

# Criteria of making payment to Non-Executive Directors

Under the SEBI (Listing Obligation Disclosure Requirement) Regulation 2015, requires every company to publish its criteria of making payments to NEDs in its annual report. Alternatively, this may be put up on the company's website and reference may be drawn thereto in its annual report. Section 197 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 17(6)(a) of SEBI (Listing Obligation Disclosure Requirement) Regulation 2015 require the prior approval of the shareholders of a company for making payment to its NEDs.

In keeping with the above, any fee/remuneration payable to the NEDs of the Company shall abide by the following:

**Sitting Fee:** Such director(s) may receive remuneration by way of fee for attending meetings of the Board or Committee thereof or any other meeting as required by Companies Act, 2013, SEBI (Listing Obligation Disclosure Requirement) Regulation 2015 or other applicable law or for any other purpose whatsoever as may be decided by the Board.

**Commission:** Under the Companies Act, 2013, Section 197 allows a company to pay remuneration to its NEDs either by way of a monthly payment or at a specified percentage of the net profits of the company or partly by one way and partly by the other. Further, the section also states that where the company has managing director or whole-time director or manager, then a maximum of 1% of its net profits can be paid as remuneration to its NEDs. In case there is no managing director or whole-time director or manager, then a maximum of 3% of net profit can be paid. Thus, the basis of payment to the NEDs is the net profit of the Company.