snacks Limited**

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### **1. Introduction**

Regulation 43A of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“Regulations”) notified on July 08, 2016 provides for top five hundred listed entities based on market capitalization (calculated as on March 31 of every financial year) to formulate a dividend distribution policy.

As Prataap Snacks Limited (“Company”) is one of the top 500 listed companies based on Market Capitalization as on 31st March 2018, the Board of Directors of the Company have adopted this policy on Dividend Distribution.

### **2. Objectives and scope**

This Policy lays down the broad framework which will act as a guiding principle for the purpose of declaring or recommending dividend during or for any financial year, by the Company.

The policy reflects the intent of the Company to reward its shareholders by sharing a portion of its profits after retaining sufficient funds for growth of the Company. Through this policy, the Company shall endeavour to bring a transparent and consistent approach to its dividend pay-out plans.

The Policy, however, is not an alternative to the decision making process of the Board for recommending Dividend and the Board may take into consideration other factors as well in addition to the ones enumerated in this policy.

### **3. Definitions**

- i. **“Act”** shall mean the Companies Act, 2013 including the Rules made thereunder, as amended from time to time.
- ii. **“Applicable Laws”** shall mean the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015; as amended from time to time and such other act, rules or regulations which provides for the distribution of dividend.
- iii. **“Company”** shall mean Prataap Snacks Limited.



- iv. **“Board” or “Board of Directors”** shall mean Board of Directors of the Company.
- v. **“Dividend”** shall mean Dividend as defined under Companies Act, 2013.
- vi. **“Policy or this Policy”** shall mean the Policy on Dividend Distribution.
- vii. **“SEBI Regulations”** shall mean the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 together with the circulars issued thereunder, including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force.

#### **4. Parameters for declaration of dividend**

In line with the philosophy stated above, the Board of Directors shall consider the following parameters for declaration of dividend:

➤ **Financial Parameters**

- Consolidated current year Net operating profit after tax
- Working capital requirements
- Capital expenditure requirements
- Likelihood of crystallization of contingent liabilities, if any
- Resources required to fund acquisition of brands/business(es);
- Cash flow required to meet contingencies;
- Outstanding borrowings, including debt to equity ratios;
- Cost of borrowings

➤ **Internal factors**

- Outlook of the company in line with its business plan
- Potential opportunities available for growth/expansion
- Past Dividend Trends;
- Expectation of major shareholders;
- Prudential requirements for cash conservation

➤ **External factors**

- Prevailing legal requirements, regulatory conditions or restrictions laid down under applicable laws including tax laws;
- Dividend Pay-out ratios of companies in similar industries
- Economic Environment



- Cost of raising funds from alternative sources

## **5. Circumstances under which shareholders may or may not expect dividend**

The Shareholders of the Company may expect dividend only if the Company is having surplus funds after providing for all expenses, depreciation, other non-cash charges etc. and complying all other statutory requirements of the Applicable Law.

The Board shall consider the factors mentioned under Clause 4 above and before determination of any dividend payout, analyze the prospective opportunities and threats, viability of the option of dividend payout or retention etc. The Board shall not recommend dividend if they are of the opinion that it is financially not prudent to do so.

## **6. Utilization of retained earning**

The Board may retain its earnings in order to make better use of the available funds and increase the value of the stakeholders in the long run. The decision of utilization of the retained earnings of the Company shall be based on the following factors:

- Expansion plan;
- Enhancement of production capacity;
- Modernization plan;
- Diversification of business;
- Long term strategic plans;
- Replacement of capital assets;
- Acquisition of brands/business (es);
- Entry into Joint Ventures;
  
- Where the cost of debt is expensive;
- Such other criteria as the Board may deem fit from time to time.

## **7. Provision with regard to various class of shares**

The holders of the equity shares of the Company, as on the record date, are entitled to receive dividends. Since the Company has issued only one class of equity shares with equal voting rights, all the members of the Company shall be entitled to receive the same amount



of dividend per share. The policy shall be suitably revisited at the time of issuance of any new class of shares depending upon the nature and guidelines prevailing thereon.

#### **8. Amendment(s)**

- The Board of Directors may review or amend this policy, in whole or in part, from time to time, as it may deem fit.
- In case of any amendment(s) issued by the relevant authorities, not being consistent with the provisions laid down under this Policy, then such amendment(s) shall be treated as part of this Policy and this Policy shall stand amended accordingly from the effective date as laid down under such amendment(s).
- In case of any clarification(s), circular(s) etc. issued by the relevant authorities, not being consistent with the provisions laid down under this Policy, then this Policy shall be read along with such clarification(s), circular(s) so issued, from the effective date as laid down under such clarification(s), circular(s) etc.

#### **9. Disclosure**

The Company shall disclose this policy in its Annual Report & website.