

## **VIGIL MECHANISM / WHISTLE BLOWER POLICY**

### PREAMBLE

Section 177 (9) of the Companies Act, 2013 mandates the following classes of companies to constitute a vigil mechanism

- 1. Every listed company;
- 2. Every other company which accepts deposits from the public; and
- 3. Every company which has borrowed money from banks and public financial institutions in excess of Rs. 50 crores.

The Company has adopted a Code of Conduct for Directors and Senior Management Personnel, Code of Conduct for Employees of the Company, and Prohibition of Insider Trading Code of Conduct ("the Codes"), which lays down the principles and standards that should govern the actions of the Directors, Senior Management Personnel and the Employees of the Company.

Any actual or potential violation of the Codes, howsoever insignificant or perceived as such, is a matter of serious concern for the Company. Such a vigil mechanism shall provide for adequate safeguards against victimization of persons who use such mechanism and also make provision for direct access to the chairperson of the Audit Committee in appropriate or exceptional cases.

Regulation 4(d)(iv) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 requires the Company to devise a whistle blower mechanism enabling stakeholders, including individual employees and their representative bodies, to freely communicate their concerns about illegal or unethical practices.

## POLICY

In compliance of the above requirements, Imagicaaworld Entertainment Limited ("IEL"), has established a Vigil (Whistle Blower) Mechanism and formulated a Policy in order to provide a framework for responsible and secure whistle blowing/vigil mechanism.

## POLICY OBJECTIVES

The Company is committed to adhere to the highest standards of ethical, moral and legal conduct of business operations. To maintain these standards, the Company encourages its employees who have concerns about suspected misconduct to come forward and express these concerns without fear of punishment or unfair treatment. A Vigil (Whistle Blower) mechanism



provides a channel to the employees and Directors to report to the management concerns about unethical behavior, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the Codes or legal or regulatory requirements incorrect or misrepresentation of any financial statements and reports, etc.

## SCOPE OF THE POLICY

This Policy intends to cover serious concerns that could have grave impact on the operations and performance of the business of the Company and malpractices and events which have taken place / suspected to have taken place, misuse or abuse of authority, fraud or suspected fraud, violation of company rules, manipulations, negligence causing danger to public health and safety, misappropriation of monies, and other matters or activity on account of which the interest of the Company is affected and formally reported by whistle blowers concerning its employees. The policy neither releases employees from their duty of confidentiality in the course of their work, nor is it a route for taking up a grievance about a personal situation.

### **Definitions** :

"Audit Committee" means the Audit Committee constituted by the Board of Directors of the Company in accordance with Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013 and read with Regulation 18 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

"**Employee**" means every employee of the Company, including the Directors in the employment of the Company.

"**Protected Disclosure**" means a concern raised by a written communication made in good faith that discloses or demonstrates information that may evidence unethical or improper activity. Protected Disclosures should be factual and not speculative in nature.

"**Codes**" means Code of Conduct for Directors & Senior Management Personnel, Code of Conduct for Employees and Prohibition of Insider Trading Code of Conduct adopted by Imagicaaworld Entertainment Limited.

"**Subject**" means a person against or in relation to whom a Protected Disclosure has been made or evidence gathered during the course of an investigation.

"Whistle Blower" means an Employee making a Protected Disclosure under this Policy.

"Vigilance Officer/Vigilance Committee or Committee" is a person or Committee of persons, nominated/appointed to receive protected disclosures from whistle blowers, maintaining records

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thereof, placing the same before the Audit Committee for its disposal and informing the Whistle Blower the result thereof.

"Company" means Imagicaaworld Entertainment Limited

# ELIGIBILITY

All Directors and Employees of the Company are eligible to make Protected Disclosures under the Policy in relation to matters concerning the Company or any of the Company's subsidiaries.

## PROCEDURE

All Protected Disclosures should be reported in writing by the complainant as soon as possible, not later than 30 days after the Whistle Blower becomes aware of the same and should either be typed or written in a legible handwriting in English.

If a Protected Disclosure is received by any executive of the Company other than Chairman of Audit Committee or the Vigilance Officer, the same should be forwarded to the Company's Vigilance Officer or the Chairman of the Audit Committee for further appropriate action. Appropriate care must be taken to keep the identity of the Whistle Blower confidential.

The Protected Disclosure should be submitted under a covering letter signed by the complainant in a closed and secured envelope and should be super scribed as **"Protected disclosure under the Whistle Blower policy"** or sent through email with the subject **"Protected disclosure under the Whistle Blower policy"**. If the complaint is not super scribed and closed as mentioned above, the protected disclosure will be dealt with as if a normal disclosure.

All Protected Disclosures should be addressed to the Vigilance Officer of the Company or to the Chairman of the Audit Committee in exceptional cases. The contact details of the Vigilance Officer and the Chairman of the Audit Committee are as under:-

## Vigilance Officer

Company Secretary and Compliance Officer Imagicaaworld Entertainment Limited 201, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Landmark Building, Opp. Infinity Mall, New Link Road, Andheri West, Mumbai 400 053 Email- compliance@imagicaaworld.com



#### Chairman of the Audit Committee:

Name and Address – Mr. Mohan Umrotkar Imagicaaworld Entertainment Limited 201, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Landmark Building, Opp. Infinity Mall, New Link Road, Andheri West, Mumbai 400 053 Email- whistle.blower@imagicaaworld.com

Anonymous / Pseudonymous disclosure shall not be entertained by the Vigilance Officer.

Protected Disclosures should be factual and not speculative or in the nature of a conclusion, and should contain as much specific information as possible to allow for proper assessment of the nature and extent of the concern and the urgency of a preliminary investigative procedure.

On receipt of the protected disclosure, the Vigilance Officer shall detach the covering letter bearing the identity of the Whistle Blower and process only the Protected Disclosure.

### INVESTIGATION

All Protected Disclosures under this policy will be recorded and thoroughly investigated. The Vigilance Officer or the Chairman of the Audit Committee will carry out an investigation either himself/herself or by involving any other Officer of the Company/ Committee constituted for the same /an outside agency before referring the matter to the Audit Committee of the Company.

The Audit Committee, if deems fit, may call for further information or particulars from the complainant and at its discretion, consider involving any other/additional Officer of the Company and/or Committee and/ or an outside agency for the purpose of investigation.

The investigation by itself would not tantamount to an accusation and is to be treated as a neutral fact finding process. The outcome of the investigation may not support the conclusion of the Whistleblower that an improper or un ethical act was committed.

The investigation shall be completed normally within 90 days of the receipt of the protected disclosure and is extendable by such period as the Audit Committee deems fit.

Any member of the Audit Committee or other officer having any conflict of interest with the matter shall disclose his/her concern /interest forthwith and shall not deal with the matter.



Subjects have a responsibility not to interfere with the investigation. Evidence shall not be withheld, destroyed or tampered with, and witnesses shall not be influenced, coached, threatened or intimidated by the Subjects.

Subjects have a right to be informed of the outcome of the investigation. If allegations are not sustained, the Subject should be consulted as to whether public disclosure of the investigation results would be in the best interest of the Subject and the Company.

## **DECISION AND REPORTING**

If an investigation leads to a conclusion that an improper or unethical act has been committed, the Chairman of the Audit Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors of the Company to take such disciplinary or corrective action as it may deem fit.

Any disciplinary or corrective action initiated against the Subject as a result of the findings of an investigation pursuant to this Policy shall adhere to the applicable personnel or staff conduct and disciplinary procedures.

A quarterly report with number of complaints received under the Policy and their outcome shall be placed before the Audit Committee and the Board.

A complainant who makes false allegations of unethical & improper practices or about alleged wrongful conduct of the Subject to the Vigilance Officer or the Audit Committee shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the rules, procedures and policies of the Company.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

The complainant, Vigilance Officer, Members of Audit Committee, the Subject and everybody involved in the process shall, maintain confidentiality of all matters under this Policy, discuss only to the extent or with those persons as required under this policy for completing the process of investigations and keep the papers in safe custody.

# PROTECTION

No unfair treatment will be meted out to a Whistle Blower by virtue of his/ her having reported a Protected Disclosure under this policy. Adequate safeguards against victimisation of complainants shall be provided. The Company will take steps to minimize difficulties, which the Whistle Blower may experience as a result of making the Protected Disclosure.



The identity of the Whistle Blower shall be kept confidential to the extent possible and permitted under law. Any other employee assisting in the said investigation shall also be protected to the same extent as the Whistle Blower.

### DISQUALIFICATIONS

While it will be ensured that genuine Whistle Blowers are accorded complete protection from any kind of unfair treatment as herein set out, any abuse of this protection will warrant disciplinary action.

Protection under this Policy would not mean protection from disciplinary action arising out of false or bogus allegations made by a Whistle Blower knowing it to be false or bogus or with a mala fide intention.

Whistle Blowers, who make any Protected Disclosures, which have been subsequently found to be mala fide, frivolous or malicious, shall be liable to be prosecuted.

## ACCESS TO CHAIRMAN OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Whistle Blower shall have right to access Chairman of the Audit Committee directly in exceptional cases and the Chairman of the Audit Committee is authorized to prescribe suitable directions in this regard.

## COMMUNICATION

Directors and Employees shall be informed of the Policy by publishing on the notice board and the website of the Company.

#### **RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS**

All Protected disclosures in writing or documented along with the results of Investigation relating thereto, shall be retained by the Company for a period of 5 (five) years or such other period as specified by any other law in force, whichever is more.

#### AMENDMENT

The Company reserves its right to amend or modify this Policy in whole or in part, at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever. However, no such amendment or modification will be binding on the Directors and employees unless the same is not communicated in the manner described as above.