## **Code of Ethics and Business Conduct**

Applicable to all directors, officers and employees of Vegepro Foods & Feeds Ltd. (herein after referred as 'Company' or 'Vegepro')

This Code of Conduct and Ethics is made pursuant to Clause 49 (Corporate Governance) of the Listing Agreement with Stock Exchanges and shall hereinafter be known as "the Code". The Code will become effective when it is approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

Vegepro is committed to conducting its business in accordance with the applicable laws, rules and regulations and with high standards of business ethics. This code is intended to provide guidance and help in recognizing and dealing with ethical issues, provide mechanisms to report unethical conduct, and to help foster a culture of honesty and accountability. Each Director, officer and employee is expected to comply with the letter and spirit of this Code.

The directors, officers and employees of the Company must not only comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations but should also promote honest and ethical conduct of the business. They must abide by the policies and procedures that govern the conduct of the Company's business. Their responsibilities include helping to create and maintain a culture of high ethical standards and commitment to compliance, and to maintain a work environment that encourages the stakeholders to raise concerns to the attention of the management.

This code does not attempt to describe all potential problem areas that could develop, but some of the more common problems are described below:

## **National Interest**

Vegepro shall be committed in all its actions to benefit the economic development of the countries in which it operates. It shall not engage in any activity that would adversely affect such an objective. It shall not undertake any project or activity to the detriment of the nation's interests, or those that will have any adverse impact on the social and cultural life patterns of its citizens. Vegepro shall conduct its business affairs in accordance with the economic, development and foreign policies, objectives and priorities of the nation's government, and shall strive to make a positive contribution to the achievement of such goals at the international, national and regional level, as appropriate.

### **Conflicts of Interest - A conflict situation can arise:**

- a. When an employee, officer, or director takes action or has interests that may make it difficult to perform his or her work objectively and effectively,
- b. The receipt of improper personal benefits by a member of his or her family as a result of one's position in the Company,
- c. Any outside business activity that detracts an individual's ability to devote appropriate time and attention to his or her responsibilities with the Company,
- d. The receipt of non-nominal gifts or excessive entertainment from any person/company with which the Company has current or prospective business dealings,
- e. Any significant ownership interest in any supplier, customer, development partner or competitor of the Company,
- f. Any consulting or employment relationship with any supplier, customer, business associate or competitor of the Company.

The directors, officers and employees should be scrupulous in avoiding 'conflicts of interest' with the Company. In case there is likely to be a conflict of interest, he/she should make full disclosure of all facts and circumstances thereof to the Board of directors or any Committee / officer nominated for this purpose by the Board and a prior written approval should be obtained.

# **Concurrent Employment:**

An employee of Vegepro shall not, without the prior approval of the managing director of the company, accept employment or a position of responsibility (such as a consultant or a director) with any other company, nor provide 'freelance' services to anyone. In the case of a whole-time director or the managing director, such prior approval must be obtained from the board of directors of the company.

### **Honest and Ethical Conduct:**

The Directors, officers and employees shall act in accordance with the highest standards of personal and professional integrity, honesty and ethical conduct not only on Company's premises and offsite but also at company sponsored business, social events as well as any places. They shall act and conduct free from fraud and deception. Their conduct shall conform to the best-accepted professional standards of conduct.

## **Corporate Opportunities:**

Directors, officers and employees owe a duty to the Company to advance its legitimate interests when the opportunity to do so arises. Directors, officers, and employees are expressly prohibited from:

- a. Taking for themselves personally, opportunities that are discovered through the use of Company's property, information, or position,
- b. Competing directly with the business of the Company or with any business that the Company is considering.
- c. Using Company's property, information, or position for personal gain. If the Company has finally decided not to pursue an opportunity that relates to the Company's business activity, he/she may pursue such activity only after disclosing the same to the Board of directors or the nominated person/committee.

### **Confidentiality:**

The directors, officers and employees shall maintain the confidentiality of confidential information of the Company or that of any customer, supplier or business associate of the Company to which Company has a duty to maintain confidentiality, except when disclosure is authorized or legally mandated. The Confidential information includes all non-public information (including private, proprietary, and other) that might be of use to competitors or harmful to the Company or its associates. The use of confidential information for his/her own advantage or profit is also prohibited.

## **Fair Dealing:**

Each director, officer, and employee should deal fairly with customers, suppliers, competitors, and employees of group companies. They should not take unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse of confidential, proprietary or trade secret information, misrepresentation of material facts, or any other unfair dealing-practices.

# **Protection and Proper Use of Company's Assets:**

All directors, officers and employees should protect Company's assets and property and ensure its efficient use. Theft, carelessness, and waste of the Company's assets and property have a direct impact on the Company's profitability. Company's assets should be used only for legitimate business purposes.

### **Shareholders:**

Vegepro shall be committed to enhance shareholder value and comply with all regulations and laws that govern shareholders' rights. The board of directors of Vegepro shall duly and fairly inform its shareholders about all relevant aspects of the company's business, and disclose such information in accordance with the respective regulations and agreements. Every employee shall be responsible for the implementation of and compliance with this code in his professional environment.

Failure to adhere to the code could attract the most severe consequences, including termination of employment.

# Compliance with Laws, Rules, and Regulations:

The Directors, officers and employees shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Transactions, directly or indirectly, involving securities of the Company should not be undertaken without pre-clearance from the Company's compliance officer. Any director, officer or employee who is unfamiliar or uncertain about the legal rules involving Company business conducted by him/her should consult the legal department of the Company before taking any action that may jeopardize the Company or that individual.

## **Compliance with Code of Conduct:**

If any director, officer or employee who knows of or suspects of a violation of applicable laws, rules or regulations or this Code of conduct, he/she must immediately report the same to the Board of Directors or any designated person/committee thereof. Such person should as far as possible provide the details of suspected violations with all known particulars relating to the issue. The Company recognizes that resolving such problems or concerns will advance the overall interests of the Company that will help to safeguard the Company's assets, financial integrity and reputation.

Violations of this Code of Ethics will result in disciplinary action, which may even include termination of services of the employee. The Company's Board or any Committee/person designated by the Board for this purpose shall determine appropriate action in response to violations of this Code of Ethics.

## **Interpretation of Code:**

Any question or interpretation under this Code of Ethics and Business Conduct will be handled by the Board or any person /committee authorized by the Board of the Company. The Board of Directors or any designated person/committee has the authority to waive compliance with this Code of business conduct for any director, officer or employee of the Company. The person-seeking waiver of this Code shall make full disclosure of the particular circumstances to the Board or the designated person/committee.

### **Annual Review**

The Directors and senior management personnel shall affirm in writing compliance with the Code on an annual basis i.e. in July each year.

## **Disciplinary Actions**

The matters covered in the Code are of utmost importance to the Company and are essential to the Company's ability to conduct its business in accordance with the stated values. The Directors and senior management personnel are expected to adhere to the Code in carrying out their duties for the Company. Appropriate actions will be taken by the Board of Directors in case of Directors and by the Chairperson in case of senior management personnel for breach of the Code. Actions may include serious disciplinary action, removal from office as well as other remedies to the extent permitted by law and as considered appropriate in the circumstances.

## **Prohibition of Insider Trading**

The Company has formulated a Code of Internal Procedure and Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading and all concerned are required to comply with the requirements of the said Code. The Directors and senior management personnel and their close relatives shall not directly or indirectly derive or attempt to derive any benefit or assist others to derive benefit when in possession of any price sensitive/unpublished information.