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CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY FORRESTER RESEARCH INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED

1. Purpose

Forrester Research India Private Limited (the "**Company**") recognizes its responsibility to society. This Corporate Social Responsibility ("**CSR**") Policy (the "**Policy**") is intended to ensure the Company meets those responsibilities and complies with Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("**Act**") read with the applicable Rules, Schedule VII to the Act and such other rules, regulations, circulars, and notifications in relation to CSR as may be applicable and as amended from time to time.

2. Focus Areas

- 2.1 The Company understands that being part of the society, it is its moral responsibility to aid and serve the society to the maximum possible extent. Towards this objective, the focus areas of the Company for undertaking CSR activities would be as under or as may be amended from time to time by the Board or the CSR Committee:
 - 1. Healthcare: Activities relating to promoting healthcare including preventive healthcare, women hygiene and taking effective measures for creating awareness about certain critical ailments such as cancer.
 - 2. Education: Activities related to promoting education, including special education especially for children, women, underprivileged and differently abled;
 - 3. Women empowerment: Activities focused on women empowerment which may *inter alia* include enabling digital education for women.
 - 4. Other initiatives: The Company may also invest in any other need-based initiatives in the areas or subject, specified in Schedule VII of the Act.

3. Governance: The Board and the Committee

- 3.1. **CSR Committee:** The Company's Board of Directors (the "**Board**") must establish and maintain a Committee. The Committee must be appointed by the Board and must consist of no fewer than the number of directors required under the Act. The Board has the authority to remove and replace any Committee members at any time in its sole discretion.
- 3.2. **Committee Purpose**: The purpose of the Committee is to assist the Board and the Company in complying with its obligations under the Act and this Policy.
- 3.3. **Committee Meetings**: The Committee may meet as and when may be required from time to time. At least two Committee members must participate in the meeting for the meeting to proceed. At the Committee's request, non-members may be invited to attend Committee meetings to provide expertise or other information as may be required by the Committee. The Committee must maintain minutes of its meetings and provide copies to the Board upon request.

4. Roles and Responsibilities:

- 4.1. The Committee is responsible for:
 - Identifying appropriate CSR activities and proposing a budget for those activities.
 - Ensure that activities comply with the requirements of the Act.
 - Coordinating the implementation or execution of any CSR activities.
 - Coordinating with agencies or third-parties used by the Company to execute CSR activities.
 - Reviewing the effectiveness of any CSR activities or third-parties used in connection with the same.
 - Forming and delegating authority to sub-committees or employees as the Committee determines is necessary.
 - Reviewing and recommending any changes to this Policy as and when deemed necessary, to the Board for approval.
 - Obtaining guidance from internal or external advisors as needed to ensure compliance with the Act and this Policy.
 - Otherwise ensuring that the Company complies with its obligations under the Act and this Policy.
- 4.2. The Board is responsible for:
 - Creating and ensuring that a CSR Committee is maintained by the Company, as per the requirements of section 135 of the Act.
 - Reviewing and approving this Policy, including any changes thereto, upon recommendation of the CSR Committee
 - Ensuring effective implementation of CSR activities
 - Ensuring to spend at least 2% of the Company's average net profits for the preceding three-years period per financial year on CSR activities. If such spend threshold is not met in any financial year, then to ensure disclosure of the reasons for the same in the Board's report.
- 4.3. This Policy must be placed at the Company's website, if any.
- 4.4. The Board or the Committee must decide on the location for all CSR activities. CSR should generally be focused on local areas and areas around it where the Company operates within India, but the Company may also engage in activities in other parts of India where societal needs are high or in special situations (e.g., natural disaster).

5. CSR funds and expenditures

- 5.1. The Board must ensure that at least 2% of the Company's average net profits for the preceding three-years period are spent per financial year on CSR activities in line with the provisions of the Act.
- 5.2. Any profits generated from CSR activities must not be considered part of the Company's profits.

- 5.3. CSR expenditures include all direct and indirect costs incurred by the Company on CSR activities, including any third-party costs included by the Company.
- 5.4. The amount of administrative overhead, either in the form of internal or agency costs, must not exceed 5% of the Company's total CSR expenditure for a given year.

6. Implementation modalities

- 6.1. Subject to the provisions of the Act, CSR activities may be undertaken by the Company:
- through a company established under section 8 of the Act or a registered trust or a registered society established by the Central Government or State Government or any entity established under an Act of Parliament or a State legislature or otherwise as may be permitted under applicable law;
- (ii) through a company established under section 8 of the Act or a registered trust or a registered society, other than those specified in clause (i) above, that have an established track record of three years in undertaking similar projects or programs; or
- (iii) the Company may also collaborate with other companies on CSR activities but the Company must be able to report separately on such activities.

7. Monitoring and Review

7.1. The Committee must establish and maintain a monitoring and review mechanism for CSR activities. This may include periodic internal audits or reports, or other appropriate mechanisms as determined by the Committee. This may also include using studies or other appropriate research to assess the needs and priorities of the community when seeking to identify CSR activities.

8. **Reporting & Disclosure**

8.1. All CSR activities must be properly documented and auditable on a project-by-project basis.

9. Revisions

9.1 The Committee may revise this Policy at any time subject to approval by the Board.