

# HI-KLASS TRADING & INVESTMENT LTD.

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## HI-KLASS TRADING AND INVESTMENT LIMITED

### Consumer Credit Policy

#### About the Company

1. M/s. Hi-Klass Trading and Investment Limited (the 'Company') is an Investment Company registered with Reserve Bank of India as a Non-Banking Financial Company without accepting public deposits.
2. The Company was incorporated on April 08, 1992 and commenced its business thereon. The equity shares of the company were listed on Bombay Stock Exchange Limited.
3. The Registered Office of the Company is situated at "Office No 15, 2nd Floor, Plot No 24, Rehman Building, Veer Nariman Road, Hutatma Chowk Fort, Mumbai -400 001".

#### OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF THE POLICY:

- a) M/s. Hi-Klass Trading and Investment Limited (Company) is registered with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as a non-deposit accepting NBFC. Being an NBFC, it has to comply with Guidelines / Directions issued by RBI from time to time. The Company's Credit Policy is the framework, which defines the principles for its lending business. The Company shall duly implement and keep the Credit Policy including the Appendices and any amendments thereto up to date, in accordance with any regulatory, corporate or other legal requirements.
- b) The objectives of this Policy are as below:
  - i. To create a set of standardized policies and procedures for the lending activities of M/s. Hi-Klass Trading and Investment Limited.
  - ii. To institute due diligence for mitigating level of credit risks and improve credit quality.
  - iii. To define overall risk appetite.
  - iv. To establish underwriting framework- including maximum credit limits, risk limits, etc.
  - v. To ensure thorough Credit appraisal and proper monitoring of all outstanding Credits. This includes both; supervision of outstanding Credits as well as recovery of overdue Credits.
  - vi. This Credit policy provides an overall description of all stages of the lending process.



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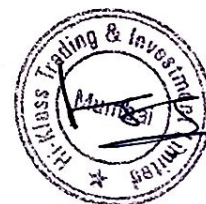
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- c) In pursuing its business, M/s. Hi-Klass Trading and Investment Limited will operate according to the highest ethical and compliance standards and constantly seek to follow best practices in the industry. Under no circumstances will contravention of laws and relevant regulations would be tolerated.

## **Business Strategy and Business Operations:**

- I. M/s. Hi-Klass Trading and Investment Limited have business operations need to be financially sustainable i.e., all expenses shall have to be met from income essentially from interest earned on credit extended in addition to income from investments and fees collected from services extended to customers. The Company may give credit to any Body Corporate(s), firm(s), Individuals, etc.
- II. Business Segments
- Retail Lending: M/s. Hi-Klass Trading and Investment Limited aims to extend Credits, to the public for personal credits including consumer durables, travel, marriage and such. The Credit Policy enumerates on the customer segments, purpose of Credit, process of Credit approval and disbursement, interest rate determination of the Credit disbursement and charges to be borne by an individual customer. The detailed Credit policy on MSMEs shall be taken up consequently.
  - Corporate Lending: The Company can further extend Credits to any Body Corporate(s), firm(s), non-individual entities.
  - Other Segments / Credit Products: The Committee can further determine product parameters for retail lending and set limits on total book size for each product. The Credit policy has been framed in line with the Fair Practices Code prescribed by RBI.
- III. Sanctioning Authority
- Board of Directors (herein after referred to as 'Authority' or 'the Board') shall be the sanctioning authority. Authority may approve the proposal from any other sector on case to-case basis covering the entire spectrum of aspects viz. Purposes, size, interest rate, term, repayment terms, and security required and any other conditions will be as decided by the Board.
  - The sanctions accorded by the Board shall be placed before their ensuing meeting for the purpose of review and ratification.
  - The Board may directly approve any particular Credit or any other feature of the Policy.

## **PURPOSE OF CREDIT:**





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- In the long term, it is envisaged that the lending business will reach out to both existing customers as well as open market customers and fulfil their financing needs for purposes as wide ranging as Credits.
- The Company can further extend the credits to corporate (non-individual entities) for their business needs within the risk appetite and regulatory framework.

## **CREDIT UNDERWRITING:**

The process from the receipt of customers' request and communication of the final approval of facility will be as under:

### **i. Credit Approval process: -**

The process will start from the receipt of customers' request and the processing of same, including approval of the credit facility. The process ends with the communication of an approval of facility to the customer through a term sheet/sanction letter.

### **ii. Credit Application:**

The customer shall submit a form either at offline or online touchpoints to inform the Company regarding the interest in a certain Credit product.

### **iii. KYC Document Verification:**

The documents submitted by the customer will be required to be analysed either using competent technological or human resources.

### **iv. Credit Appraisal:**

This step involves arriving at a decision to provide the Credit or not. M/s. Hi-Klass Trading and Investment Limited shall require additional documents such as income statement, PAN, Form 16 or other considered necessary from the customer.

## **FINAL DECISION ON SANCTION: -**

The final decision to provide the Credit or not will remain with M/s. Hi-Klass Trading and Investment Limited after all the previous steps. Since the major focus in retail Credits shall be unsecured Credits, the underwriting shall be strengthened such that Credits shall only be granted after the ability and intention to pay of the individual is assessed to an extent as much as possible. Unconventional sources such as alternative data modelling to arrive at the credit worthiness of the individual can also be used.



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Unsecured Credits shall not be granted to those who do not have a verifiable regular income, other than students. In case of students, the personal Credit shall require the guarantee of another person who shall pay in case of default.

## **PROCESSING FEE:-**

M/s. Hi-Klass Trading and Investment Limited has decided to charge a processing fee at applicable rates from time to time. Any revision in these charges would be implemented on prospective basis with due communication to customers. These charges would be decided upon by the respective business / Function heads in consultation with Operations, Finance, Compliance and Legal Heads.

## **OTHER CHARGES:-**

The below charges shall be as applicable:-

- Prepayment Charges/Credit Foreclosure
- Additional Interest on late payment
- PDC/ECS swap charges
- Credit cancellation charges
- EMI Bounce charges
- Legal charges

## **TENOR:**

The retails Credits shall be granted for a tenor of not more than 5 years.

Besides the above, in order to gainfully utilize the deployable funds, the Company shall make a short-term deposit / Credit including inter corporate deposits for a period not exceeding one year.

The maximum period credit facilities shall not exceed 20 years from the date of disbursement of the Credit.

## **DETERMINATION OF INTEREST RATES:**

1. The base interest rate comprises of the cost of funds, operational costs and the minimum rate of return desired. The further spread will take into account the factors in the creditworthiness of the customer in the form of risk premium.
2. Other relevant factors have been enumerated below:
  - Interest shall be accrued and charged periodically but not less than monthly rests. Fees/ charges may be levied upfront or at other specific intervals as per the agreed terms and conditions.





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- Some fees or commissions may have to be paid before the commencement of a facility; the customer shall be required make advance payment of such funds to M/s. Hi-Klass Trading and Investment Limited.
- In all cases, the effective interest rate shall be clearly communicated to the customers, all fees, commissions, interest rates and their calculations shall be transparent and explained in a manner that could be understood by the customers, in compliance with the FPC, and the duplicate term sheet duly signed shall be obtained from the borrowers in token of acceptance of the terms and conditions of the facility.
- Interest Rate policy will be reviewed periodically to take into account market forces, inflation and risk factors.
- Interest rate structure may vary among borrowers depending upon the risk factors & need for achieving operational & financial sustainability. The Credit Authority will go through the rate recommended and give approval in all such cases.
- The sanctioning authority shall record specific reasons in writing at the time of sanctioning Credits, in case no interest is stipulated or a moratorium for principal or interest is granted for any period.

### 3. The rate of interest shall majorly depend on three overarching major factors:

- The cost of funds: Currently, both equity and debt funding are provided by the M/s. Hi-Klass Trading and Investment Limited , at an internally decided rate. Going forward, M/s. Hi-Klass Trading and Investment Limited shall opt for bank borrowings, debentures and commercial papers.
- Operational costs: This would include the cost of using manpower for applicant's checks and document processing/verification, and if any face-to-face interaction is required.
- Technology costs would also be factored in.
- Forecasting and planning objectives: M/s. Hi-Klass Trading and Investment Limited shall have an Annual operating Plan with certain Return on equity/Return on Assets targets. Thus, the interest rate would have a margin for fulfilment.

### **REPAYMENT:**

The Credit may be repayable in one or more tranches per the terms agreed upon. However, the cut-off date for repayment may be extended by the sanctioning authority for any particular case. Where such cut-off date for repayment is extended beyond a period of one year from the due date, the sanctioning authority shall record specific reasons in writing for such extension.



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## **SECURITY:**

For secured Credits, the borrower shall, in consideration of the Credit given, create such security in favour of the Company as stipulated by it, including a demand promissory note, wherever applicable.

## **COLLATERALS:**

In case it is felt necessary to strengthen the credit worthiness of the borrower, a co-borrower/ guarantor may be considered.

## **MONITORING & REVIEW OF THE POLICY**

The Board of Directors of the Company shall monitor and review the Policy periodically/Annually or as and when required and can amend this Policy as and when deemed fit.

