# CENTRUM CAPITAL LIMITED POLICY ON PRESERVATION OF DOCUMENTS AND ARCHIVAL OF RECORDS

### 1. Background

The Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), vide its Notification dated September 2, 2015, issued the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (Listing Regulations). The Listing Regulations come into force from December 1, 2015. The Listing Regulations mandate listed entities to formulate a Policy for preservation and archiving of documents. It is in this context that the Document Retention and Archival Policy ("Policy") is being framed and implemented.

# 2. Objective of the policy

The objective of this Policy is to classify the documents in two categories i.e. (i) documents which need to be preserved permanently and (ii) documents which need to be preserved for a specific period of time.

# 3. Policy

The corporate records of Centrum Capital Limited (the "Company") are important assets. Corporate records include essentially all records, whether paper or in electronic form. A record may be in the form of a memorandum, an e-mail, a contract or a case study and includes computerized desk calendar, an appointment book or an expense record etc.

The law requires the Company to maintain certain types of corporate records either permanently or for a specified period of time. Failure to retain the records could subject the employees and the Company to penalties and fines, cause the loss of rights, obstruct justice, adversely impact potential evidence in a lawsuit, place the Company in contempt of court, or seriously disadvantage the Company in litigation.

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

Broadly, there are two kinds of Company records- **Temporary** and **Retained**.

#### **TEMPORARY RECORDS**

Temporary records include all business documents that are intended to be superseded by final or permanent records, or which are intended to be used only for a limited period of time, including, but not limited to written memoranda and dictation to be typed in the future, reminders, to-do lists, reports, drafts, and interoffice correspondence regarding a client or business transaction.

# Temporary records can be destroyed or permanently deleted if in electronic form when a project or matter closes.

Upon closing of such temporary files, the respective departments shall gather and review all such temporary records. Before destroying or deleting these documents, the respective departments shall make sure to have duplicates of all the final records pertaining to the project or matter. Upon destruction or deletion, the respective departments shall organize the final records (and duplicates) in a file marked "Final" and store them appropriately.

# **RETAINED RECORDS**

Retained records include all business documents that are not superseded by modification or addition, including but are not limited to documents given (or sent via electronic form) to any third party not employed by the Company, or to any government agency; final memoranda and reports; correspondence; handwritten telephone memoranda not further transcribed; minutes; specifications; journal entries; cost estimates; etc.

#### **RECORD RETENTION SCHEDULE**

Each Head of the Department shall identify and at all times maintain a schedule of temporary and retained documents.

#### Records as per the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI Regulations

The Company shall maintain all records as per the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI Regulations for not less than 8 (Eight) Years. Documents that are to be made available on the Company's website in Compliance with the SEBI (Listing Regulations and Disclosure Obligations), 2015 will be made available on the website for a period of 5 years and thereafter will be archived for a period of 3 years or as may be amended from time to time.

### Tax Records

Tax records includes, but are not limited to Documents concerning tax assessment, tax filings, tax returns, proof of deductions, appeal preferred against any claim made by the relevant tax Authorities. Tax Records shall be maintained for a period of 8 (Eight) Years after a final Order has been received with respect to any matter which was preferred for Appeal, as the case may be or as may be amended from time to time.

# **Employment /Personnel Record**

The Company is required to keep certain documents relating to recruitment, employment and personnel information, performance review, action taken by or against any employee, complaints by or against any employee. These Documents relating to Employment or Personnel information shall be retained for a period of at least 8 (Eight) years or as may be amended from time to time.

# Press Releases

Press Release shall include, but shall not be limited to, any intimation given to the press regarding financial results, profits, Meetings of the Board, General Meetings, and overall performance of the Company. The Company shall retain all Press Releases for at least 8 years.

# Legal Documents

Legal Documents shall include, but shall not be limited to contracts, legal opinions, pleadings, Orders passed by any court or tribunal, Judgments, Interim Orders, Documents relating to cases pending in any Court or Tribunal or any other Authority empowered to give a decision on any matter, Awards, Documents relating to property matters.

A contract shall be retained for a period of 8 (Eight) years after the expiry of the term of the contract.

Documents relating to any property owned by the Company shall be retained perpetually. Other property Documents shall be retained for a period of 8 (Eight) years after the rights in such property cease to exist.

Orders passed by any Court or Tribunal or any Authority or Judgment which are final in nature and cannot be superseded shall be retained permanently. Interim Orders shall be retained till a Final Order is received or for a period of 8 (Eight) years whichever is higher.

Pleadings shall be retained for a period of 8 (Eight) years or till the matter has been disposed of, whichever is higher or as may be amended from time to time.

### Marketing and Sales Documents

The Company shall retain relevant marketing and sales Documents for a period of at least 8(Eight) Years or as may be amended from time to time.

### **Intellectual Property Documents and Licenses**

Intellectual Property Documents shall include, but shall not be limited to Copyrights, Trademarks, Patents, and Industrial Designs. Intellectual Property Rights Documents that are owned by the Company shall be retained by the Company permanently.

Licenses shall be retained till the time the validity of the License and for a period of 8 (Eight) Years thereafter.

#### **RECORD MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE**

All records in physical form are to be maintained by the Records/Respective Department(s) at the respective locations.

Electronic version(s) of all of records are to be maintained within the Company's centralized electronic record software database, which is maintained by the IT Services Department.

#### DISPOSAL OF RECORDS

Physical records disposed of pursuant to the retention periods specified in the Document Retention Schedule shall be disposed of. The Company shall adopt appropriate procedures to permanently dispose of any non-paper physical records, such as photographs or audio/video recordings.

In the event that it is necessary to manually dispose of an electronic record, the IT Department shall use the "permanent delete" function to permanently dispose of electronic records.

### HOLD ON RECORD DESTRUCTION AND DELETION

In case the Company is served with any notice for request of documents or any employee becomes aware of a governmental investigation or audit concerning the Company or commencement of any litigation against the Company, any further disposal of documents connected with the matter shall be suspended until such time the investigation / litigation ends.

# STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

If as per any other applicable law/ regulation, a physical or electronic record should be preserved for a longer period than what has been stipulated in this policy, then the document shall be preserved as per the applicable statutory stipulations.

### WEB ARCHIVAL POLICY

The Company shall disclose on its website all events or information which has been disclosed to stock exchange(s). Such disclosures shall be retained on the website of the Company for a minimum period of 5 (five) years. At the end of the fifth year the information shall be archived and preserved for a further period of three years or as may be amended from time to time.

### **E-MAIL POLICIES**

All electronic communication systems as well as all communications and stored information transmitted, received, or contained on the Company's information systems are the property of the Company. Employees using this equipment for personal purposes do so at their own risk. Employees have no expectation of privacy in connection with the use of Company equipment or with the transmission, receipt, or storage of information using the Company's equipment. Authorized Company personnel may access communications and stored information at any time without notice or consent.

E-mails relating to audit work papers and financial controls should be retained for at least 8 (eight) years.

All emails to the Company's Officers or Audit Committee relating to complaints on auditing, accounting, frauds or internal controls should be retained permanently.

Any messages exchanged between the Company and third parties (such as consultants and auditors) should be archived for at least 8 (eight) years, regardless of their content. Instant messages have the same status as e-mails and should be treated identically.

#### PERIODICAL REVIEW OF THE POLICY

The Board of Directors of the Company is authorized to periodically review the policy and make such changes as considered necessary.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH THIS POLICY

The Company expects all employees to fully comply with this Policy, provided that all employees should note the following general exception to any stated destruction schedule:

If an employee has reasons to believe, or the Company informs the employee concerned, that Company records are relevant to litigation or potential litigation (i.e., a dispute that could result in litigation), then the employee must preserve those records until the Legal or Respective Department determines that the records are no longer needed. This exception supersedes any previously or subsequently established destruction schedule for those records. If an employee believes that exception may apply, or has any question regarding the possible applicability of that exception, he/she may contact the Office of Company Secretary or Chief Financial Officer.

Note: The above said policy was approved by the Board of directors at their meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.