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Framed under Regulation 9 of Chapter III of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

### **1. Background**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (“SEBI”), vide its Notification dated September 2, 2015, has issued the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“Regulations”). The Regulations come into force from December 1, 2015. The Regulations mandate listed entities to formulate an archival policy. It is in this context that the Policy on Archival of Documents (“Policy”) is being framed and implemented.

### **2. Definitions:**

In this Policy, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Company” means **Benchmark Computer Solutions Limited**.

“Regulations” means Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Words and expressions used in this Policy but not defined shall have the meaning as given in the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Any subsequent modification and / or amendments brought about by SEBI in the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 shall automatically apply to this Policy.

### **3. Purpose and Scope:**

The purpose of this document is to present a high-level policy statement for **Benchmark Computer Solutions Limited** (“the Company”) regarding preservation of its documents in accordance with all the statutory and regulatory provisions applicable to the Company including the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“LODR”).

This policy would contain guidelines on how to identify documents that need to be maintained, how long certain documents should be retained, and how and when those documents should be disposed off, if no longer needed pursuant to the applicable statutory and regulatory provisions.

This policy has been adopted and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 17/07/2023.



### **Classification of Documents to be preserved /retained:**

The Board of Directors has classified the documents to be retained and preserved in two categories which are mentioned below:

- 1) Documents whose preservation shall be permanent in nature – as prescribed under Companies Act, 2013 & Rules made thereunder.
- 2) Documents with preservation period of not less than 8 years after completion of relevant transactions-as prescribed under Companies Act, 2013 & Rules made thereunder.

Income Tax, Sales Tax, Central Excise and Service Tax related documents, i.e., Assessment Orders, Tax Bills, Receipts, Statements, Returns, Notices, etc. shall be preserved for a period of 8 years as required under the applicable laws.

Details pertaining to the list of documents to be preserved under the above mentioned applicable laws and regulations have been provided to the respective departments to ensure safe record keeping and compliance of the applicable laws and regulations.

### **4. Periodical Review of the Policy by the Board of Directors:**

This policy shall be reviewed periodically by the Board and amendments effected subject to approval of the Board if and when practical difficulties are encountered. The Board may also review this policy on document retention to comply with any local, state, and central legislation that may be promulgated from time to time.

### **5. Suspension of Record Disposal in the event of Litigation or Claims:**

In case the Company is served with any notice for request of documents or a governmental investigation or audit concerning the Company or commencement of any litigation against the Company, then disposal of documents shall be suspended until such time as the Top Management with the due advice from the legal counsel determine otherwise. Such documents shall be preserved until the completion of the judicial proceedings.

### **6. Register of Documents destroyed:**

The documents specified in Annexure which are not required to be maintained and preserved permanently, may be destroyed after the expiry of the specified retention period in such mode and under the instructions approved by the Functional/ Departmental Heads. Any deviation will be approved by the Chief Financial Officer or such other persons as may be authorized by the Board for the purpose.

### **7. Policy Review:**

This Policy is framed based on the requirements of Regulation 9 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.





In case of any subsequent changes in the Companies Act, 2013 or Regulations which makes any of the provisions in the Policy inconsistent with the Regulations, the provisions of the Act or Regulations would prevail over the Policy and the provisions in the Policy would be modified in due course to make it consistent with law.

This Policy shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors as and when any changes are to be incorporated in the Policy due to change in regulations or as may be felt appropriate by the Board. Any changes or modification on the Policy would be approved by the Board of Directors.

### **8. Policy Severable:**

This Policy along with Annexure constitutes the entire document in relation to its subject matter. In the event that any term, condition or provision of this Policy is being held to be in violation of any applicable law, statute or regulation, the same shall be severable from the rest of this Policy and shall be of no force and effect, and this Policy shall remain in full force and effect as if such term, condition or provision had not originally been contained in this Policy.

#### Annexure

#### Records as per Companies Act, 2013

Sr. No.	Record Type	Preservation Period
1.	Memorandum and Articles of Association	Permanent
2.	Certificate of Incorporation	Permanent
3.	Minutes of Board and Committee Meetings	Permanent
4.	Minutes of Shareholders' Meetings	Permanent
5.	Register and Index of Members	Permanent
6.	Resolutions passed by circulation	8 Financial Years
7.	Listing Agreement executed with the stock exchanges	Permanent
8.	Attendance Register-Board and Committee Meetings	8 Financial Years
9.	Register of investments in securities not held in The name of the Company	Permanent
10.	Register of renewed and duplicate certificates	Permanent
11.	Register of contracts in which Directors are interested	Permanent
12.	Register of Directors, Managing Director, Manager and Secretary	Permanent
13.	Register of Directors' Shareholding	Permanent
14.	Register of Inter-corporate loans and investments	Permanent
15.	Register of transfer of shares	Permanent
16.	Register of Transmission of shares	Permanent
17.	Forms filed with Registrar of Companies (ROC)	Permanent



18.	Notice and Agenda of the Board and Committee Meetings	8 Financial Years
19.	Notices pertaining to disclosure of Interest by The Directors	8 Financial Years
20.	Annual Returns	8 Financial Years
21.	Correspondence with shareholders	8 Financial Years
22.	Disclosures under SEBI- Substantial acquisition Of shares and Takeovers, Regulations	8 Financial Years
23.	Disclosures under SEBI- Prohibition of Insider Trading Regulations	8 Financial Years
26.	Postal Ballot forms	8 Financial Years
27.	Scrutinizer's Reports on voting at General Meetings / Postal Ballot	8 Financial Years
28.	News paper cuttings of notices of Board Meeting and Financial Results	8 Financial Years
29.	Investor meet presentations	8 Financial Years

<b>Accounts and Finance Records</b>		
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Record Type</b>	<b>Preservation Period</b>
1.	Annual Audited and Financial Statements	Permanent
2.	Books of Accounts, Ledgers & Vouchers	8 Financial Years
3.	Investment Records	8 Financial Years from the date of redemption
4.	Engagement letters from Auditors	8 Financial Years

<b>Tax Records</b>		
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Record Type</b>	<b>Preservation Period</b>
1.	Excise Returns, Income Tax Returns, Sales Tax /VAT Returns, Service Tax Return.	8 Financial Years
2.	Documents, Challans and other details/ correspondence related to Excise, Income Tax, Sales Tax/ VAT, Service Tax	8 Financial Years



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