

Definitions of “Independent Director”

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

(1) The person must hold no more than 1% of shares with voting rights of the company, the parent company, the associates, the affiliates, the major shareholders or the entities with the authority to control the company; inclusive of shareholding by individuals related to such independent directors.

(2) The person must not be serving, or have served, as a director who is involved with the management, or a staff member, an employee or a consultant with a monthly wage. The person also must not be or be an individual with the authority to control the company, the parent company, the associates, the affiliates, the associates of the same level, the major shareholders or of the entities with the authority to control the company, with the exception of the case where he or she has retired from such a position for at least two years prior to the day on which he or she is appointed as an independent director. The ineligibility however does not include the case where an independent director has previously served as a public servant or a consultant of a government agency which is a major shareholder of, or an entity with the authority to control the company.

(3) The person must not be related by blood or law as father, mother, spouse, sibling or child, spouse of son or daughter of executives, major shareholders, individuals with the authority to control the company or candidates for the position of an executive or an individual with the authority to control the company or an associate.

(4) The person must not have, or have had, a business relationship with the company, the parent company, the associates, the affiliates, the major shareholders or the entities with the authority to control the company, in such a manner that may interfere with one’s independent discretion. The person also must have not been or has been a shareholder, individuals with the authority to control the company, of the person who has business relationship with the company, the parent company, the associates, the affiliates, the major shareholder or the entities with the authority to control the company. There is an exception in the case where he or she has retired from such a position for at least two years prior to the day on which he or she is appointed as an independent director.

The business relationship as described in the above paragraph is inclusive of normal trading transactions for the conduct of business; lease or letting of immovable; transactions relating to assets or service; provision or acceptance of financial assistance through acceptance or provision of loans and guarantees, the use of assets as collateral and other such practices which result in the company or the party to the agreement being under the obligation to repay the other party for an amount from 3% of net tangible assets of the company or from Twenty Million Baht whichever is lower. The calculation of such obligation to debt is to be in accordance with the related transaction value calculation method as per the Announcement of the Equity Market Committee on the Related Transaction Criteria with exceptions. The said obligation to debt includes that which has materialized during the period of one year prior to the day of business relationship with the same individual.

(5) The person must not be, or has been, an auditor of the company, the parent company, the associates, the affiliates, the major shareholders or the entities with the authority to control the company. The person also must not be a significant shareholder, an individual with the authority to control or a partner of the audit office with which the auditor the company, the parent company, the associates, the affiliates, the major shareholders or the entities with the authority to control the company is associated. There is an exception in such case where he or she has retired from such a position for at least two years prior to the day on which he or she is appointed as an independent director.

(6) The person must not be, or has been, a provider of a professional service including the service as a legal consultant or a financial consultant for which greater than Two Million Baht of fee is paid per year by the company, the parent company, the associates, the affiliates, the major shareholders or the entities with the authority to control the company. The person also must not be a significant shareholder or an individual with the authority to control or a partner of such provider of professional service. There is an exception in such case where he or she has retired from such a position for at least two years prior to the day on which he or she is appointed as an independent director.

(7) The person must not be a director appointed to represent a director of the company, a major shareholder or a shareholder who is related to a major shareholder.

(8) The person must not be in a business of the same nature as and of significant competition to, that of the company or an associate. The person also must not be a significant partner in a partnership; a director who is involved with the management; a staff member; an employee; a consultant with a monthly wage; as well as, a shareholder who holds more than 1% of shares with voting rights of another company which is engaged in a business of the same nature as and of significant competition to that of the company or an associate.

(9) The person must not have any other characteristic which is an obstacle to the giving of free opinion on the operation of the company.

After having been appointed as an independent director following the qualifications specified under items (1) through (9) above, the independent director may be assigned by the Board of Directors to make decisions on the operation of the company, the parent company, the associates, the affiliates, the associates of the same level, the major shareholders or the entities with the authority to control the company in the manner of a collective decision.