



Corporate Social Responsibility Policy

AUTOMETERS ENERGITEC LIMITED

This Corporate Social Responsibility Policy, prepared by the Board of Directors of the Company, as per Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013, incorporating the amendments made in CSR Rules, 2014.

Consequent to amendments made by MCA to the 2013 Act, vide the Companies (Amendment) Act, 2020, (“CAA, 2020”), and CSR Rules vide the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Amendment Rules, 2021 (“CAR 2021”), the Board adopted this Policy on March 23, 2021.

1. Purpose of Autometers Energitec Limited’s CSR Policy

The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Policy of Autometers Energitec Limited (‘the Company’) has been developed in accordance with Section 135 of the Companies Act 2013 on CSR and in accordance with the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014 and amendments thereof duly notified by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

2. Scope

The CSR Policy of the Company shall contain the approach and direction given by the Board, and includes guiding principles for selection, implementation and monitoring of activities as well as formulation of the CSR Annual Action Plan.

This Policy is intended to be in conformity with the provisions of Companies Act, 2013. In case of any contradiction between this policy and provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and / Rules made thereunder, the later shall prevail.

Any new provision arising out of amendments to Companies Act, 2013 or Rules made there under shall be construed to be a part of this policy. However, such new provisions shall be specifically incorporated in the policy appropriately.

3. Applicability of the Policy

This Policy shall apply to all CSR activities taken up by an entity(ies) covered under sub-rule (1) of Rule 4 of Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014, at the various locations in India and for the benefits of different segments of the society in accordance with the guidelines enlisted in the Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013 and amendments thereof.

4. Guiding principle

The Company considers Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as a process by which an organization thinks about and evolves its relationships with stakeholders for the common good, and demonstrates its commitment in this regard.

5. Constitution of Committee

As per Sub -Section (9) of Section 135 of Companies Act 2013 (*Inserted by the Companies (Amendment) Act, 2020, Amendment Effective from 22nd January 2021*) Constitution of CSR Committee is not applicable to our Company, as the CSR amount to be spent does not exceed Fifty Lakh Rupees, hence the Board of Directors of the Company authorized in their meeting held on March 23, 2021 to form CSR related policies and utilizing CSR amount.

6. Projects and Programs that are to be undertaken

The Company may undertake any one or more of the following activities, as mentioned in Schedule VII of Companies Act, 2013 (as amended), as may be decided by the Board of Directors from time to time depending on the suitable opportunities available and need of the area concerned:

- Eradicating hunger, poverty and malnutrition, promoting preventive health care and sanitation including contribution to the “Swachh Bharat Kosh” set-up by the Central Government for promotion of sanitation and making available safe drinking water.

- Promoting education, including special education and employment enhancing vocation skills especially among children, women, elderly, and differently abled and livelihood enhancement projects.
- Promoting gender equality, empowering women, setting up homes and hostels for women and orphans, setting up old age homes, day care centers and such other facilities for senior citizens and measures for reducing inequalities faced by socially and economically backward groups.
- Ensuring environmental sustainability, ecological balance, and protection of flora and fauna, animal, welfare, agroforestry, conservation of natural resources and maintaining quality of soil, air and water including contribution to the “Clean Ganga Fund” setup by the Central Government for rejuvenation of river Ganga.
- Protection of national heritage, art and culture including restoration of buildings and sites of historical importance and works of art, setting up public libraries, promotion and development of traditional arts and handicrafts.
- Measures for the benefit of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Central Para Military Forces (CPMF) veterans, and their dependents including widows.
- Training to promote rural sports, nationally recognized sports, Paralympic sports and Olympic sports.
- Contribution to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund or Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund (PM CARES Fund) any other fund set up by the Central Government for socio-economic development and relief and welfare of the Scheduled

Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, other backward classes, minorities and women.

- (a) Contribution to incubators or research and development projects in the field of science, technology, engineering and medicine, funded by the Central Government or State Government or Public Sector Undertaking or any agency of the Central Government or State Government; AND

(b) Contributions to public funded Universities; Indian Institute of Technology (IITs); National Laboratories and autonomous bodies established under Department of Atomic Energy (DAE); Department of Biotechnology (DBT); Department of Science and Technology (DST); Department of Pharmaceuticals; Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and other bodies, namely Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO); Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR); Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), engaged in conducting research in science, technology, engineering and medicine aimed at promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”.

- Rural development projects.
- Slum area development ('Slum Area' shall mean any area declared as such by the Central Government or any State Government or any other competent authority under any law for the time being in force).
- Disaster management, including relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities. Contribution made to State Disaster Management Authorities to combat COVID-19 or other Pandemics of similar nature.

7. Guiding principles for selection of CSR Activities

The Board of Directors shall identify and undertake some of the areas mentioned above on year to year basis.

The power to approve CSR activities shall vest with the Board of Directors of the Company as per Companies Act, 2013 & Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014 as amended from time to time.

The activities undertaken by the Company shall not include any of the activities prohibited under CSR Rules, which presently are:

- activities undertaken in normal course of business;
- activities undertaken outside India;
- political contribution under section 182;
- activities benefiting employees of the Company as defined in section 2(k) of Code of Wages, 2019.
- activities supported by the companies on sponsorship basis for deriving marketing benefits for its products or services..
- activities carried out for fulfilment of any other statutory obligation.

8. Implementation of CSR activities

The Company shall implement the identified CSR Projects by the following means:

- The Company may itself implement the identified CSR Projects presently within the scope and ambit of the Areas as defined in the Policy;
- The Company may undertake the CSR activities through entity(ies) covered under sub-rule (1) of Rule 4 of Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014, as amended.
- The company may collaborate or pool resources with other companies to undertake CSR activities and any expenditure incurred on such collaborative efforts would qualify for computing the CSR spending.

9. The corpus of Company's CSR Fund would include the following:

- 2% of the average net profits of the Company, during the preceding Three financial years
- any income arising there from
- surplus arising out of CSR activities

10. Duties and Responsibilities of Board

- i. The Board shall formulate and approve the CSR policy;
- ii. The Board shall monitor the implementation of the CSR Policy and CSR Plan from time to time.
- iii. The Board may alter the CSR Annual Action Plan at any time during the financial year, based on reasonable justification to that effect.
- iv. recommend the amount of expenditure to be incurred on CSR activities;
- v. disclose contents of such policy in its report and also place it on the company's website, if any;
- vi. ensure that the activities included in the CSR policy are undertaken by the company;
- vii. ensure that the company spends, in every financial year, at least two per cent of the average net profits of the company made during the three immediately preceding financial years;
- viii. satisfy itself regarding the utilisation of the disbursed CSR funds;
- ix. ensure that the administrative overheads are not more than 5% of the total CSR Expenditure of the Company for the financial year;
- x. if the company fails to spend at least two per cent of the average net profits of the company, the Board shall, in its report made under clause (o) of sub-section (3) of section 134, specify the reasons for not spending the amount and transfer the unspent CSR amount as per provisions of sections 135(5) and 135(6) of the Act;

11. Funding and Allocation

For achieving its CSR objectives through implementation of meaningful & sustainable CSR programmes, the Company will allocate 2% of its average net profits made during the 3 immediately preceding financial years as its Annual CSR Budget.

The Annual CSR Budget shall be spent on projects / activities /funds as laid down in this Policy.

“Administrative Overheads” expenses incurred by the Company will be used for ‘General Management & Administration’ of the Corporate Social Responsibility functions in the Company but shall not include the expenses directly incurred for the designing, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of a particular Corporate Social Responsibility project or programme.

Any surplus arising out of the CSR activities shall not form part of the business profit of the Company and shall be ploughed back into the same project or shall be transferred to the Unspent CSR Account and spent in pursuance of CSR Policy and Annual Action Plan of the Company or transfer such surplus amount to a Fund specified in Schedule VII, within a period of six months of the expiry of the financial year.

Transfer of unspent CSR amount. - Until a separate fund is specified by the Government, the unspent CSR amount, if any, shall be transferred by the Company to a fund specified in Schedule VII of the Act.

12. Disbursement

The disbursement of funds for CSR activity / programme / project will be in one or more tranche depending upon the nature and requirement of project. The terms, conditions and timing of disbursement will be with the approval of board of directors.



13. Review Periodicity and Amendment

CSR plan may be revised/modified/amended by the board of directors at such intervals as it may deem fit. The board of directors shall review the policy every year unless such revision is necessitated earlier. All disclosures, display and reporting requirement related to CSR shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Rules made thereunder.

14. CSR Awareness and Reporting

The Board will publish the CSR activities and amounts spent vide a Report on the CSR prepared by the board of directors as a part of the Director's Report in the Company's Annual Report.

15. Effective Date

The CSR Policy shall be effective from the date of its approval by the Board of Directors.