#### **Audit Committee Work Regulation**

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**Introduction**: The audit committee regulation is based on the corporate governance regulations issued by Board of Capital Market Authority (CMA) and it is one of the main responsibilities entrusted in the board of directors and it is represented in the basic functions of the audit committee in order to make sure that the internal control system is effectively sufficient and implemented and to submit any recommendations to the board of directors which activate and develop the system in order to achieve the purposes of the company and protect the interests of the shareholders and investors in a highly effective and professional manner and in a proper cost.

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- 7- The audit committee may demand from the board of directors to invite the general assembly of the company to be held if the board of directors impedes its work or if the company is exposed to significant damages or losses.
- 8- The audit committee shall recommend the board of directors to nominate and remove auditors, specify their salaries, evaluate their performance and review their scope of work and the conditions of contracting therewith.
- 9- The recommendation of the audit committee concerning nominating the legal accountant shall be proposed to the general assembly of the company stating names of the legal accountants who submitted their offers and then being nominated before the committee in order to do their functions assigned to them and showing the audit fees and other professional services as well as the fundament to which nomination has been done. In addition, the general assembly of the company shall appoint one or more legal accountant.
- 10- The committee shall make sure of the independency, objectiveness and fairness of the auditor as well as his period of the effectiveness taking into consideration the related rules and standards.
- 11- If there is any inconsistency among the recommendations of the audit committee and the resolutions of the board of directors or if the board of directors refuses to apply the recommendation of the committee regarding appointing and dismissing the company auditors as well as determining their fees, evaluating their performance or appointing an internal auditor, then the report of the board shall include the recommendation and reasons of the committee and the causes of not applying such.

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- 2- Making sure of the accounting estimations in the fundamental issues included in the financial reports in addition to any issues arisen by the financial manager of the company or by the responsible for the compliance in the company or the auditor.
- 3- Studying and auditing the internal and financial control systems and risks in the company.
- 4- Studying reports of the internal auditing and following the execution of corrective procedures for the remarks contained therein.
- 5- Controlling and supervising the performance and activities of the internal auditor, the internal auditing in the company and making sure that the materials and effectiveness in performing works and its functions are available.
- 6- Recommendation of the board of directors to appoint a manager of the unit, management of the internal auditing or internal auditor and suggesting to award him.
- 7- Revising the plan of the company auditor and his works and making sure of not submitting technical or administrative works which are out of the auditing scope work and giving their sights towards that.
- 8- Studying the report and remarks of the auditor to the financial lists, following measures taken in its regard and answering to the inquiries of the company auditor.
- 9- Revising the results of the regulatory reports and making sure that the company takes the necessary actions thereof.
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### Third: Formation of the Committee

The Audit Committee shall be formed under a resolution issued from the general assembly of the company in accordance with a suggestion from the board of director subject to the following disciplines:

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The Audit Committee is formed by a resolution issued from the Board of Directors

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- 1- An audit committee from specialists in the financial and accounting matters shall be constituted under a resolution from the extraordinary general assembly of the company, provided that their number is not less than three members and not more than five members and they include independent members. In addition, the committee may choose one or more member out of the company.
- 2- The Committee may choose a head from its members, provided that to be an independent member. It may also choose a secretary among its members or other in order to write down the minute of meetings and conduct the committee administrative works.
- 3- The Committee shall regularly meet under an invitation from its head, provided that its meetings are not less than four meetings during the financial year of the company and the meeting is not considered valid if the majority of the members fails to attend. The Committee shall make its decisions by the majority and if the votes are equal then the side in which the committee head votes is prevailing.
- 4- The Committee member may not belong to the members of the executive board of directors, those who perform the administrative or executive works in the company or work with the auditors of the company during the tow last years. The committee member may not have a direct or indirect interest in the works and contracts which are made for the favor of the company.
- 5- The membership term of the committee shall be three years starting with the beginning of the circulation of the Board of Directors and terminating with the end of the board circulation. The board of directors may also candidate them again to the general assembly to the shareholders for other similar period or periods.
- 6- None member of the Board of Directors or the executive administration other than the committee members has the right to attend its meetings, save that the committee requests to hear his opinion or obtain his consultancy.
- 7- The Audit Committee shall meet regularly with the company auditor and the company internal auditor.
- 8- The internal auditor and the accounting auditor may request to meet with the Audit Committee, when applicable.
- 9- All or any of the committee members may be removed in the case of any violation committed by either of them for the provisions contained in this

- shareholders or others, provided that at least one of them is an independent member, and that it does not include any of the executive members of the Board of Directors, and that among them is a specialist in financial and accounting affairs.
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- 10- The board of directors shall appoint another member if a seat in the committee is vacated and the appointment is to be proposed to the general assembly of the company in the first meeting it holds to approve the appointment.

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#### **Fourth: Duties of the Committee Members**

The duties of the committee members shall include the following:

- 1- Regular attending the sessions of the committee and active participation in his works and submitting a written notice to the committee head in the case of not attending.
- 2- Keeping secrets of the company and not disclosing any information to the shareholders or other.
- 3- Not doing any executive works in the company.
- 4- Not entering into any activity has interest inconsistency with the interests of the company.
- 5- Disclosing about the relationship, the nature of such relationship and the processes made between him and the company associating between him and the company to the board of directors in accordance with the standard of processes with the related parties.
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- 1- The committee approves the schedule for its meetings before the beginning of every year to finally agree to the date of the next meeting during each meeting.
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- 3- The committee holds a meeting on a demand of the committee head, two members thereof, the external auditor, the internal auditor or the board of director.
- 4- The committee shall meet, at least once a year, with the external auditor of the company, the executive managers, the board of directors and the internal auditor (separately) in order to discuss the topics related to tasks and functions assigned to the committee, including the quarterly and annually financial reports of the company.
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#### Sixth: Remuneration of the Committee

The Remuneration of the committee members shall be as follows:

- 1- Exchanging remunerations instead of attendance for each meeting of the committee with an amount of three thousand Saudi Riyals.
- 2- Exchanging the annual remunerations with an amount of sixty thousand Saudi Riyals (SR 80,000) for each member at the end of each financial year of the company.
- 3- The company shall be obligated to ensure the allowance of tickets and residence in the case of travel of the committee members in any official tasks or functions concerning the committee or the board.
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### **Seventh: Conclusion Provisions**

- 1- This regulation shall be considered effective and applicable from the date of the approval of the company's extraordinary general assembly.
- 2- This regulation shall supersede and replace all procedures, decisions or internal regulations of the company.
- 3- This regulation shall be considered supplementary to the article of association and the corporate governance regulation issued by the Board of Capital Market Authority (CMA).
- 4- A particular text has not been provided in its regard in this regulation shall be applicable in the Saudi Companies Regulation and the Board of Capital Market Authority (CMA) (the Corporate Governance Regulation), the article of association and decisions issued by the competent authorities.

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- 3- This regulation shall be considered supplementary to corporate governance regulation issued by the Board of Capital Market Authority (CMA).
- 4- The company publishes it to the shareholders and the public through its website in accordance with any regulatory requirements imposed by the organizing authorities

