# POLICY ON APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND SUCCESSION PLANNING FOR ORDERLY SUCCESSION TO THE BOARD AND THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT

#### **DFFINITIONS**

The definitions of some of the key terms used in this Policy are given below.

"Board" means Board of Directors of the Company.

"Company" means Mahindra CIE Automotive Limited.

"Committee(s)" means Committees of the Board for the time being in force.

**"Employee"** means employee of the Company whether employed in India or outside India including employees in the Senior Management Team of the Company.

"HR' means the Human Resource department of respective divisions/plants the Company, as the context may require.

**"Key Managerial Personnel"** (KMP) refers to key managerial personnel as defined under the Companies Act, 2013 and includes:

- (i) Managing Director (MD), or Chief Executive Officer (CEO); or Manager; or Whole time Director (WTD)
- (ii) Chief Financial Officer (CFO); and
- (iii) Company Secretary (CS).

**"Nomination and Remuneration Committee" (NRC)** means Nomination and Remuneration Committee of Board of Directors of the Company for the time being in force.

**"Senior Management"** means personnel of the Company who are members of its Core Management Team excluding Board of Directors comprising of all members of management one level below the executive directors including the functional heads.

# I. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

- Subject to the provisions of Companies Act, 2013, Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement and Articles of Association of the Company, the NRC reviews and assesses Board composition and recommends the appointment of new Directors. In evaluating the suitability of individual Board member, the NRC shall take into account the following criteria regarding qualifications, positive attributes and independence of director:
  - 1. All Board appointments will be based on merit, in the context of the skills, experience, independence and knowledge, for the Board as a whole to be effective.
  - 2. Ability of the candidates to devote sufficient time and attention to his professional obligations as Independent Director for informed and balanced decision making
  - 3. Adherence to the Code of Conduct and highest level of Corporate Governance in letter and in sprit by the Independent Directors
- Based on recommendation of the NRC, the Board will evaluate the candidate(s) and decide
  on the selection of the appropriate member after obtaining his/her consent for joining the
  Board. Upon receipt of the consent, the new Director will be co-opted by the Board in

accordance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act 2013 and Rules made thereunder.

#### REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

If a Director is attracted with any disqualification as mentioned in any of the applicable Act, rules and regulations thereunder or due to non-adherence to the applicable policies of the company, the NRC may recommend to the Board with reasons recorded in writing, removal of a Director subject to the compliance of the applicable statutory provisions.

## **SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

NRC has laid down the criteria for identification of persons who may be appointed in the Senior Management which includes the qualification, skills and experience of the candidate for the responsibility the position shall carry.

Senior Management personnel are appointed or promoted and removed/relieved with the authority of Chairman and/or Managing Director or Executive Director based on the business need and the suitability of the candidate in accordance with the criteria laid down. The details of the appointment made and the personnel removed shall be presented to the NRC.

#### II. SUCCESSION PLANNING:

### **Purpose**

The Talent Management Policy sets out the approach to the development and management of talent in the Company to ensure the implementation of the strategic business plans of the Company.

#### Board:

The successors for the Independent Directors shall be identified by NRC through the sources as the NRC may deem fit. In case of separation of Independent Directors due to resignation or otherwise, successor will be appointed at the earliest but not later than the immediate next Board meeting or three months from the date of such vacancy, whichever is later, unless the Board decides not to fill-up the vacancy.

The successors for the Executive Director(s) shall be identified by the NRC from among the Senior Management or through external source as the Board may deem fit.

The NRC will review the proposed appointments giving due consideration for the expertise and other criteria required for the successor and submit its recommendations to the Board.

#### Senior Management Personnel:

A good succession-planning program aims to identify high growth individuals, train them and feed the pipelines with new talent. It will ensure replacements for key job incumbents in KMPs and senior management positions in the organization.

The Company should identify Hi-pots and critical positions. Successors should be mapped for these positions at the following levels :

- 1. Emergency successor
- 2. Ready now
- 3. Ready in 1 to 2 years
- 4. Ready in 2 to 5 years

in order to ensure talent readiness as per a laddered approach.

# **Policy Statement**

The Talent Management framework of MCIE should address three basic issues:

- 1) Given the strategic business plans, do we have the skills and competencies required to implement them? If not, how do we create them by developing them internally or through lateral induction from outside?
- 2) For critical positions, what is the succession pipeline?
- 3) What are the individual development plans for individuals both in the succession pipeline as well as others?

The framework should lay down an architecture and processes to address these questions using the 3E approach:

- a) **Experience** i.e. both long and short-term assignments. This has 70% weightage
- b) **Exposure** i.e. coaching and mentoring 20% weightage
- c) **Education** i.e. learning and development initiatives 10% weightage

The Talent Management process is applicable to all employees.

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