

INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROL POLICY
[Pursuant to Section 134(5) (e) of the Companies Act, 2013]

LEGISLATION AND REFERENCE

The Board of Directors of “**Abirami Financial Services (India) Limited**” (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Company’) has adopted the following Internal Financial Control Policy with effect from 18th of July, 2015.

Section 134 (5) (e) of the Companies Act, 2013 requires, the Board of every Listed Company to lay down Internal Financial Control Policy to be followed by the Company which helps in ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to Company’s policies, the safeguarding of its assets, the prevention and detection of frauds and errors, the accuracy and completeness of the Accounting records and timely preparation of reliable financial information.

This Policy is divided into three parts. The first part of the policy deals with the purpose and scope of the policy, the second part consists of the definition of ‘Internal Financial Control’ and the third part contains the brief of the policy.

PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to communicate to all the employees of the company about the internal control objectives of the company. The Board of Directors of the Company has the responsibility to establish and maintain an adequate system of internal control and to furnish to the Government agencies, creditors and other stakeholders reliable financial information as and when required.

An adequate system of internal control is necessary for the administration to discharge these responsibilities.

Controls established in the organisation are to:

- a). Ensure that assets are not exposed to unauthorized access and use,
- b). Transactions are properly recorded in the financial records and
- c). The resultant financial information is reliable and available to relevant stakeholders in efficient manner as and when required.

Auditors are required annually to report upon the adequacy of the company’s system for control over financial reporting and compliance.

DEFINITION

A system of internal financial control consists of the policies and procedures established and maintained by administration to assist in achieving its objective of ensuring, as far as practical, the orderly and efficient conduct of the entity's business.

The Company's system of internal financial control consists of such policies, procedures and financial systems that provide for financial transaction processing as well as financial reporting for control, planning and decision making purposes.

These policies, procedures and financial systems support many areas, inter alia:

- a). The determination and collection of revenues,
- b). Control of expenditures,
- c). Safeguarding of assets and management of liabilities and risks.

Financial controls provide guidance on:

- a). The authorization of transactions and activities,
- b). Appropriate segregation of duties,
- c). Adequate documents and records and
- d). Adequate safeguards over access to and use of assets and records.

POLICY

A. Responsibility and accountability.

1. The Board of Directors of the Company is responsible for:

- a. Setting the company expectations for internal control,
- b. Ensuring management is aware of those expectations,
- c. Requiring the upward communications channels are open through all levels of management,
- d. Evaluating management's effectiveness toward practicing an effective control environment and
- e. Implementing effective control policies and procedures.

2. Individuals with delegated approval authority, e.g. CFO, CS and Directors are responsible for establishing, maintaining, and supporting a system of internal controls within their areas of responsibility and for creating the control environment that encourages compliance with company policies and procedures.

3. All employees in leadership roles are responsible for the application of this policy and the design, development, implementation, and maintenance of systems of internal controls focusing on the effectiveness of operations and the safeguarding of assets within their respective areas of responsibility.

4. All levels of management and supervision are responsible for strengthening internal controls when weaknesses are detected. Department managers should periodically review departmental procedures to ensure that the general principles of internal control are being followed.

5. Those in leadership positions have the responsibility to ensure that those who report to them have adequate knowledge, skills, and abilities to function within, and to contribute to, an

effective internal control environment. This includes providing access to appropriate training on topics relevant to their job responsibilities.

6. Adequate supervision is necessary to ensure that internal controls are operating as intended, and to ensure their liability of accounting and operational controls by pointing out errors, omissions, exceptions, and inconsistencies in procedures.

7. Auditors and Advisors are responsible for reviewing the adequacy of departmental and institutional internal controls and for reporting any weaknesses to the management.

8. All levels of internal control are subject to examination by external auditors who are required to report on the adequacy of internal controls over finance and compliance.

B. Establishment and maintenance of a system of internal controls.

The administration will establish and maintain a system of internal controls that satisfies the Company's objectives in the following categories:

1. Safeguarding the assets of the company;

2. To mitigate risks and provide reasonable assurance that operations are efficient and effective, assets are safeguarded;

3. Financial reporting is accurate and reliable;

4. To ensure Company's resources are used prudently and in an efficient, effective and economical manner;

5. Resources of the Company are adequately managed through effective internal controls;

6. A framework for an effective internal control system which conveys to managers that they are responsible for ensuring that internal controls are established, documented, maintained and adhered to across the Company and also to all employees that they are responsible for adhering to those internal controls;

7. To ensure the propriety of transactions, information integrity, compliance with regulations and achievement of Company's objectives through operational efficiency.

C. General internal control principles.

1. Separation of duties

- a. Duties are separated so that one person's work routinely serves as a check on another's work.
- b. No one person has complete control over more than one key function or activity (e.g., authorizing, approving, certifying, disbursing, receiving, or reconciling).

2. Authorization and approval

- a. Proposed transactions are authorized when proper and consistent with Company's policy and plans.
- b. Transactions are approved by the person who has been delegated approval authority, which is usually delegated on the basis of special competency or knowledge.

3. Custodial and security arrangements a. Responsibility for physical security/custody of Company's assets is separated from record keeping/accounting for those assets.

b. Unauthorized access to Company's assets and accounting records is prevented.

4. Timely and accurate review and reconciliation a. Accounting records and documents are examined by employees who have sufficient understanding of the Company's accounting and financial systems to verify that recorded transactions actually took place and were made in accordance with Company's policies and procedures.

b. Accounting records and documentation are compared with Company's accounting system reports and financial statements to verify their reasonableness, accuracy and completeness.

5. The general internal control principles should be applied to all operations, especially accounting records and reports, payroll, purchasing/receiving/ disbursement approval, equipment and supply inventories, cash receipts, petty cash and change funds, billing and accounts receivable.

D. Evaluation of systems and processes.

All systems, processes, operations, functions, and activities are subject to evaluations of internal control systems. The overall results of these evaluations provide information regarding the Company's overall system of control.

E. Information and communication.

Information must be communicated in a timely manner which will enable people to carry out their responsibilities efficiently.

1. All personnel must receive a clear message from the administration that control responsibilities are to be taken seriously. Failure to comply with established practices will subject individuals to the terms of disciplinary action or dismissal.

2. Employees must understand their own roles in the internal control system, as well as how individual activities relate to the work of others. To this end, whenever a new budgetary unit, financial activity, research project, etc. is setup, the Management will provide notification to the appropriate parties of the responsibilities incumbent on them for good business practices and sound financial management, including reference to the principles within this policy.

3. Employees must have a means of communicating significant information to the administration.

4. The Board must communicate effectively with external parties, such as creditors, contractors, suppliers, regulators and other stakeholders.

F. Internal controls – Cost and Benefit.

Internal control is meant to keep the Company focused on achieving its mission while avoiding surprises. There is a balance between effective controls and mission accomplishment. Costs associated with internal controls should not exceed their benefit, nor should controls be allowed to stifle mission effectiveness and timely action. All levels of management must assess the costs, benefits, and risks when designing controls to develop a positive control environment and compensate for the risks of non-compliance, loss of assets, or unreliable reporting while accomplishing the mission of the company.

REVIEW OF THE POLICY BY AUDIT COMMITTEE

The above policy has been reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee of the Company as formed in terms of Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013, in its meeting held on the 4th of April, 2015.