

# **AJANTA SOYA LIMITED**

## **POLICY ON PRESERVATION OF RECORDS AND ARCHIVAL POLICY**

### **1. PREAMBLE**

Regulation 9 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 [hereinafter referred to as "SEBI (LODR) Regulations" or "Regulations"] requires every listed company to have a policy on Preservation of Documents/ records maintained by the Company either in Physical Mode or Electronic Mode.

Further, Regulation 30(8) of the Listing Regulations requires the Company to frame the archival policy for website disclosures.

### **2. SCOPE**

This policy shall govern the maintenance and preservation of documents as per applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and also deal with archival policy for website disclosures.

### **3. OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY**

The main objective of this policy is to ensure that all the statutory documents are preserved in compliance with the Regulations and as per Policy framed in compliance with the Regulations and to ensure that the records no longer needed or are of no value are discarded after following the due process for discarding the same.

The major objectives of the policy are:

- Identification of statutory registers and other records of the Company which are required to be preserved.
- Identification and categorisation of the statutory registers and other records to be maintained either for eight years or permanently.
- Decide whether the statutory records and documents are to be preserved in physical form or in electronic form.
- After completion of 8 years, for the statutory documents which are to be preserved for 8 years only may be disposed of as per the guidelines of the Policy or as decided by the Board of Directors at that time.
- Aiding employees of the Company in understanding their obligations in retaining and preserving the documents and records.
- Have a proper and regulatory compliant archival policy for website disclosures.

### **4. DEFINITIONS**

**a. "Act"** means the Companies Act, 2013, Rules framed thereunder and any amendments thereto;

**b. "Regulations"** means Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and any amendments thereto;

**c. "Company"**, "This Company", "The Company", "Company" wherever occur in the policy shall mean "Ajanta Soya Ltd."

**d. "Current"** means running matter or whatever is at present in course of passage.

**e. "Board of Director"** or "Board", means the collective body of the Directors of the company;

**f. "Policy"** or "This Policy" means, "Policy on Preservation of Documents."

**g. "Maintenance"** means keeping Documents, either physically or in Electronic Form.

**h. "Preservation"** means to keep in good order and to prevent from being altered, damaged or destroyed.

**i. "Electronic Form"** means any contemporaneous electronic device such as computer, laptop, compact disc, floppy disc, space on electronic cloud, or any other form of storage and retrieval device, considered feasible, whether the same is in possession or control of the Company or otherwise the Company has control over access to it.

## **5. INTERPRETATION**

Terms that have not been defined in this Policy shall have the same meaning assigned to them in the Companies Act, 2013, Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

## **6. GUIDELINES**

Regulation 9 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, provides that the listed entity shall have a policy for preservation of documents, approved by its Board of Directors, classifying them in at least two categories as follows –

a. documents whose preservation shall be permanent in nature ;

b. documents with preservation period of not less than eight years after completion of the relevant transactions.

Accordingly, the company has classified the preservation of documents to be done in the following manner:

a. documents that needs to be preserved and retained permanently;

b. documents that needs to be preserved and retained for a period of 8 years as specified under the Companies Act, 2013 or SEBI (LODR) Regulations;

- c. documents that need to be preserved and retained for such period as prescribed under any statute or regulation as applicable to the Company.
- d. where there is no such requirement as per applicable law, then for such period as the document pertains to a matter which is "Current".

## **7. MODES OF PRESERVATION**

The Documents may be preserved in

- a) Physical form; or
- b) Electronic Form.

The official of the Company required to preserve the document, shall be Authorised Person who is generally expected to observe the compliance of statutory requirements as per applicable law.

The preservation of documents should be such as to ensure that there is no tampering, alteration, destruction or anything which endangers the content, authenticity, utility or accessibility of the documents.

The preserved documents must be accessible at all reasonable times. Access may be controlled by the concerned Authorised Person with preservation, so as to ensure integrity of the Documents and prohibit unauthorized access.

- Destruction of documents

The documents of the Company which are no longer required as per the time schedule prescribed in the Annexure A may be destroyed. The concerned officer may direct employees in charge from time to time to destroy the documents which are no longer required as per the documents Preservation Schedule given under **Annexure A**. The details of the documents destroyed by the Company shall be recorded in the Register for Disposal of Records to be kept by Employees who are disposing of the documents in the format prescribed at **Annexure B**. The entries in the register shall be authenticated by the Authorised Person.

## **8. ARCHIVAL POLICY**

As per Regulation 30 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, every equity listed entity is required to make disclosures to Stock Exchange(s) of any events or information which, in the opinion of the board of directors of the listed company, is material and such disclosures shall be hosted on the website of the listed company for a minimum period of 5 years & thereafter as per the Archival Policy of the company as disclosed on its website.

This Policy has been framed keeping in view the requirements of SEBI (LODR) Regulations. This Policy applies to such documents/information hosted and visible to the public on the website of the Company.

All disclosures made under Regulation 30 of the LODR by the Company to the Stock Exchange(s), shall be kept on the website of the Company for a period of 5 (five) years and thereafter in the archives (in soft copy form) of the Company for a period of 2 (two) years.

All other disclosures/information shall be kept on the website of the Company for such period as stipulated in the statute, if any, or for such period as decided by the Managing Director, where no minimum period is prescribed in the statute. The aforesaid information shall be maintained in the archives for such period as stipulated in the statute, if any, or as determined by the Managing Director where no minimum period is prescribed in the statute. For determining the period of maintenance on the website and in the archives, the Managing Director shall follow appropriate internal consultation processes.

## **9. POLICY REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed from time to time so that the policy remains compliant with applicable legal requirements. The Company will keep the policy updated as per applicable statutory guidelines.

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## **ANNEXURE – A**

### **Indicative list**

#### **A) PERMANENT PRESERVATION:**

- a. Common Seal
- b. Memorandum and Article of Association
- c. Minutes books of Board, General Meetings and Committee Meetings
- d. Statutory Registers as required under Companies Act, 2013
- e. License and Permissions
- f. Statutory Forms and disclosures except for routine compliance

#### **B) TEMPORARY PRESERVATION UPTO 8 YEARS:**

- a. Annual Returns
- b. Board Agenda and supporting documents
- c. Attendance Register
- d. Office copies of Notice of General Meeting and related papers
- e. Office copies of Notice of Board Meeting / Committee Meeting, Notes on Agenda and other related papers
- f. All notices pertaining to disclosure of interest of directors
- g. Instrument creating a charge or modification
- h. Books of accounts, financial statements etc.

#### **C) OTHERS:**

As per applicable law

## **ANNEXURE – B**

### **Specimen format of the register of documents disposed of/destroyed**

Particulars of Document alongwith Provision of Law	Date and Mode of Destruction	Initials of the Authorised Person