

# **DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION POLICY OF BHARAT ELECTRONICS LIMITED**

## **1. PREAMBLE**

The shares of BEL are listed on National Stock Exchange of India Ltd, Mumbai and Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd, Mumbai. As per SEBI LODR (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (second amendment) Regulations, 2016 notified on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016, the top five hundred listed entities based on market capitalization (calculated as on March 31<sup>st</sup> of every year) need to formulate a dividend distribution policy which shall be disclosed in the Annual Report and on their Websites.

BEL is amongst the top 500 listed entities as per the market capitalization criteria and has accordingly formulated its Dividend Distribution Policy. This policy lays down the general framework for considering and deciding the distribution of dividend to the Company's shareholders and/or retaining of earnings for sustained growth.

## **2. POLICY FRAME WORK**

The purpose of the policy is to specify in broad terms, the external and internal factors including financial parameters that will be considered while deciding on the distribution of dividend, the circumstances under which shareholders of the Company, may or may not expect dividend and the policy relating to retention and utilisation of earnings. This policy is not an alternative to the decision of the Board for recommending dividend every year based on all relevant factors namely, factors enumerated in this policy and also other additional factors that the Board may consider relevant in the overall interest of the Company. However, such additional factors if any resulting in amendment of the policy will be disclosed in the Annual Report as well as the website of the Company.

The policy will be implemented by the Company keeping in view the provisions of SEBI, LODR Regulations, the Companies Act 2013 and also taking into consideration guidelines issued by SEBI, DPE, DIPAM, Ministry of Finance as also other guidelines to the extent applicable to the Company.

## **3. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The policy will be effective from the financial year 2016-17.

## **4. EXCLUSIONS**

The policy shall not apply to:

- Distribution of dividend in kind i.e. by issue of fully or partly paid bonus shares or other securities, subject to applicable law;
- Distribution of cash as an alternative to payment of dividend through Buyback of equity shares.

## **5. FACTORS CONSIDERED WHILE DECLARING DIVIDEND**

### 5.1

- a. In pursuance of Section 123 of the Act, no dividend shall be declared or paid by the Company for any financial year except out of the profits of the Company for that year or out of the profits of the Company for any previous financial year or years arrived at after providing for depreciation. However normally, the Company will decide to declare dividend only out of current year's profits after providing for depreciation in accordance with the law and after transfer to the reserves of the Company such portion of the profits as may be considered appropriate for future growth.
- b. Interim dividend will be based on profits as per unaudited results after providing for depreciation in accordance with law and Management estimates of profits for full financial year.
- c. Dividend distribution tax payable by the Company on dividend paid to shareholders will also be considered as payment towards dividend.

### 5.2 The quantum of dividend declared by the Company would depend upon the following external and internal factors:

- a. The external factors that shall impact the decision to pay dividend will inter-alia include economic environment, market conditions, expectation of shareholders, statutory requirements and applicable Government directives as may be applicable from time to time.
- b. The internal factors that shall be considered for dividend will be profitability of the Company, its net worth, its requirement for funds for its R&D projects and expansion (CAPEX), investment in Subsidiaries/JVs, stability of earnings, past dividend trends, obligation to creditors and any other factors as may impact the decision to declare dividend.

## **6. UTILISATION OF RETAINED EARNINGS**

The Company is a major player in the strategic defence electronics sector and is acutely conscious of the need to plough back adequate profits for operations and capital investment in order to maintain, and more importantly improve its market position in the face of stiff competition arising from the opening up of this sector to private players, both domestic and foreign. The Company has an ambitious CAPEX programme and also has

necessarily to invest in various R&D projects for conducting “No Cost No Commitment Trials” with users in order to foster growth. Further, with the anticipated higher growth in sales year on year, the incremental working capital requirements also will have to be met increasingly from cash and reserves of the Company.

## **7. CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE SHAREHOLDERS MAY OR MAY NOT EXPECT DIVIDEND**

- 7.1 The Company has been consistently paying dividends to its shareholders and that it will continue to do so in future is a reasonable expectation unless circumstances warrant the contrary.
- 7.2 The shareholders of the Company may or may not expect dividend depending upon the circumstances including, but not limited, to the following:-
- (i) In the event of inadequacy of profits or whenever the Company has incurred losses;
  - (ii) Whenever the Company undertakes or proposes to undertake significant capital expenditure or investment in new areas of business whether in BEL itself or in Joint ventures/Subsidiaries ;
  - (iii) Significantly higher working capital requirement adversely impacting cash flows; or
  - (iv) Whenever the Company proposes to utilise the surplus cash for buyback of securities;
  - (v) Any other circumstance/instance which the Board of Directors may consider relevant to the dividend declaration decisions.
- 7.3 The Company will take a decision on the dividend distribution keeping all external and internal factors in view and duly adopting a judicious balance between directly rewarding the shareholders through dividend declaration on the one hand and increasing shareholders wealth in future through appropriate retention of projects and its realisation for sustainable growth, on the other.

## **8. PARAMETERS TO BE ADOPTED WITH REGARD TO VARIOUS CLASSES OF SHARES**

The Company has issued only one class of shares i.e. equity shares with equal voting rights, all the members of the Company are entitled to receive the same amount of dividend per share.

## **9. AMENDMENTS**

The Board of Directors may review, amend and modify the policy at any point of time as it may deem necessary and /or as may be required from time to time in accordance with subsequent amendments in Companies Act, 2013 & Companies Rules, Circulars, Notifications, Guidelines thereto, SEBI Listing Regulations, 2015, the relevant guidelines of Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Defence, DPE, DIPAM etc. and other applicable statutes.

## **10. DISCLOSURE**

This policy shall be disclosed in the Annual Report and hosted on the Company's website to meet statutory requirements if any.