

PARTICIPANT-CLIENT AGREEMENT FOR SECURITIES LENDING AND BORROWING

This agreement is made and executed at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

Between:

Mr./Ms./M/s. _____, an individual/a partnership firm/a body corporate, registered / incorporated under the provisions of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932/ Companies Act, 1956, having his/her/its office/ registered office at _____

_____, hereinafter referred to as "**Participant**" (which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include his/her heirs, executors and administrators/ the partners of the said firm for the time being, the survivor or survivors of them and the heirs, executors and administrators of such last survivor/its successors and legal representatives, as the case may be) of the **One Part**;

And

Mr./Ms./M/s. _____, an individual/a proprietary concern/a partnership firm / a body corporate, registered / incorporated under the provisions of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 / Companies Act, 1956, having his /her / its Permanent Account Number _____ ("PAN") and his/her/its residence/registered office at _____

_____, hereinafter referred to as "**Client**" (which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include his /her heirs, executors and administrators /the partners for the time being of the said firm, the survivor or survivors of them and the heirs, executors and administrators of such last survivor/its successors and legal representatives, as the case may be) of the **Other Part**.

WHEREAS:

- i. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (hereinafter referred to as "**SEBI**") has formulated and issued the Securities Lending Scheme, 1997 (hereinafter referred to as "**SEBI Scheme**") and SEBI Circular No MRD/DoP/SE/Dep/Cir-14/2007 dated 20th December 2007 for facilitating lending and borrowing of securities through an "Approved Intermediary" registered with SEBI.
- ii. The AI is registered as an approved intermediary under the SEBI Scheme and is, therefore, authorised to facilitate lending and borrowing of securities in accordance with the SEBI Scheme and Circulars of SEBI from time to time. Accordingly, the AI has framed the Securities Lending and Borrowing Scheme (hereinafter referred to as "**SLBS**") for facilitating lending and borrowing of securities through persons registered as "Participants".
- iii. Under the said SEBI Circular, there would be one master agreement with two individual parts. The first part of the agreement would be between the AI and the Participants and the second part of the agreement would be between the Participants and the Clients. Securities lending and borrowing can be undertaken by the Participants either on their own account or on account of the Clients registered with them by entering into an agreement with them.
- iv. Accordingly, the Participants who are desirous of lending or borrowing securities under the SLBS are required to enter into an agreement with the AI which shall be referred to as "Part A". The Participants are also required to enter into an agreement with their respective Clients which shall be referred to as "Part B". Part A and Part B together shall constitute the master agreement.
- v. The Participant has accordingly approached the AI for participating in the SLBS and the AI has agreed to facilitate such participation subject to the terms and conditions contained in the master agreement.
- vi. The Client is desirous of participating in the SLBS and, therefore, has approached the Participant. The Participant has satisfied itself about the genuineness and financial soundness of the Client and the

objectives relevant to the services to be provided and is therefore, agreeable to facilitating such participation subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

- vii. The Participant has made the Client aware of and the Client has understood the precise nature of the Participant's liability under SLBS including any limitations, the liability and the capacity in which the Participant acts.
- viii. Subject to the SEBI Scheme, Circulars of SEBI, SLBS and Circulars issued thereunder, and/or the Rules, Byelaws, Regulations of the AI as a Clearing Corporation as applicable and as in force from time to time, the parties hereto agreed as under.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AND IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO AS UNDER:

1. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- 1.1. Securities lending and borrowing shall be facilitated by the AI in accordance with the provisions of the SEBI Scheme, Circulars of SEBI, SLBS and the Circulars issued thereunder by the AI and the Rules, Byelaws and Regulations of the AI as a Clearing Corporation as applicable.
- 1.2. Unless the context otherwise requires, the words and expressions used herein shall have the same meaning as defined in Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 or Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 or Securities Lending Scheme, 1997 or Depositories Act, 1996 or the rules and regulations made thereunder respectively or Circulars of SEBI or SLBS and the Circulars issued thereunder and the Rules, Byelaws and Regulations of the AI as a Clearing Corporation.
- 1.3. The provisions of the SEBI Scheme, Circulars of SEBI, SLBS and the Circulars issued thereunder and the Rules, Byelaws and Regulations of the AI as a Clearing Corporation as applicable and Part A of the Master Agreement shall be deemed to be an integral part of this agreement and all the transactions under the SLBS by the Client shall be strictly in accordance with thereof. In the event of any conflict or contradiction between the provisions of the SEBI Scheme, Circulars of SEBI, SLBS and the Circulars issued thereunder and the Rules, Byelaws, Regulations of the AI as a Clearing Corporation as applicable, and this agreement, the provisions of the SEBI Scheme, Circulars of SEBI, SLBS and the Circulars issued thereunder, the Rules, Byelaws and Regulations of the AI as a Clearing Corporation shall prevail over this agreement. The provisions of this agreement are in addition thereto and not in derogation thereof.
- 1.4. The provisions of this agreement shall become applicable to the SLBS or such other scheme as may be framed for securities lending and borrowing by the AI with the prior approval of SEBI or as may be permitted by SEBI unless otherwise specified by the AI.
- 1.5. Master Agreement
 - 1.5.1. There shall be one Master Agreement with two individual parts viz. Part A and Part B.
 - 1.5.2. The agreement between the AI and the Participant constitutes Part A and this agreement constitutes Part B.
 - 1.5.3. The provisions of Part A shall form part and parcel of this agreement. A certified true copy of Part A is annexed to this agreement.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Any person(s) who meets the eligibility criteria as may be specified by the AI for the Clients under the SLBS, shall be eligible to participate in the SLBS by entering into this agreement with the Participant.

3. CONSIDERATION

In consideration of the Participant providing full-fledged securities lending and borrowing under the SLBS, the Participant shall be entitled for charges, fees, other levies and /or any such other charges, subject to such limits as may be permitted by the AI in its Circulars from time to time.

4. RIGHTS OF THE PARTICIPANT

4.1. Margins

The Participant is empowered to call upon the Client to pay such margins as may be specified by the AI from time to time.

4.2. Recovery

The Participant shall be entitled to recover from the Client the loss or charges, fees, other levies and /or any such other charges that has been paid by the Participant to the AI or imposed by the AI on account of its Client arising out of default or transactions under the SLBS whether current or past that are effected by the Client in meeting its obligations by adjusting margins and other deposits, if any, available with the Participant against the Client's liabilities / obligations.

5. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTICIPANT

5.1. Issue of Confirmation Memo

The Participant shall, upon execution of the Client's transaction on the order matching platform of the AI, issue the confirmation memo in the specified format or such other documents to the Client within such time as may be prescribed by the AI from time to time.

5.2. Money / Securities to be kept in Separate Bank Account

The Participant agrees that the money / securities deposited by the Client shall be kept in a separate bank account / settlement demat account, distinct from its own account or accounts of any other Clients, and shall not be used by the Participant for itself or for any other Clients or for any purpose other than the purposes mentioned in the SEBI Scheme, Circulars of SEBI, SLBS and Circulars issued thereunder.

5.3. Update on Settlement Process

The Participant agrees to inform and keep the Client apprised about securities lending and borrowing settlement cycles, delivery/payment schedules and any changes therein from time to time.

5.4. Compliance with Know Your Client Norms

The Participant undertakes to maintain the "Know Your Client" details of the Client as mentioned in the Client Registration Form or any other information pertaining to the Client in confidence and that it shall not disclose the same to any person / authority except to the AI or as required under any law / regulatory requirements or in compliance with any decree, order or direction of any Court, Tribunal, SEBI or other authority duly empowered in law; Provided however that the Participant may so disclose information about its Client to any person or authority with the express permission of the Client.

5.5. Reconciliation of Account

The Participant and the Client shall agree to reconcile their accounts regularly with reference to the transactions under the SLBS.

5.6. Return of Securities and Lending Fees

5.6.1. Where the Client is a lender unless otherwise agreed upon between the Participant and the Client -

5.6.1.1. The Participant shall ensure the return of securities to the Client by transferring the same to the Client's account within such time as may be prescribed by the AI.

5.6.1.2. The Participant shall ensure the return of the lending fees to the Client within such time as may be prescribed by the AI.

5.7. Delivery of Securities

5.7.1. Where Client is a borrower unless otherwise agreed upon between the Participant and the Client –

5.7.1.1. The Participant shall ensure the delivery of securities to the Client by transferring the same to the Client's account within such time as may be prescribed by the AI.

6. RIGHTS OF THE CLIENT

6.1. Where the Client is the lender unless otherwise agreed upon between the Participant and the Client -

6.1.1. The Client shall be entitled to receive the securities lent or financial compensation in lieu thereof, computed in such manner as may be specified by the AI from time to time.

6.1.2. The Client shall be entitled to receive lender's fee for the securities lent.

6.2. Where the Client is the borrower unless otherwise agreed upon between the Participant and the Client -

6.2.1. The Client shall be entitled to receive securities borrowed or financial compensation in lieu thereof, computed in such manner as may be specified by the AI from time to time.

6.2.2. The Client shall be entitled to receive from the Participant, the collateral in case the Client has deposited securities approved by the AI as collateral.

6.3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Master Agreement, the Client shall be entitled to have all the rights that are conferred on it from time to time under the SEBI Scheme, Circulars of SEBI, SLBS and the Circulars issued thereunder.

7. OBLIGATION OF THE CLIENT

7.1. Abide by Law & Acquaintance to Law

The Participant declares that it has brought the contents of the SEBI Scheme, Circulars of SEBI, SLBS and the Circulars issued thereunder from time to time, and the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement to the notice of the Client and the Client agrees to comply with and adhere to the same.

7.2. Update & Comply with the Settlement Process

Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 4.4, the Client shall at all times make its own inquiries and keep itself updated on all settlement cycles, delivery/payment schedules and changes therein, and it shall be the responsibility of the Client to comply with such schedules/procedures of the AI.

7.3. Processing Charges

The Client agrees to pay the Participant, processing charges and statutory levies prevailing from time to time or any other charges for the services provided by the Participant. The Participant agrees that it shall not charge processing charges / fees beyond the maximum limit permissible under the SEBI Scheme, Circulars of SEBI, SLBS and the Circulars issued thereunder from time to time.

7.4. Change in Client Registration Form

The Client agrees to immediately notify the Participant in writing whenever there is any change of information in the "Client Registration Form" provided by the Client to the Participant.

7.5. Authorised Representative

The Client agrees to be bound by the instructions issued by its authorised representative, if any, in accordance with the letter authorising the said representative to deal on its behalf.

7.6. Return of Securities

The Client shall return the equivalent number of securities of the same type and class borrowed by it within the time specified by the AI in the Circulars issued from time to time.

7.7. Payment of Margins

The Client agrees to pay such margins as may be specified by the Participant in accordance with the

requirement of AI or SEBI from time to time.

7.8. Exposure / Position Limits

The Client agrees to abide by the exposure / position limits, if any, set by the Participant or the AI or SEBI from time to time.

7.9. Securities lent to be Unencumbered

The Client agrees and warrants that the securities lent are free from lien, charge, pledge or any encumbrance(s) of whatsoever nature.

7.10. Collateral

At the discretion of the Participant, where the Client deposits the required collateral with the Participant, the same shall be free from any encumbrance(s) of whatsoever nature or defect in the title. If any encumbrance(s) or defect in the title is found subsequently, such collateral shall be immediately replaced by the Client.

7.11. Insolvency

The Client agrees to immediately furnish information to the Participant in writing, if any winding up petition or insolvency petition has been filed or any winding up or insolvency order or decree or award is passed against it or if any litigation which may have material adverse bearing on its net worth has been filed against it.

7.12. Cancellation of Transactions

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Master Agreement, the AI shall be entitled to cancel transactions under the SLBS, either on an application by a Participant or suo moto or under regulatory directions, and in such event, the transactions done on behalf of the Client shall ipso facto stand cancelled, and neither the AI nor the Participant shall be liable to compensate the Client for any loss whatsoever (including opportunity loss) arising out of such cancellation.

7.13. Discontinuation of SLBS and Participation in SLBS

The AI shall be entitled to discontinue the SLBS or the participation of the Participant in the SLBS at any time at its discretion. Such discontinuation may be subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified by the AI from time to time.

8. ARBITRATION

8.1. The Participant and the Client shall co-operate with each other and / or the AI in redressing their grievances in respect of transactions under the SLBS.

8.2. All disputes and differences or questions arising out of or in relation to this agreement including obligations, failure or breach thereof by any of the parties and/or of any matter whatsoever arising out of this agreement shall in the first instance be resolved mutually by the parties. If the parties fail to resolve the same mutually, then the same shall be referred to and decided by arbitration in accordance with the procedures as prescribed by the AI under the SLBS and the Circulars issued thereunder.

9. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

9.1. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in all respects in accordance with the laws of India.

9.2. In relation to any legal action or proceedings to which the AI is a party, the parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Mumbai, India and waive any objection to such proceedings on grounds of venue or on the grounds that the proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum.

9.3. In relation to any legal action or proceedings to which AI is not a party, the parties irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of any competent court of law where the Client ordinarily resides at the time of execution of the transactions under the SLBS.

10. EFFECTIVE DATE

This agreement shall be effective as of the date first set forth above once executed by or on behalf of both parties from the date of execution and with immediate effect the Client shall be eligible to participate in the SLBS from such date the AI permits the Participant to participate in the SLBS subject to fulfillment of the terms and conditions as stipulated by the AI from time to time.

11. TERMINATION

This agreement shall forthwith terminate if the Participant for any reason ceases to be a Participant under the circumstances as prescribed by the AI. This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving prior written notice of at least one month without assigning any reason. Such termination shall, however, not affect the liabilities/obligations of either party arising out of the transactions under the SLBS entered into prior to the date of the notice of termination.

12. AMENDMENT

This agreement shall not be altered, amended and /or modified by the parties in a manner that shall be in contravention of the provisions of Clause 1 of this agreement pertaining to the Legal Framework.

13. HEADINGS

The headings of the clauses are used for the purpose of convenience only and shall not affect the construction of the clauses or this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties to this agreement have caused these presents to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

The Client's Signature/
Authorized Signatory 

The Participant's Signature/
Authorized Signatory

Signed by:

Signed by:

Title:

Title:

Name of the Client:

Name of the Participant :

Witness:

Witness:

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