# **ARVIND FASHIONS LIMITED**

# (Formerly known as Arvind J&M Limited)

# A MEMBER OF THE LALBHAI GROUP

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October 11, 2018

Ms. Abanti Sankaranarayanan 10, Sealand Co. Op. Hsg. Soc., 4th Floor, 41, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai – 400 005

Sub: Your Appointment as an Independent Director

Dear Ms. Abanti Sankaranarayanan,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Arvind Fashions Limited, I am pleased to welcome you as a new member of this Board. You are appointed as an Independent Director on the Board of the Company with effect from 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 for a term of 5 (five) years.

All the board members and the business leadership look forward to working with you and drawing upon your expertise in general management, marketing and other areas. We all are confident that your two decade plus experience in the Indian consumer and retail space will be extremely valuable for growth and market position of Arvind Fashions Limited. We are sure that with your guidance and support, the Company will be able to accomplish its goals and objectives.

Enclosed pages contain the statutory terms related to this appointment in following annexures:

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Kindly return the duly signed copy of this letter in token of acknowledgement.

Once again, a very warm welcome to the Board of Arvind Fashions Limited.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

For, Arvind Fashions Limited

Sanjay Lalbhai Chairman

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# APPOINTMENT LETTER

This Appointment Letter sets out the terms and conditions of your appointment as given below in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"):

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- 2. The Company has various Sub-Committees of the Board viz. Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Stakeholders' Relationship Committee, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee and Risk Management Committee.
- 3. The Board of Directors of the Company has appointed you as a Member in Audit Committee and Risk Management Committee.
- 4. The Independent Directors of the Company will periodically hold exclusive Meeting(s) without the attendance of non-Independent Directors and Members of the Management. You shall strive to be present at such Meeting(s).
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- 6. Annual Commission payable to you, as fixed by the Board of Directors, is upto Rs. 7,50,000/-per annum.
- 7. The above remuneration may be reviewed by the Board of Directors based on your performance evaluation done by them which will, inter alia, include your participation in the Board and Committee Meetings during the year and other responsibilities undertaken and contributions to the deliberations of the Board and to the Company;
- 8. You are expected not to disclose confidential information, including commercial secrets, technologies, advertising and sales promotion plans, unpublished price sensitive information, unless such disclosure is expressly approved by the Board or required by law.
- 9. Your resignation or removal as an Independent Director shall be in the same manner as provided in sections 168 and 169 of the Act.

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# IV. Manner of appointment:

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The re-appointment of independent director shall be on the basis of report of performance evaluation.

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# Company's Code of Conduct of Directors and Senior Management Personnel

# A. INTRODUCTION

This Code of Conduct for the Board of Directors and the Senior Management Personnel (hereinafter referred to as "the Code") has been framed and adopted by Arvind Fashions Limited. The Code is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

This Code is intended to provide guidance to the Board of Directors and Senior Management Personnel to manage the affairs of the company in an ethical manner. The purpose of this code is to recognize and emphasis upon the ethical behaviour and to develop a culture of honesty and accountability.

This Code of Conduct attempts to set forth the guiding principles on which the Company and its Board and Senior Management shall operate and conduct themselves with stakeholders, government and regulatory agencies, media and anyone else with whom it is connected.

# **B. DEFINITIONS**

- (a) "Board" means Board of Directors of the Company.
- (b) "Board Member" means every director of the Company as may be appointed from time to time.
- (c) "Code of Conduct" means this Code of Conduct for members of the Board and Senior Management Personnel including modifications made thereto from time to time.
- (d) "Company" means Arvind Fashions Limited.
- (e) "Conflict of Interest" means where the interests or benefits of one person or entity conflicts with the interests or benefits of the Company
- (f) "Senior Management Personnel" means personnel of the Company who are members of its core management team excluding Board of Directors and will comprise all members of management one level below the executive directors, including all functional heads.
- (g) "Relatives" with reference to any person shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2(77) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with clause 4 of The Companies (Specification of definition details) Rules, 2014.

Any other term not defined herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Act, SEBI Regulations, Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 or any other applicable law or regulation.

# C. APPLICABILITY

This code is applicable to the Board of Directors and Senior Management personnel of the Company.

The Directors and Senior Management Personnel should continue to comply with other applicable / to be applicable policies, rules and procedures of the Company.

# D. PRINCIPLES OF THE CODE

The Board of Directors and the Senior Management Personnel of the Company shall act within the authority conferred upon them, in the best interests of the Company and observe the following:

#### 1. PRUDENT CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

Each Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should seek to use due care in the performance of his/her duties, be loyal to the Company, act in good faith and in a manner such Board Member or Senior Management Personnel reasonably believe to be not opposed to the best interests of the Company. A Board Member should seek to also:-

- i. Make reasonable efforts to attend Board and committee meetings;
- ii. Dedicate time and attention to the Company; and
- iii. Seek to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, confidentiality obligations and corporate policies of the Company.
- iv. Act in the best interest of, and fulfill their fiduciary obligations to, company's shareholders.
- v. Use due care and diligence in performing their duties of office and in exercising their powers attached to that office.

#### 2. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should avoid:

- a. appropriating corporate business opportunities for themselves that are discovered through the use of Company property or information or their position as Board Member;
- b. using Company property or information or their position as Board Member or Senior Management Personnel, for personal gain; and
- c. Competing with the Company.

A corporate business opportunity is an opportunity (1) which is in the Company's line of business or proposed expansion or diversification, (2) which the Company is financially able to undertake and (3) which may be of interest to the Company. A Board Member or Senior Management Personnel who learn of such a corporate business opportunity and who wish to avail of, it should disclose such opportunity to the Company's Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors determines that the Company does not have an actual or expected interest in such opportunity, then, and only then, may the Board Member or Senior Management Personnel avail of it, provided that the Board Member or Management Personnel have not wrongfully utilized the Company's resources in order to acquire such opportunity.

#### 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- a. The Board of Directors and the Senior Management Personnel shall not enter into any transaction which is or may likely to have a conflict with the interest of the Company and shall not engage any of its relative(s), or any other person or entity, for the purposes of circumventing the personal interest involved.
- b. The Board of Directors and the Senior Management Personnel shall not take up any position or engagement that may be prejudicial to the interest of the Company.
- c. The Executive Director(s) and the Senior Management Personnel shall not take up any outside employment.

# 4. COMPANY PROPERTY

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel should endeavor to ensure that the Company's assets, proprietary information and

resources to be used by the Company and its employees only for legitimate business purposes of the Company.

# 5. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel should maintain the confidentiality of information entrusted to them in carrying out their duties and responsibilities, except where disclosure is approved by the Company or legally mandated or if such information is in the public domain.

The Company's confidential and proprietary information shall not be inappropriately disclosed or used for the personal gain or advantage of any Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel other than the Company. These obligations apply not only during a Board Member's term, but thereafter as well.

#### 6. FAIR DEALING

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should endeavor to deal fairly and should promote fair dealing by the Company, its employees and agents with customers, suppliers and employees.

Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should not seek to take unfair advantage of the Company through manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged information, misrepresentation of material facts or any other unfair dealing.

# 7. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should comply and endeavor to ensure that the management is causing the Company to comply, with applicable laws, rules and regulations. In addition, if any Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel becomes aware of any information that he or she believes constitutes evidence of a material violation of any securities or other laws, rules or regulations applicable to the Company or the operation of its business, by the Company, any employee or another Board Member, then such Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel should bring such information to the attention of Managing Director of the Company.

# 8. INSIDER TRADING

The company has adopted a Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading which all Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should observe with respect to the purchase and sale of the Company's securities.

Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should direct questions regarding the application or interpretation of these guidelines to the Compliance Officer.

# 9. ENCOURAGING THE REPORTING OF ILLEGAL OR UNETHICAL BEHAVIOR

The Company has adopted Vigil Mechanism policy for the directors and employees to report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the company's code of conduct for ethics policy.

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# **E. DUTIES OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS:**

The Independent Directors of the Company shall discharge their duties as per the "Code for Independent Directors" specified under Schedule IV read with section 149(8) of the Companies Act, 2013 (including any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof). The list of such duties is mentioned in Annexure - II

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## F. NON COMPLIANCE OF THE CODE

Suspected violations of this Code may be reported to Managing Director of the Company or Audit Committee. All reported violations should be appropriately investigated.

A Board member or Senior Management Personnel charged with a violation of this Code should not participate in a vote of a Committee or the Board concerning his/her alleged violation, but may be present at a meeting of the Board or of a Committee convened for that purpose.

Any waiver of this Code must be approved by Managing Director of the Company and publicly disclosed if required by any applicable law or regulation.

# G. DISCLOSURE

The Board Member and the Senior Management Personnel shall affirm the compliance with the Code on annual basis. Board Member and Senior Management Personnel will annually sign a confirmation that they have read and complied with this Code. The Annual Report of the Company shall carry a declaration to this effect signed by the Managing Director of the Company.

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This Code is subject to periodic review by the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors.

# I. PUBLICATION OF THE CODE

This Code and any amendments thereto shall be published / posted on the website of the Company at www.arvindbrands.com

#### ANNUAL DECLARATION

To, The CFO/Company Secretary, Arvind Fashions Limited, Arvind Limited Premises, Naroda Road, Ahmedabad-380025

I, Atanti Samharananyonan do hereby acknowledge and confirm that during the financial year, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I have not violated any of the provisions of Code of conduct applicable for Directors and Senior Management or any of the policies of the Company or legal/regulatory requirements, as may be applicable to my responsibility.

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Name: Abant Sanharanarayanan

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April 02, 2019

Ms. Vani Kola #7142, Prestige Shanitiniketan, ITPL Main Road, Whitefield, Mahadevpura Post Bangalore 560048

Sub: Your Appointment as an Independent Director

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- ii. Dedicate time and attention to the Company; and
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# 7. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should comply and endeavor to ensure that the management is causing the Company to comply, with applicable laws, rules and regulations. In addition, if any Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel becomes aware of any information that he or she believes constitutes evidence of a material violation of any securities or other laws, rules or regulations applicable to the Company or the operation of its business, by the Company, any employee or another Board Member, then such Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel should bring such information to the attention of Managing Director of the Company.

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The company has adopted a Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading which all Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should observe with respect to the purchase and sale of the Company's securities.

Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should direct questions regarding the application or interpretation of these guidelines to the Compliance Officer.

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The Company has adopted Vigil Mechanism policy for the directors and employees to report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the company's code of conduct for ethics policy.

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The Board Member and the Senior Management Personnel shall affirm the compliance with the Code on annual basis. Board Member and Senior Management Personnel will annually sign a confirmation that they have read and complied with this Code. The Annual Report of the Company shall carry a declaration to this effect signed by the Managing Director of the Company.

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This Code is subject to periodic review by the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors.

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This Code and any amendments thereto shall be published / posted on the website of the Company at www.arvindfashions.com

# ANNUAL DECLARATION

To, The CFO/Company Secretary, Arvind Fashions Limited, Arvind Limited Premises, Naroda Road, Ahmedabad-380025

Dear Sir/Madam,

do hereby acknowledge and confirm that during the financial year, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I have not violated any of the provisions of Code of conduct applicable for Directors and Senior Management or any of the policies of the Company or legal/regulatory requirements, as may be applicable to my responsibility.
Signature Jacoba
Name: VA NIII CO () Designation:
Place: Sargents .

# **ARVIND FASHIONS LIMITED**

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October 11, 2018

Mr. Achal Bakeri Plot No. 415, Opp. Nehru Foundation, Bodakdev, Ahmedabad – 380 054

Sub: Your Appointment as an Independent Director

Dear Achalbhai,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Arvind Fashions Limited, I am pleased to welcome you as a new member of this Board. You are appointed as an Independent Director on the Board of the Company with effect from 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 for a term of 5 (five) years.

All the board members and the business leadership look forward to working with you and drawing upon your expertise and substantial business experience. We all are confident that your entrepreneurial journey and understanding of Indian consumer markets will be extremely valuable for growth and market position of Arvind Fashions Limited. We are sure that with your guidance and support, the Company will be able to accomplish its goals and objectives.

Enclosed pages contain the statutory terms related to this appointment in following annexures:

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Kindly return the duly signed copy of this letter in token of acknowledgement.

Once again, a very warm welcome to the Board of Arvind Fashions Limited.

With regards,

Yours sincerely, For, Arvind Fashions Limited

Sanjay Lalbhai Chairman

Encl: As above

Acceptance

# **APPOINTMENT LETTER**

This Appointment Letter sets out the terms and conditions of your appointment as given below in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"):

- As an Independent Director, you shall be governed by the Code for Independent Directors as laid down in Schedule IV to the Act read with section 149(8) of the Act and as a Member of the Board, you shall also comply with the Company's Code of Conduct for Directors and Key Managerial Personnel.
- 2. The Company has various Sub-Committees of the Board viz. Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Stakeholders' Relationship Committee, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee and Risk Management Committee.
- 3. The Board of Directors of the Company has appointed you as a Member in Nomination and Remuneration Committee.
- 4. The Independent Directors of the Company will periodically hold exclusive Meeting(s) without the attendance of non-Independent Directors and Members of the Management. You shall strive to be present at such Meeting(s).
- 5. The Company shall pay sitting fees of Rs. 10,000/- per meeting for attending the meeting of the Board or any Committee thereof and also be eligible for to and fro business class air fare, accommodation, boarding, conveyance and other incidentals for attending the Board and Committee Meetings and for discharging your duties as an Independent Director of the Company;
- 6. Annual Commission payable to you, as fixed by the Board of Directors, is upto Rs. 6,50,000/-per annum.
- 7. The above remuneration may be reviewed by the Board of Directors based on your performance evaluation done by them which will, inter alia, include your participation in the Board and Committee Meetings during the year and other responsibilities undertaken and contributions to the deliberations of the Board and to the Company;
- 8. You are expected not to disclose confidential information, including commercial secrets, technologies, advertising and sales promotion plans, unpublished price sensitive information, unless such disclosure is expressly approved by the Board or required by law.
- 9. Your resignation or removal as an Independent Director shall be in the same manner as provided in sections 168 and 169 of the Act.



# Code for Independent Directors as per Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013

The Code is a guide to professional conduct for independent directors. Adherence to these standards by independent directors and fulfilment of their responsibilities in a professional and faithful manner will promote confidence of the investment community, particularly minority shareholders, regulators and companies in the institution of independent directors.

# I. Guidelines of professional conduct:

An independent director shall:

- (1) uphold ethical standards of integrity and probity;
- (2) act objectively and constructively while exercising his duties;
- (3) exercise his responsibilities in a bona fide manner in the interest of the company;
- (4) devote sufficient time and attention to his professional obligations for informed and balanced decision making;
- (5) not allow any extraneous considerations that will vitiate his exercise of objective independent judgment in the paramount interest of the company as a whole, while concurring in or dissenting from the collective judgment of the Board in its decision making;
- (6) not abuse his position to the detriment of the company or its shareholders or for the purpose of gaining direct or indirect personal advantage or advantage for any associated person;
- (7) refrain from any action that would lead to loss of his independence;
- (8) where circumstances arise which make an independent director lose his independence, the independent director must immediately inform the Board accordingly;
- (9) assist the company in implementing the best corporate governance practices.

#### II. Role and functions:

The independent directors shall:

- (1) help in bringing an independent judgment to bear on the Board's deliberations especially on issues of strategy, performance, risk management, resources, key appointments and standards of conduct;
- (2) bring an objective view in the evaluation of the performance of board and management;
- (3) scrutinise the performance of management in meeting agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance;
- (4) satisfy themselves on the integrity of financial information and that financial controls and the systems of risk management are robust and defensible;
- (5) safeguard the interests of all stakeholders, particularly the minority shareholders;
- (6) balance the conflicting interest of the stakeholders;
- (7) determine appropriate levels of remuneration of executive directors, key managerial personnel and senior management and have a prime role in appointing and where necessary recommend removal of executive directors, key managerial personnel and senior management;
- (8) moderate and arbitrate in the interest of the company as a whole, in situations of conflict between management and shareholder's interest.

# III. Duties:

The independent directors shall—

- (1) undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the company;
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- (10) ascertain and ensure that the company has an adequate and functional vigil mechanism and to ensure that the interests of a person who uses such mechanism are not prejudicially affected on account of such use;
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- (12) act within their authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the company, shareholders and its employees;
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# IV. Manner of appointment:

- (1) Appointment process of independent directors shall be independent of the company management; while selecting independent directors the Board shall ensure that there is appropriate balance of skills, experience and knowledge in the Board so as to enable the Board to discharge its functions and duties effectively.
- (2) The appointment of independent director(s) of the company shall be approved at the meeting of the shareholders.
- (3) The explanatory statement attached to the notice of the meeting for approving the appointment of independent director shall include a statement that in the opinion of the Board, the independent director proposed to be appointed fulfils the conditions specified in the Act and the rules made thereunder and that the proposed director is independent of the management.
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- (a) the term of appointment;
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# **E. DUTIES OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS:**

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The Independent Directors shall:

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# F. NON COMPLIANCE OF THE CODE

Suspected violations of this Code may be reported to Managing Director of the Company or Audit Committee. All reported violations should be appropriately investigated.

A Board member or Senior Management Personnel charged with a violation of this Code should not participate in a vote of a Committee or the Board concerning his/her alleged violation, but may be present at a meeting of the Board or of a Committee convened for that purpose.

Any waiver of this Code must be approved by Managing Director of the Company and publicly disclosed if required by any applicable law or regulation.



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The Board Member and the Senior Management Personnel shall affirm the compliance with the Code on annual basis. Board Member and Senior Management Personnel will annually sign a confirmation that they have read and complied with this Code. The Annual Report of the Company shall carry a declaration to this effect signed by the Managing Director of the Company.

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# **ANNUAL DECLARATION**

To,
The CFO/Company Secretary,
Arvind Fashions Limited,
Arvind Limited Premises,
Naroda Road,
Ahmedabad-380025

Dear Sir/Madam,		
1,	do hereby acknowledge and confirm that during the	
financial year, to the best of my	knowledge and belief, I have not violated any of the provisions of	
Code of conduct applicable for	Directors and Senior Management or any of the policies of the	
Company or legal/regulatory requ	uirements, as may be applicable to my responsibility.	

Signature

Name:

ACHAL BAKERI

Designation:

INDEPENDANT DIRECTOR

Place:

ATIME DARAD

Date:

01-11-2018

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October 11, 2018

Mr. Nagesh Pinge B-403, Rajkamal CHS, Subhash Road, Near Vile Parle Mahila Sangh School, Vile Parle (E), Mumbai – 400 057

Sub: Your Appointment as an Independent Director

Dear Mr. Pinge,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Arvind Fashions Limited, I am pleased to welcome you as a new member of this Board. You are appointed as an Independent Director on the Board of the Company with effect from 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 for a term of 5 (five) years.

All the board members and the business leadership look forward to working with you, and drawing upon your expertise and substantial business experience, especially in areas of risk management and compliance. We all are confident that your long professional journey and rich experience across multiple boards will be a great asset for the Board of Arvind Fashions Limited. We are sure that with your guidance and support, the Company will be able to accomplish its goals and objectives.

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- (1) The performance evaluation of independent directors shall be done by the entire Board of Directors, excluding the director being evaluated.
- (2) On the basis of the report of performance evaluation, it shall be determined whether to extend or continue the term of appointment of the independent director.

# Company's Code of Conduct of Directors and Senior Management Personnel

# A. INTRODUCTION

This Code of Conduct for the Board of Directors and the Senior Management Personnel (hereinafter referred to as "the Code") has been framed and adopted by Arvind Fashions Limited. The Code is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

This Code is intended to provide guidance to the Board of Directors and Senior Management Personnel to manage the affairs of the company in an ethical manner. The purpose of this code is to recognize and emphasis upon the ethical behaviour and to develop a culture of honesty and accountability.

This Code of Conduct attempts to set forth the guiding principles on which the Company and its Board and Senior Management shall operate and conduct themselves with stakeholders, government and regulatory agencies, media and anyone else with whom it is connected.

#### **B. DEFINITIONS**

- (a) "Board" means Board of Directors of the Company.
- (b) "Board Member" means every director of the Company as may be appointed from time to time.
- (c) "Code of Conduct" means this Code of Conduct for members of the Board and Senior Management Personnel including modifications made thereto from time to time.
- (d) "Company" means Arvind Fashions Limited.
- (e) "Conflict of Interest" means where the interests or benefits of one person or entity conflicts with the interests or benefits of the Company
- (f) "Senior Management Personnel" means personnel of the Company who are members of its core management team excluding Board of Directors and will comprise all members of management one level below the executive directors, including all functional heads.
- (g) "Relatives" with reference to any person shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2(77) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with clause 4 of The Companies (Specification of definition details) Rules, 2014.

Any other term not defined herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Act, SEBI Regulations, Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 or any other applicable law or regulation.

# C. APPLICABILITY

This code is applicable to the Board of Directors and Senior Management personnel of the Company.

The Directors and Senior Management Personnel should continue to comply with other applicable / to be applicable policies, rules and procedures of the Company.

# D. PRINCIPLES OF THE CODE

The Board of Directors and the Senior Management Personnel of the Company shall act within the authority conferred upon them, in the best interests of the Company and observe the following:

#### 1. PRUDENT CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

Each Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should seek to use due care in the performance of his/her duties, be loyal to the Company, act in good faith and in a manner such Board Member or Senior Management Personnel reasonably believe to be not opposed to the best interests of the Company. A Board Member should seek to also:-

- i. Make reasonable efforts to attend Board and committee meetings;
- ii. Dedicate time and attention to the Company; and
- iii. Seek to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, confidentiality obligations and corporate policies of the Company.
- iv. Act in the best interest of, and fulfill their fiduciary obligations to, company's shareholders.
- v. Use due care and diligence in performing their duties of office and in exercising their powers attached to that office.

# 2. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should avoid:

- a. appropriating corporate business opportunities for themselves that are discovered through the use of Company property or information or their position as Board Member;
- b. using Company property or information or their position as Board Member or Senior Management Personnel, for personal gain; and
- c. Competing with the Company.

A corporate business opportunity is an opportunity (1) which is in the Company's line of business or proposed expansion or diversification, (2) which the Company is financially able to undertake and (3) which may be of interest to the Company. A Board Member or Senior Management Personnel who learn of such a corporate business opportunity and who wish to avail of, it should disclose such opportunity to the Company's Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors determines that the Company does not have an actual or expected interest in such opportunity, then, and only then, may the Board Member or Senior Management Personnel avail of it, provided that the Board Member or Management Personnel have not wrongfully utilized the Company's resources in order to acquire such opportunity.

# 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- a. The Board of Directors and the Senior Management Personnel shall not enter into any transaction which is or may likely to have a conflict with the interest of the Company and shall not engage any of its relative(s), or any other person or entity, for the purposes of circumventing the personal interest involved.
- b. The Board of Directors and the Senior Management Personnel shall not take up any position or engagement that may be prejudicial to the interest of the Company.
- c. The Executive Director(s) and the Senior Management Personnel shall not take up any outside employment.

#### 4. COMPANY PROPERTY

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel should endeavor to ensure that the Company's assets, proprietary information and

resources to be used by the Company and its employees only for legitimate business purposes of the Company.

#### 5. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel should maintain the confidentiality of information entrusted to them in carrying out their duties and responsibilities, except where disclosure is approved by the Company or legally mandated or if such information is in the public domain.

The Company's confidential and proprietary information shall not be inappropriately disclosed or used for the personal gain or advantage of any Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel other than the Company. These obligations apply not only during a Board Member's term, but thereafter as well.

#### 6. FAIR DEALING

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should endeavor to deal fairly and should promote fair dealing by the Company, its employees and agents with customers, suppliers and employees.

Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should not seek to take unfair advantage of the Company through manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged information, misrepresentation of material facts or any other unfair dealing.

#### 7. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should comply and endeavor to ensure that the management is causing the Company to comply, with applicable laws, rules and regulations. In addition, if any Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel becomes aware of any information that he or she believes constitutes evidence of a material violation of any securities or other laws, rules or regulations applicable to the Company or the operation of its business, by the Company, any employee or another Board Member, then such Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel should bring such information to the attention of Managing Director of the Company.

#### 8. INSIDER TRADING

The company has adopted a Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading which all Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should observe with respect to the purchase and sale of the Company's securities.

Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should direct questions regarding the application or interpretation of these guidelines to the Compliance Officer.

#### 9. ENCOURAGING THE REPORTING OF ILLEGAL OR UNETHICAL BEHAVIOR

The Company has adopted Vigil Mechanism policy for the directors and employees to report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the company's code of conduct for ethics policy.

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#### **E. DUTIES OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS:**

The Independent Directors of the Company shall discharge their duties as per the "Code for Independent Directors" specified under Schedule IV read with section 149(8) of the Companies Act, 2013 (including any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof). The list of such duties is mentioned in Annexure - II

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### F. NON COMPLIANCE OF THE CODE

Suspected violations of this Code may be reported to Managing Director of the Company or Audit Committee. All reported violations should be appropriately investigated.

A Board member or Senior Management Personnel charged with a violation of this Code should not participate in a vote of a Committee or the Board concerning his/her alleged violation, but may be present at a meeting of the Board or of a Committee convened for that purpose.

Any waiver of this Code must be approved by Managing Director of the Company and publicly disclosed if required by any applicable law or regulation.

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February 7, 2017

Mr. Nilesh Dhirajlal Shah 501, Radhika Chs, Gulmohar Road, Plot No 55, JVPD Scheme, Vile Parle (W) Mumbai-400049

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to inform you that pursuant to the provisions of Section 149 and Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013, the Board of Directors of Arvind Fashions Limited has appointed yourself as an Independent Director of the Company.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the new provisions related to the Independent Director (ID) introduced under the new Companies Act, 2013. The Act 2013 is specifically defined the roles, duties, liabilities and the manner of appointment of IDs on the Board and various Committees of the Company. The newly enacted Companies Act, 2013 and the recent amendment by SEBI to the Listing Agreement require that a company should issue appointment letter to all its Independent Directors.

#### 1. Term of Office:

Your appointment has been made for a term of 5 years upto February 6, 2022. Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the shareholders in the general meeting. You shall not be liable to retire by rotation as per the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

#### 2. Commitments:

As an Independent Director, you will be expected to devote such time as is necessary for the proper performance of your duties and as an Independent Director you will be involved in the Board and Committee meetings each year. You should strive to attend all the scheduled quarterly board meetings, general meetings and committee meetings.

As an Independent Director you should strive to hold and present in atleast one meeting in a year without the presence of non-independent directors and members of management with the sole objective of:

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The Company shall provide you with adequate notice of the dates of proposed board meetings, general meetings and meetings of the board committees. As per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, the company is expected to give you an advanced notice of minimum 7 days of every board and committee meetings.

#### 3. Disclosures:

You shall be required to submit certain information in the prescribed forms on a defined periodicity. Company Secretary shall be the coordinating officer for this.

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During your tenure as independent director, you are required to give a declaration that you meet the criteria of independent every financial year as provided under Section 149 of the Companies Act, 2013.

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5. Code for Independent Directors, Code of Conduct for Directors and Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading for Employees, including Directors:

You are required to abide by the Code for Independent Directors, Code of Conduct for Directors and Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading for Employees, including Directors, as issued by the Company.

We hope to sail smoothly and look forward for your valuable contribution to the growth of the Company.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, For, Arvind Fashions Limited

Jayesh Shah Director

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October 11, 2018

Mr. Vallabh Bhanshali 12, Laxmi Vilas, 87 Nepean Sea Road, Mumbai ~ 400 006

Sub: Your Appointment as an Independent Director

Dear Vallabhbhai,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Arvind Fashions Limited, I am pleased to welcome you as a new member of this Board. You are appointed as an Independent Director on the Board of the Company with effect from 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 for a term of 5 (five) years.

All the board members and the business leadership look forward to working with you and we are confident that the Board will benefit significantly from your participation in its deliberations and sure that with your guidance and support, the Company will be able to accomplish its goals and objectives.

Enclosed pages contain the statutory terms related to this appointment in following annexures:

Annexure - 1: Appointment Letter

Annexure – II : Code for Independent Directors as per Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013 Annexure – III : Company's Code of Conduct of Directors and Senior Management Personnel

Kindly return the duly signed copy of this letter in token of acknowledgement.

Once again, a very warm welcome to the Board of Arvind Fashions Limited.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

For, Arvind Fashions Limited

Sanjay Lalbhai Chairman

Encl: As above

Acceptance

#### APPOINTMENT LETTER

This Appointment Letter sets out the terms and conditions of your appointment as given below in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"):

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- (a) review the performance of non-independent directors and the Board as a whole;
- (b) review the performance of the Chairperson of the company, taking into account the views of executive directors and non-executive directors;
- (c) assess the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between the company management and the Board that is necessary for the Board to effectively and reasonably perform their duties.

#### VIII. Evaluation mechanism:

- (1) The performance evaluation of independent directors shall be done by the entire Board of Directors, excluding the director being evaluated.
- (2) On the basis of the report of performance evaluation, it shall be determined whether to extend or continue the term of appointment of the independent director.

# Company's Code of Conduct of Directors and Senior Management Personnel

#### A. INTRODUCTION

This Code of Conduct for the Board of Directors and the Senior Management Personnel (hereinafter referred to as "the Code") has been framed and adopted by Arvind Fashions Limited. The Code is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

This Code is intended to provide guidance to the Board of Directors and Senior Management Personnel to manage the affairs of the company in an ethical manner. The purpose of this code is to recognize and emphasis upon the ethical behaviour and to develop a culture of honesty and accountability.

This Code of Conduct attempts to set forth the guiding principles on which the Company and its Board and Senior Management shall operate and conduct themselves with stakeholders, government and regulatory agencies, media and anyone else with whom it is connected.

#### **B. DEFINITIONS**

- (a) "Board" means Board of Directors of the Company.
- (b) "Board Member" means every director of the Company as may be appointed from time to time.
- (c) "Code of Conduct" means this Code of Conduct for members of the Board and Senior Management Personnel including modifications made thereto from time to time.
- (d) "Company" means Arvind Fashions Limited.
- (e) "Conflict of Interest" means where the interests or benefits of one person or entity conflicts with the interests or benefits of the Company
- (f) "Senior Management Personnel" means personnel of the Company who are members of its core management team excluding Board of Directors and will comprise all members of management one level below the executive directors, including all functional heads.
- (g) "Relatives" with reference to any person shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2(77) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with clause 4 of The Companies (Specification of definition details) Rules, 2014.

Any other term not defined herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Act, SEBI Regulations, Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 or any other applicable law or regulation.

#### C. APPLICABILITY

This code is applicable to the Board of Directors and Senior Management personnel of the Company,

The Directors and Senior Management Personnel should continue to comply with other applicable / to be applicable policies, rules and procedures of the Company.

#### D. PRINCIPLES OF THE CODE

The Board of Directors and the Senior Management Personnel of the Company shall act within the authority conferred upon them, in the best interests of the Company and observe the following:

#### 1. PRUDENT CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

Each Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should seek to use due care in the performance of his/her duties, be loyal to the Company, act in good faith and in a manner such Board Member or Senior Management Personnel reasonably believe to be not opposed to the best interests of the Company. A Board Member should seek to also:-

- i. Make reasonable efforts to attend Board and committee meetings;
- ii. Dedicate time and attention to the Company; and
- iii. Seek to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, confidentiality obligations and corporate policies of the Company.
- iv. Act in the best interest of, and fulfill their fiduciary obligations to, company's shareholders.
- v. Use due care and diligence in performing their duties of office and in exercising their powers attached to that office.

#### 2. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should avoid:

- a. appropriating corporate business opportunities for themselves that are discovered through the use of Company property or information or their position as Board Member;
- b. using Company property or information or their position as Board Member or Senior Management Personnel, for personal gain; and
- c. Competing with the Company.

A corporate business opportunity is an opportunity (1) which is in the Company's line of business or proposed expansion or diversification, (2) which the Company is financially able to undertake and (3) which may be of interest to the Company. A Board Member or Senior Management Personnel who learn of such a corporate business opportunity and who wish to avail of, it should disclose such opportunity to the Company's Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors determines that the Company does not have an actual or expected interest in such opportunity, then, and only then, may the Board Member or Senior Management Personnel avail of it, provided that the Board Member or Management Personnel have not wrongfully utilized the Company's resources in order to acquire such opportunity.

#### 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- a. The Board of Directors and the Senior Management Personnel shall not enter into any transaction which is or may likely to have a conflict with the interest of the Company and shall not engage any of its relative(s), or any other person or entity, for the purposes of circumventing the personal interest involved.
- b. The Board of Directors and the Senior Management Personnel shall not take up any position or engagement that may be prejudicial to the interest of the Company.
- c. The Executive Director(s) and the Senior Management Personnel shall not take up any outside employment.

#### 4. COMPANY PROPERTY

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel should endeavor to ensure that the Company's assets, proprietary information and

resources to be used by the Company and its employees only for legitimate business purposes of the Company.

#### 5. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel should maintain the confidentiality of information entrusted to them in carrying out their duties and responsibilities, except where disclosure is approved by the Company or legally mandated or if such information is in the public domain.

The Company's confidential and proprietary information shall not be inappropriately disclosed or used for the personal gain or advantage of any Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel other than the Company. These obligations apply not only during a Board Member's term, but thereafter as well.

#### 6. FAIR DEALING

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should endeavor to deal fairly and should promote fair dealing by the Company, its employees and agents with customers, suppliers and employees.

Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should not seek to take unfair advantage of the Company through manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged information, misrepresentation of material facts or any other unfair dealing.

#### 7. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should comply and endeavor to ensure that the management is causing the Company to comply, with applicable laws, rules and regulations. In addition, if any Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel becomes aware of any information that he or she believes constitutes evidence of a material violation of any securities or other laws, rules or regulations applicable to the Company or the operation of its business, by the Company, any employee or another Board Member, then such Board Member and/or Senior Management Personnel should bring such information to the attention of Managing Director of the Company.

#### 8. INSIDER TRADING

The company has adopted a Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading which all Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should observe with respect to the purchase and sale of the Company's securities.

Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should direct questions regarding the application or interpretation of these guidelines to the Compliance Officer.

#### 9. ENCOURAGING THE REPORTING OF ILLEGAL OR UNETHICAL BEHAVIOR

The Company has adopted Vigil Mechanism policy for the directors and employees to report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the company's code of conduct for ethics policy.

Board Member and Senior Management Personnel should direct questions regarding the application or interpretation of these guidelines to the Chairman of Audit Committee.

#### **E. DUTIES OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS:**

The Independent Directors of the Company shall discharge their duties as per the "Code for Independent Directors" specified under Schedule IV read with section 149(8) of the Companies Act, 2013 (including any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof). The list of such duties is mentioned in Annexure - II

The Independent Directors shall:

- a) Undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the company;
- seek appropriate clarification or amplification of information and, where necessary, take and follow appropriate professional advice and opinion of outside experts at the expense of the company;
- c) strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board committees of which he is a member;
- d) participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members;
- e) strive to attend the general meetings of the company;
- f) where they have concerns about the running of the company or a proposed action, ensure that these are addressed by the Board and, to the extent that they are not resolved, insist that their concerns are recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting;
- g) keep themselves well informed about the company and the external environment in which it operates;
- h) not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or committee of the Board;
- i) pay sufficient attention and ensure that adequate deliberations are held before approving related party transactions and assure themselves that the same are in the interest of the company;
- ascertain and ensure that the company has an adequate and functional vigil mechanism and to ensure that the interests of a person who uses such mechanism are not prejudicially affected on account of such use;
- k) report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the company's code of conduct or ethics policy;
- acting within their authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the company, shareholders and its employees;
- m) not disclose confidential information, including commercial secrets, technologies, advertising and sales promotion plans, unpublished price sensitive information, unless such disclosure is expressly approved by the Board or required by law.

#### F. NON COMPLIANCE OF THE CODE

Suspected violations of this Code may be reported to Managing Director of the Company or Audit Committee. All reported violations should be appropriately investigated.

A Board member or Senior Management Personnel charged with a violation of this Code should not participate in a vote of a Committee or the Board concerning his/her alleged violation, but may be present at a meeting of the Board or of a Committee convened for that purpose.

Any waiver of this Code must be approved by Managing Director of the Company and publicly disclosed if required by any applicable law or regulation.