## **DEFINITION OF THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**

The definition of the Company's independent directors are the persons who have all the necessary qualifications and independence which is in line and more stringent than the criteria set by the Capital Market Supervisory Board. At present, the said criteria prescribes that the qualifications of an Independent Director are as follows:

- (a) holding not exceeding 0.75 percent of the total voting shares of the Company, its parent company, subsidiary, associate company, major shareholder or controlling person, including shares held by the connected persons of such independent director;
- (b) neither being nor having been an executive director, employee, staff, advisor who receives salary or the controlling person of the Company, its parent company, subsidiary, associate company, same-level subsidiary, major shareholder or controlling person, unless the foregoing status has ended not less than two years prior to the date of appointment. Such prohibited characteristics shall exclude the case where an independent director used to be a government official or advisor of a governmental agency, which is a major shareholder or the controlling person of the Company;
- (c) not being a person who is related by blood or registration under laws, such as father, mother, spouse, sibling and child, including spouse of child, other directors, executives, major shareholders, controlling person or person to be nominated as director, executive or controlling person of the Company or its subsidiary;
- (d) not having or having had a business relationship with the Company, its parent company, subsidiary, associate company, major shareholder or controlling person in a manner that may interfere with his/her independent judgment, and neither being nor having been a significant shareholder or the controlling person of any person having a business relationship with the Company, its parent company, subsidiary, associate company, major shareholder or controlling person, unless the foregoing relationships has ended not less than two years prior to the date of appointment.

The term of 'business relationship' aforementioned under paragraph one includes any normal business transaction, rental or lease of immovable property, transactions relating to assets or services or grant or receipt of financial assistance through receiving or extending loan, guarantee, providing assets as collateral, and any other similar actions, which result in the Company or his/her 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 amount is lower. The amount of such indebtedness shall be in accordance with the method for calculating the value of connected party transactions under the Notification of the Capital Market Supervisory Board governing rules on connected transactions

mutatis mutandis. The combination of such indebtedness shall include the indebtedness taking place during the course of one year prior to the date on which the business relationship with the person commences;

- (e) neither being nor having been an auditor of the Company, its parent company, subsidiary, associate company, major shareholder, or controlling person, and not being a significant shareholder, controlling person, or partner of the audit firm which employs the auditor of the Company, its parent company, subsidiary, associate company, major shareholder, or controlling person, unless the foregoing relationship has ended not less than two years prior to the date of appointment;
- (f) neither being nor having been any professional advisor including legal advisor or financial advisor being paid with a service fee of more than two million baht per year by the Company, its parent company, subsidiary, associated company, majority shareholder, or controlling person, and not being a significant shareholder, controlling person, or partner of the professional advisor, unless the foregoing relationship has ended for not less than two years prior to the date of the appointment;
- (g) not being a director who is appointed as the representative of the Company's directors, major shareholder, or shareholder who is a connected person of the Company's major shareholder;
- (h) not operate any business which has the same nature as and is in significant competition with the business of the Company or its subsidiary, or not being a principal partner in any partnership, or not being an executive director, employee, staff, advisor earning regular monthly salary, or not holding shares exceeding one percent of the total number of voting rights of any other company operating business which has the same nature as and is in significant competition with the business of the Company or its subsidiary;
- (i) not having any other characteristics which make him/her incapable of expressing independent opinions with regard to the Company's business affairs.

After having been appointed as an independent director with the qualifications complying with the criteria under (a) to (i) of the first paragraph, the independent director may be assigned by the board of directors to take part in the business decision of the Company, its parent company, subsidiary, associate company, same-level subsidiary, major shareholder or controlling person, providing that such decision shall be in the form of collective decision.