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**POLICY ON PRESERVATION OF  
DOCUMENTS (ARCHIVAL POLICY)**

## **1. Legal Framework**

Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“Listing Regulations”) imposed certain obligations and disclosure requirements on all the listed entities, one of the common obligation for all the listed entities pursuant to Regulation 9 is to formulate and put in place a policy for preservation of documents.

The Board of Directors of Southern Magnesium and Chemicals Limited (the “**Company**”) is obliged to formulate a policy for “Preservation of Documents” to comply with the requirements of Regulation 9 of the Listing Regulations.

This Policy will be applicable to the Company effective 1 December, 2015.

## **2. Definitions**

“**Board**” means Securities and Exchange Board of India.

“**Company**” means Southern Magnesium and Chemicals Limited.

“**Documents**” means all papers, records, files, books etc., and the like as required to be maintained under any law or regulation for the time being in force.

“**Listing Regulations**” means Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

## **3. Objective**

The purpose of this policy is to have a binding framework for the preservation of documents of the company, as approved by the Board of Directors of the company, which shall classify them in at least two following categories as follows:

- Documents whose preservation shall be permanent in nature;
- Documents with preservation period of not less than eight (8) years after completion of therelevant transactions.

Provided further that the Company may keep the documents as specified above in electronic mode.

## **4. Provision with regard to Preservation of Documents under various Laws**

The Company from time to time establishes retention or destruction of policies or documents or schedules for specific categories of records in order to ensure legal compliance, and also to accomplish other objectives, such as preserving intellectual property and cost management. Several categories of documents that bear special consideration are identified below. While minimum retention periods are suggested, the retention of the documents identified below and of documents not included in the identified categories should be determined primarily by the application of the general guidelines affecting document retention identified above, as well as any other pertinent factors.

**(a) Tax Records:** Tax records include, but may not be limited to, documents concerning payroll, expenses, proof of deductions, business costs, accounting procedures, and other documents concerning the Company's revenues.

Tax records may be retained for at least Eight years from the date of filing the applicable return.

**(b) Employment Records/Personnel Record:** Several Central & State statutes require the Company to keep certain recruitment, employment and personnel information. The Company should also keep personnel files that reflect performance reviews and any complaints brought against the Company or individual employees under applicable Central & State statutes. The Company should also keep all final memoranda and correspondence reflecting performance reviews and actions taken by or against personnel in the employee's personnel file.

Employment and personnel records should be retained for six years or till the cessation of the employee.

**(c) Board and Board Committee Materials:** Meeting minutes should be retained in perpetuity in the Company's minute book. A clean copy of all Board and Board Committee materials should be kept as long as they remain current or for 8 financial years, whichever is later.

**(d) Press Releases/Public Filings:** The Company should retain permanent copies of all press releases and publicly filed documents under the theory that the Company should have its own copy to test the accuracy of any document a member of the public can theoretically produce against that Company. Press releases / public filings related documents should generally be maintained for a period of eight years or till the completion of the case, whichever is later.

**(e) Legal Files:** Legal counsel should be consulted to determine the retention period of particular documents, but legal documents should generally be maintained for a period of eight years or till the completion of the case, whichever is later.

**(f) Marketing and Sales Documents:** The Company should keep final copies of marketing and sales documents for the same period of time it keeps other corporate files, generally eight (8) years.

**(g) Development/Intellectual Property and Trade Secrets:** Development documents are often subject to intellectual property protection in their final form (e.g., patents and copyrights). The documents detailing the development process are often also of value to the Company and are protected as a trade secret where the Company:

- (i) Derives independent economic value from the secrecy of the information; and
- (ii) The Company has taken affirmative steps to keep the information confidential.

The Company should keep all documents designated as containing trade secret information for at least the life of the trade secret.

**(h) Contracts:** Final, execution copies of all contracts entered into by the Company should be retained. The Company should retain copies of the final contracts for at least eight (8) years beyond the life of the agreement, and longer in the case of publicly filed contracts.

**(i) Electronic Mail:** E-mail that needs to be saved should be either:

- (i) Printed in hard copy and kept in the appropriate file; or
- (ii) Downloaded to a computer file and kept electronically or on disk as a separate file.

Electronic documents will be retained as if they were paper documents. Therefore, the electronic files should be maintained for the appropriate amount of time depending upon the subject matter of the email and should be determined primarily by the application of the general guidelines affecting document retention. If a user has sufficient reason to keep an e-mail message, the message should be printed in hard copy and kept in the appropriate file or moved to an "archive" computer file folder. Backup and recovery methods should be tested on a regular basis.

## **5. General**

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Policy, the Company shall ensure to comply with any additional requirements as may be prescribed under any laws/regulations either existing or arising out of any amendment to such laws/regulations or otherwise and applicable to the Company, from time to time.

## **6. Amendment**

The Board of Directors of the Company reserves the right to amend or modify this Policy in whole or in part, as may be required, at any point of time.