



CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY

Introduction

Gujarat Themis Biosyn Limited (hereinafter referred as the “Company” or “GTBL”) has identified Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as a strategic tool for sustainable growth. For GTBL, CSR means not only investment of funds for social activity but also a continuous integration of business processes with social processes.

Definitions:

- (1) In these policy, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - (a) "Act" means the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013);
 - (b) “Administrative overheads” means the expenses incurred by the company for ‘general management and administration’ of Corporate Social Responsibility functions in the company but shall not include the expenses directly incurred for the designing, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of a particular Corporate Social Responsibility project or programme;
 - (c) "Annexure" means the Annexure appended to the rules;
 - (d) “Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)” means the activities undertaken by a Company in pursuance of its statutory obligation laid down in section 135 of the Act in accordance with the provisions contained in the rules thereof;
 - (e) "CSR Committee" means the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee of the Board referred to in section 135 of the Act;
 - (f) "CSR Policy" means a statement containing the approach and direction given by the board of a company, taking into account the recommendations of its CSR Committee, and includes guiding principles for selection, implementation and monitoring of activities as well as formulation of the annual action plan;
 - (g) “International Organisation” means an organisation notified by the Central Government as an international organisation under section 3 of the United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947 (46 of 1947), to which the provisions of the Schedule to the said Act apply;
 - (h) "Net profit" means the net profit of a company as per its financial statement prepared in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Act, but shall not include the following, namely: -
 - i. any profit arising from any overseas branch or branches of the company, whether operated as a separate company or otherwise; and
 - ii. any dividend received from other companies in India, which are covered under and complying with the provisions of section 135 of the Act:

- (i) "Ongoing Project" means a multi-year project undertaken by a Company in fulfillment of its CSR obligation having timelines not exceeding three years excluding the financial year in which it was commenced, and shall include such project that was initially not approved as a multi-year project but whose duration has been extended beyond one year by the board based on reasonable justification;
- (j) "Public Authority" means 'Public Authority' as defined in clause (h) of section 2 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005);
- (k) "section" means a section of the Act.

The CSR Policy

GTBL would carry out the following activities:

- Promoting Education, including special education and employment enhancing vocation skills especially among children and livelihood enhancement projects.
- Empowerment of rural women by strengthening their financial capabilities.
- Promoting sanitation care by construction of toilets and awareness programs.
- Provide healthcare by organizing free medical camps, mobile clinics with doctors, free ambulance services, awareness programs, accident prevention, medical relief in cases of accidents and blood donation camps.
- Sustainable livelihood by skill development and vocational training, vermi-composting, etc.
- Reduction in pollution and recycling of waste.
- Contribution to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund or any other fund set up by the Central Government for socio-economic development and relief and funds for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, other backward classes, minorities and women.
- Promoting gender equality, empowering women, setting up homes and hostels for women and orphans; setting up old age homes, day care centers and such other facilities for senior citizens and measures for reducing inequalities faced by socially and economically backward groups.
- Contributions or funds provided to technology incubators located within academic institutions which are approved by the Central Government.
- Eradicating hunger, poverty and malnutrition, promoting health care including preventive health care and sanitation including contribution to the Swachh Bharat Kosh set-up by the Central Government for the promotion of sanitation and making available safe drinking water.
- Ensuring environmental sustainability, ecological balance, protection of flora and fauna, animal welfare, agroforestry, conservation of natural resources and maintaining quality of soil, air and water including contribution to the Clean Ganga Fund set-up by the Central Government for rejuvenation of river Ganga.

- Protection of national heritage, art and culture including restoration of buildings and sites of historical importance and works of art; setting up public libraries; promotion and development of traditional art and handicrafts.
- Measures for the benefit of armed forces veterans, war widows and their dependents.
- Training to promote rural sports, nationally recognized sports, Paralympic sports and Olympic sports.
- Rural development projects.
- Slum area development.

Funding and allocation

For achieving its CSR objectives through implementation of meaningful and sustainable CSR programs, TML will annually contribute up to 2% of average profits of the previous three years towards CSR activities.

CSR contribution for the year will be determined by GTBL management at the beginning of each financial year based on Audited Financial statements for previous three years. Any unspent CSR allocation of a particular year, will be reviewed by the CSR Committee and decision would be taken on whether the unspent amount should be carried over to the subsequent year/s. The CSR Committee, while determining the requirement for carry over to next year, will consider various factors like ongoing projects, availability of desired projects, utilization trend, practical aspects of spending the required amount in a particular timeframe and best interests of all the stakeholders.

Applicability

GTBL's CSR Policy has been prepared in accordance with Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 (referred to as the Act in this policy) on CSR and in accordance with the CSR rules (hereby referred to as the Rules) notified by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, in 2014.

Implementation

GTBL's CSR initiatives will be implemented by the GTBL management under the guidance of Corporate Social Responsibility Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of GTBL.

-The Board shall ensure that the CSR activities are undertaken by the company itself in partnership with or through

- (a) a company established under section 8 of the Act, or a registered public trust or a registered society, registered under section 12A and 80 G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), established by the company, either singly or along with any other company, or entity or
- (b) a company established under section 8 of the Act or a registered trust or a registered society, established by the Central Government or State Government; or
- (c) any entity established under an Act of Parliament or a State legislature; or or any department/arm of the Central or State Government

- (d) a company established under section 8 of the Act, or a registered public trust or a registered society, registered under section 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961, and having an established track record of at least three years in undertaking similar activities company may engage international organisations for designing, monitoring and evaluation of the CSR projects or programmes as per its CSR policy as well as for capacity building of their own personnel for CSR.

-The company may also collaborate with other companies for undertaking projects or programmes or CSR activities in such a manner that the CSR committees of respective companies are in a position to report separately on such projects or programmes.

-The Board of the company shall satisfy itself that the funds so disbursed have been utilised for the purposes and in the manner as approved by it and the Chief Financial Officer shall certify to the effect.

-In case of ongoing project, the Board of the Company shall monitor the implementation of the project with reference to the approved timelines and year-wise allocation and shall be competent to make modifications, if any, for smooth implementation of the project within the overall permissible time period.”

Meetings and Quorum

The Committee shall meet at least once a year. Two members present shall form the quorum for the meeting of the Committee.

Roles and responsibilities of the Committee:

The roles and responsibilities of the Committee shall be the following:

- Formulate, monitor and recommend to the Board, the CSR Policy
- Recommend to the Board, modifications to the CSR Policy as and when required
- Recommend to the Board, the amount of expenditure to be incurred on the activities undertaken
- Review the performance of the Company in the area of CSR, including the evaluation of the impact of the Company's CSR activities
- Review the Company's disclosure of CSR matters
- Consider other functions, as defined by the Board, or as may be stipulated under any law, rule or regulation, including the Listing Agreement and the Companies Act, 2013.
- funds so disbursed have been utilised for the purposes and in the manner as approved by it and the Chief Financial Officer shall certify to the effect.
- shall formulate and recommend to the Board, an annual action plan in pursuance of this policy, which shall include the following, namely:-
 - (a) the list of CSR projects or programmes that are approved to be undertaken in areas or subjects specified in Schedule VII of the Act;
 - (b) the manner of execution of such projects or programmes as specified in sub-rule (1) of rule 4;
 - (c) the modalities of utilisation of funds and implementation schedules for the projects or programmes;
 - (d) monitoring and reporting mechanism for the projects or programmes; and
 - (e) details of need and impact assessment, if any, for the projects undertaken by the company;

CSR expenditure

- (1) The board shall ensure that the administrative overheads shall not exceed five percent of total CSR expenditure of the company for the financial year.
- (2) Any surplus arising out of the CSR activities shall not form part of the business profit of a company and shall be ploughed back into the same project or shall be transferred to the Unspent CSR Account and spent in pursuance of CSR policy and annual action plan of the company or transfer such surplus amount to a Fund specified in Schedule VII, within a period of six months of the expiry of the financial year.
- (3) if the company spends an amount in excess of requirement provided under sub-section (5) of section 135 , such excess amount may be set off against the requirement to spend under sub- section (5) of section 135 up to immediate succeeding three financial years subject to the conditions that –

- i. the excess amount available for set off shall not include the surplus arising out of the CSR activities, if any, in pursuance of sub-rule (2) of this rule.
 - ii. the Board of the company shall pass a resolution to that effect.
- (4) The CSR amount may be spent by the company for creation or acquisition of a capital asset, which shall be held by
- (a) a company established under section 8 of the Act, or a Registered Public Trust or Registered Society, having charitable objects and CSR Registration Number under sub-rule (2) of rule 4; or
 - (b) beneficiaries of the said CSR project, in the form of self-help groups, collectives, entities; or
 - (c) a public authority:

CSR Reporting

- The Board's Report of the Company pertaining to any financial year shall include an annual report on CSR containing particulars specified in Annexure, along with any amendments thereof, as may be applicable from time to time.

-If the company is having average CSR obligation of ten crore rupees or more in pursuance of subsection (5) of section 135 of the Act, in the three immediately preceding financial years, shall undertake impact assessment, through an independent agency, of their CSR projects having outlays of one crore rupees or more, and which have been completed not less than one year before undertaking the impact study.

The impact assessment reports shall be placed before the Board and shall be annexed to the annual report on CSR.

-The Company may book the expenditure towards Corporate Social Responsibility for that financial year, which shall not exceed five percent of the total CSR expenditure for that financial year or fifty lakh rupees, whichever is less.]

Transfer of unspent CSR amount

The Board shall ensure that the company spends, in every financial year, at least two per cent. of the average net profits of the company made during the three immediately preceding financial year in pursuance of this Policy:

if the company fails to spend such amount, the Board shall, in its report specify the reasons for not spending the amount [and, unless the unspent amount relates to any ongoing project transfer such unspent amount to a Fund specified in Schedule VII, within a period of six months of the expiry of the financial year].

if the company spends an amount in excess of the requirements, the company may set off such excess amount against the requirement to spend for such number of succeeding financial years and in such manner, as may be prescribed.]

Any amount remaining unspent, pursuant to any ongoing project, fulfilling such conditions as may be prescribed, undertaken by a company in pursuance of this Policy, shall be transferred by the company within a period of thirty days from the end of the financial year to a special account to be opened by the company for that financial year in any scheduled bank to be called the Unspent Corporate Social Responsibility Account, and such amount shall be spent by the company in pursuance of its obligation towards this Policy within a period of three financial years from the date of such transfer, failing which, the company shall transfer the same to a Fund specified in Schedule VII, within a period of thirty days from the date of completion of the third financial year.

Until a fund is specified in Schedule VII for the purposes of subsection (5) and(6) of section 135 of the Act, the unspent CSR amount, if any, shall be transferred by the company to any fund included in schedule VII of the Act.

Policy review

This Policy is framed based on the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules there under.

In case of any subsequent changes in the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 or any other regulations which makes any of the provisions in the Policy inconsistent with the Act or regulations, then the provisions of the Act or regulations would prevail over the Policy and the provisions in the Policy would be modified in due course to make it consistent with law.

This Policy shall be reviewed by the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee as and when any changes are to be incorporated in the Policy due to change in regulations or as may be felt appropriate by the Committee. Any change or modification to the Policy as recommended by the Committee would be given for approval of the Board of Directors.
