

Introduction

This document has been formulated to define the materiality policy for identification of (i) outstanding material litigation involving ESDS Software Solution Limited (the "Company"), its Subsidiaries, Directors, and Promoter; (ii) the Group Companies and (iii) the material creditors of the Company (together, the "Policy"), in terms of the disclosure requirements under Schedule VI of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended ("SEBI ICDR Regulations").

This Policy shall be effective from the date of its approval by the Board of Directors.

In this Policy, the term "Offer Documents" shall mean the Draft Red Herring Prospectus, the updated draft red herring prospectus to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), the Red Herring Prospectus and the Prospectus.

I. <u>Materiality policy for litigation</u>

In terms of SEBI ICDR Regulations, the Company is required to disclose the following pending litigation involving itself, its Subsidiaries, its Directors and its Promoter:

- (i) All criminal proceedings;
- (ii) All actions by statutory and / or regulatory authorities;
- (iii) Taxation proceedings separate disclosures regarding claims related to direct and indirect taxes, in a consolidated manner giving details of number of cases and total amount; and
- (iv) Other pending litigations/arbitration proceedings As per the policy of materiality defined by the Board of Directors and disclosed in the Offer Documents.

Additionally, in terms of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, the Company is required to disclose:(a) any disciplinary action (including a penalty) imposed by SEBI or any of the stock exchanges against the Promoter in the five financial years preceding the relevant Offer Document, including any outstanding action; and (b) outstanding litigation involving the Group Companies, which may have a material impact on the Company, as applicable.

For the purposes of determining material litigations /arbitration proceedings as mentioned in point (iv) above, the following criteria shall apply:

Any pending litigation / arbitration proceedings (other than litigations mentioned in point (i) to (iii) above) involving the Company, its Subsidiaries, its Promoter and its Directors (the "Relevant Parties") shall be considered "material" for the purposes of disclosure in the Offer Documents, if:

- (i) The aggregate monetary claim made by or against the Relevant Parties (individually or in aggregate), in any such pending litigation / arbitration proceeding is equal to or in excess of 5% of the Company's consolidated profit after tax for the most recently completed fiscal year, as per the Restated Consolidated Financial Statements; or
- (ii) any such litigation wherein a monetary liability is not quantifiable, or which does not fulfil the threshold as specified in (i) above, but the outcome of which could, nonetheless, have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, performance, prospects, financial position or reputation of the Company.

Further, pre-litigation notices received by the Relevant Parties or Group Companies from third parties (excluding those notices issued by statutory/regulatory/governmental/tax authorities or notices threatening criminal action) shall, unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors, not be considered a material litigation until such time that the Relevant Party is impleaded as a defendant in proceedings before any judicial / arbitral forum.

II. <u>Materiality policy for Group Companies</u>

In terms of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, the term 'group companies' includes (i) such companies (other than promoter(s) and subsidiary(ies)) with which the relevant issuer company had related party transactions during the period for which financial information is disclosed in the relevant Offer Document, as covered under the applicable accounting standards, and (ii) any other companies as considered material by the Board of Directors.

Accordingly, for (i) above, all such companies (other than the Company's Subsidiaries) with which there were related party transactions during the period covered in the Restated Consolidated Financial Statements, as covered under the applicable accounting standards, shall be considered as Group Companies in terms of the SEBI ICDR Regulations.

In addition, for the purposes of (ii) above, a company (other than the Subsidiaries and the companies covered under the schedule of related party transactions as per the Restated Consolidated Financial Statements) shall be considered "material" and will be disclosed as a 'Group Company' in the Offer Documents if:

- (a) the Company and / or its Promoter hold 10% or more of the equity share capital of such company; and
- (b) the Company has entered into one or more transactions with such company during the last completed fiscal year or the most recent period (if applicable) of the Restated Consolidated Financial Statements, which individually or cumulatively in value exceeds 5% of the total consolidated total income of the Company for the last fiscal year as per the Restated Consolidated Financial Statements.

Information about Group Companies identified based on the above approach shall be disclosed in the Offer Documents in accordance with SEBI ICDR Regulations.

III. <u>Materiality policy for identification of material creditors</u>

In terms of SEBI ICDR Regulations, the Company shall make the following disclosures in the Offer Documents for outstanding dues to creditors:

- (i) based on the policy on materiality adopted by the Board of Directors and as disclosed in the Offer Documents, details of the Company's creditors, including the consolidated number of creditors and the aggregate amount involved; and
- (ii) consolidated information on outstanding dues to micro, small and medium enterprises and other creditors, separately giving details of number of cases and amount involved.

For the purposes of identification of material creditors, in terms of point (i) above, a creditor of the Company, shall be considered to be material for the purpose of disclosure in the Offer Documents, if amounts due to such creditor is equal to or in excess of 5% of the consolidated trade payables of the Company as at the end of the latest period included in the Restated Consolidated Financial Statements.

Additionally, complete details about outstanding overdues to material creditors along with the

name and amount involved for each such material creditor (as per (i) above) shall be disclosed on the website of the Company with the relevant web link included in the Offer Documents, as applicable.

General

It is clarified that the Policy is solely from the perspective of disclosure requirements prescribed under the SEBI ICDR Regulations with respect to the Offer Documents and should not be applied towards any other purpose.

The Policy shall be without prejudice to any disclosure requirements, which may be prescribed by SEBI and/ or such other regulatory or statutory authority with respect to listed companies or disclosure requirements as may be prescribed by SEBI through its observations on the Offer Documents, or disclosures that may arise from any investor or other complaints.

The Policy shall be subject to review/changes as may be deemed necessary and in accordance with regulatory amendments from time to time.

All other capitalised terms not specifically defined in this Policy shall have the same meanings ascribed to such terms in the Offer Documents.