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# **NETWEB TECHNOLOGIES INDIA LIMITED**

# Employee Stock Option Plan – 2023

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#### 1. Name of the Plan

This Plan shall be termed as the "*Netweb- Employee Stock Option Plan 2023*" ("**Plan**"). The Plan has been approved by the Shareholders of Netweb Technologies India Limited ("**Company**") at their meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 and by the Board of Directors of the Company ("**Board**") at their meeting held on December 24, 2022 and as amended by the Board at their meeting held on February 20, 2023 and approved by the Shareholders of the Company at their meeting held on February 23, 2023. The Plan was ratified by the shareholders post initial public offering of the Company on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and further amended by the Board of Directors on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to meet with the regulatory requirement. The Plan shall be effective from 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2023 (herein after referred to as the "**Effective Date**").

This document sets out the terms and conditions of the Plan under which the Options (defined below) are being Granted and allotted to the Employees (defined below) of the Company.

# 2. Purpose of the Plan

Netweb Technologies India Limited ("**Company**"), a Company limited by shares, which was incorporated and registered as Netweb Technologies India Private Limited under the Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office at Plot No H-1, Pocket 9, Faridabad Industrial Town (FIT), Sector-57, Ballabhgarh Faridabad Haryana - 121004, has structured this Plan for all its Employees (defined below).

The objectives of the Plan is to:

- Attract and retain employees;
- Reward Employees (defined below) for their past and future performance
- Motivate Employees (defined below) to contribute to the growth and profitability of the Company;
- Link personal wealth creation to organizational wealth creation;
- Promote Employee (defined below) ownership culture

This purpose is sought to be achieved through the grant of Options (defined below) of the Company to Employees (defined below) of the Company based on their individual performance and as decided by the Board from time to time.

#### 3. Definitions

In this Plan, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions or terms shall have the meanings indicated there against. Further, unless the context otherwise requires, words denoting the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender and words denoting the singular shall include the

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plural and vice versa. The terms not defined in this Plan shall have the meaning as defined in the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 ("SEBI Act"), the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, the Companies Act, 2013, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended ("SEBI ICDR Regulations") and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021 ("SEBI SBEB **Regulations**"), or in any statutory modifications or re-enactments thereof, as the case may be.

- 3.1 "Acceptance Form" shall mean the form that the Grantee (defined below) has to submit indicating his/her acceptance of the offer made to him/her to participate in the Plan.
- 3.2 "Aggregate Exercise Price" shall mean Exercise Price (defined below) plus any taxes due from the Grantee (defined below) as per Clause 19 of the Plan.
- 3.3 "Applicable Laws" means the law relating to Options (defined below), Employee Stock Options by whatever name called, including and without limitation to the Companies Act, 2013, SEBI Act 1992, the SEBI SBEB Regulations and includes any statutory modification or re-enactments thereof and relevant tax, securities, exchange control or other applicable law of India or of any relevant jurisdiction or of any recognized stock exchange on which the equity shares are listed or quoted.
- 3.4 "Beneficiary" means the person or persons, who is/are entitled by the will of the Grantee (defined below) to receive the benefits specified in the Plan, the legal heirs of the Grantee (defined below), if the Grantee (defined below) dies intestate and includes the Grantee's (defined below) executors or administrator, if no other beneficiary is designated and able to act under the circumstances and, subject to Applicable Law, such other persons as may be added from time to time to the class of beneficiaries by notice in writing and by the nomination form in the exercise of any powers conferred under the Plan or any other agreements forming part thereof.
- "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company (defined below) and includes any 3.5 committee of the Board of Directors authorized in this behalf in accordance with Applicable Laws.
- "Bonus Shares" means Shares (defined below) allotted to the existing Shareholders (defined 3.6 below) free of cost by capitalizing the reserves of the Company (defined below) into additional capital.
- 3.7 "Company" shall mean Netweb Technologies India Limited, shall have the meaning ascribed to the term in the preamble
- 3.8 "Committee" means any committee authorized by the Board
- 3.9 "Eligibility criteria" means the criteria as maybe determined from time to time by the Committee from granting Options (defined below) to the employees

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- (i) "Employee" means any permanent employee of the Company or Director of the Company whether a whole-time director or not and whether working in India or not, but excluding:
- a) an Independent Director of the Company
- b) an employee or Director who is a promoter or a person belonging to the promoter group; or
- c) a Director who either himself or through his relative or through any body corporate, directly or indirectly, holds more than ten percent of the outstanding equity shares of the Company
- 3.10 **"ESOP Shares"** shall mean the Shares allotted to a Grantee by the Company pursuant to the exercise of Option by the Grantee
- 3.11 "Exercise" means making of an application by the Grantee to the Company for allotment of Shares to him/her pursuant to conversion of any or all of the Options vested in pursuance of this Plan
- 3.12 "Exercise Date" means the date on which the Grantee carries out the Exercise of Grant.
- 3.13 "Exercise Period/ Purchase Period" means the time period, after Vesting, specified by the Board during which the Grantee can carry out the Exercise in pursuance of the Plan.
- 3.14 "Exercise Price" means the price payable by the Grantee for Exercising the Options in pursuance of the Plan, which shall be determined by the Board.
- 3.15 "General Meeting" means a general meeting (and includes an extraordinary general meeting) of the Shareholders of the Company held in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company and the Applicable Laws.
- 3.16 "**Grant**" means making a specific offer of Options to the Grantee, as per the terms and conditions of the Plan.
- 3.17 "Grant Date" means the date on which the Grant is made by the Committee under the Plan.
- 3.18 "Grant Letter" means the letter by which the Grant is communicated to the Grantee.
- 3.19 "Grantee" shall mean an Employee (including his/her Beneficiary where the context so requires) whom the Committee, at its sole discretion, has identified for making an offer of Grant as per the terms and conditions of the Plan and who has signed his acceptance thereof by way of an agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan.
- 3.20 **"Independent Director**" means a Director within the meaning of Section 149(6) of the Companies Act read with the regulation 16(1)(b) of the Securities Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

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- **"Lapsed Option"** means (i) the unvested options; or (ii) options which are vested but not exercised by the Grantee
- 3.22 "Lock-in Period" means the period during which a Grantee, who becomes a member of the Company upon allotment of Shares pursuant to a valid Exercise, shall be barred from selling or otherwise transferring such Shares. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, no Shares allotted under the Plan shall have any Lock-in Period.
- 3.23 "Long Leave" means leave taken by the Employee for more than 30 days, which has been approved by the Company.
- 3.24 "Misconduct" means any of the following:
  - i. committing of any act of misconduct warranting summary termination under law; or
  - ii. conduct which in the reasonable opinion of the Board or Senior Management (defined below) amounts to a serious breach by an Option Grantee of the obligation of trust and confidence to the Company; or
  - iii. a finding by the Board or Senior Management (defined below) that an employee has committed any material or consistent breach of any of the terms or conditions of employee service agreement including any willful neglect of or refusal to carry out any of his duties or to comply with any instruction given to him by the Board or Manager; or
  - iv. being convicted of any criminal offence (other than an offence under any road traffic legislation for which a penalty of imprisonment cannot be imposed); or being disqualified from holding office in the Company or any other company under any legislation or to be disqualified or disbarred from membership of, or be subject to any serious disciplinary sanction by, any regulatory body within the industry, which un-determines the confidence of the Board in the individual's continued employment; or
  - v. having acted or attempted to act in any way which in the opinion of the Board or Superior Manager has brought or could bring the Company or any other Group member into disrepute or discredit; or
  - vi. breach of any company policies/ terms of employment; or
  - vii. anything not included above but defined in the company rules or employee handbook and/or employment agreement
- 3.25 "**Option**" means a right but not an obligation granted to a Grantee to subscribe to a specified number of Shares on the occurrence of Vesting of such Option(s);

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3.26 "Permanent Disability" means any disability of whatsoever nature, be it physical, mental or otherwise, which incapacitates or prevents or handicaps an Employee, on a permanent basis, from performing any specific job, work or task, which said Employee was capable of performing immediately before such disablement.

- 3.27 "Plan" shall mean the Netweb Employee Stock Option Plan 2023 and shall include any alterations, amendments, additions, deletions, modifications, or variations made thereof from time to time.
- 3.28 "**Promoter**" shall have the meaning ascribed to it under Regulation 2(1) (00) of the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018.
- 3.29 "Promoter Group" shall have the meaning ascribed to under Regulation 2(1) (pp) of the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018.
- 3.30 "Relative" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Regulation 2(1) (gg) of the SEBI SBEB Regulations.
- 3.31 "Rights Shares" means offering of Shares to the existing Shareholders who hold subscription rights or pre-emptive rights that entitle them to buy newly issued Shares at a discount from the price at which they will be offered to the other Shareholders.
- 3.32 "Senior Management" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Regulation 2(1) (bbbb) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations the term 'senior management' shall mean the officers and personnel of the issuer who are members of its core management team, excluding the Board of Directors, and shall also comprise all the members of the management one level below the chief executive officer or managing director or whole time director or manager (including chief executive officer and manager, in case they are not part of the Board of Directors) and shall specifically include the functional heads, by whatever name called and the company secretary and the chief financial officer
- 3.33 "Shares" means equity shares of par value of Rs.2/- (Rupees two only) each of the Company.
- 3.34 "Share Capital" means the share capital of the Company.
- 3.35 "Shareholder" means the registered holder of a Share in the Share Capital of the Company.
- 3.36 "Stock Option Agreement" means a written agreement between the Grantee and the Company, confirming the grant of Stock Options or Options and evidencing the terms and conditions as stipulated in this Plan
- 3.37 "Superannuation Age" shall mean an age for retirement, which would be 60 years for Directors, and 60 years for employees other than Directors.

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- 3.38 **"Terms of Employment"** means the Company's policies for employees and the terms of employment as contained in the Employment Letter and the Company's policies in force from time to time, which include but are not restricted to provisions for securing confidentiality, non-compete and non-poaching of other Employees and customers, as may be applicable
- 3.39 "**Termination Date**" means the date of termination of employment of the Employee with the Company.
- 3.40 "Unvested Option" means an Option in respect of which the relevant Vesting Conditions have not been satisfied and as such, the Option Grantee has not become eligible to exercise the Option.
- 3.41 "Vesting" means the process by which an Employee is given the right to apply for Shares of the Company pursuant to the Options granted to him under the Scheme.
- 3.42 "Vesting Condition" means any condition subject to which the options granted would vest in an Option Grantee.
- 3.43 "Vesting Period" means the period during which the vesting of the Employee Stock Option granted to the Employee, in pursuance of the Plan takes place.
- 3.44 "Vested Option" means an Option in respect of which the relevant Vesting Conditions have been satisfied and the Option Grantee has become eligible to exercise the Option.
- 3.45 "Vesting Schedule" means the Schedule as specified in the Grant Letter as per which Options will vest to the Grantee

#### Construction:

- a) The headings/subheadings/titles/subtitles are only for the sake of convenience and shall not be interpreted to restrict or otherwise affect the meaning or import of the Clauses, which shall be interpreted solely in light of the contents thereof.
- b) Where a word or phrase is defined, other parts of speech and grammatical forms of that word or phrase shall have the corresponding meanings.
- c) Any reference to 'writing' includes printing, typing, lithography and other means of reproducing words in visible form.
- d) The term 'including' shall mean 'including without limitation', unless otherwise specified.
- e) Reference to any Act, Rules, Statute or Notification shall include any statutory modification, substitution or re-enactment thereof.

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# 4. Authority and Ceiling

The Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on December 24, 2022 and the Shareholders of the Company at their general meeting held on January 9, 2023 have resolved to issue to employees under the Plan, not more than 2,82,911 (Two Hundred and Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and eleven) options with each option being convertible into 1 (one) equity share of face value of Rs. 10/- each, of the Company, in accordance with terms and conditions of such issue.

Subsequently, the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on February 15, 2023 and the Shareholders of the Company at their general meeting held on February 16, 2023 have resolved to split the equity shares of the Company from face value of ₹ 10/- each into face value of ₹ 2/- each and thereafter also resolved to issue Bonus shares in the ratio of 4 shares for every 5 held.

Accordingly, the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting dated February 20, 2023 ("ESOP Board Resolution") and the Shareholders of the Company at their Extra-Ordinary General Meeting dated February 23, 2023 ("ESOP Shareholders' Resolution"), have approved to increase the maximum number of options to not more than 25,46,199 (Twenty Five Lakhs Forty Six Thousand one hundred and ninety nine) options with each option being convertible into 1 (one) equity share of face value of Rs. 2/- each. It is expressly clarified that the maximum number of shares that may be issued pursuant to exercise of all options granted to the Grantees under this Plan shall not exceed 5% of share capital of the Company. The Company, subject to obtaining necessary approvals, reserves the right to increase or reduce such number of shares as it deems fit, in accordance with the Applicable Laws.

- 4.1 If an Employee Stock Option expires or becomes un-exercisable due to any other reason, it shall become available for future Grants, subject to compliance with all Applicable Laws. The Board will have powers to re-grant such options.
- 4.2 Where Shares are issued consequent upon exercise of an Employee Stock Option under the Plan, the maximum number of Options and consequently, Shares that can be further issued under Plan as referred to in Clause 4.1 above will stand reduced to the extent of such Shares issued.
- 4.3 In case of a consolidation where the face value of the shares is increased above Rs.2/-, the maximum number of shares available for being granted under the Plan shall stand modified accordingly, so as to ensure that the cumulative face value (No. of shares X Face value per share) prior to such consolidation remains unchanged after the share consolidation.

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- 4.4 In case of a share-split where the face value of the shares is reduced below Rs.2/, the maximum number of shares available for being granted under the Plan shall stand modified accordingly, so as to ensure that the cumulative face value (No. of shares X Face value per share) prior to such split remains unchanged after the share split.
- 4.5 The Committee shall make fair and reasonable adjustment to the number of Options and to the Exercise Price in case of corporate actions including rights issues, bonus issues, merger, sale of division, in accordance with Applicable Laws.

In this regard the following shall be taken into consideration by the Committee:

- i The number and / or the price of the Options shall be adjusted in a manner such that the total value of the Plan remains the same before and after such corporate action;
- ii For this purpose, global best practices in this area including the procedures followed in India and abroad shall be considered; and
- iii The Vesting Period and the life of the Options shall be left unaltered as far as possible to protect the rights of the Grantee.

# 5. Eligibility

- 5.1 The Plan covers all Employees as defined in Clause 3.10 hereinabove who are in employment with the Company.
- 5.2 The Committee shall decide which of the Employees shall be granted Options under the Plan and accordingly, the Board would offer the Options to the identified Employees to the extent permissible under Applicable Laws.
- 5.3 In determining the eligibility criteria of an Employee to receive Options as well as in determining the number of Options to be granted to any Employee, the discretion of the Committee shall be absolute.

### 6. Administration of the Plan

6.1 The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. The Committee may delegate its duties and powers in whole or in part as it determines. The Committee is authorized to interpret the Plan, to establish, amend and rescind any rules and regulations relating to the Plan, and to make any other determinations that it deems necessary or desirable for the administration and implementation of the Plan. The Board may correct any defect, omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan in the manner and to the extent the Board deems necessary or desirable, in accordance with Applicable Laws.

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Any decision of the Of the Committee or the Board, as the case may be in the interpretation and administration of the Plan, as described herein, shall lie within its sole and absolute discretion and shall be final, conclusive and binding on all parties concerned (including, but not limited to, Grantee and/ or Grantees and their Beneficiaries). Neither the Company nor the Board shall be liable for any action or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Shares granted there under.

- 6.3 The Committee shall, inter alia, do the following, subject to the terms of the Articles of Association and Applicable Laws:
  - (i) Determine from time to time the Eligibility Criteria of the Employee for being covered in the Scheme;
  - (ii) Determine from time to time the quantum of Shares to be Granted under the Plan per Grantee and in aggregate;
  - (iii) Prescribe the Vesting Period and Vesting criteria, which may differ employee to employee;
  - (iv) Determine the Exercise Period within which the Grantee should Exercise the Grant failing which the offer would lapse;
  - (v) Determine the conditions under which Grants made to the Grantee may lapse in case of termination for misconduct;
  - (vi) Determine the right of a Grantee to Exercise all the Grants at one time or various points in time within the Exercise Period;
  - (vii) Determine the Lock-in Period for the Shares if any and any adjustments to the Lock-in Period on the happening of certain events such as death, disability, superannuation, termination with Cause, other terminations, corporate actions etc;
  - (viii) Determine the procedure for making a fair and reasonable adjustment to the number of Grants and to the Exercise Price in case of corporate actions such as rights issues, bonus issues, merger, sale of division and others;
  - (ix) Determine the financial assistance, if any, to be given to Employees for Exercise of the Grants subject to compliance with applicable laws;
  - (x) Determine the Grant and Exercise of Grants in case of Employees who are on long leave;
  - (xi) Approve forms of agreement for use under the Plan;
  - (xii) Approve the Exercise Price and the valuation methodology of Options under the Plan;

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- (xiii) Determine the number of Shares and/ or the Exercise Price;
- (xiv) Determine the procedure of sale or transfer of shares;
- (xv) Take any other actions and make any other determinations or decisions that it deems necessary or appropriate in connection with the Plan or the administration or interpretation thereof;
- (xvi) Administer and reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan;
- (xvii) Perform such other functions and duties as may be required under the Applicable Laws;
- (xviii) Variation of terms of the Options to be carried out by way of members' approval by way of a special resolution provided it is not prejudicial to the interests of the Employees; and
- 6.4 All decisions, determinations and interpretations of the Committee shall be final and binding on all concerned.

#### 7. Grant

- 7.1 Subject to the number of Options as provided in Clause 4.1 of the Plan, a Grant to any particular Employee may be made more than once under the Plan.
- 7.2 The Board may, at its sole discretion, make a Grant to a Grantee in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan and to the extent permissible under the Articles of Association of the Company and other Applicable Laws.
- 7.3 The Grant by the Board to the Grantee shall be made in writing and communicated to the Grantee by a Grant Letter. The Grant Letter will include details of the number of Options being offered, the number of Shares that shall be allotted to the Grantee upon Exercise of the Options, the Exercise Price, the Exercise Period, the terms of Vesting and such other details that the Board considers appropriate. The Grantee shall submit his/her acceptance to the Board by submitting the Acceptance Form within seven days of the date of receipt of the Grant Letter. If Grantee fails to submit Acceptance Form within specified time then such Options shall lapse on expiry of fifteen days from the date of Grant Letter.
- 7.4 A Stock Option Agreement shall be entered into by and between the Company and the Grantee who has communicated his acceptance in the manner specified in Clause 7.3 above. The Agreement shall contain the mutual rights and obligations of both the Parties along with other terms and conditions as stipulated in this Plan
- 7.5 Subject to Clause 12.1 of the Plan, a Grant made under the Plan shall be personal to the Grantee and shall not be transferable to any other person or entity in any manner whatsoever.

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# 8. Vesting

- 8.1 Subject to continued employment with the Company, the Vesting schedule and specific Vesting Conditions subject to which Vesting would take place shall be decided by the Committee and would be specified in the Grant Letter issued to the Option Grantee at the time of Grant. However, no option so granted shall vest before one year has passed from the date of Grant.
- 8.2 The Grantee shall not have the right to receive any dividend or to vote or in any manner enjoy the benefits of a shareholder in respect of the Options granted to him/her, till the Shares are issued upon the exercise of the Options.
- 8.3 Subsequent to the date of Vesting, the Grantee shall Exercise the Vested Options on or before the Exercise Date.
- 8.4 Period of long leave shall not be included in determining the vesting period in the event the Employee is on a sabbatical. However, the Committee at its discretion, may include the period of long leave in determining the vesting period. In all other events including approved earned leave and sick leave, the period of leave shall be included to calculate the vesting period unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

#### 9. Exercise

- 9.1 The Exercise Price of the Options at the time of Exercise shall be determined by the Committee, which shall be communicated to the Grantee in the Grant Letter.
- 9.2 Subject to Clause 12 of the Plan, the Grantee may exercise Vested Options within the Exercise Period. Such Exercise may be of all Vested Options or part of the Vested Options, subject to Clause 9.3 of the Plan.
- 9.3 For the purposes of the Plan, the Exercise Period for the Vested Options shall be as follows
  - a) Any time after the Vesting Date and
  - b) In the event of resignation or termination of employment, on or before the last day in employment, subject to the option having got Vested.
    - However, the Committee at its discretion may offer differential exercise period, which may vary from employee to employee.
- 9.4 The Exercise shall take place at the time and place designated by the Committee and by executing such documents as may be required under the Applicable Laws to pass a valid title of the relevant Shares to the Grantee, free and clear of any liens, encumbrances and transfer restrictions subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

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9.5 A Grant shall be deemed to be validly exercised only when the Board receives a duly completed written or electronic notice of the Exercise, the Aggregate Exercise Price (in accordance with the Plan) and such other duly completed and signed documents as may be considered necessary by the Committee to lawfully execute/enforce various provisions of the Plan, including but not limited to those provided under Clause 12 and Clause 15 of the Plan.

- 9.6 On Exercise, the Grantee may subscribe to acquire the Shares and the Company shall allot the Shares to the Grantee or, if so requested in writing by the Grantee/ Beneficiary, to the Grantee jointly with another person, provided the Company is satisfied that all conditions of the Plan have been complied with.
- 9.7 The Board shall endeavor, subject to Applicable Laws, to ensure that the process of allotment of Shares to the Grantee, who has validly exercised his/her Grants, are completed in the immediate next meeting of the Board, on the receipt of a valid exercise form.
- 9.8 Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Plan, if the Grantee does not Exercise his/ her Vested Options within the time specified in Clause 9.3 and Clause 12 of the Plan, such Vested Options shall be automatically forfeited and stand cancelled.
- 9.9 The Company, at its sole discretion and subject to Applicable Laws, may provide or arrange financial assistance to the extent as permitted under the Applicable Laws and in any mode or manner it deems fit, to enable the Grantee to Exercise Vested Options within the Exercise Period.
- 9.10 The Aggregate Exercise Price and applicable taxes shall be paid in full upon the Exercise of the Grants. Payment must be made by one of the following methods:
  - i) cheque, banker's cheque or demand draft issued in the name of the Company as the Board may specify; or
  - ii) remittance directly from the Grantee's bank to the bank account of the Company (wire transfer) as the Board may specify; or
  - iii) recovery from the immediately succeeding salary payment in case of the Employees; or
  - iv) any combination of such methods of payment or any other method acceptable to the Board at its sole discretion.

### 10. Allotment of Shares pursuant to Exercise

10.1 On receipt of application(s) complete in all respects and the Aggregate Exercise Price and subject to completion of all applicable procedures with respect to Exercise as per Clause 9 of the Plan, the Company shall make an allotment of Shares directly from the Company. Prior to the allotment of

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Shares and pursuant to a valid Exercise, the Grantee shall be required to sign such papers as may be considered necessary by the Board to lawfully execute/enforce various provisions of the Plan including but not limited to those provided in Clause 12 and Clause 15 of the Plan.

10.2 Upon allotment of the Shares, the Grantees shall become members of the Company.

#### 11. Tenure

11.1 The Plan shall continue in effect unless terminated by the Company or the Board. Any such termination of the Plan shall not affect Options already granted and such Grants shall remain in full force and effect as if the Plan had not been terminated unless mutually agreed other-wise between the Grantees and the Company.

# 12. Termination of Employment

## 12.1 On death of the Grantee:

In the event of death of a Grantee, the rights (including the Options already allotted in pursuance of this Plan) and obligations of the deceased Grantee, under the Plan, shall be automatically transferred to the Beneficiary of the deceased Grantee on the date of death. All the options granted to such deceased Grantee till the date of his/her death shall vest in the Beneficiary of the deceased Grantee. The Beneficiary shall be permitted to Exercise the Vested Options within the Exercise Period and in accordance with other terms and conditions of the Plan as applicable to the deceased Grantee. Any Grants not exercised within the aforesaid period(s) shall automatically lapse and stand forfeited at the end of the aforesaid period(s).

## 12.2 On Permanent Disability of the Grantee:

In case the employee suffers a permanent incapacity while in employment, all the options granted to him/her as on the date of permanent incapacitation, shall vest in him/her on that day. In such event, the Grantee will be permitted to Exercise Vested Options within the Exercise Period and in accordance with other terms and conditions of the Plan. Any Grants not exercised within the aforesaid period(s) shall automatically lapse and stand forfeited at the end of the aforesaid period(s).

# 12.3 On attainment of superannuation age

In case the service of the Grantee with the Company is terminated due to retirement on attaining superannuation age, the Grantee will be permitted to Exercise the Vested Options before expiry of the Exercise Period and in accordance with other terms and conditions of the Plan; and the Universed Options shall continue to vest, and be Exercised, in accordance with Clause 8 and 9,

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respectively. Any Grants not exercised within the aforesaid period(s) shall automatically lapse and stand forfeited at the end of the aforesaid period(s).

# 12.4 On account of Misconduct

In case the employment of a Grantee with Company is terminated for any Misconduct, all Grants made to the Grantee including Vested but unExercised Options; along with the Unvested Options shall stand forfeited and get automatically cancelled on the date of termination due to misconduct.

# 12.5 On Resignation

In case the service of the Grantee with the Company is terminated by way of resignation, all unvested Options shall stand forfeited and get automatically cancelled with effect from the date of submission of resignation notice to the Company. All Vested Options, as on the date of submission of resignation notice shall be exercisable before expiry of the Exercise Period and in accordance with other terms and conditions of the Plan.

## 12.6 Abandonment of employment without Company's consent

In case the Grantee has abandoned employment of the Company without submission of resignation notice to the Company, all Vested Options that have not been Exercised, and all unvested Options, shall stand forfeited and get automatically cancelled with effect from the date on which such abandonment of employment is ascertained.

## 12.7 Other terminations

In case the employment of the Grantee with the Company is terminated for any other reason, other than as set out in Clauses 12.1 through 12.6 above, the Board shall decide the terms of Exercise of the Vested Options as on the Termination Date. All unvested Options, as on the Termination Date, shall stand forfeited and get automatically cancelled with effect from the Termination Date.

## 13. Lapse of Options

An Option shall lapse automatically and shall not be exercisable (to the extent not already exercised) upon the expiry of the Exercise Period and the Option Grantee shall have no right over such lapsed or cancelled Options;

### 14. Non-transferability of Grants

Save as provided in Clause 12 of the Plan, the Grants made under the Plan are personal to the Grantee. The Grants cannot be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, hypothecated, sold, or

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otherwise transferred or encumbered by the Grantee except by will or by the laws of descent, to the extent permitted under the Applicable Law, and any purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer, or encumbrance not permitted herein shall be void and unenforceable against the Company.

# 15. Transferability of Shares

15.1 The shares allotted under this Plan shall be freely transferrable.

### 16. Buy-Back of Shares

16.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan, the Board shall have the right but not the obligation to purchase the shares held by Option Grantee.

# 17. Rights of a Grantee as Shareholder

17.1 The rights of a Shareholder shall be conferred upon the Grantee only upon a valid Exercise of Option(s) and the resultant issue of Shares by the Company. Upon the allotment of the Shares, the Grantee shall become member of the Company and shall be entitled to all rights of a member including voting rights, receipt of dividend, etc. The Grantee shall, at all times, be bound by, and observe, the terms of the Articles of Association of the Company and Applicable Laws as an ordinary shareholder of the Company.

### 18. Beneficiary Designation

18.1 Each Grantee under the Plan may nominate, from time to time, any Beneficiary or Beneficiaries to whom any benefit under the Plan is to be delivered in case of his/her death before he/she receives all of such benefit. Each such nomination which revokes all prior nominations by the same Grantee, shall be in a form prescribed by the Company and shall be effective only when filed by the Grantee in writing with the Company during the Grantee's lifetime.

## 19. Tax Implications

- 19.1 All Exercises made under the Plan shall be subject to tax deduction at source (TDS) as per the Applicable Laws.
- 19.2 The Grantee or Beneficiary is liable to make good to the Company any tax, paid or payable by the Company, as per the Applicable Laws in respect of any Grant/ Exercise/allotment of Shares made under the Plan.
- 19.3 Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Plan, no Shares there from, as the case may be, shall be allotted to the Grantee/Beneficiary on Exercise of Grants, under this Plan unless any tax

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or other levy directly imposed on the Company as a result of the said transaction has been recovered to the satisfaction of the Company.

19.4 The tax obligations, if any, arising to the Grantee at the time of exercise of options or transfer of Shares acquired under the Plan (including any obligation arising on account of change in tax laws) shall be the sole responsibility of the Grantee/Beneficiary, including sale of shares pursuant to Clause 15.5.

# 20. Modification of Plan

The Committee may, pursuant to a special resolution, passed at a General Meeting at any time and from time to time:

- 20.1 Revoke, add to, alter, amend or vary all or any of the terms and conditions of the Plan or all or any of the rights and obligations of the Grantees, in respect of Options Granted but not yet Exercised by the Employees, subject to such alteration not being prejudicial to the interests of the Grantee;
- 20.2 Subject to such alteration not being prejudicial to the interests of the Grantee, formulate separate sets of special terms and conditions in addition to those set out herein, to apply to each class or category of Grantees separately and each of such sets of special terms and conditions shall be restricted in its applications to such Grantees.

#### 21. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

- 21.1 This Plan and all agreements thereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Applicable Laws.
- The Courts of Faridabad, Haryana, India shall have jurisdiction in respect of any and all matters, disputes or differences arising in relation to or out of this Plan.
- 21.3 Nothing in this clause will however limit the right of the Company to bring proceedings against the Employee in connection with this Plan:
  - (i) in any other court of competent jurisdiction; or
  - (ii) concurrently in more than one jurisdiction.
- 21.4 The Grantee agrees and acknowledges that the Grantee has read a copy of the Plan. Any term of the Plan that is contrary to the requirement of the Applicable Laws or any other Applicable Laws or other Indian regulations shall not apply to the extent it is contrary.

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#### 22. Arbitration

22.1 In the event of a dispute arising out of or in relation to the provisions of this Plan (including a dispute relating to the construction or performance thereof), the relevant parties shall attempt in the first instance to resolve such dispute through an amicable settlement. In case of failure, the matter shall be referred for final determination to a sole arbitrator appointed jointly by the Grantee and the Board and the decision of such an arbitrator shall be final and binding on the Company and the Grantee. The arbitration proceedings shall be held in [Faridabad, Haryana, India], as the Board may, at its sole discretion decide, under and in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof. The arbitrator shall give a reasoned award in writing. The arbitrator shall also decide on the costs of the arbitration proceedings. The parties shall submit to the arbitrator's award and the award shall only be enforceable in a competent court of law at the place where arbitration proceedings have been held.

## 23. Regulations and Approvals

- 23.1 The Grant and the obligation of the Company to allot Shares with respect to such Grants shall be subject to the Applicable Laws and rules and regulations made thereunder and obtaining all such approvals from governmental agencies as may be deemed necessary or appropriate by the Committee.
- The Committee may make such changes to the Plan as may be necessary or appropriate to comply with the rules and regulations of any government authority.
- 23.3 The implementation of the Plan, the offer of the Grants and the issuance of any Shares under this Plan shall be subject to the procurement by the Company and the Grantees/Beneficiaries of all approvals and permits required by any regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over the Plan, the Grants and the Shares issued pursuant thereto. The Grantees/Beneficiaries under this Plan will, if requested by the Board, provide such assurances and representations to the Company or the Board, as the Committee may deem necessary or desirable to ensure compliance(s) with all Applicable Laws and other legal and accounting requirements.

### 24. Notices and Correspondence

Any notice required to be given by a Grantee to the Company or the Board or any correspondence to be made between a Grantee and the Company or the Board may be given or made to the Company at the registered office of the Company, or to the Board, as may be notified by the Company in writing.

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24.2 Any notice required to be given by the Company or the Board to a Grantee or any correspondence to be made between the Company or the Board and a Grantee shall be given or made by the Company or the Board on behalf of the Company at the address provided by the Grantee in his/her Acceptance Form.

#### 25. Indemnification

25.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless the members of the Board from and against any and all liabilities, costs and expenses incurred by such persons as a result of any act or omission to act in connection with the performance of such person's duties, responsibilities and obligations under the Plan, other than such liabilities, costs and expenses as may result from the gross negligence, willful misconduct or criminal acts of such persons.

### 26. Miscellaneous

- 26.1 No right to a Grant: Neither the adoption of the Plan, nor any action of the Board shall be deemed to give an Employee any right to a Grant to acquire Shares or to any other rights hereunder except as may be evidenced by the Grant Letter, and then only to the extent of and on the terms and conditions expressly set forth therein, or in the Plan as the case may be.
- 26.2 No employment rights conferred: Nothing contained in the Plan or in any Grant made hereunder shall (i) confer upon any Employee any right with respect to continuation of employment with the Company, or (ii) interfere in any way with the right of the Company to terminate his/her employment at any time, or (iii) afford the Option Grantee any rights or additional rights to compensation or damages in consequence of the loss or termination of his/her office or employment with the company for any reason whatsoever (whether or not such termination is ultimately held to be wrongful or unfair).
- 26.3 Corporate actions: In the event the Company is involved (i) in a Plan for merger, demerger, reconstitution, consolidation, dissolution, liquidation or reorganization, exchange of Shares, share swaps, sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or a transaction similar thereto having material impact on the business of the Company, (ii) any stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, stock combination, rights issue, bonus issues or other changes in the capital structure of the Company or (iii) any other event which in the judgment of the Committee necessitates action of making a fair and reasonable adjustment to the number of Grants and/or Exercise Price, such adjustment shall be made in a manner that the Committee considers prudent and reasonable. In all such corporate actions, the Committee, while taking into consideration the global best practices in this area including the procedures followed by the derivate markets in India and abroad, shall ensure that the Exercise Price shall be left unaltered as far as possible to protect the

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rights of the Grantee. However, the decision of the Committee on whether such action is necessary and the extent of such action by the Board shall be final and binding

- 26.4 Adherence to Applicable Laws: The Grantee shall comply with all Applicable Laws.
- 26.5 Disclosure requirements: The Board shall make all the relevant disclosures in the Director's report in relation to the Plan as may be required under the Applicable Laws. The Company shall endeavour to provide to the Grantees all developments in the Company that it considers relevant and material with respect to the Plan.
- 26.6 Accounting Methods: The Company shall follow and confirm to the applicable accounting standards and policies issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India from time to time and any other Applicable Laws.
- 26.7 This Plan shall not confer on any employee, any legal or equitable rights against the Company or the Board directly or indirectly, to be granted ESOPs, or give rise to any cause of action at law or in equity against the Company or the Board in this regard or to receive Equity Shares except in accordance with this Plan.
- 26.8 The Company shall bear the costs of establishing and administering this Plan, including any costs of the Company's auditors or any independent financial adviser in relation to the preparation of any confirmation by them or provision of any other service in relation to this Plan.
- 26.9 The Grantee shall comply with the Applicable Laws, as well as any code of conduct or such similar policy procedure or system formulated or adopted by the Board and communicated to the Grantee from time to time. Any violation of the Applicable Laws or code of conduct may result in cancellation of the Grants, in the manner set out in this Plan, as well as subject the Grantee to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Company.
- 26.10 The Company shall maintain a Register of Options Granted as per the Companies Act 2013.
- 26.11 Participation in the Plan shall not be construed as any guarantee of return on the equity investment. Any loss due to fluctuations in the price of the equity and the risks associated with the investments is that of the Option Grantee alone. The Option Grantee is encouraged to make considered judgment and seek adequate information /clarifications essential for appropriate decision.
- 26.12 The inability of the Company to obtain approval from any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company, or under any Applicable Laws, for the lawful issuance of any Options hereunder shall relieve and wholly discharge the Company from any and all liability in respect of the failure to issue such Options.

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- 26.13 Neither the existence of this Scheme nor the fact that an individual has on any occasion been granted an Option shall give such individual any right, entitlement or expectation that he/she has or will in future have any such right, entitlement or expectation to participate in this Scheme by being granted an Option on any other occasion.
- 26.14 The Option Grantee shall not be entitled to any compensation or damages for any loss or potential loss which he/she may suffer by reason of being unable to exercise an Option in whole or in part except as provided in this Plan.
- 26.15 This Plan is purely at the discretion of the Company subject to clause 20 hereinabove.
- 26.16 Breach of any of the terms of the Plan by the Employee shall entitle the Board to refuse to grant further options extend any other benefit to such defaulting Employee, without incurring any liability to the Employee in this regard.
- 26.17 This Plan constitutes the entire document in relation to its subject matter and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings whether oral or written with respect to such subject matter.

### 27. Confidentiality

Option Grantees must keep the details of the Plan and all other documents in connection thereto strictly confidential and must not disclose the details with any of his/her peer, colleagues, or with any employee and/or associate of the Company or that of its affiliates. In case Option Grantee is found in breach of this Confidentiality Clause, the Company has un-disputed right to terminate any Agreement and all unexercised Options shall stand cancelled immediately. The decision and judgment of the Company regarding breach of this Confidentiality Clause shall be final, binding and cannot be questioned by Option Grantee. In case of non-adherence to the provisions of this clause, the Board will have the authority to deal with such cases as it may deem fit.

The Option Grantee agrees that the Company may be required to disclose information of the Option Grantee during the process of implementation of the Plan or while availing services relating to ESOP consulting, advisory services or ESOP Management services and/or any other such incidental services. The Option Grantee hereby accords his/her consent that such confidential information regarding his Option entitlements may be disclosed by the Company to its officers, professional advisors, agents and consultants on a need to know basis.



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# 28. Severability

If any of the provisions mentioned in this Plan are determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect and binding on the parties to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law.

# For and on Behalf of

Netweb Technologies India Limited



Sanjay Lodha Managing Director

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