

Dividend Distribution Policy

Background

As per Regulation 43A of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, the top five hundred listed entities based on market capitalization (calculated as on March 31 of every financial year) shall formulate a dividend distribution policy which shall be disclosed in their annual reports and on their websites. Godfrey Phillips India Limited being one out of top 500 listed entities based on market capitalization has formulated a dividend distribution policy as approved by the Board of Directors of the Company.

The intent of the policy is to broadly specify the external and internal factors including financial parameters that shall be considered while declaring dividend. The policy will be broadly in line with the provisions of the Companies Act read with the relevant clauses in the Articles of Association of the Company and also take into consideration, guidelines issued by the SEBI, to the extent applicable.

Factors considered while declaring Dividend

The Dividend Distribution Policy (“the policy”) establishes the principles to ascertain amounts that can be distributed to equity shareholders as dividend by the Company as well as enable the Company strike balance between pay-out and retained earnings, in order to address future needs of the Company.

Dividend would continue to be declared on per share basis on the Ordinary Equity Shares of the Company having face value Rs. 2 each currently. The Company currently has no other class of shares. Therefore, dividend declared will be distributed amongst all shareholders, based on their shareholding on the record date.

Dividends will generally be recommended by the Board once a year, after the announcement of the full year results and before the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the shareholders, as may be permitted by the Companies Act. The Board may also declare interim dividends as may be permitted by the Companies Act.

The Company has had a consistent dividend policy that balances the objective of appropriately rewarding shareholders through dividends and to support the future growth. As per clause 149A of the Articles of Association of the Company- “Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles at least twenty- five per cent of the Company's profits available for distribution in respect of each financial year shall be distributed by the Company to its equity shareholders:

- a. by way of interim dividends declared by the Board from time to time during that financial year; and/or
- b. by way of an annual dividend within thirty (30) days from the Annual General Meeting at which such dividend is declared, (the above, being the “Dividend Policy”).”

Apart from the above, the Board also considers past dividend history and sense of shareholders' expectations while determining the rate of dividend.

The profits being retained in the business shall be continued to be deployed in various business segments of the Company and thus contributing to the growth to the business and operations of the Company. The Company stands committed to deliver sustainable value to all its stakeholders.

Information on dividends paid in the last 10 years is provided in the Annual Report.

This policy may be reviewed periodically by the Board. Any changes or revisions to the policy will be communicated to shareholders in a timely manner.

The policy will be available on the Company's website and will also be disclosed in the Company's annual report.
