

HEDGE EQUITIES LIMITED

Corporate Social Responsibility Policy

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Hedge Equities Limited (“the Company”) is a financial services and wealth management firm headquartered in Kochi, Kerala. Established in 2008, the company functions as a comprehensive financial platform catering to retail investors, High Net Worth Individuals (HNIs), and corporate clients across India and abroad.

Hedge Equities Limited is registered under SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 2020 having SEBI Reg No: INP000003476 and SEBI (Research Analysts) Regulations, 2014 having SEBI Reg No: INH000004398.

The Company believes in creating sustainable value for society and the environment alongside its business growth. As a responsible corporate entity, the Company is committed to integrating social and environmental considerations into its core business ethos.

This Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Policy outlines the governance framework, principles and strategic methods guiding the Company’s social responsibility initiatives. Formulated for the first time for **FY 2025–26** following the Company crossing the applicability thresholds under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013, this Policy complies with:

- Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013,
- Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014, and
- Schedule VII to the Act

OBJECTIVE & CORE FOCUS

This policy, which reflects the company’s philosophy and mission is designed to portray its commitment to be a responsible, corporate citizen and presents the strategies and methods for undertaking social programs for the well-being and sustainable development of the local community in which it operates. This policy applies to all CSR initiatives and activities taken up by the Company for the benefit of various segments of society, with the emphasis on the underprivileged.

The Company aims at

- Building a framework of CSR activities with a philanthropic approach in line with business unit objectives, which also benefits the organization at large.

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- Shape sustainability for the organization by engaging the Community.
- Build a corporate brand through CSR
- For other stakeholders make it an integral part of the Company's DNA, so much so that it has to be an organic part of the business".

In order to achieve its CSR objectives through implementation of CSR programs, the Company will allocate 2% of the average net profit of the previous 3 financial years to create its Annual CSR Budget. Consequently, it will also comply with all the regulations obliging mandatory CSR as described in section 135 of the Companies Act 2013.

IMPLEMENTATION

The CSR programs are majorly bound around

- Health, Education, Environment and Livelihood
- And any other activity as permitted under Schedule VII (Section 135) of the Companies Act, 2013

In accordance with Section 135(9) of the Companies Act, 2013, where the amount required to be spent by the Company on CSR does not exceed ₹50 Lakhs, the requirement for constituting a separate CSR Committee is waived.

Accordingly, the Board of Directors of the Company shall directly discharge all functions, powers, and duties otherwise assigned to a CSR Committee.

The Board will identify external, executing organizations that will implement the CSR programs. Each executing organization (NGOs/voluntary organizations) needs to fulfil the following requirements:

- Has been in existence for a minimum of 3 years from date of registration.
- Is registered under Trust/Society/Section 8 Company.
- Possesses a valid Income Tax Exemption Certificate.
- The antecedents of the NGO/Organization are verifiable/subject to confirmation.
- Has sufficient infrastructure facilities including office, e-mail id, necessary resources to imply the projects etc. and has prior experience in the relevant field, is located in the area of planned activities with local knowledge.

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MONITORING AND FEEDBACK

In order to ensure effective implementation of the CSR programs, a monitoring mechanism will be put in place. The progress of the programs will be communicated and reported to the Board on periodic basis, quarterly/half yearly/annually.

REPORTING

An Annual Report on CSR shall be annexed to the Board's Report forming part of the Company's Annual Financial Statements, covering:

- CSR Policy, including overview of projects or programs proposed to be undertaken.
- Average net profit of the company for last three financial years.
- Prescribed CSR Expenditure (2% of the average net profits)
- Total amount spent during the financial year and project-wise breakdown.
- Detailed reasons and mandatory compliance actions in the event of any unspent CSR funds (in accordance with statutory provisions governing transfer to special accounts or Schedule VII funds).

AMENDMENTS & REVISION

This Policy may be amended, updated, or revised by the Board of Directors from time to time in accordance with statutory amendments to the Companies Act, 2013, or Rules framed thereunder.

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