# **Statement of Compliance with Listed Companies** (Code of Corporate Governance) Regulations, 2019 (the Regulations)

Name of Company: **Service Industries Limited** Year ended: **December 31, 2023** 

The company has complied with the requirements of the Regulations in the following manner:

The total number of Directors are nine (9) as per the following: 1.

> Male: Female: 1 b.

The composition of the Board is as follows: 2.

Category	Names
Independent Directors	Mr. Shahid Hussain Jatoi Mr. Muhammad Naeem Khan Ms. Uzma Adil Khan (Female Director)
Non-Executive Directors	Mr. Hassan Javed Mr. Adil Matcheswala Mr. Ahsan Bashir Chaudhry Saif Javed
Executive Directors	Mr. Arif Saeed (Chief Executive) Mr. Omar Saeed

- 3. The Directors have confirmed that none of them is serving as a Director on more than seven listed companies, including this company;
- 4. The company has prepared a code of conduct and has ensured that appropriate steps have been taken to disseminate it throughout the company along with its supporting policies and procedures;
- The Board has developed a vision / mission statement, overall corporate strategy and significant policies of the company. The Board has ensured that complete record of particulars of the significant policies along with their date of approval or updating is maintained by the company;
- All the powers of the Board have been duly exercised and 6. decisions on relevant matters have been taken by the Board / shareholders as empowered by the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2017 (the Act) and the Regulations;
- The meetings of the Board were presided over by the 7. Chairperson and, in his / her absence, by a Director elected by the Board for this purpose. The Board has complied with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations with respect to frequency, recording and circulating minutes of meeting of the Board;
- The Board have a formal policy and transparent procedures 8. for remuneration of Directors in accordance with the Act and the Regulations;

9. Following Directors have attained the directors training program certification:

#### **Names of Directors**

Mr. Omar Saeed

Mr. Hassan Javed

Mr. Shahid Hussain Jatoi

Mr. Muhammad Naeem Khan

Ms. Uzma Adil Khan

Following Directors meet the exemption criteria of minimum of 14 years of education and 15 years of experience on the Boards of listed companies, hence are exempt from Directors' training program:

	Names of Directors
Mr. Arif Saeed	
Mr. Ahsan Bashir	

- The Board has approved appointment of Chief Financial 10. Officer, Company Secretary and Head of Internal Audit, including their remuneration and terms and conditions of employment and complied with relevant requirements of the Regulations;
- 11. Chief Financial Officer and Chief Executive Officer duly endorsed the financial statements before approval of the Board:
- 12. The Board has formed committees comprising of members given below:

#### a) Audit Committee

Names	Designation held	
Mr. Muhammad Naeem Khan	Chairman	
Mr. Adil Matcheswala	Member	
Mr. Chaudhry Saif Javed	Member	

### b) HR and Remuneration Committee

Names	Designation held
Ms. Uzma Adil Khan	Chairperson
Mr. Arif Saeed	Member
Mr. Ahsan Bashir	Member

The terms of reference of the aforesaid committees have 13. been formed, documented and advised to the committee for compliance;

14. The frequency of meetings (quarterly / half yearly / yearly) of the committee were as per following:

#### a) Audit Committee:

Four quarterly meetings were held during the financial year ended December 31, 2023.

## b) HR and Remuneration Committee:

Three meetings of HR and Remuneration Committee were held during the financial year ended December 31, 2023.

- 15. The Board has set up an effective internal audit function who are considered suitably qualified and experienced for the purpose and are conversant with the policies and procedures of the company;
- The statutory auditors of the company have confirmed that they have been given a satisfactory rating under the Quality Control Review program of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan and registered with Audit Oversight Board of Pakistan, that they and all their partners are in compliance with International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) guidelines on code of ethics as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan and that they and the partners of the firm involved in the audit are not a close relative (spouse, parent, dependent and nondependent children) of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Internal Audit, Company Secretary or Director of the company;
- The statutory auditors or the persons associated with them have not been appointed to provide other services except in accordance with the Act, these Regulations or any other regulatory requirement and the auditors have confirmed that they have observed IFAC guidelines in this regard;
- 18. We confirm that all requirements of regulations 3, 6, 7, 8, 27, 32, 33 and 36 of the Regulations have been complied with; and
- 19. Explanations for non-compliance with requirements, other than regulations 3, 6, 7, 8, 27, 32, 33 and 36 are below:

Sr. No.	Requirement	Explanation of Non-Compliance	Regulation Number
1.	Responsibilities of the Board and its members The Board is responsible for adoption of corporate governance practices by the company.	Non-mandatory provisions of the Regulations are partially complied. The company is deliberating on full compliance with all the provisions of the Regulations.	10(1)
2.	Directors' Training It is encouraged that by 30 June 2022, all directors on the Board have acquired the prescribed certification under any director training program offered by institutions, local or foreign, that meet the criteria specified by the Commission and approved by it.	5 out of 9 directors of the company have acquired Directors' Training Program certification. Two directors are exempt from Directors' Training Program. The Company has planned to arrange Directors' Training Program certification for remaining 2 directors by end of next financial year.	19(1)
3.	Directors' Training Companies are encouraged to arrange training for at least one female executive every year under the Directors' Training Program from year July 2020.	The Company has planned to arrange Directors' Training Program certification for female executives over the next few years.	19(3)
4.	Directors' Training Companies are encouraged to arrange training for at least one head of department every year under the Directors' Training program from July 2022.	The company has planned to arrange Directors' Training Program certification for head of departments over the next few years.	19(3)
5.	Nomination Committee The Board may constitute a separate committee, designated as the nomination committee, of such number and class of directors, as it may deem appropriate in its circumstances.	Currently, the Board has not constituted a separate nomination committee and the functions are being performed by the human resource and remuneration committee.	29
6.	Risk Management Committee  The Board may constitute the risk management committee, of such number and class of directors, as it may deem appropriate in its circumstances, to carry out a review of effectiveness of risk management procedures and present a report to the Board.	Currently, the Board has not constituted a risk management committee and a senior officer of the Company performs the requisite functions and apprise the Board accordingly.	30
7.	Disclosure of significant policies on website  The company may post key elements of its significant policies, brief synopsis of terms of reference of the Board's committees on its website and key elements of the directors' remuneration policy.	Although these are well circulated among the relevant employees and directors, the Board shall consider posting such policies and synopsis on its website in near future.	35
8.	Representation of Minority shareholders The minority members as a class shall be facilitated by the Board to contest election of directors by proxy solicitation.	No nomination was received to contest election as director representing minority shareholders.	5

Uzma Adil Khan (Chairperson)

Arif Saeed (Chief Executive)

February 27 , 2024 Lahore

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# **Independent Auditor's Review Report**

#### To the members of Service Industries Limited

Review Report on the Statement of Compliance contained in Listed Companies (Code of Corporate Governance) Regulations, 2019

We have reviewed the enclosed Statement of Compliance with the Listed Companies (Code of Corporate Governance) Regulations, 2019 (the Regulations) prepared by the Board of Directors of Service Industries Limited (the Company) for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with the requirements of regulation 36 of the Regulations.

The responsibility for compliance with the Regulations is that of the Board of Directors of the Company. Our responsibility is to review whether the Statement of Compliance reflects the status of the Company's compliance with the provisions of the Regulations and report if it does not and to highlight any non-compliance with the requirements of the Regulations. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of the Company's personnel and review of various documents prepared by the Company to comply with the Regulations.

As a part of our audit of the financial statements we are required to obtain an understanding of the accounting and internal control systems sufficient to plan the audit and develop an effective audit approach. We are not required to consider whether the Board of Directors' statement on internal control covers all risks and controls or to form an opinion on the effectiveness of such internal controls, the Company's corporate governance procedures and risks.

The Regulations require the Company to place before the Audit Committee, and upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, place before the Board of Directors for their review and approval, its related party transactions. We are only required and have ensured compliance of this requirement to the extent of the approval of the related party transactions by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Audit Committee.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention which causes us to believe that the Statement of Compliance does not appropriately reflect the Company's compliance, in all material respects, with the requirements contained in the Regulations as applicable to the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

RIAZ AHMAD & COMPANY Chartered Accountants

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Date: 27 February 2024

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