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National Stock Exchange of India Limited Exchange Plaza, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Plot No. C/1, G Block Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E) Mumbai 400 051

Attn: Listing Dept.

Dear Sirs

Sub: Updated "CODE OF PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR FAIR DISCLOSURE OF UNPUBLISHED PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION".

Ref: SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.

Scrip Code - BSE 500002 / NSE ABB / ISIN: INE117A01022

Please find attrached updated "CODE OF PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR FAIR DISCLOSURE OF UNPUBLISHED PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION" approved by the Board of Directors of the Company, pursuant to SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015. The updated Code is available on the Company's website at www.abb.co.in.

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Kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully For ABB India Limited

T K Sridhar Chief Financial Officer

Encl: as above



## CODE OF PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR FAIR DISCLOSURE OF UNPUBLISHED PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

## [Under Regulation 8 of the Regulations]

### 1. <u>Overseeing and co-coordinating disclosure:</u>

- (a) The Board shall identify a Senior Officer who would be responsible for ensuring timely and adequate disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information ("Chief Investor Relations Officer") pursuant to this Code as required under the Regulations. In case no Chief Investor Relations Officer is appointed by the Board, the Compliance Officer shall be the Chief Investor Relations Officer and shall discharge and perform the relevant powers, duties and responsibilities of the Chief Investor Relations Officer hereunder.
- (b) In case the Chief Investor Relations Officer is not the Compliance Officer, he shall report to, and abide by the directions and instructions issued by, the Managing Director and shall also co-ordinate with the Compliance Officer.
- (c) The Chief Investor Relations Officer shall be responsible for ensuring that the Company complies with continuous disclosure requirements, overseeing and coordinating disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information to stock exchanges, analysts, shareholders and media, and educating employees on disclosure policies and procedures.
- (d) All disclosure/dissemination whatsoever of any information (save and except disclosure required to be made under any law (including the Regulations) or under this Code) on behalf of the Company shall be first marked to the Chief Investor Relations Officer for approval. Any such information shall be made public or published on behalf of the Company only if the same is approved by the Chief Investor Relations Officer. In case of doubt, the Chief Investor Relations Officer shall consult and seek approval of the Managing Director before disclosure / dissemination of such information.
- (e) Should any disclosure / dissemination of information on behalf of the Company take place accidentally without the prior approval referred to above, the person responsible for such disclosure / dissemination shall forthwith inform the Chief Investor Relations Officer about such disclosure / dissemination, irrespective of whether such information is Price Sensitive Information or not.

## 2. <u>Responding to Market Rumours</u>

- (a) The employees, officers and Directors of the Company shall promptly direct any queries or requests for verification of market rumours received from Stock Exchanges or any regulatory authorities or from the press or media or from any other source to the Chief Investor Relations Officer.
- (b) The Chief Investor Relations Officer shall, on receipt of requests as aforesaid, consult the Managing Director and respond to the same without any delay.



(c) The Chief Investor Relations Officer shall be responsible for deciding, in consultation with the Managing Director, as to the necessity of a public announcement for verifying or denying rumours and thereafter making appropriate disclosures <u>PROVIDED THAT</u> no disclosure in response to the queries/request shall be made by the Chief Investor Relations Officer when the Managing Director does not approve the same.

## 3. Timely reporting of shareholdings / ownership and changes in ownership

The Chief Investor Relations Officer shall be responsible for ensuring that disclosures of shareholdings/ownership of major shareholders and disclosure of changes in ownership as required under the Regulations and / or any other rules/regulations made under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 are made in a timely and adequate manner.

## 4. <u>Disclosure/dissemination of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information with special</u> reference to analysts and institutional investors:

- (a) No person, except those authorised by the Chief Investor Relations Officer /Compliance Officer or the Managing Director, shall disclose any information relating to the business activities of the Company to analysts and institutional investors.
- (b) All Directors, officers and employees of the Company shall follow the guidelines given hereunder while dealing with analysts and institutional investors: -

<u>Sharing of information</u>: The Directors, officers and employees of the Company, shall provide only public information to analysts and institutional investors. In case non-public information is proposed to be provided, the person proposing to provide such information shall consult the Chief Investor Relations Officer in advance. The Chief Investor Relations Officer shall, in such cases, ensure that that the information provided to the analyst or institutional investor as above is made public simultaneously with such disclosure.

The Company shall take extreme care and caution when dealing with analysts' questions that raise issues outside the intended scope of discussion.

Unanticipated questions may be noted and a considered response given later. If the answer to any question requires dissemination of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information, a public announcement should be made before responding to the same.

#### (c) <u>Recording of discussion</u>:

All analyst or institutional investor meetings shall be attended by the Chief Investor Relations Officer, and another senior employee of the Company. The Chief Investor Relations Officer shall, in order to avoid misquoting or misrepresentation, arrange for recording the discussions at the meeting.



## (d) <u>Simultaneous release of information</u>:

Whenever the Company proposes to organize meetings with analysts, the Company shall issue a press release or post relevant information on its web site after every such meeting. The Company may also consider live web casting of analyst meets.

The Chief Investor Relations Officer shall be responsible for drafting of the press release or the text of the information to be posted on the Company's web-site, in consultation with the Managing Director.

## (e) Medium of disclosure/dissemination:

The Company shall disclose / disseminate all Unpublished Price Sensitive Information on a continuous and in a timely manner to Stock Exchanges where its Securities are listed and thereafter to the press.

As a good corporate practice, the Unpublished Price Sensitive Information disclosed to the Stock Exchanges and to the press may also be supplemented by prompt updates on the Company's web site. The Company may also consider other modes of public disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information so as to improve investor access to the same.

## 5. <u>Need to know basis</u>

The Chief Investor Relations Officer shall ensure handling of all UPSI on a need-to-know basis.

# 6. <u>Determination of Legitimate Purpose</u>

The Company shall be guided by the definition of 'Legitimate Purpose' as provided in its Code of Conduct to Regulate, Monitor and Report Trading by Insider of the Company (the "Insider Trading Code") and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading), Regulations, 2015. The CEO shall be the final deciding authority on whether an item constitutes a Legitimate Purpose or not on a case-to-case basis. In the event of lack of clarity on whether an item constitutes a Legitimate Purpose or not, the person sharing the information shall forward the matter for determination by the CEO, who shall decide on the matter.

# 7. Disclaimer:

This Code is subordinate to the Listing Regulations or other applicable statutory provisions including Companies Act, 2013 (collectively referred to as the "Regulations"), as amended, and in the event of disparity between this Code and the Regulations (including due to subsequent amendments to the Regulations), the provisions of the Regulations will prevail and there would not be any necessity to amend this Code to that extent.



Provided that, such sharing of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information as aforesaid shall not be carried out to evade or circumvent the prohibitions laid down under the Regulations.

Compliance Officer: The Board at its meeting held on May 5, 2015 appointed the Company Secretary as the Compliance Officer.

Chief Investor Relations Officer: The Board at its meeting held on May 5, 2015 appointed Mr T K Sridhar as Chief Investor Relations Officer.