### VIGIL MECHANISM AND WHISTLE BLOWER POLICY

### Scope and purpose:

Vishwaraj Sugar Industries Limited (VSIL) is committed to complying with the foreign and domestic laws that apply to it, satisfying the Company's Code of Conduct and particularly to assuring that business is conducted with integrity and that the Company's financial information is accurate. If potential violations of Company policies or applicable laws are not recognized and addressed promptly, both the Company and those working for or with the Company could face governmental investigation, prosecution, fines, and other penalties. That may have cascading impact and may prove fatal. Consequentially, and to promote the highest ethical standards, the Company will maintain a workplace that facilitates the reporting of potential violations of Company policies and applicable laws. Employees must be able to raise concerns regarding such potential violations easily and free of any fear of retaliation. That is the purpose of this policy (the 'Policy' or the 'Vigil Mechanism and Whistle Blower Policy). You are required to read this Policy and acquaint yourself with the same.

## Report at the earliest - Nip at the bud

Everyone is required to report to the Company any suspected violation of any law that applies to the Company and any suspected violation of the Company's Code of Conduct. It is important that you report all suspected violations. This includes possible accounting or financial reporting violations, insider trading, bribery, harassment, discrimination in your employment etc. It is the policy of the Company that you must, when you reasonably suspect that a violation of an applicable law or the Company's Code of Conduct has occurred or is occurring, report that potential violation. Reporting is crucial for early detection, proper investigation and remediation, and deterrence of violations of Company policies or applicable laws. You should not fear any negative consequences for reporting reasonably suspected violations because retaliation for reporting suspected violations is strictly prohibited by Company policy. Failure to report any reasonable belief that a violation has occurred or is occurring is itself a violation of this Policy and such failure will be addressed with appropriate disciplinary action, including possible termination of employment.

## **How & Where to Report**

You must report all suspected violations to (i) your immediate supervisor; (ii) the nodal officer, i.e., the Company Secretary; at or (iii) anonymously, by sending an email to: whistleblower@vsil.co.in If you have reason to believe that your immediate supervisor or the Company Secretary is involved in the suspected violation, your report may be made to the Chairman of the Audit Committee at: Chairman, Audit Committee, Vishwaraj Sugar Industries Limited, Bellad Bagewadi, Taluk Hukkeri, District-Belgaum.

Because you have several means of reporting, you need never report to someone you believe may be involved in the suspected violation or from whom you would fear

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retaliation. Your report should include as much information about the suspected violation as you can provide. Where possible, it should describe the nature of the suspected violation; the identities of persons involved in the suspected violation; a description of documents that relate to the suspected violation; and the time frame during which the suspected violation occurred. Where you have not reported anonymously, you may be contacted for further information.

## **Post reporting Investigation**

All reports under this Policy will be promptly and appropriately investigated, and all information disclosed during the course of the investigation will remain confidential, except as necessary to conduct the investigation and take any remedial action, in accordance with applicable law. Everyone working for or with the Company has a duty to cooperate in the investigation of reports of violations. Failure to cooperate in an investigation, or deliberately providing false information during an investigation, can be the basis for disciplinary action, including termination of employment.

If, at the conclusion of its investigation, the Company determines that a violation has occurred, the Company will take effective remedial action commensurate with the nature of the offense. This action may include disciplinary action against the accused party, up to and including termination. Reasonable and necessary steps will also be taken to prevent any further violations of Company policy.

# Zero - Retaliation policy

No one may take any adverse action against any employee for complaining about, reporting, or participating or assisting in the investigation of, a reasonably suspected violation of any law, this Policy, or the Company's Code of Conduct and Ethics. The Company takes reports of such retaliation seriously. Incidents of retaliation against any employee reporting a violation or participating in the investigation of a reasonably suspected violation will result in appropriate disciplinary action against anyone responsible, including possible termination of employment. Those working for or with the Company who engage in retaliation against reporting employees may also be subject to civil, criminal and administrative penalties.

#### Modification:

The Audit Committee or the Board of Directors of VSIL can modify this Policy unilaterally at any time without notice. Modification may be necessary, among other reasons, to maintain compliance with national, state or local regulations and / or accommodate organizational changes within the Company.

Please sign the acknowledgment form below and return it to the Company Secretary. This will let the Company know that you have received the Policy and are aware of the Company's commitment to a work environment free of retaliation for reporting violations of any Company policies or any applicable laws.