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## CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT & ETHICS FOR DIRECTORS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES

### INTRODUCTION

JINDAL WORLDWIDE LIMITED is committed to being an ethical and responsible member of the business communities in which it operates. The Company always endeavors to ensure that highest standards of honesty, integrity and ethics are maintained. While the Company has instituted a general Code of Conduct applicable to all employees, this Code provides fundamental and broad general standards for the Company, particularly for its Directors and Senior Management.

- a. The Company shall operate within all applicable laws and regulations of the land. The Board and the Directors shall act in accordance with powers granted to them by the Articles of Association. The duty of the Directors is to act bona-fide in the Company's interest, to the best of their ability to use the powers and information available to them for proper purposes and not for any collateral purpose. The Directors take care that the Company's senior executives take due care and diligence, and shall have regard to interests of all stakeholders and essentially for the benefit of all its shareholders.
- b. The Board shall meet regularly, maintain effective control over the Company and monitor the executive management. The Board's prime attention shall be on strategic issues and their approval, policy and control, delegation of powers, specifying issues that remain in the Board's domain and in defining the role of the management.
- c. The Directors and senior executives shall conduct business and develop its relationships in a dignified, honest and responsible manner. The Management intends that it shall be progressive, competent and trustworthy, creating and enhancing value for stakeholders of the Company. Integrity, transparency and accountability should be highlights of all operations of the Company.
- d. This Code is essentially a set of values and principles expected to be maintained and to serve as a guideline to corporate and individual behavior in conduct of business and discharge of duties of all concerned. The underlying values reflected in the various codes followed by the Company are accountability, compliance, credibility, fairness, honesty, and mutual respect. It must be recognized that corporate integrity is dependent on individual integrity. As in any area of ethics, individual discretion and thought about the implicit value system is needed.

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### APPLICABILITY

1. All Directors and members of the Senior Management as below (collectively called “Seniors”), and all persons reporting to the level of Directors, are expected to abide by these guidelines at a minimum. They are also expected to lead other employees by example.
  - a) all Directors, whether executive, non-executive or nominee directors;
  - b) all Executives from the rank of General Manager and above;
  - c) any other appropriate person that the Board may determine.
2. The Board of Directors of the Company shall be the final internal authority as far as any interpretation of the Code or its applicability/violation and consequential actions are concerned.

The Code may be amended and/or improved upon and/or altered and/or varied from time to time.

### CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NON- EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

A Non-Executive Director is a member of the Board of Directors of the Company who does not form part of the executive management team. He is not involved in the day-to-day running of business but monitors the executive activity and contributes to the development of strategy. It is clarified that an independent Director of the Company as such is a Non-Executive Director of the Company, and accordingly, this code also applies to Independent Directors of the Company.

Non- Executive Director will comply with all applicable laws and regulations of all the relevant regulatory and other authorities as may be applicable to such Directors in their individual capacities, and be committed to maintaining high standards of integrity in every sphere of activity.

Non-Executive Director will safeguard the confidentiality of all information received by them by virtue of their position and shall promptly report to the Company and violations of law or ethical principles which come to their knowledge during their dealings with the Company.

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### RECEIVING AND MAKING GIFT

Board Members and Senior Management Personnel (Including his/her immediate family member) shall not accept a gift of any nature from any supplier, vendor, dealer, contractor, customer, competitor or any business associate.

This prohibition does not apply to routine two way exchange of normal business courtesies, which might reasonably be expected to be exchanged in the ordinary course of business

### COMPLIANCE

#### **Positive Work Environment**

- a. All seniors are expected to uphold a culture emphasizing honesty, integrity, fairness, trust, competence, professionalism, discipline, teamwork, as well as truthfulness and high moral standards in day-to-day dealings and conduct, both within and outside.
- b. All are expected to treat each other and their juniors with respect for individual dignity and rights, not to discriminate on grounds of race, ethnicity, caste, marital status or gender, and maintain a work environment free of sexual harassment.
- c. All are expected to provide an open, motivating work environment which is conducive to upholding and achieving the Company's vision, targets and goals.
- d. Entry into and progression within the Company shall be determined on merit and needs of the business and Seniors shall support the principles of proper, fair and transparent evaluation processes and professional growth in line with individual capabilities.
- e. Any appointment or extension, dismissal, increment or promotion (including the making of any promise towards appointment, extension, increment or promotion) requires that procedures in the Rules of the Company be followed.
- f. Promotions and/or increments shall not be automatic or time bound but performance and merit based.



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- g. Pride of place shall be given to the best of social, cultural and intellectual values, in behavior and conduct.

### **Confidentiality**

- a. All seniors shall respect the sanctity of confidential and other business information they may receive or acquire in the course of their professional activities whether from internal or external sources. Such information shall not be conveyed to anyone, inside or outside the Company, who is not authorized to receive it. Where disclosed a similar obligation for confidentiality may be required by the Company. Disclosure of business, technical, commercial, proprietary or other information in the public domain shall be made only by specifically authorized persons.
- b. No Senior may reveal to any third party any confidential data including but not limited to business strategies, marketing plans, sales or contract information, customer lists and information, proprietary, pricing or costing information or any other data unless the performance of the job inherently requires the sharing of such information. Confidential information may not be used or disclosed even after a person ceases to be a Senior or an employee of the Company.
- c. Non-public information obtained by any Senior may not be used either for personal gain or by any third party as a result of association with the Senior. Use for personal gain includes taking advantage of such information by trading (or providing others for them to trade) in Company shares or in shares of other companies with which the Company has any price-sensitive contact, including but not limited to acquisition evaluation or negotiation or acquiring property or assets of any kind.

### **Conflict of Interest**

- a. All seniors shall avoid situations in which any conflict may arise between their private interests and those of the Company. Such conflicts could involve, but are not limited to, customers, suppliers, contractors, competitors and present or prospective employees. There are specific provisions in the general code of conduct regarding the acceptance or provision of, or soliciting of, consideration, gratuities, entertainment and gifts.
- b. Seniors must not make improper use of the resources of the Company or that of any of its suppliers or customers, nor permit others in the Company to do so. All concerned shall be personally accountable for



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proper expenditure of Company funds and also responsible for proper use of Company assets over which they exercise control. It is expressly forbidden to (either directly or indirectly) grant any official favour for personal collateral interests or to spend money of the Company for personal benefit or purpose.

### Legal Compliances

- a. All seniors are required to comply with all laws and regulations applying in the jurisdictions in which they operate.
- b. All seniors shall abide by any insider trading code of the Company.
- c. The senior management (including Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, etc.) has additional responsibilities in the preparation and release of financial and other information into the public domain. In addition to ethical requirements of this Code they shall have a special responsibility for ensuring:
  - o Full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in reports and documents that the Company may file with or submit to various Stock Exchanges, Securities & Exchange Board of India, and other public communications made by the Company;
  - o Maintenance of proper accounting and other records and details in accordance with all laws and regulations

### Social Responsibility

- a. All concerned shall maintain respect for the environment generally, and the Company shall conform to all environmental laws.
- b. All concerned shall endeavour to ensure total industrial safety.
- c. All concerned shall use their best efforts to preserve a healthy work environment in all Company offices.
- d. The Company shall make efforts to extend support to employee and community welfare, health and education. It is committed to being a good corporate citizen

### Corporate Governance

The Audit Committee shall oversee the effectiveness of the audit and internal audit tasks, to assist the Board in providing useful supervision of the overall financial reporting process. Due emphasis shall be laid on the audit/internal audit process, as necessary to safeguard the interests of shareholders.



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Every Director and Officer of the Company must extend his full co-operation to the Auditors and ensure that all information as may be required by them is made available. The Audit Committee may also have propriety audit conducted from time to time.

### **General**

- a. This Code should also be read in conjunction with Company policies and procedures may be laid down from time to time and all concerned are required to comply with the same. This Code does not intend to replace or limit any other applicable requirements, nor is it suggested that any set of rules could be preferable to the basic notions of propriety and common sense by which all are expected to regularly operate and conduct themselves.
- b. Where a conflict, potential conflict or apparent conflict with the Code exists, that matter should be reported to the Compliance Officer who will initiate steps as may be necessary for appropriate resolution of the matter.
- c. This Code of Business Conduct shall also be placed on the website of the Company.

### **Annual Confirmation**

The Directors and senior management personnel shall affirm in writing compliance with the Code on an annual basis to the Company Secretary of the Company. The Annual Report of the Company shall contain a declaration to this effect signed by the Managing Director of the Company

### **Confidentiality**

All Non- Executive Directors and Senior Management Personnel shall maintain confidentiality of information entrusted to them by the company and any other confidential information about the Company that comes to their knowledge, from whatever sources, in their capacity, except when disclosure is duly authorized by the chief Executive officer or chief Financial Officer or the Audit Committee or the Board of Directors or is required by laws or regulations. Confidentiality extends to information that suppliers and customers have entrusted to the Company. Use of Confidential information for personal gain is strictly prohibited.

Maintaining confidentiality of information extends to the third parties and their employees in their interaction with, and on behalf of the Company.

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### **Protection and Proper use of Company Assets and Proprietary Information**

All Non-Executive Directors and Senior Management Personnel must endeavor to protect the Company's assets and ensure their efficient use. Any suspected incident of fraud or theft should be immediately reported to the Head of Human Resource Department and in appropriate cases, the Chairman of the Audit Committee for investigation. Company assets should not be used for personal use or for personal gain, though incidental personal use may be permitted when properly authorized.

The obligation of Non-Executive Directors /Senior Management Personnel to protect the Company's assets includes protecting its proprietary information. Proprietary information includes intellectual property such as trade secrets, patents, trademarks, designs and copyrights, as well as business, marketing and service plans, engineering and manufacturing ideas, designs, databases, records and unpublished financial data. Unauthorized use or distribution of such information shall not only be a violation of this Code and the terms of employment with the Company, but could also be illegal and result in civil and/or criminal prosecution.

### **Reporting any illegal or Unethical Behavior:**

If any Non-Executive Director /Senior Management Personnel believes that a violation of or significant deviation from the Code has occurred or has become unavoidable, he/she must inform in writing to the head of the Human Resources Department and in appropriate cases, the Chairman of the Audit Committee. Use of the above reporting procedures in bad faith or in a false or frivolous manner shall be treated as gross violation of the Code.

### **Compliance Procedures:**

Each Board Member and Senior Management Personnel shall affirm/ report on or before 15th April of each year, compliance of the Code in the prescribed form as per the Annexure to the Code as required by Regulation 26(3) of the Listing Regulations.



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Further, as required by Para D of Schedule V to the Listing Regulations, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company shall sign a Declaration to the effect that the members of the Board of Directors and senior management personnel have affirmed compliance with this Code and the same shall form part of the section on 'Corporate Governance Report' of the Annual Report.

### **Disclosure:**

As required by Clause (13) of Para C of Schedule V read with Regulation 46(2)(d) to the Listing Regulations, the disclosures of the compliance with the Code shall be disclosed in the section on 'Corporate Governance Report' of the Annual report.

### **NO RIGHTS CREATED**

This Code does not intend to nor does it create any kind of right in respect of any Director or Senior Executive, or any stakeholder including client, supplier, customer, shareholder, employee, or any other person or entity.

### **WAIVER**

A waiver in respect of a Director or Senior Executive from any provision of this Code of Business Conduct shall require the explicit collective approval of the Board of Directors.

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### ANNEXURE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To,  
**The Board of Directors**  
Claris Life sciences Limited  
Near Parimal Railway Crossing, Ellis bridge  
Ahmedabad- 3800 06

Dear Sirs,

I, \_\_\_\_\_, S/o \_\_\_\_\_, an Executive/ Non-Executive Director / Senior Management Personnel under the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics of the Company adopted by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on November 6, 2015, hereby affirm compliance with the Code of Conduct for Board Members and Senior Management Group as per Regulation 34 read with Schedule V Part D of the Listing Regulation with Stock Exchange for the financial year \_\_\_\_\_.

*(In case any provision of the Code has not been complied with, please state exact provision and circumstances for non compliance in detail together with details of waiver granted by the Board, if any).*

Thanking You,

Yours truly,

**Name & Signature**