

UNIVERSAL CABLES LIMITED

DRAFT LETTER OF RE-APPOINTMENT FOR INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

Date: _____

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Dear Sir,

Sub.: Letter of Re-appointment

Our Company is grateful to you for giving your kind consent for re-appointment as an Independent Director of our Company. We are sure that the Company would be enriched with your valuable guidance and suggestions in the course of your continued association with us as an Independent Director. We look forward to your participation in the affairs of the Company and advice for the growth and development of the Company and all its stakeholders. As required under the Companies Act, 2013, we are issuing Letter of Re-appointment to you covering the terms of your re-appointment. Kindly confirm your agreement to the above by signing and returning the enclosed duplicate of this letter.

1. Your re-appointment as an Independent Director of the Company, not liable to retire by rotation, for a second term of 5 (five) consecutive years, i.e. with effect from 6th February, 2020 to 5th February, 2025, have been approved by the members of the Company by way of Special Resolution passed at 74th Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 5th August, 2019. Your reappointment and tenure as Independent Director shall be consistent with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI (Listing obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations"), as amended from time to time. As per the declaration(s) dated _____ provided by you, it is noted that you meet the criteria of being appointed as an Independent Director of the Company in terms of the provisions of Section 149 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules notified thereunder from time to time and Regulation 25(8) read with Regulation 16(1)(b) of Listing Regulations. You shall on a yearly basis declare to the Company that you continue to meet these eligibility criteria. In case of happening of any event, if you cease to meet the eligibility criteria for Independent Director, you shall promptly inform the Company of the same and shall cease to become an Independent Director of the Company. Continuation of your appointment is also contingent on satisfactory performance and any relevant statutory provisions relating to the removal of a Director/ vacation of office/disqualification of director.
2. You will devote sufficient time to the affairs of the Company while functioning as Independent Director as would be required to help the Company to achieve its objectives.
3. As per the legal provisions, you will discharge your duties as per the provisions of Companies Act, 2013, read with Rules made thereunder, Code of Conduct of Independent Directors as per Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013, SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Articles of Association of the Company and other Statutes as may be applicable from time to time.

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4. The Company will maintain a Directors and Officers (D and O) Liability Insurance Policy to pay for the personal liability of the Directors for claims made against them while serving on the Board of the Company.
5. The Company has adopted Code of Conduct of the Company for its Directors and Senior Management Personnel which is applicable to Independent Directors also, a copy of which is enclosed. The Code for Independent Directors as per Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013 is also enclosed and Independent Directors are expected to abide by the same.
6. As an Independent Director, you will be expected not to:
 - (a) involve in a situation in which you may have a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interest of the Company;
 - (b) achieve or attempt to achieve any undue gain or advantage either to yourself or to your relatives, partners, or associates and if you are found guilty of making any undue gain, you will be liable to pay an amount equal to that gain to the Company; and
 - (c) assign your office and any assignment so made shall be void.
7. Remuneration will be paid by way of fee and reimbursement of expenses for participation in the Board and other meetings and commission and/or such other payments as may be decided by the Board from time to time. Such payments shall be subject to the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and any amendments/subsequent legislation applicable to such appointments/re-appointment/extension of term of appointment.
8. As per the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, your performance as an Independent Director will be evaluated/reviewed by the Board on an annual basis.
9. Your attention is drawn to the requirements of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 in respect of disclosure of price-sensitive information. Consequently, you are hereby informed not make any statements and/or enter into transactions that might risk a breach of these Regulations in any manner, whatsoever.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,
For Universal Cables Limited

(Harsh V. Lodha)
Chairman
DIN:00394094

Encl: as above

UNIVERSAL CABLES LIMITED

CODE FOR INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS **[Pursuant to Section 149(8) Of Companies Act, 2013]**

The Code is a guide to professional conduct for independent directors. Adherence to these standards by independent directors and fulfilment of their responsibilities in a professional and faithful manner will promote confidence of the investment community, particularly minority shareholders, regulators and companies in the institution of independent directors.

I. Guidelines of professional conduct:

An independent director shall:

- (1) uphold ethical standards of integrity and probity;
- (2) act objectively and constructively while exercising his duties;
- (3) exercise his responsibilities in a bona fide manner in the interest of the company;
- (4) devote sufficient time and attention to his professional obligations for informed and balanced decision making;
- (5) not allow any extraneous considerations that will vitiate his exercise of objective independent judgment in the paramount interest of the company as a whole, while concurring in or dissenting from the collective judgment of the Board in its decision making;
- (6) not abuse his position to the detriment of the company or its shareholders or for the purpose of gaining direct or indirect personal advantage or advantage for any associated person;
- (7) refrain from any action that would lead to loss of his independence;
- (8) where circumstances arise which make an independent director lose his independence, the independent director must immediately inform the Board accordingly;
- (9) assist the company in implementing the best corporate governance practices.

II. Role and functions:

The independent directors shall:

- (1) help in bringing an independent judgment to bear on the Board's deliberations especially on issues of strategy, performance, risk management, resources, key appointments and standards of conduct;
- (2) bring an objective view in the evaluation of the performance of board and management;
- (3) scrutinise the performance of management in meeting agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance;
- (4) satisfy themselves on the integrity of financial information and that financial controls and the systems of risk management are robust and defensible;

- (5) safeguard the interests of all stakeholders, particularly the minority shareholders;
- (6) balance the conflicting interest of the stakeholders;
- (7) determine appropriate levels of remuneration of executive directors, key managerial personnel and senior management and have a prime role in appointing and where necessary recommend removal of executive directors, key managerial personnel and senior management;
- (8) moderate and arbitrate in the interest of the company as a whole, in situations of conflict between management and shareholder's interest.

III. **Duties :**

The independent directors shall -

- (1) undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the company;
- (2) seek appropriate clarification or amplification of information and, where necessary, take and follow appropriate professional advice and opinion of outside experts at the expense of the company;
- (3) strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board committees of which he is a member;
- (4) participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members;
- (5) strive to attend the general meetings of the company;
- (6) where they have concerns about the running of the company or a proposed action, ensure that these are addressed by the Board and, to the extent that they are not resolved, insist that their concerns are recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting;
- (7) keep themselves well informed about the company and the external environment in which it operates;
- (8) not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee of the Board;
- (9) pay sufficient attention and ensure that adequate deliberations are held before approving related party transactions and assure themselves that the same are in the interest of the company;
- (10) ascertain and ensure that the company has an adequate and functional vigil mechanism and to ensure that the interests of a person who uses such mechanism are not prejudicially affected on account of such use;
- (11) report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the company's code of conduct or ethics policy;
- (12) act within their authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the company, shareholders and its employees;
- (13) not disclose confidential information, including commercial secrets, technologies, advertising and sales promotion plans, unpublished price

sensitive information, unless such disclosure is expressly approved by the Board or required by law.

IV. Manner of appointment:

- (1) Appointment process of independent directors shall be independent of the company management; while selecting independent directors the Board shall ensure that there is appropriate balance of skills, experience and knowledge in the Board so as to enable the Board to discharge its functions and duties effectively.
- (2) The appointment of independent director(s) of the company shall be approved at the meeting of the shareholders.
- (3) The explanatory statement attached to the notice of the meeting for approving the appointment of independent director shall include a statement that in the opinion of the Board, the independent director proposed to be appointed fulfils the conditions specified in the Act and the rules made thereunder and that the proposed director is independent of the management.
- (4) The appointment of independent directors shall be formalised through a letter of appointment, which shall set out:
 - (a) the term of appointment;
 - (b) the expectation of the Board from the appointed director; the Board-level committee(s) in which the director is expected to serve and its tasks;
 - (c) the fiduciary duties that come with such an appointment along with accompanying liabilities;
 - (d) provision for Directors and Officers (D and O) insurance, if any;
 - (e) the Code of Business Ethics that the company expects its directors and employees to follow;
 - (f) the list of actions that a director should not do while functioning as such in the company; and
 - (g) the remuneration, mentioning periodic fees, reimbursement of expenses for participation in the Boards and other meetings and profit related commission, if any.
- (5) The terms and conditions of appointment of independent directors shall be open for inspection at the registered office of the company by any member during normal business hours.
- (6) The terms and conditions of appointment of independent directors shall also be posted on the company's website.

V. Re-appointment:

The re-appointment of independent director shall be on the basis of report of performance evaluation.

VI. Resignation or removal:

- (1) The resignation or removal of an independent director shall be in the same manner as is provided in sections 168 and 169 of the Act.

- (2) An independent director who resigns or is removed from the Board of the company shall be replaced by a new independent director within three months from the date of such resignation or removal, as the case may be.
- (3) Where the company fulfils the requirement of independent directors in its Board even without filling the vacancy created by such resignation or removal, as the case may be, the requirement of replacement by a new independent director shall not apply.

VII. Separate meetings:

- (1) The independent directors of the company shall hold at least one meeting in a financial year, without the attendance of non-independent directors and members of management;
- (2) All the independent directors of the company shall strive to be present at such meeting;
- (3) The meeting shall:
 - (a) review the performance of non-independent directors and the Board as a whole;
 - (b) review the performance of the Chairperson of the company, taking into account the views of executive directors and non-executive directors;
 - (c) assess the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between the company management and the Board that is necessary for the Board to effectively and reasonably perform their duties.

VIII. Evaluation mechanism:

- (1) The performance evaluation of independent directors shall be done by the entire Board of Directors, excluding the director being evaluated.
- (2) On the basis of the report of performance evaluation, it shall be determined whether to extend or continue the term of appointment of the independent director.