

Definitions of “Independent Director”

The company has given the following definitions of an “independent director” based on the notification of The Capital Market Supervisory Board.

1. Holding shares not exceeding 1 per cent of the total number of voting rights of the company, its parent company, subsidiary, affiliate, major shareholders or controlling person of the company, including the shares being held by related persons of independent directors.

2. Neither being nor having been an executive director, employee, staff, or advisor who received regular salaries, or being a controlling person of the company, its parent company, subsidiary, affiliate, same-level subsidiary, major shareholders or persons having supervision authority over the company, unless the foregoing status ended not less than two years prior to the date of their appointments as independent directors. Nevertheless, such prohibited nature would not apply in the case of these independent directors having earlier served as government officials, or advisors to government agency acting as major shareholder in the company or having supervision authority over the company.

3. Not being a person related by blood or registration under laws, such as father, mother, spouse, sibling, and child, including spouse of the children, executive, major shareholder, controlling person, or person to be nominated as executive or as controlling person of the company or its subsidiary.

4. Not having business relationship with the company, its parent company, subsidiary, affiliate, major shareholders or controlling person of the company, in such manner likely to interfere with own independent judgement, and neither being nor having been a significant shareholder or person having supervision authority over the person who has business relationship with the company, its parent company, subsidiary, affiliate, major shareholders or controlling person of the company, unless the foregoing relationship ended not less than two years prior to the date of appointment as independent director.

The term ‘business relationship’ aforementioned under paragraph one included any normal business transaction, rental or lease of immovable property, transaction relating to the assets or services or the granting or receipt of financial assistance through receiving or extending loans, guarantee, providing assets as collateral, including any other similar action, resulting in the company or its counterparty being subject to indebtedness payable to the other party in the amount of three percent or more of the net tangible assets of the company or twenty million Baht or more, whichever is lower. The amount of such indebtedness shall be calculated according to the calculation method for the value of connected transactions under The Notification of The Capital Market Supervisory Board regarding The Compromise Criteria for Connected Transactions. The combination of such indebtedness shall include indebtedness taking place during the course of one year prior to the date on which the business relationship with the person commences.

5. Neither being nor having been an auditor of the company, its parent company, subsidiary, affiliate, major shareholders or controlling person of the company, and not being a significant shareholder or person having supervision authority, or partner of an audit firm which employs auditors of the company, its parent company, subsidiary, affiliate, major shareholders or controlling person of the company, unless the foregoing relationship has ended not less than two years prior to the date of appointment as independent director.

6. Neither being nor having been any professional advisor including legal advisor or financial advisor who receives an annual service fee exceeding two million Baht from the company, its parent company, subsidiary, affiliate, major shareholders or controlling person of the company, and not being a significant shareholder or person having supervision authority or partner of the professional advisor, unless the foregoing relationship has ended not less than two years prior to the date of appointment as independent director.

7. Not being a director who has been appointed as the representative of the company's director, major shareholder, or being a shareholder who is related to the major shareholder.

8. Not engaging in business operations of the same business nature or in competition against the business operations of the company or its subsidiaries, nor serving as a significant partner in a limited partnership or otherwise serving as a director participating in the management, or serving as employee or consultant receiving regular salary or holding over 1% shares out off total shares in other companies engaging in the same business nature or in competition against the company and its subsidiaries.

9. Not having any characteristics which make him incapable of expressing independent opinions with regard to the company's business affairs.

After being appointed independent director having qualifications complying with the criteria under item 1 to 9, the independent director may then be assigned by The Board of Directors to participate in the decision-making procedures for the company, its parent company, subsidiary, affiliate, same-level subsidiary, major shareholders or controlling person of the company on the condition that such decision must be a collective one.