PROCEDURE TO ISSUE SECURED NON-CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES THROUGH PRIVATE PLACEMENT BY UNLISTED PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY EXCEEDING THE BORROWING LIMIT OF THE BOARD

(Amount exceeding aggregate of paid-up share capital,

free reserves and securities premium together with amount already borrowed)

{Sections 71 and 77 read with sections 179(3)(c) and (d) and section 42 of the Act and also read with Rule 18 of the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 and Rule 14 of the Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014}.

Synopsis

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Relevant Sections, Rules and Forms at a Glance

| Particulars | Section(s), Rule(s) and Name of e-Form(s) |
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| The Companies Act, 2013 | Sections 42, 56, 62, 71, 72, 77, 78, 82, 85 117, 118, 173, 179, 180(1)(c), 247 and 403 |
| The Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 | Rules 13, 18 and 19 |
| The Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 2014 | Rule 2(1)(c)(ix) and (ix a) |
| The Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014 | Rules 9A, 12 and 14 |
| The Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 | Rules 24 |
| The Companies (Registration of Charges) Rules, 2014. | Rules 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 |
| The Companies (Registration Offices and Fees) Rules, 2014 | Rules 7, 8 and 12 |
| Secretarial Standard-1 of ICSI | Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 |
| Secretarial Standard-2 of ICSI | Clauses 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 17 |
| e-Forms to be filed | MGT-14 |
| | PAS-3 |
| | DPT-3 |
| | CHG-9 |
| | CHG-4 (at the time of satisfaction of charge) |
| Forms to be kept as a record | PAS-4 and PAS-5 |

Significant Relevant Approvals and Requirements

- Board resolution
- Special resolution for borrowing money exceeding the aggregate of paid-up share capital, free reserves, securities premium together with amount already borrowed other than temporary loan obtained from the company's bankers in the ordinary course of business
- ❖ Special resolution for issuance of debentures through private placement, not required if the company has passed once in a year
- ❖ Entire holding of securities of its promoters, directors, key managerial personnel has been dematerialised in case of unlisted public company, except Nidhi company, Government company or wholly owned subsidiary company
- ❖ Debentures are exceeding the borrowing limits of the board, exceeding aggregate of paid-up share capital, free reserves and securities premium together with amount already borrowed
- Debentures are not carrying any voting rights
- ❖ Debentures shall be redeemed within a period of 10 (ten) years from the date of issue
- ❖ Offer or invitation to subscribe or issue of debentures only to a select group of persons as identified by the Board and whose number except in case of Non-banking Financial Company and Housing Finance Companies, in a financial year, shall not exceed 200 in aggregate
- No fresh offer or invitation shall be made unless the allotments with respect to any offer or invitation made earlier have been completed
- Private placement offer letter-cum- application form shall be issued only after filing of relevant board resolution with the jurisdictional Registrar of Companies
- Offer shall not carry any right of renunciation
- ❖ Debentures shall be secured by the creation of a charge on the properties or assets of the company or its subsidiaries or its holding company or its associates companies, having a value which is sufficient for the due repayment of the amount of debentures and interest thereon
- ❖ Debentures secured by a charge on the assets of the company referred to in Schedule III of the Act excluding intangible assets, the amount of such debentures shall not exceed the market value of such assets as assessed by a registered valuer
- ❖ Appointment of Debenture Trustee, obtaining prior written consent of the trustee and execution of debenture trust deed
- Creation of charge on the debentures and assets of the company
- Creation of debenture redemption reserve
- ❖ Not to release any advertisements, or utilise any media, marketing or distribution channels or agents to inform the public at large
- ❖ Issue price shall be decided on the basis of valuation report of a registered valuer
- Open a separate bank account to receive subscription money
- Not to use subscription money unless allotment is made, and the return of allotment is filed in PAS-3 with the Registrar of Companies



For the detailed procedure, please refer Company Law Procedures & Compliances by Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, 2nd edn, 2021. You can buy from your bookseller or online at www.bharatlaws.com

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