## **Policy on Preservation of the Documents**

Base Document: Regulation 9 of the Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Regulations")

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#### 1. Scope

A policy on preservation of Documents (defined below) would ensure safekeeping of the records and safeguard the Documents from getting manhandled, while at the same time avoiding superfluous inventory of Documents. The Company, therefore, formulates this policy, in pursuance to Regulation 9 of the Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Regulations"), on preservation of the Documents to aid the employees in handling the Documents efficiently. It not only covers the various aspects on preservation of the Documents, but also the safe disposal/destruction of the Documents.

#### 2. Definitions -

- 2.1 "Act" means the Companies Act, 2013.
- 2.2 "Applicable Law" means any law, rules, circulars, guidelines or standards issued by Securities Exchange Board of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and The Institute of Company Secretaries of India under which the preservation of the Documents has been prescribed.
- 2.3 "Authorised Person" means any person duly authorised by the Board.
- 2.4 "Board" means the Board of directors of the Company or its Committee.
- 2.5 "Company" means "BRAWN BIOTECH LIMITED"
- 2.6 "Current Document(s)" means any Document that still has an ongoing relevance with reference to any ongoing litigation, proceedings, complaint, dispute, contract or any like matter.
- 2.7 "Document(s)" refers to papers, notes, agreements, notices, advertisements, requisitions, orders, declarations, forms, correspondence, minutes, indices, registers and or any other record, required under or in order to comply with the requirements of any Applicable Law, whether issued, sent, received or kept in pursuance of the Act or under any other law for the time being in force or otherwise, maintained on paper or in Electronic Form and does not include multiple or identical copies.
- 2.8 "Electronic Record(s)" means the electronic record as defined under clause (t) of subsection (1) of section 2 of the Information Technology Act, 2000.



- 2.9 "Electronic Form" means any contemporaneous electronic device such as computer, laptop, compact disc, floppy disc, space on electronic cloud, or any other form of storage and retrieval device, considered feasible, whether the same is in possession or control of the Company or otherwise the Company has control over access to it.
- 2.10 "Maintenance" means keeping Documents, either physically or in Electronic Form.
- 2.11 "Preservation" means to keep in good order and to prevent from being altered, damaged or destroyed.
- 2.12 "Regulations" means the Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The words and phrases used in this Policy and not defined here shall derive their meaning from the Applicable Law.

### 3.Coverage

This Policy is intended to guide the Company and its officers on maintenance of any Documents, their preservation and disposal

#### 4. Classification

The preservation of Documents shall be done in the following manner:

- a) Where there is a period for which a Document is required to be preserved as per Applicable Law, for the period required by Applicable Law.
- b) Where there is no such requirement as per Applicable Law, then the documents are to be maintained for not less than 8 years after completion of relevant transactions subject to the modifications, amendments, additions, deletions or any changes made therein from time to time.
  - An indicative list of the Documents and the timeframe of their preservation is provided in <u>Annexure I</u>

#### 5. Modes of preservation

- 5.1 The Documents may be preserved in
  - Physical Form OR
  - Electronic Form



- 5.2 The officer of the Company required to preserve the Document shall be Authorised Person who is generally expected to observe the compliance of requirements of Applicable Law.
- 5.3 The preservation of Documents should be such as to ensure that there is no tampering, alteration, destruction or anything which endangers the content, authenticity, utility or accessibility of the Documents.
- 5.4 The preserved Documents must be accessible at all reasonable times. Access may be controlled by Authorized Person with preservation, so as to ensure integrity of the Documents and prohibit unauthorized access.

### 6. Custody of the Documents

Subject to the Applicable Law, the custody of the Documents shall be with the Authorised Person where the Authorised Person tenders resignation or is transferred from one location of the Company to another, such Person shall hand over all the relevant Documents, lock and key, access control or password, or Company Disc, other storage devices or such other Documents and devices in his possession under the Policy. The Board may authorise such other person as it may deem fit as the Authorised Person.

#### 7. Authority to make alterations to the Policy

The Board is authorized to make such alterations to this Policy as considered appropriate, subject, however, to the condition that such alterations shall be in consonance with the provisions of the Acts and Regulations.

#### 8. Destruction of Documents

- 8.1 Destruction as a normal administrative practice usually occurs because the records are duplicated, unimportant or for short-term use only. This applies to both Physical and Electronic Documents.
- 8.2 The temporary Documents, excluding the Current Document(s) shall be destroyed after the relevant or prescribed period, by the Authorised Person in whose custody the Documents are stored, after the prior approval of the Board or any other authority as required under the Applicable Law pursuant towhich the Documents have been preserved. The categories of Documents may be destroyed as normaladministrative practice are listed in *Annexure II*
- 8.3 A register of the Documents disposed/destroyed shall also be maintained. It shall state the briefparticulars of the Documents destroyed, date of disposal/destruction and the mode of destruction.
- 8.4 The entries in the register shall be authenticated by the Authorised Person.
  - The format of the register has to be in accordance with <u>AnnexureIII</u>.



#### 9. Conversion of the form in which the Documents are preserved

- 9.1 The physical Documents preserved may be converted, whenever required or felt necessary, intoelectronic form to ensure ease in maintenance of records and efficient utilization of space.
- 9.2 This will be done after obtaining prior approval of the Board.

#### 10. Authenticity

Where a Document is being maintained both in physical form and in Electronic form, the authenticity with reference to the physical form should be considered for every purpose.

#### 11. Interpretation

In any circumstance where the terms of this policy differ from any existing or newly enacted law, rule, Regulation or standard governing the Company, the law, rule, Regulation or standard will take precedence over these policies and procedures until such time as this policy is changed to conform to the law, rule, Regulation or standard.



## **ANNEXURE-1**

# > Indicative List-

Companies Act, 2013								
PERMANENT PRESERVATION		TEMPORARY PRESERVATION						
* the cor affi me as f	NENT PRESERVATION  e memorandum and articles of the mpany idavit from the subscribers to the emorandum and from persons named first auditors gisters of members oks and documents relating to the ue of share certificates, including the ink forms of share certificates mual return e foreign register of members gister of charges mute books of General meeting,	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *						
			Interest of Directors(MBP-1)(8 years from the end of financial year to which it relates)					



Secretarial Standard						
	<ul> <li>Attendance registers of Board meeting, Committee (as long as they remain current or for 8 financial years), whichever is later (SS-1)</li> <li>Copies of notices, agenda notes on agenda and paper related to Board Meeting (as long as they remain current or for 8 financial years), whichever is later (SS-1)</li> <li>Office copies of Notices, scrutinizer's report, and related papers (as long as they remain current or for 8 financial years), whichever is later (SS-2)</li> </ul>					

### **ANNEXURE-II**

The following categories of Documents may be destroyed as normal administrative practice:

- Catalogues
- Copies of press cuttings, press statements or publicity material
- Letters of appreciation or sympathy, or anonymous letters
- Requests for copies of maps, plans, charts, advertising material (subject to Clause 9 and 10 of this Policy)
- Facsimiles where a photocopy has been made
- Telephone message
- ◆ Drafts of reports, correspondence, speeches, notes, spread sheets, etc. (subject to Clause 9 and 10 of this Policy); and
- ◆ Routine statistical and progress reports compiled and duplicated in other reports (subject to Clause 9 and 10 of this Policy)

#### ANNEXURE-III

> The format of the register of Documents disposed/destroyed-

Particulars of Documents alongwith	Date	and	Mode	of	Initials of the Authorised
provision of applicable law	Destru	ction			Person

