

Employee Stock Option Plan 2023 (ESOP 2023)

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1. Name, Objective and Term of the Plan

- 1.1 This Employee Stock Option Plan shall be called Employee Stock Option Plan 2023 (“**ESOP 2023**” / “**Plan**”).
- 1.2 The objective of the ESOP 2023 is to reward the Employees for association, dedication and contribution to the goals of the Company. The Company intends to use this Plan to attract and retain key talents working with the Company and its Subsidiary and Holding Companies by way of rewarding their performance and motivate them to contribute to the overall corporate growth and profitability. The Company views Employee Stock Options as instruments that would enable the Employees to get a share in the value they create for the Company in the years to come.
- 1.3 ESOP 2023 is established with effect from 10th July, 2023 on which the Shareholders have approved the plan by way of a special resolution and shall continue to be in force until earlier of:
- i. The date all the Options reserved under the Plan are granted and exercised; or
 - ii. The date of termination, if any, of the Plan.

Thus, all the Employees meeting the eligibility criteria as may be determined by the Compensation Committee from time to time would be entitled to the benefit under Plan.

- 1.1 The Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee of Board, as authorised, may, subject to compliance with applicable laws, at any time alter, amend, suspend or terminate the ESOP 2023. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (by whatever name called) duly constituted in terms of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021 shall administer the ESOP 2023.
- 1.2 This document is not intended to provide any legal or taxation advice to the Option Grantee of ESOP 2023 and such Employee should consult their own tax advisors before accepting the grant and / or vesting of the Equity Shares under the ESOP 2023 Plan.

2. Definitions and Interpretation

2.1 Definitions

- i. “**Applicable Law**” means every law relating to Employee Stock Options, to the extent applicable, including and without limitation to the Companies Act, Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021, as amended and re-enacted from time to time and includes any clarifications or circulars issued there under, and all relevant tax, securities, exchange control or corporate laws of India, or amendments thereof or of any relevant jurisdiction or of any recognized Stock Exchange on which the Shares may be listed or quoted.
- ii. “**Board**” means the Board of Directors for the time being of the Company.
- iii. “**Companies Act**” means the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder and include any statutory modifications or re-enactments thereof.

- iv. **“Company”** means “Deccan Transcon Leasing Private Limited (CIN: U63090TG2007PTC052599), a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at “Suite No. 507,5th Floor Image, Capital Park, Image Garden Road, Madhapur, Hyderabad, Shaikpet, Telangana-500081, India”.
- v. **“Company Policies / Terms of Employment”** means the Company’s policies for employees and the terms of employment as contained in the employment letter / contract, which includes provisions for securing confidentiality, non-compete and non-poaching of other Employees and customers. Policies / Terms of Employment of the Subsidiary / Holding Company as regard an Option Grantee on the payrolls of such Subsidiary / Holding Company shall be deemed to be “Company Policies / Terms of Employment” for such Option Grantee.
- vi. **“Compensation Committee”** means the Committee constituted / reconstituted by the Board of Directors of the Company from time to time, by whatever name called, as per the requirements of applicable laws, to administer and supervise the ESOP 2023, and having such powers as specified under the SEBI SBEB Regulations read with powers specified in this ESOP 2023.
- vii. **“Director”** means a member of the Board of the Company.
- viii. **“Eligibility Criteria”** means the criteria as may be determined from time to time by the Compensation Committee for granting the Employee Stock Options to the employees.
- ix. **“Employee”** means a permanent employee of the Company or the Subsidiary Company or the Parent Company, who has been working in India or outside India and who may qualify for issue of options under the ESOP 2023 and fulfill the minimum conditions of service and other conditions as decided in the evaluation process; and will include new employees joining the Company but does not include:
 - a. an employee / Director who is a Promoter or a person belonging to the Promoter Group;
 - b. Director who either by himself or through his relatives or through any body corporate, directly or indirectly, holds more than 10% of the issued and subscribed Equity Shares of the Company; and
 - c. any other Independent / Non-executive Director within the meaning of the Companies Act and / or Listing Regulations, as amended from time to time.
- x. **“Employee Stock Option”** means the option granted to an Employee, which gives such Employee the right, but not an obligation, to purchase at a future date the Shares underlying the option at a pre-determined price.
- xi. **“Equity Shares”** means fully paid-up Equity Shares of the Company having a face value of INR 10/- (Rupees Ten only) each.
- xii. **“ESOP 2023”** means the Employee Stock Option Plan 2023 under which the Company is authorised to grant Employee Stock Options to the Employees.

- xiii. **“Exercise”** means making of an application by an Employee to the Company for issue of Equity Shares, against Vested Options in pursuance of the ESOP 2023, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Company for such exercise.
- xiv. **“Exercise Period”** means such period after Vesting within which the Employee should exercise the Options vested in him in pursuance of the ESOP 2023.
- xv. **“Exercise Price”** means the price payable by an Employee to exercise the Options granted to him in pursuance of the ESOP 2023.
- xvi. **“Fully Diluted Basis”** means a calculation assuming that all dilution instruments, including any options issued or reserved for issuance under the ESOP Plan of the Company, existing at the time of determination have been exercised or converted into equity shares of the Company, and taking into consideration the effect of any anti-dilution protection offered to any shareholder or a third party.
- xvii. **“Grant”** means issue of the Options to the Employees under the ESOP 2023.
- xviii. **“Grant Date”** means the date on which the Option under the ESOP Plan is extended to any Employee.

Explanation, for accounting purposes, the grant date will be determined in accordance with applicable accounting standards.
- xix. **“Misconduct”** means any of the following:
 - a. committing of any act of misconduct warranting summary termination under law; or
 - b. conduct which in the reasonable opinion of the Board amount to a serious breach by an Option Grantee of the obligation of trust and confidence to his employer; or
 - c. a finding by the Board that an Employee has committed any material or consistent breach of any of the terms or conditions of the Employment Agreement including any willful negligence of the duties assigned by the Board; or
 - d. conviction of any criminal offence or having been charged with any criminal offence which, in the reasonable opinion of the Company will result in conviction.
- xx. **“Nominee”** means the spouse, any child of the Employee or any other person nominated by the Employee.
- xxi. **“Option”** means Employee Stock Option within the meaning of this Plan.
- xxii. **“Option Grantee”** means an Employee who has been granted an Employee Stock Option in pursuance of the ESOP 2023 and deemed to include a beneficiary being the legal heir or nominee of such Option Grantee upon his eventual death while in employment or service.

- xxiii. **“Permanent Incapacity”** means any incapacity of whatsoever nature, be it physical, mental or otherwise, which incapacitates or prevents or handicaps an Employee from performing any specific job, work or task which the said Employee was capable of performing immediately before such disablement, as determined by the Compensation Committee based on a certificate of a medical expert.
 - xxiv. **“Promoter”** shall have the same meaning as assigned to the term under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 (**“SEBI ICDR Regulations”**).
 - xxv. **“Promoter Group”** shall have the same meaning assigned to the term under the SEBI ICDR Regulations.
- Provided that** where the Promoter or Promoter Group of the Company is a body corporate, the Promoters of that body corporate shall also be deemed to be Promoters of the Company.
- xxvi. **“Relevant Date”** means,-
 - a. in the case of grant, the date of the meeting of the compensation committee on which the grant is made; or
 - b. in the case of exercise, the date on which the notice of exercise is given to the Company by the employee.
 - xxvii. **“Retirement”** means retirement as per the rules of the Company.
 - xxviii. **“Plan”** means ESOP 2023 within the meaning of this Employee Stock Option Plan 2023.
 - xxix. **“Shares”** means Equity Shares of the Company within the meaning of this Plan.
 - xxx. **“Recognised Stock Exchange”** means National Stock Exchange of India Limited (**“NSE”**), BSE Limited (**“BSE”**), or any other recognised stock exchange in India on which the Company’s Shares may be listed in future.
 - xxxi. **“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.
 - xxxii. **“Vesting”** means earning by the Option Grantee, of the right to Exercise the Options granted to him in pursuance of the ESOP 2023.
 - xxxiii. **“Vesting Condition”** means any condition subject to which the Options granted would vest in an Option Grantee.
 - xxxiv. **“Vesting Period”** means the period during which the vesting of the Employee Stock Option granted to the Employee, in pursuance of ESOP 2023 takes place.
 - xxxv. **“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.

2.2 Interpretation

In this plan, unless the contrary intention appears:

- i. the clause headings are for ease of reference only and shall not be relevant to interpretation;
- ii. a reference to a clause number is a reference to its sub-clauses;
- iii. words in singular number include the plural and vice versa;
- iv. words importing a gender include any other gender; and
- v. a reference to a Schedule includes a reference to any part of that Schedule which is incorporated by reference.

Words and expressions used and not defined herein but defined in the the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021, the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (42 of 1956) or the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) and any statutory modification or re- enactment thereto, shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in those legislation.

3. Authority

- 3.1 The Shareholders at the Extra-ordinary General Meeting held on 10th July 2023, resolved to approve the ESOP 2023, not exceeding 250,000 stock options of the Company 2,50,000 (Two Lakh Fifty Thousand only) Equity Shares of the Company (subject to adjustments) on a fully diluted basis from time to time.
- 3.2 The maximum number of Options that shall be granted to each Employee shall vary depending upon the designation and the appraisal / assessment process, however the Compensation Committee reserves the right to decide the number of Options to be granted and the maximum number of Options that can be granted to each Employee.
- 3.3 Where Shares are allotted consequent upon Exercise of an Employee Stock Option under the ESOP 2023, the maximum number of Shares that can be allotted under ESOP 2023 as referred to in sub-clause 3.1 above shall stand reduced to the extent of such Shares allotted.
- 3.4 If an Option expires, lapses or becomes un-exercisable due to any reason, it shall be brought back to the Options pool and shall become available for future grants, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Applicable Laws.
- 3.5 Prior approval of the shareholders of the Company in the general meeting by passing special resolution shall be obtained in case the Grant of the Options to any identified Employee, in any one financial year, is equal to or exceeding 1% (one percent) of the issued capital (excluding outstanding warrants and conversions) of the Company at the time of Grant of the Option.

4. Administration

- 4.1 The ESOP 2023 shall be administered by the Compensation Committee. All questions of interpretation of the ESOP 2023 shall be determined by the Compensation Committee and such determination shall be final and binding upon all persons having an interest in the ESOP 2023.

- 4.2 Neither the Compensation Committee nor any of its members shall be liable for any actions taken in good faith for the implementation of the ESOP 2023.
- 4.3 The Compensation Committee shall in accordance with this Plan and Applicable Laws determine the following:
- a. The Eligibility Criteria for grant of Employee Stock Options to the Employees;
 - b. The quantum and price of Employee Stock Options to be granted under the ESOP 2023;
 - c. Terms and conditions in respect of grant to, vest in and exercise of options (including determining exercise period) by the Employees which may be different for different class / classes of the Employees issued under ESOP 2023 and that Option would lapse on failure to exercise the Option within the Exercise Period;
 - d. The procedure for making a fair and reasonable adjustment in case of corporate actions such as merger, stock split, stock consolidation, rights issues, bonus issues and others.
 - e. The procedure and terms for the Grant, Vest and Exercise of Employee Stock Options in case of employees who are on long leave;
 - f. The procedure for Vesting in case of termination of employment or resignation, if required;
 - g. the procedure for buy-back of the Options granted under the ESOP 2023 if to be undertaken at any time by the Company, and the applicable terms and conditions, including:
 - permissible sources of financing for buy-back,
 - any minimum financial thresholds to be maintained by the Company as per its last financial statements, and
 - limits upon quantum of Options that the Company may buy-back in a financial year;
 - h. the procedure for funding for Exercise of Options, as permitted under the Applicable Laws;
 - i. Approve forms, writings and / or agreements for use in pursuance of the ESOP 2023;
 - j. Prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the ESOP Plan;
 - k. Construe and interpret the terms of the ESOP Plan and Options granted relating to the ESOP Plan and such determination shall be final and binding upon all persons having an interest in the ESOP Plan and Options;
 - l. Frame any other byelaws, rules or procedures as it may deem fit for administering the ESOP Plan and to ensure that there is no violation of the applicable laws;
- 4.4 The Company has framed policies and procedures to ensure that there is no violation of securities laws, as amended from time to time, including Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices Relating to the Securities Market) Regulations, 2003 by the Company, Holding and Subsidiary Companies, and the Employees, as applicable. The Option Grantees shall adhere to such policies and procedures in respect to exercise of options under the scheme.

5. Eligibility and Applicability

- 5.1 Only the Employees within the meaning of this Plan are eligible for being granted Stock Options under ESOP 2023. The specific Employees to whom the Stock Options would be granted and their Eligibility Criteria would be determined by the Compensation Committee.

- 5.2 The Plan shall be applicable to the Company, its Holding and Subsidiary Companies in India or outside India, and any successor company thereof and may be granted to the Employees and Directors of the Company, that of its Holding and Subsidiary Companies, as determined by the Compensation Committee at its own discretion.

6. Grant and Acceptance of Grant

6.1 Grant of Options

Each grant under this ESOP 2023 shall be made in writing by the Company to the eligible employees fulfilling the eligibility criteria in a letter of grant as may be approved under the ESOP 2023 from time to time.

6.2 Acceptance of the Grant

- a. Any Employee who wishes to accept the Grant made under this ESOP 2023 must deliver to the Company a duly signed acceptance of the letter of Grant on or before the date ("Closing Date") which shall not be more than 30 (Thirty) days from the date of the Grant, as specified in the letter of Grant. On receipt by the Company of the signed acceptance, the Employee will become an Option Grantee.
- b. Any Employee who fails to deliver the signed acceptance of the letter of Grant on or before the Closing Date stated above shall be deemed to have rejected the Grant unless the Compensation Committee determines otherwise.
- c. Upon acceptance of the Grant in the manner described above, the Employee henceforth as a Grantee, shall be bound by the terms, conditions and restrictions of the ESOP 2023 and the Grant document. The Grantee's acceptance of the Grant of Options under the ESOP 2023, within the time period provided, shall constitute an agreement between the Grantee and the Company as to the terms of this ESOP 2023 and the Grant document.

7. Vesting Schedule and Vesting Conditions

- 7.1 Options granted under this Plan would Vest not earlier than minimum Vesting Period of 1 (One) year and not later than maximum Vesting Period of 4 (Four) years from the date of the Grant of such Options.
- 7.2 Options granted under ESOP 2023 would vest for 4 years in equal proportions (25% each year) or as may be determined by the Committee.

Provided further that in the event of death or Permanent Incapacity, the minimum vesting period of One (1) year shall not be applicable and in such instances, the Options shall vest on the date of death or Permanent Incapacity.

- 7.3 Vesting of the Options would be subject to continued employment with the Company, Holding and/or Subsidiary Company and if the Employee has not served any notice of resignation. Thus, the Options would vest on completion of the vesting period. In addition to the continuation of employment / services, the Options shall vest subject to the achievement of the Vesting Conditions which shall be similar as disclosed in the explanatory statement to the notice of the general meeting of the Company. Apart from that, the Compensation Committee may also specify certain performance parameters, detailed terms and conditions relating to such performance-based vesting, the proportion in which the options granted would vest and / or lock in period subject to which the Options would vest.

- 7.4 The specific vesting schedule and conditions subject to which vesting would take place would be outlined in the document(s) given to the Option Grantee at the time of grant of Options.

7.5 Vesting of the Options in case of Employees on long leave

The period of leave shall not be considered in determining the Vesting Period in the event the Employee is on a sabbatical. 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 Compensation Committee.

8. Exercise

8.1 Exercise Price:

- a. The consideration payable by an Option Grantee for exercising an Option would be the Exercise Price.
- b. The Exercise Price shall not be less than the face value of the Shares.
- c. Payment of the Exercise Price shall be made by a crossed cheque or a demand draft drawn in favour of the Company or by way of electronic payment like NEFT, RTGS, IMPS, etc., or in such other manner and subject to such procedures as the Compensation Committee may decide but not in cash.
- d. Subject to applicable law, the Company may make available a bridge loan to assist the Employee to pay up and exercise the vested Options. This loan shall be subject to the terms and conditions as the Company may stipulate at the time of grant of loan.
- e. Under the cashless system of exercise, the Company may itself fund the payment of Exercise Price which shall be adjusted against the sale proceeds of some or all the equity Shares or from the remuneration payable to employee, subject to the Applicable Laws

8.2 Exercise Period:

a. While in employment:

- i. The Compensation Committee proposes the exercise period of 3 months after the end of each financial year, within the vesting period, within which employees may exercise the options, if desired. Non-exercise of the vested options during the exercise window does not lapse the options. The employees may carry forward the non-exercised vested options beyond the vesting period for future exercise.
- ii. For the duly completed and valid exercise applications received up to the end of each month, the Company shall allot Equity Shares in a dematerialised mode, by the end of the subsequent month.

b. Exercise Period in case of separations:

Subject to the maximum Exercise Period approved by the Shareholders of the Company from the date of vesting of the Options, the Options can be exercised as per provisions outlined below:

S. No.	Separations	Vested Options	Unvested Options
1.	Resignation / termination (other than due to Misconduct)	All the Vested Options as on the date of submission of resignation may be exercised by the Option Grantee on or before last working day.	All Unvested Options on the date of submission of resignation / termination shall expire and stand cancelled with effect from that date.
2.	Termination due to Misconduct	All the Vested Options at the time of such termination shall stand cancelled with effect from the date of such termination.	All Unvested Options on the date of such termination shall stand cancelled with effect from the termination date.
3.	Retirement/Early Retirement as approved by the Company	All Vested Options can be exercised by the Option Grantee immediately after, but in no event later than 1 (One) year from the date of Retirement unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee.	All Unvested Options as on the date of Retirement would continue to vest in accordance with the original vesting schedules even after the Retirement unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee in accordance with the Company's Policies and provisions of the then prevailing applicable law.
4.	Death	All Vested Options may be exercised by the Option Grantee's nominee or legal heir immediately after, but in no event later than 1 (One) year from the date of death.	All the Unvested Options as on the date of death shall vest immediately and may be exercised by the Option Grantee's nominee or legal heir immediately after, but in no event later than 1 (One) year from the date of Death.
5.	Permanent Incapacity	All Vested Options may be exercised by the Option Grantee or, if the Option Grantee is himself, unable to exercise due to such incapacity, the nominee or legal heir, immediately after, but in no event later than 1 (One) year from the date of such incapacity.	All the Unvested Options as on the date of such Permanent Incapacity shall vest immediately and can be exercised by the Option Grantee or, if the Option Grantee is himself unable to exercise due to such incapacity, nominee or legal heir immediately after, but not later than 1 year from the date of such incapacity.

6.	Other reasons apart from those mentioned above in case of separation	The Compensation Committee shall decide whether the Vested Options as on that date can be exercised by the Option Grantee or not, and such decision shall be final.	All Unvested Options on the date of separation shall stand cancelled with effect from that date.
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8.3 The Options shall be deemed to have been exercised when an Employee makes an application in writing to the Company or by any other means as decided by the Compensation Committee, for the issuance of the Equity Shares against the Options vested in him, subject to the applicable laws.

8.4 The Options not exercised within the Exercise Period shall lapse and the Employee shall have no right over such lapsed or cancelled Options.

8.5 In the event of transfer of an Option Grantee from the Company to the Holding / Subsidiary Company, the Unvested Options as on the date of transfer, will continue to vest as per the original vesting schedule and capable of being exercised by the Option Grantee subject to the compliance with the applicable laws.

9. Lock-in

9.1 The Compensation Committee shall have the freedom to specify a lock-in period for the equity Shares issued pursuant to the Exercise of Option. Such lock-in period, if any, may be specified in the Offer Letter.

10. Exit route in case of de-listing

10.1 If post listing the Company gets de-listed from all the recognised Stock Exchanges, then the Board shall have the powers to set out the terms and conditions for the treatment of the Vested Options and the Unvested Options in due compliance of the applicable laws.

11. Other Terms and Conditions

11.1 The Employee Stock Options granted under the ESOP Plan are not eligible to be sold, pledged, assigned, hypothecated, mortgaged, transferred, or disposed of in any manner unless otherwise decided by the Compensation Committee.

11.2 The Employee shall not have a right to receive any dividend or to vote or in any manner enjoy the benefits of a Shareholder in respect of the Employee Stock Options granted, till Shares underlying such Employee Stock Options are allotted by the Company on exercise of such Employee Stock Options.

11.3 Nothing herein is intended to or shall give the Option Grantee any right or status of any kind as a shareholder of the Company (for example, bonus shares, rights shares, dividend, voting, etc.) in respect of any Options / Shares covered by the grant unless the Option Grantee Exercises the Employee Stock Option and becomes a registered holder of the Shares of the Company.

- 11.4 **Capitalization by way of issue of Bonus Shares:** Subject to any corporate action by the Company subject to the necessary approvals including issuance of shares to the shareholders by way of Bonus Issue, all the Options including those:-
- (a) Option granted but not yet vested
 - (b) Option vested but not yet exercised
- shall be proportionately adjusted as per the terms of the Bonus issue to allow fair and reasonable adjustment to the number of outstanding Options & the exercise price shall be adjusted proportionately as per the terms of the Bonus issue to allow fair and reasonable adjustments to the Exercise Price.
- 11.5 **Issue of Rights Shares:** Subject to any required action by the shareholders of the Company, all the Options including those which are vested but were not exercised and/or the price per equity share covered by each such outstanding Option, shall be proportionately adjusted for any increase in the number of issued equity Shares resulting from the issue of Rights Shares.
- 11.6 **Merger / Demerger:** In the event of a merger of the Company with or into another company, or a Demerger, all the Options including those which are vested but were not exercised, and/or the price per equity Share covered by each such outstanding Option shall be proportionately adjusted to give effect to the merger or asset sale.
- 11.7 If the Company issues bonus shares or rights shares, the Option Grantee shall not be eligible for the bonus or rights shares in the capacity of an Option Grantee. However, an adjustment to the number of Options or the Exercise Price or both would be made in accordance with applicable laws.
- 11.8 Employee Stock Options shall not be transferable to any person except in the event of death of the Option Grantee, in which case the provisions in table under sub-clause 8.2(b) would apply.
- 11.9 No person other than the Employee to whom the Employee Stock Option is granted shall be entitled to Exercise the Employee Stock Option except in the event of the death of the Option Grantee, in which case the provisions in table under sub-clause 8.2(b) would apply.
- 11.10 In the event of any Option Grantee has paid any money to the Company under the ESOP Plan, and the Company is unable to allot equity Shares to such Employee due to inability to obtain authority or due to changes in any regulations or relevant guidelines, the Company shall promptly refund the money subject to such terms and conditions as the Compensation Committee shall impose. However, the Company shall not be liable to pay any premium or loss of profits to any such Option Grantee.
- 11.11 The ESOP 2023 shall not form part of any contract of employment / service between the Company and the Employee. The rights and obligations of any individual under the terms of his office or employment with the Company shall not be affected by his participation in this ESOP or any right which he may have to participate in it and nothing in this ESOP shall be construed as affording such an individual any additional rights as to compensation or damages in consequence of the termination of such office or employment for any reason.

- 11.12 The ESOP 2023 shall not confirm on any person any legal or equitable rights (other than that to which he would be entitled as an ordinary member of the Company) against the Company either directly or indirectly or give rise to any cause of action in law or in equity against the Company.
- 11.13 Participation in the ESOP 2023 shall not be construed as any guarantee of return on equity investment. Any loss due to fluctuations in the market price or fair value of the equity and the risks associated with the investments are that of the Option Grantee alone.
- 11.14 This ESOP 2023 is entirely at the discretion of the Compensation Committee of the Company.

12. Taxation

- 12.1 The liability of paying taxes, if any, in respect of the Employee Stock Options granted pursuant to this Plan and the Shares issued pursuant to exercise thereof shall be entirely on the Option Grantee and shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with rules issued thereunder and / or Income Tax Laws of respective countries as applicable to the eligible Employees of the Company's Holding / Subsidiary Companies.
- 12.2 The Company shall have the right to deduct from the Employee's salary or recover any tax that is required to be deducted or recovered under the Applicable Laws. In case of non-continuance of employment, the outstanding amount of the tax shall be recovered fully on or before full and final settlement.
- 12.3 The Company shall have no obligation to deliver the Shares until the Company's tax deduction obligations, if any, have been satisfied by the Option Grantee in full.

13. Authority to vary terms

- 13.1 Subject to prior approval of the Shareholders' of the Company by way of a Special Resolution and the applicable laws, the Compensation Committee may at any time amend, alter, vary the terms of this scheme subject to the condition that such amendment, alteration, or variation, as the case may be is not detrimental to the interest of the Employees.

Provided that the Company shall be entitled to vary the terms of the plan to meet any regulatory requirement without seeking the shareholders' approval by way of a Special Resolution.

14. Miscellaneous

14.1 Government Regulations

The ESOP 2023 shall be subject to all applicable laws to the extent applicable. The Grant of the Options and allotment of the Shares to the Employees under ESOP 2023 shall be subject to the Company requiring the Employees to comply with all applicable laws.

14.2 Inability to obtain authority

The inability of the Company to obtain approval / authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company, or under any Applicable Laws, for the lawful allotment and issuance of any Shares hereunder shall relieve and wholly discharge the Company of any and all liability in respect of such inability.

- 14.3 Neither the existence of this Plan nor the fact that an individual has on any occasion been granted an Employee Stock Option shall give such individual any right, entitlement or expectation that he has or shall in future have any such right, entitlement or expectation to participate in this Plan by being granted an Employee Stock Option on any other occasion.
- 14.4 The rights granted to an Option Grantee upon the grant of an Employee Stock Option shall not afford the Option Grantee any rights or additional rights to compensation or damages in consequence of the loss or termination of his office or employment with the Company for any reason, whatsoever (whether or not such termination is ultimately held to be wrongful or unfair).
- 14.5 The Option Grantee shall not be entitled to any compensation or damages for any loss or potential loss which he may suffer by reason of being unable to exercise an Employee Stock Option in whole or in part.

15. Accounting and Disclosures

- 15.1 The Company shall follow the laws / regulations applicable to accounting and disclosure related to the Employee Stock Options and Accounting Standard on Share- based payments and / or any relevant accounting standards as may be prescribed by the Central Government and / or any relevant Accounting Standards as may be prescribed by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ("ICAI") from time to time, including the disclosure requirements prescribed therein, in compliance with relevant provisions of SEBI SBEB Regulations.
- 15.2 The Company shall make disclosures to the prospective Option Grantees containing statement of risks, information about the Company and salient features of the ESOP 2023 in a format as prescribed under SEBI SBEB Regulations.
- 15.3 The Company shall disclose details of grant, vest, exercise and lapse of the Employee Stock Options in the Directors' Report or in an annexure thereof as prescribed under SEBI SBEB Regulations or any other applicable laws as in force.

16. Certificate from Secretarial Auditors

- 16.1 The Board shall at each Annual General Meeting place before the Shareholders a certificate from the Secretarial Auditors of the Company that the Plan has been implemented in accordance with the SEBI SBEB Regulations and in accordance with the resolution of the Company in the General Meeting.

17. Governing Laws

- 17.1 The terms and conditions of the ESOP 2023 shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Applicable Laws including the Foreign Exchange Laws mentioned below.

17.2 Foreign Exchange Laws

In case any Employee Stock Options are granted to any Employee being resident outside India belonging to the Company or to any Holding / Subsidiary Company/ies of the Company set-up outside India, the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and Rules or Regulations made thereunder as amended and enacted from time to time shall be applicable and the Company has to comply with such requirements as prescribed from time to time in connection with grant, vest, exercise of Employee Stock Options and allotment of Equity Shares thereof.

18. Notices

- 18.1 All notices of communication required to be given by the Company to an Option Grantee by virtue of the ESOP 2023 shall be in writing. The communications shall be made by the Company in any one or more of the following ways:

- (i) Sending communication(s) to the address of the Option Grantee available in the records of the Company; or
- (ii) Delivering the communication(s) to the Option Grantee in person with acknowledgement of receipt thereof; or
- (iii) Emailing the communication(s) to the Option Grantee at the official email address provided, if any, by the Company to the existing / prospective Option Grantee during the continuance of the employment or at the email address provided by the Option Grantee after cessation of employment.

- 18.2 Any communication to be given by an Option Grantee to the Company in respect of ESOP 2023 shall be sent to the person at the address mentioned below or by email:

Contact Person	: HR Head – Ms. Karthika Menon
Address	: Hyderabad
Email	: karthika@deccantrans.com

19. Jurisdiction

- 19.1 The Courts in Hyderabad, Telangana, India shall have jurisdiction in respect of any and all matters, disputes or differences arising in relation to or out of this ESOP 2023.

- 19.2 Nothing in this Clause shall however limit the right of the Company to bring proceedings against any Employee in connection with this ESOP 2023:

- (i) in any other court of competent jurisdiction; or
- (ii) concurrently in more than one jurisdiction.

20. Severability

- 20.1 In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Plan shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect the other provisions of this Plan in which case the Plan shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provisions had never been set forth herein, and the Plan shall be carried out as nearly as possible according to its original intent and terms.

21. Confidentiality

- 21.1 An Option Grantee must keep the details of the ESOP 2023 and all other documents in connection thereto strictly confidential and must not disclose the details with any of his peers, colleagues, co-employees 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 clause on confidentiality, the Company has undisputed right to terminate any Agreement and all unexercised Options shall stand cancelled immediately. The decision and judgment of the Company regarding breach of this clause on confidentiality shall be final, binding and cannot be questioned by the Option Grantee. In case of non-adherence to the provisions of this clause, the Board shall have the authority to deal with such cases as it may deem fit.
- 21.2 On acceptance of the Grant of the Option offered by the Company, it shall be deemed that the Option Grantee has authorised the Company to disclose information relating to the Option Grantee during the process of implementation of the Plan or while availing any consulting or advisory services thereof or any other incidental services to its officers, professional advisors, agents and consultants on a need-to-know basis.



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