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***POLICY ON PRESERVATION AND ARCHIVAL OF DOCUMENTS***

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## **Policy on Preservation and Archival of Documents**

### **1. Background:**

SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations") mandates every Listed Company to formulate a Policy on Preservation & Archival of Documents ("Policy") which has to be approved by the Board of Directors.

In this context, the Board of Directors ("Board") of PAE Limited ("PAEL/Company") has adopted the said Policy with the objective of classifying various documents, records and registers for the purpose of maintenance, preservation and archiving.

The Board has the power to modify and amend the said Policy.

### **2. Objective of the Policy:**

All Corporate Information and records of the Company are crucial for the business continuity and have to be preserved and retained as per the governing Policy of the Company. Further, the Policy aims to disseminate equal, adequate and timely information to the shareholders through the website of the Company and to enable them to track the performance of the Company at regular intervals.

This Policy aims to classify the Documents, records and registers of the Company either in physical form or electronic form as given herein:

- (i) to be preserved permanently and
- (ii) to be preserved for a specific period of time

### **3. Definitions:**

- "**Document(s)**" refers to papers, notes, agreements, notices, advertisements, requisitions, order, declarations, forms, correspondence, minutes, indices, registers and or any other record, required under or in order to comply with the requirements of any applicable law, whether issued, sent, the time being in or otherwise, maintained on paper or in Electronic form received or kept in pursuance of the Act or under any other law for and does not include multiple or identical copies.
- "**Electronic Record(s)**" means the electronic record as defined under clause (t) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Information Technology Act, 2000.
- "**Electronic Form**" means on any electronic device such as computer, laptop, compact disc, floppy disc, space on electronic cloud, or any other form of storage and retrieval device, considered feasible, whether the same is in possession or control of the Company or otherwise the Company has control over access to it.
- "**Maintenance**" means keeping Documents, either physically or in Electronic Form





- "Preservation" means to keep in good order and to prevent from being altered, damaged or destroyed.

#### **4. Preservation and Archival of Documents:**

The Company shall preserve all its documents as per the requirements and provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder, the Secretarial Standards, the Listing Regulations and any other law, rules, regulations as may be applicable to the Company from time-to-time. While this Policy lays down the minimum period for preservation of documents, the retention of documents as identified specifically in the Policy and documents not identified herein should be determined by the relevant Head of the Department by applying general guidelines and other important factors.

##### **A. Documents which are to be maintained permanently:**

The Company shall maintain the following documents on a permanent basis:

- Incorporation Documents
- The Original Signed and Stamped Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association of the Company
- Minutes of General Meetings, Board Meetings and various Committee Meetings
- Register of Members along with Index
- Register of loans, guarantee, security and acquisition made by the Company
- Register of investments not held in its own name by the Company, if any
- Register of contracts with related party and contracts and Bodies etc. in which directors are interested
- Register of Charges
- Register of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel
- 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.

##### **B. Documents which are to be maintained for at least eight financial years:**

- Books of account together with the vouchers relevant to any entry in such books of account
- Copies of all Annual Returns
- E-forms filed with the Registrar of Companies
- Disclosure of Interest received from the Directors of the Company in the manner prescribed
- Attendance Registers, Notices, Agenda, Notes on Agenda and other related papers of General Meetings, Board Meetings and various Committee Meetings
- Instrument creating a Charge or modifying a Charge, if any





- Changes to the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association, if any
- Employment /Personnel Record should be retained for a period of eight (8) years following cessation of employment in case of employees of the Company.
- Legal documents including but not 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.

**C. Documents which are to be maintained on website of the Company for a minimum period of five (5) years:**

- Disclosure of all events and information provided to the Stock Exchanges as per the Listing Regulations
- Press Release.

The above documents as uploaded on the Company's website will be archived for a period of three (3) years and thereby destroyed as per this Policy.

**5. Mode of Maintenance:**

The Company shall maintain these records either in physical or in Electronic Form. The applicable provisions of law, rules and regulations with regard to electronic maintenance of records shall be adhered to.

All the records shall be maintained as per the prescribed formats, if any, as amended from time-to-time under the various rules and regulations.

**6. Disposal and Destruction of Records:**

After the expiry of the statutory retention period, the preserved documents may be destroyed. Destruction of documents as a normal administrative practice shall be followed for the records which are duplicate/unimportant/irrelevant.

This applies to both Physical and Electronic Documents. The documents may be destroyed as follows:

- a. Recycle non-confidential paper records;
- b. Shred or otherwise render unreadable confidential paper records; or
- c. Delete or destroy electronically stored data.

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