

BALKRISHNA PAPER MILLS LIMITED

POLICY ON RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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**POLICY ON MATERIALITY OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND ON
DEALING WITH RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS.****I. Introduction**

Balkrishna Paper Mills Limited (the “Company or BPML”) recognizes that related party transactions can present potential or actual conflicts of interest and may raise questions about whether such transactions are consistent with the Company's and its stakeholders' best interests. The Board of Directors of Company has adopted following Policy with regard to Materiality of Related Party Transactions and dealing with Related Party Transactions of the Company in terms of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, (the “Listing Regulations”) and Companies Act, 2013 (the “Act”) amended from time to time.

Keeping in view the requirements for approval of related party transactions as prescribed under the Companies Act, 2013 (“**Act**”) read with the Rules framed thereunder and Regulation 23 of the Listing Regulations, the Company has formulated guidelines for identification of related parties and the proper conduct and documentation of all related party transactions.

Also, Regulation 23 of the Listing Regulations requires a company to formulate a policy on materiality of related party transactions and dealing with related party transactions including clear threshold limits duly approved by the Board of Directors.

In light of the above, the Company has framed this Policy on Materiality of Related Party Transactions and on dealing with Related Party Transactions (“**Policy**”). This Policy has been adopted / revised by the Board of Directors of the Company based on recommendations of the Audit Committee. Going forward, the Audit Committee would review and amend the Policy, as and when required, subject to the approval of the Board.

In case of any inconsistency in the Policy and the Act / Listing Regulations, as may be amended from time to time, the provisions of the Act / Listing Regulations shall prevail.

II. Scope and Inclusion

This Policy sets definition of materiality of related party transaction and Policy for dealing with related party transactions.

III. DEFINITIONS

“**Audit Committee**” shall mean the Audit Committee constituted by the Board of the Company from time to time, in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Listing Regulations.

“**Arms’ length transaction**” means a transaction between two related parties that is conducted as if they were unrelated, so that there is no conflict of interest.

“Board of Directors” or **“Board”** shall mean the collective body of the Directors of the Company as constituted from time to time, in line with the provisions of the Act and Listing Regulations.

“Key Managerial Personnel” in relation to the Company shall be as defined under Section 2(51) of the Act, as amended from time to time.

“Material Related Party Transaction(s)”: means a transaction with a related party where the transaction(s) to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transaction(s) during a financial year if exceeds the following thresholds:

Consolidated Turnover of Listed Entity	Threshold
(I) Up to Rs. 20,000 Crore	10% of the annual consolidated turnover of the listed entity
(II) More than Rs. 20,000 Crore to up to Rs. 40,000 Crore	Rs. 2,000 Crore + 5% of the annual consolidated turnover of the listed entity above Rs. 20,000 Crore
(III) More than Rs. 40,000 Crore	Rs. 3,000 Crore + 2.5% of the annual consolidated turnover of the listed entity above Rs. 40,000 Crore or Rs. 5000 Crores, whichever is lower

Explanation: For the purpose of computing the thresholds stated above, the annual consolidated turnover of the Company shall be determined based on the last audited financial statements.

Notwithstanding the above, a transaction involving payments made to a related party with respect to brand usage or royalty shall be considered material if the transaction(s) to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceed 5% of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company as per the last audited financial statements of the Company.

“Material Modifications”: will mean and include any modification to a Related Party Transaction of an amount exceeding 20% of the existing value of transaction / contract.

“Policy” means Policy on Related Party Transactions.

“Related Party” with reference to a Company, shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2(76) of the Act and Regulation 2(1)(zb) of the Listing Regulations.

“Related Party Transaction” (RPT)

- for the purpose of the Act, specified transactions of the Company with Related Parties mentioned in clause (a) to (g) of sub-section 1 of Section 188 and clause (iv) of sub-section 4 of Section 177 of the Act; and
- for the purpose of Regulation 2(1)(zc) of the Listing Regulations, a transfer of resources, services or obligations between:
 - a. the Company or any of its subsidiaries on one hand and a related party of the Company or any of its subsidiaries on the other hand;
 - b. the Company or any of its subsidiaries on one hand, and any other person or entity on the other hand, the purpose and effect of which is to benefit a related party of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;

regardless of whether a price is charged and a "transaction" with a related party shall be construed to include a single transaction or a group of transactions in a contract, including but not limited to the following –

- a. sale, purchase or supply of any goods or materials;
- b. selling or otherwise disposing of, or buying, property of any kind;
- c. leasing of property of any kind;
- d. availing or rendering of any services;
- e. appointment of any agent for purchase or sale of goods, materials, services or property;
- f. appointment to any office or place of profit in the Company, its subsidiary or associate company
- g. underwriting the subscription of any securities or derivatives thereof, of the Company.

Following shall not be considered as a Related Party Transaction of the Company in terms of SEBI Listing Regulations:

- (a) the issue of specified securities on a preferential basis, subject to compliance of the requirements under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018
- (b) the following corporate actions which are uniformly applicable/offered to all shareholders in proportion to their shareholding:
 - i. payment of dividend;
 - ii. sub-division or consolidation of securities;
 - iii. issuance of securities by way of a rights issue or a bonus issue; and
 - iv. buy-back of securities.
- (c) retail purchases from the Company or its subsidiary by the directors or key

managerial personnel, of the Company or its subsidiary, and relatives of such directors or key managerial personnel, without establishing a business relationship and at the terms which are uniformly applicable/offered to all employees, directors, key managerial personnel and relatives of directors or key managerial personnel.

“Relative” means relative as defined under sub-section (77) of Section 2 of the Act and Rules prescribed there under.

Any other term not defined herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Act, the Listing Regulations, Securities Contract Regulation Act or any other applicable law or regulation.

IV. MATERIALITY THRESHOLDS

Regulation 23 of the SEBI Listing Regulations requires a Company to provide materiality thresholds for transactions with its related party. In any event, if a Related Party Transaction (“RPT”) exceeds the materiality threshold, prior approval of the shareholders of the Company will be required through an ordinary resolution. Prior approval of shareholders is also required in case of any subsequent material modifications to these already approved Related Party Transactions.

None of the related parties (“RPs”) of the Company shall vote to approve on such resolution irrespective of whether the entity is a related party to the particular transaction or not (RP’s can cast only negative vote to reject the resolution seeking approval of material RPT(s)).

The Company has fixed the following materiality thresholds for the purpose of Regulation 23 of the SEBI Listing Regulations:

- Payment to a Related Party with respect to brand usage or royalty – 5% of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company as per its last audited financial statements.
- Other transactions with a Related Party exceeding thresholds mentioned in Schedule XII of the SEBI Listing Regulations. The thresholds are provided below:

Consolidated Turnover of Listed Entity	Threshold
(I) Up to Rs. 20,000 Crore	10% of the annual consolidated turnover of the listed entity
(II) More than Rs. 20,000 Crore to up to Rs. 40,000 Crore	Rs. 2,000 Crore + 5% of the annual consolidated turnover of the listed entity above Rs. 20,000 Crore
(III) More than Rs. 40,000 Crore	Rs. 3,000 Crore + 2.5% of the annual

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Related Party Transaction policy on materiality and its threshold limits shall be reviewed by the Audit Committee and the Board, at least once in every three years and updated accordingly.

V. MANNER OF DEALING WITH RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

All Related Party Transactions shall require prior approval of the Audit Committee.

a) Identification of related parties

- Each Director and Key Managerial Personnel is responsible for providing notice to the Board/Audit Committee of any potential Related Party Transaction involving him or her or his or her Relative, including any additional information about the transaction that the Board/Audit Committee may reasonably request. The Board/Audit Committee will determine whether the transaction does, in fact, constitute a Related Party Transaction requiring compliance with this Policy.
- The Corporate Secretarial team shall at all times maintain a database of the Company's Related Parties containing the names of individuals and Companies, identified on the basis of the definition set forth in the Definition Section above, which may be updated every quarter.

b) Identification of related party transactions

The concerned department / executive of the Company entering into a transaction shall identify related party transactions based on the list of Related Parties identified in accordance with Section 177 and 188 of the Act and Regulation 23 of the Listing Regulations. Thereafter the Head of Finance/Accounts Department i.e. Chief Financial Officer of the Company, shall establish whether the transaction is at arm's length and in the ordinary course of business or whether the transaction is Material.

The Management shall categorize the transactions under the following categories as per the Industry Standards and place applicable disclosures before the Committee seeking approval:

- Material Related Party Transactions
- Other Related Party Transactions, but with promoter or promoter group or person/ entity in which promoter or promoter group has concern or interest.
- Residual Related Party Transactions.

The industry standards are not applicable to RPTs with value less than Rs. 1 crore in a year.

c) Procedure for approval of related party transactions

i. Approval of the Audit Committee

All Related Party Transactions, any modifications to transactions with Related Parties as per the provisions of the Act, and subsequent material modifications to transactions with Related Parties as defined under Listing Regulations shall require prior approval of the Audit Committee, whether at a meeting or by circular.

All Related Party Transactions of above Rs. 1 crore, where subsidiary is a party but the Company is not a party and the transaction amount exceeds the threshold of:

- i) 10% of the annual standalone turnover of the subsidiary as per last audited financial statements of the subsidiary; or
- ii) the threshold for material related party transactions of listed entity as specified in Schedule XII of these regulations.

If such subsidiary does not have audited financial statements for a period of at least one year, prior approval of the audit committee of the listed entity shall be obtained if the value of such transaction exceeds the lower of the following:

- i) 10% of the aggregate value of paid-up share capital and securities premium account of the subsidiary; or
- ii) the threshold for material related party transactions of listed entity as specified in Schedule XII of these regulations:

Provided that the aggregate value of paid-up share capital and securities premium account of the subsidiary shall be taken as on a date, not older than three months prior to the date of seeking approval of the audit committee.

Further, the Audit Committee shall also review the status of long-term (more than one year) or recurring RPTs on an annual basis.

Above prior approval of the Audit Committee shall not be required for

- i) Related Party Transactions, where the listed subsidiary is a party, but the Company is not a party, and if Regulation 23 and Regulation 15(2) of SEBI Listing Regulations are applicable to such listed subsidiary.
- ii) Related Party Transaction of unlisted subsidiary of listed subsidiary of the Company, where the prior approval of the audit committee of the listed subsidiary is obtained.

- iii) transactions entered into between the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary whose accounts are consolidated with the Company and placed before the shareholders at the general meeting for approval.
- iv) transactions entered into between two wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company, whose accounts are consolidated with the Company and placed before the shareholders at the general meeting for approval.
- v) remuneration and sitting fees paid by the Company or its subsidiaries to its directors, key managerial personnels or senior management, except who is part of promoter or promoter group, provided that the same is not material in terms of the provisions of Regulation 23(1) of the Listing Regulations.

In case of a transaction, other than transactions referred to in Section 188 of the Act, and where Audit Committee does not approve the transaction, it shall make its recommendations to the Board.

Any member of the Audit Committee who has a potential interest in any Related Party Transaction will abstain from discussion and voting on the approval of the Related Party Transaction.

Only those members of the audit committee, who are independent directors, shall approve related party transactions

Omnibus approval of the Audit Committee

The Company shall at the beginning of the financial year, obtain omnibus approval from the Audit Committee for related party transactions for the financial year, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- The Audit Committee shall lay down the criteria for granting an omnibus approval in line with this Policy and such approval shall be applicable in respect of Related Party Transactions which are repetitive in nature;
- The Audit Committee shall satisfy itself of the need for such omnibus approval and that such approval is in the interest of the Company;
- The omnibus approval shall provide –
 - (i) the name(s) of the related party and its relationship with the Company or its subsidiary, nature of transaction, period of transaction, maximum aggregated value of the particular type of transaction that can be entered into during the year;
 - (ii) basis of arriving at the indicative base price / current contracted price and the formula for variation in the price if any,
 - (iii) minimum information about the RPTs as per the provisions of the Industry Standards and
 - (iv) such other conditions as the Audit Committee may deem fit.

However, in case of related party transactions which cannot be foreseen and where the above details are not available, Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval provided the value does not exceed Rs.1 crore per transaction;

- The Audit Committee shall review, at least on a quarterly basis, the details of related party transactions entered into by the Company pursuant to each of the omnibus approvals given;
- Such omnibus approval shall be valid for a period of one year and shall require fresh approvals after the expiry of one year.
- The Audit Committee shall consider the following factors while specifying the criteria for making omnibus approval, namely:-
 - i. repetitiveness of the transactions (in past or in future);
 - ii. justification for the need of omnibus approval

The requirement for seeking Audit Committee approval for related party transactions shall not be applicable to transactions between:

- i. The Company and its wholly owned subsidiary/ies; or
- ii. two wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company,

whose accounts are consolidated with the Company.

Transactions of following nature will not be subject to the omnibus approval of the Audit Committee:

1. Transactions which are not at arm's length or not in the ordinary course of business;
2. Transactions which are not repetitive in nature;
3. Transactions exceeding materiality thresholds as laid down in the Policy;
4. Transactions in respect of selling or disposing off of the undertaking of the Company;
5. Financial Transactions e.g. Loan to related parties, Inter Corporate Deposits, subscriptions to bond, debenture or preference shares issued by the related parties, corporate guarantee given/received from related parties;
6. Any other transaction the Audit Committee may deem not fit for omnibus approval.

The Audit Committee will be provided with all relevant material information of Related Party Transactions, including the terms of the transaction, the business purpose of the transaction, the benefits to the Company and to the Related Party, and any other relevant matters. The Audit Committee will be provided Minimum Information as per Industry Standards formulated for review and approval (including ratification) of RPTs in the prescribed Formats, from time to time.

The Independent Directors who are members of the Audit Committee may accordingly approve or modify such transactions, in accordance with this Policy and/ or recommend the same to the Board for approval.

The Independent Directors shall ensure that adequate deliberations are held before approving Related Party Transactions which are not in the Ordinary Course of Business or not on Arm's Length and assure themselves that the same are in the interest of the Company and its Shareholders.

ii. Approval of the Board of Directors of the Company

As per the provisions of Section 188 of the Act, all kinds of transactions specified under the said Section and which are not in the ordinary course of business or at arm's length basis, shall be placed before the Board for its approval. Such approval shall be granted only by means of a Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Board. The Company may if it considers necessary, and shall if the Audit Committee or Board so requires, seek external professional opinion to determine whether a Related Party Transaction is in the Ordinary Course of Business and/or at Arms' Length.

In addition to the above, the following kinds of transactions with related parties shall also be placed before the Board for its approval:

- Transactions which may be in the ordinary course of business and at arm's length basis, but which are as per the policy determined by the Board from time to time (i.e. value threshold and/or other parameters) require Board approval in addition to Audit Committee approval;
- Transactions in respect of which the Audit Committee is unable to determine whether or not they are in the ordinary course of business and/or at arm's length basis and decides to refer the same to the Board for approval;
- Transactions which are in the ordinary course of business and at arm's length basis, but which in Audit Committee's view requires Board approval.
- Transactions exceeding the materiality thresholds laid down in the Policy and any subsequent Material Modification to a Material Related Party Transaction, which are intended to be placed before the shareholders for approval.

Where any Director is interested in any contract or arrangement with a Related Party, such Director shall not be present at the Meeting during discussions on the subject matter of the Resolution relating to such contract or arrangement.

The Agenda of the Board Meeting at which the Resolution is proposed to be moved for approval of the Related Party Transaction shall disclose the following details:

- (i) The name of the Related Party and the nature of relationship;
- (ii) The nature, duration and particulars of the contract or arrangement;

- (iii) The material terms of the contract or arrangement, including the value, if any;
- (iv) Any advance paid or received for the contract or arrangement, if any;
- (v) The manner of determining the pricing and other commercial terms, both included as part of contract and not considered as part of contract;
- (vi) Whether all factors relevant to the contract have been considered; if not, the details of factors not considered, with the rationale for not considering those factors; and
- (vii) Any other information relevant or important for the Board to take a decision on the proposed transaction.

While assessing a proposal put up before the Audit Committee / Board for approval, the Audit Committee / Board may review the following documents / seek the following information from the management in order to determine if the transaction is in the ordinary course of business and at arm's length or not:

- Nature of the transaction i.e. details of goods or property to be acquired / transferred or services to be rendered / availed – including description of functions to be performed, risks to be assumed and assets to be employed under the proposed transaction;
- Key terms (such as price and other commercial compensation contemplated under the arrangement) of the proposed transaction, including value and quantum;
- Key covenants (non-commercial) as per the draft of the proposed agreement/ contract to be entered into for such transaction;
- Special terms covered / to be covered in separate letters or undertakings or any other special or sub arrangement forming part of a composite transaction;
- Benchmarking information that may have a bearing on the arm's length basis analysis, such as:
 - market analysis, research report, industry trends, business strategies, financial forecasts, etc.;
 - third party comparable, valuation reports, price publications including stock exchange and commodity market quotations;
 - management assessment of pricing terms and business justification for the proposed transaction;
 - comparative analysis, if any, of other such transaction entered into by the company.

iii. Approval of the Shareholders of the Company

- All Material Related Party Transactions under the Listing Regulations and subsequent Material Modifications thereto shall require prior approval of the

Shareholders through a resolution.

For this purpose, no entity falling under the definition of related parties under Listing Regulations shall vote to approve the relevant transaction irrespective of whether the entity is a party to the particular transaction or not.

However, the requirements specified in this sub-clause shall not apply in respect of a resolution plan approved under section 31 of the Insolvency Code, subject to the event being disclosed to the recognized Stock Exchanges within one day of the resolution plan being approved

- Transactions with Related Parties, other than Material Related Party Transactions as per the Listing Regulations, which are either not in the Ordinary Course of Business or are not on an Arm's Length Basis and exceeds the thresholds provided under the Act and Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Rules, 2014, shall also require the prior approval of the Shareholders by a Resolution and all Related Parties shall abstain from voting on such Resolution. Material Modifications to the said Related Party Transactions shall also require prior approval of the Shareholders.

Above prior approval of the Shareholders shall not be required in cases where the subsidiary is a listed entity and Regulations 23 and 15(2) of the Listing Regulations are applicable to such listed subsidiary.

The requirement for seeking Shareholders approval shall not be applicable to transactions between:

- i. the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary(ies); or
- ii. two wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company

whose accounts are consolidated with the Company.

Whilst obtaining Shareholders approval for RPTs the explanatory statement contained in the notice sent to shareholders for seeking their approval for an RPT shall provide the Minimum Information as per the Industry Standards prescribed from time to time, so as to enable the shareholders to take a view whether the terms and conditions of the RPT are favorable to the Company.

VI. DISCLOSURES

BPML shall disclose, in the Board's report, transactions prescribed in Section 188(1) of the Act with related parties, which are not in ordinary course of business or on an arm's length basis along with the justification for entering into such transaction.

Further, the Company shall submit to the stock exchanges, on a half-yearly basis, within the timelines as prescribed by SEBI and in the prescribed format from time to time, the disclosures relating to Related Party Transactions and publish the same on the

website of the Company.

This policy shall also be uploaded on the website of the Company at www.bpml.in and a weblink thereto shall be provided in the Annual Report of the Company.

VII. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS NOT APPROVED UNDER THIS POLICY

In the event the Company becomes aware of a transaction with a related party that has not been approved in accordance with this Policy prior to its consummation, the matter shall be reviewed by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall consider all of the relevant facts and circumstances regarding the related party transaction, and shall evaluate all options available to the Company, including ratification, revision or termination of the related party transaction. The Audit Committee shall also examine the facts and circumstances pertaining to the failure of reporting such related party transaction to the Audit Committee under this Policy and failure of the internal control systems and shall take any such action as it deems appropriate.

In any case, where the Audit Committee determines not to ratify a related party transaction that has been commenced without approval, the Audit Committee, as appropriate, may direct additional actions including, but not limited to, discontinuation of the transaction or seeking the approval of the shareholders, payment of compensation for the loss suffered by the related party etc. In connection with any review/approval of a related party transaction, the Audit Committee has authority to modify or waive any procedural requirements of this Policy.

VIII. AMENDMENT

Any subsequent amendment / modification in the Listing Regulations or the Act or any other governing Act / Rules / Regulations or re-enactment, impacting the provisions of this Policy, shall automatically apply to this Policy and the relevant provision(s) of this Policy shall be deemed to be modified and / or amended to that extent, even if not incorporated in this Policy.

IX. REVIEW OF THE POLICY

This Policy shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors atleast once every three years and updated accordingly based on the recommendations of the Audit Committee.

X. COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITY

Compliance of this Policy shall be the responsibility of the Chief Financial Officer of the Company who shall have the power to ask for any information or clarifications from the management in this regard.

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