



RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY {Pursuant to Section 134(3) of Companies Act, 2013}

INTRODUCTION

Risk management is an integral component of good corporate governance and fundamental in achieving the company's strategic and operational objectives. It improves decision-making, defines opportunities and mitigates material events that may impact shareholder value.

Balu Forge Industries Limited desires to refine its organizational wide capabilities in risk management so as to ensure a consistent, efficient and effective assessment of risks in the achievement of the organization's objectives. It views risk management as integral to its objective of creating and maintaining business continuity, shareholder value and successful execution of its strategies.

The Company's risk management policy provides the framework to manage the risks associated with its activities. It is designed to identify, assess, monitor and manage risk.

OBJECTIVES

- The revised Risk Management Policy forms an integral part of the internal control and corporate governance framework of Balu Forge Industries Limited. The Company's Risk Management Policy endeavors to support its objectives among others by –
- Ensuring sustainable business growth with stability and promoting a pro-active approach in reporting, evaluating and resolving risks associated with the business
- Providing a framework that enables future activities to take place in a consistent and controlled manner
- Improving decision making, planning and prioritization by comprehensive and structured understanding of business activities, volatility and opportunities/ threats.
- Evaluating the likelihood and impact of major adverse events;
- Developing responses to either prevent such events from occurring or manage and minimize the impact of such event, if it does occur;
- Identifying any unmitigated risks and formulating action plans for addressing such risks ;
- Compliance with provisions of relevant legislations.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Balu being a listed company is required to adhere to the regulations made both by the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (Listing Regulations). Where any stipulation is common between the regulations, more stringent of the two shall be complied with.

Requirement as per Companies Act, 2013

Responsibility of the Board: As per Section 134 (n) of the Act, The Board of Directors' report must include a statement indicating development and implementation of a risk management policy for the Company including identification of elements of risk, if any, which in the opinion of the Board may threaten the existence of the Company.



Responsibility of the Audit Committee: As per Section 177 (4)(vii) of the Act, the Audit Committee shall act in accordance with the terms of reference specified in writing by the Board which shall, inter alia, include evaluation of internal financial controls and risk management systems.

Responsibility of the Independent Directors: As per Schedule IV [Part II-(4)] of the Act, Independent directors should satisfy themselves that financial controls and the systems of risk management are robust and defensible.

Requirement of Listing Regulation

Responsibility of the Audit Committee: As per Schedule II Part C Part A (11), the role of the audit committee shall include the evaluation of internal financial controls and risk management systems.

Requirement for Regulation 21(4): "The Company to whom Risk Management Committee is applicable shall through its Board of Directors define the role and responsibility of the Risk Management Committee and may delegate monitoring and reviewing of the risk management plan to the committee and such other functions as it may deem fit, such function shall specifically cover cyber security.

Who the policy applies to/ Applicability/ Scope

This policy shall apply across all locations of the company including its operations and all support functions.

Roles and Responsibilities

I. The Board:

- ✓ Approve and review the Risk Management Policy
- ✓ Define the Company's risk appetite
- ✓ Identify and assess internal and external risks in particular including financial, operational, sectoral, sustainability (particularly, ESG related risks), information, cyber security risks or any other risk that may impact the Company in achieving its strategic objectives or may threaten the existence of the Company
- ✓ Define the role and responsibility of the Risk Management Committee and delegate monitoring and reviewing of the risk management plan to the Risk Management Committee and such other functions as it may deem fit; which also shall specifically covers the function related to the Cyber Security.
- ✓ Oversee the development and implementation of risk management framework and maintain an adequate monitoring and reporting mechanism.
- ✓ Formulate risk management strategy to manage and mitigate the identified risks.
- ✓ Give directions to the Audit committee and Finance & Risk Management Committee on top priority risks identified and its mitigation plan.

II. Risk Management Committee:

- ✓ To formulate a detailed risk management policy which shall include:
 - a. A framework for identification of internal and external risks specifically faced by the listed entity, in particular including financial, operational, sectoral, sustainability (particularly, ESG related risks), information, cyber security risks or any other risk as may be determined by the Committee.



b. Measures for risk mitigation including systems and processes for internal control of identified risks.

c. Business continuity plan.

- ✓ To ensure that appropriate methodology, processes and systems are in place to monitor and evaluate risks associated with the business of the Company.
- ✓ To monitor and oversee implementation of the risk management policy, including evaluating the adequacy of risk management systems.
- ✓ To periodically review the risk management policy, at least once in two years, including by considering the changing industry dynamics and evolving complexity.
- ✓ To keep the board of directors informed about the nature and content of its discussions, recommendations and actions to be taken.
- ✓ The appointment, removal and terms of remuneration of the Chief Risk Officer (if any) shall be subject to review by the Risk Management Committee.
- ✓ Recommend to the Board Policy for hedging Commodity Risk.
- ✓ The committee to meet at least twice in a year in such a manner that on a continuous basis not more than one hundred and eighty days shall elapse between any two consecutive meetings

III. Senior Management of the Company (SMG):

The SMG comprises of core management team which heads individual functions in the Company. They will:

- ✓ Implement and monitor the principles, actions and requirements of the risk management plan.
- ✓ Provide necessary tools and resources to identify, manage and mitigate risks.
- ✓ Review risks on quarterly basis- identification of new risks, changes to existing risks, updating risk register etc.
- ✓ Report the status of risk items to the Finance and Risk Management Committee and Audit Committee
- ✓ Appraise risk owners' actions taken to manage risk and correction of inappropriate performance
- ✓ Internal compliance and control systems for the implementation of the risk management plan

IV. Internal Audit:

Further, the independent Internal Audit function shall provide assurance on the integrity and robustness of the risk management process.

RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS

I. Risk Universe Analysis

Risk analysis involves consideration of the sources of risk, their consequences and the likelihood that those consequences may occur. The existing systems, control measures and procedures to control risk are identified and their effectiveness is assessed. The impact and likelihood of an event and its associated consequences are assessed in the context of the existing controls.



II. Risk Identification

Risk Identification is obligatory on all vertical and functional heads that with the inputs from their team members are required to report the material risks to the SMG along with their considered views and recommendations for risk mitigation. Analysis of all the risks thus identified shall be carried out by the SMG through participation of the vertical/functional heads.

III. Risk Assessment

Risk evaluation involves comparing the level of risk found during the analysis process against the pre-defined risk weights so as to assess their potential severity of loss and to the probability of occurrence. Risk weights of High / Medium / Low can be assigned based on parameters for each operating activity. The output of the risk evaluation is a prioritized list of risks for further action. If the resulting risks fall into the low or acceptable risk categories they may be accepted with minimal further treatment.

IV. Risk Response

Risk response involves identifying the range of options for treating risk, assessing those options, preparing risk treatment plans and implementing them. Options include avoiding the risk, reducing the likelihood of the occurrence, reducing the consequences, transferring the risk, and retaining the risk. Gaps will then be identified between what mitigating steps are in place and what is desired. The action plans adopted will be documented and its implementation tracked as part of the reporting process.

Ownership and responsibility for each of those risk mitigation steps will then be assigned. This will be captured in a 'Risk Assessment and Control Matrix' which comprising of the key top risks.

V. Reporting

The SMG should provide assurance to the Audit Committee with regards to the financial records, risk management and internal compliance. Risks will be continuously monitored and reviewed; and the effectiveness of the controls in place and of the risk action plans is assessed to ensure changing circumstances do not alter risk priorities.

VI. Policy Review

This policy shall be reviewed periodically, at least once in two years, including by considering the changing industry dynamics and evolving complexity to ensure effectiveness and that its continued application and relevance to the business. Feedback on the implementation and the effectiveness of the policy will be obtained from the risk reporting process, internal audits and other available information.

Entry into Force

This policy formally enters into force with immediate effect after approval by The Board of Directors of the company.
