



# **INDIAN RAILWAY FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED**

## **BOARD DIVERSITY POLICY**

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### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1. As per the requirements under the Regulations 19(4) read with Schedule II, Part D of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended (the “**SEBI Listing Regulations**”) and such other regulatory provisions, as applicable the nomination and remuneration committee of the Company (the “**NRC**”) is required to devise a policy for having diversity on the board of directors of Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited (the “**Board**”). The Board diversity policy (the “**Policy**”) sets out a framework to achieve adequate diversity on the Board of the Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited (“IRFC” or “**Company**”).

### **2. INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1. Board diversity is vital to handle various factors such as globalisation of business, rapid deployment of technology, greater social responsibility, ever rising emphasis on corporate governance, enhanced need for risk management, etc. to facilitate effective management of the business of IRFC and to keep pace with changing dynamics of the business environment.
- 2.2. Board diversity is the breadth of prospective, not the mere inclusion of various diverse traits that will benefit the organisation. IRFC believes that a diverse Board will enhance the quality of decisions made by the Board by utilising the different skills, qualifications, experience, knowledge, etc. of the Board necessary for achieving sustainable and balance development.

### **3. SCOPE OF APPLICATION**

- 3.1. The Policy applies only to the members of the Board and not employees of the Company.

### **4. EFFECTIVE DATE**

- 4.1. This Policy shall be effective from the date of approval by the Board, unless specified otherwise.

### **5. POLICY STATEMENT**

- 5.1. The Companies Act, 2013, as amended and the rules made thereunder (the “**Companies Act**”) read with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, require the Board and the NRC to formulate the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of directors.
- 5.2. As a Company with operations presently are in Delhi, but customers, shareholders and other stakeholders such as the lenders and customers are located throughout India and world. It recognises and embraces the benefits of having a diverse Board and seeks increasing diversity at the Board level as an essential element in maintaining competitive advantage. It is recognised that the Board composed of appropriate qualified people with a broad range of experience relevant to the business is important to the effective corporate governance and sustained commercial success of IRFC.

- 5.3. A truly diverse Board will include and make good use of differences in skills and industry experience, background and other distinctions between directors.
- 5.4. As per the articles of association of IRFC (the “Articles of Association”), IRFC being a Government of India (“GOI”) enterprise, all appointments are made by the President of India on the basis of merits such as the individual candidate’s skills, experience, independence and specialisation in one or more areas and candidate will be considered against the objective criteria, with due regards for the benefits of diversity on Board as well as the candidate’s contribution to the operation of IRFC which the Board as a whole requires in order to be effective.
- 5.5. All Board appointments are made by the President of India as per the Articles of Association. Once appointed by the GOI, the appointments are taken on record by the Board. The GOI normally take into account, include and make good use of diversity in the skills, qualifications, age, profession & industry, experience and expertise, irrespective of race, caste, creed, religion, disability, gender and culture.
- 5.6. In the process of attaining a diverse Board based on the aforementioned norms, the following should also be assessed.
- a. The total number of directors shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association, Companies Act and Listing Regulations, as amended from time to time.
  - b. When the chairperson of the Board is a non-executive director, at least one third of the Board shall comprise of independent directors and when the Company does not have a regular non-executive chairperson, or when the regular non-executive chairperson is a promoter or related to any promoter or person occupying management position at the Board level or at one level below the Board, at least half of the Board shall comprise of independent directors.
  - c. While appointing the independent directors, care should be taken as to the independence of the proposed appointee.
  - d. Directorships in other Companies may also be taken into account while determining the candidate of a person.
  - e. The overall composition of the Board should comply with the provisions of the Articles of Association, the Companies Act the Listing Regulations, 2015 and the statutory, regulatory and contractual obligations of IRFC.

## **6. STAKEHOLDER DIVERSITY**

- 6.1. Subject to the provisions of Section 151 of the Companies Act, the Company may, upon notice of not less than 1,000 small shareholders or one-tenth of the total number of such shareholders, whichever is lower, have a small shareholders’ director elected by the small shareholders.

## **7. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES**

- 7.1. NRC will discuss all measurable objectives for achieving diversity on the Board and recommend them to the Board for adoption. At any given time, the Board may seek to improve one or more aspects of its diversity and measure progress accordingly.

## **8. MONITORING AND REPORTING**

- 8.1. The Policy, as described herein and as applicable, shall also be disclosed in IRFC's annual report. The Policy shall also be disclosed on the website of IRFC for public information.

## **9. REVIEW & AMENDMENT OF THE POLICY**

This policy may be reviewed by the Board from time to time and amended if required, including in view of changes in the regulatory environment, if any.

The Chairman & Managing Director is authorized to carry out minor modifications in this policy and to approve such changes, as may be required in order to comply with the applicable / amended provisions of law or to comply with any direction, circular etc. issued by the Regulator(s); and to settle any issue with respect to interpretation of this policy.