

# **VENKY'S ( INDIA) LIMITED - DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION POLICY**

## **1. Introduction:**

The Securities And Exchange Board of India vide notification No. SEBI/ LAD-NRO/GN/2016-17/008 dated 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016 amended the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The said amendment requires top five hundred listed entities based on market capitalization (calculated as on March 31 of every financial year) to formulate a dividend distribution policy which shall be disclosed in their annual reports and on their websites.

## **2. Applicability:**

Venky's (India) Limited, as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, falls well within the criteria as mentioned above and therefore needs to formulate and disclose the dividend distribution policy as required by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2016. This policy will be applicable to dividend payable to equity shareholders of the Company.

## **3. Dividend:**

According to the generally accepted definition, “dividend” means the profit of a company that is not retained in business and is distributed amongst the shareholders in proportion to the amount paid-up on the shares held by them. For the purpose of this policy dividend shall mean dividend proposed and payable to equity shareholders only and shall include interim dividend as defined in Section 2(35) of the Companies Act, 2013.

## **4. Parameters of Dividend Distribution Policy:**

(a) The circumstances under which the shareholders may or may not expect dividend:

The circumstances under which the shareholders may or may not expect dividend depends upon internal as well as external factors which shall be considered by the company while declaring the dividend. Generally, the internal factors may be defined as those factors which are part and parcel of the organization and may be in control of the company whereas external factors are those which are beyond the control of the management. In some cases, both the factors will be inter-connected to each other and decision of dividend will always be taken after jointly considering the factors. In addition to the above, shareholders may not expect dividend in case of inadequacy of profits or losses. The internal and external factors are defined in clause 4 (b) of this policy.

(b) Internal and external factors that shall be considered for declaration of dividend:

Internal Factors:

- Profit for the year under consideration;
- Expansion plans in near future;
- Availability of surplus funds;
- Short term and long term liabilities of the company;
- Cyclical nature of business;

- Corporate actions such as Bonus, Split of Shares etc.;
- Past dividend distribution record of the company.

External Factors:

- State of the economy
- Monsoon
- Industry outlook
- Govt. rules and regulations
- Taxation policy
- Environment and Disease outbreak.

(c) The Company will consider the following financial parameters while declaring dividend:

- Cost of borrowing;
- Availability of alternate source of funding;
- Operating cash flows;
- Profitability.

#### **5. Policy as to how the retained earning shall be utilized:**

The retained earnings of the company shall be utilised as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules and regulations made thereunder. Generally, retained earnings shall be used for the following purposes:

- Issue of bonus shares;
- Declaration of dividend;
- Funding for expansion plans;
- Repayment of debts.

#### **6. Payout Ratio:**

Considering the parameters mentioned in this policy, the Company aims to provide a balance between rewarding its shareholders and retaining earnings for the Company's growth. The Company is engaged in the livestock industry which is prone to several unpredictable factors, like higher volatility in prices of feed ingredients, mis-match in demand and supply, vagaries of climatic conditions etc. Keeping these factors in mind, it is the endeavour of the Company that the dividend amount in each financial year will be stable and steady. Therefore, the Company will distribute dividend upto 10% of its after-tax profits in each financial year.

**7. Parameters for various classes of shares:**

Currently, the Company has only one class of issued shares i.e. equity shares to which this policy shall be applicable.

**8. Changes / modification in the policy:**

Any change or modification in the policy shall be made only after prior approval of the Board of Directors of the Company. Any change made in the current policy shall be informed to the shareholders of the Company in its annual report and on the website of the Company i.e. [www.venkys.com](http://www.venkys.com)

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