

# TECO Electric & Machinery Co., Ltd.

## **Ethical Corporate Management Best Practice Principles**

(Summary Translation) This English version is a translation of the Chinese version. If there is any inconsistency or discrepancy between the Chinese and English versions, the Chinese version shall prevail for all intents and purposes.

### **Article 1 (objective, application targets, and scope)**

For the Company's sustainable development and establishment of a corporate culture featuring ethical corporate management, the Company formulates these Principles, in accordance with the "Ethical Corporate Management Best Practice Principles for TWSE/GTSM Listed Companies".

The principles are also applicable to its subsidiaries, any foundation to which the TWSE/GTSM listed company's direct or indirect contribution of funds exceeds 50 percent of the total funds received, and other institutions or juridical persons which are substantially controlled by such company.

### **Article 2 (ban on unethical behaviors)**

When engaging in commercial activities, directors, managerial officers, employees of the Company or persons having substantial control over the Companies ("company staffers" in short, in the following) shall not directly or indirectly offer, promise to offer, request or accept any improper benefits, nor commit unethical acts including breach of ethics, illegal acts, or breach of fiduciary duty ("unethical conduct" in short, in the following) for purposes of acquiring or maintaining benefits.

Parties referred to in the preceding paragraph include civil servants, political candidates, political parties or members of political parties, state-run or private-owned businesses or institutions, and their directors, managerial officers, employees or substantial controllers or other stakeholders.

### **Article 3 (types of interests)**

"Benefits" in these Principles means any valuable things, including money, endowments, commissions, positions, services, preferential treatment or rebates of any type or in any name. Benefits received or given occasionally in accordance with accepted social customs and that do not adversely affect specific rights and obligations shall be excluded.

### **Article 4 (legal compliance)**

The Company shall comply with the Company Act, Securities and Exchange Act, Business Entity Accounting Act, Political Donations Act, Anti-Corruption Statute, Government Procurement Act, Act on Recusal of Public Servants Due to Conflicts of

Interest, TWSE/GTSM listing rules, or other laws or regulations regarding commercial activities, as the underlying basic premise to facilitate ethical corporate management.

#### **Article 5 (policy)**

The Company shall abide by the operational philosophies of honesty, transparency and responsibility, base policies on the principle of good faith and establish good corporate governance and risk control and management mechanism so as to create an operational environment for sustainable development.

#### **Article 6 (prevention programs)**

The Company shall in its own ethical management policy clearly and thoroughly prescribe the specific ethical management practices and the programs to forestall unethical conduct ("prevention programs"), including operational procedures, guidelines, and training.

When establishing the prevention programs, the Company shall comply with relevant laws and regulations of the territory where the companies and its business group are operating.

#### **Article 7 (scope for Ethical Corporate Management Best Practice Principles)**

The Company shall establish a risk assessment mechanism against unethical conduct, analyze and assess on a regular basis business activity within its business scope which is at a higher risk of being involved in unethical conduct, and establish prevention programs accordingly and review their adequacy and effectiveness on a regular basis.

The Company's precautionary programs should contain prevention measures against the following behaviors:

1. Offering and acceptance of bribes.
2. Illegal political donations.
3. Improper charitable donations or sponsorship.
4. Offering or acceptance of unreasonable presents or hospitality, or other improper benefits.
5. Misappropriation of trade secrets and infringement of trademark rights, patent rights, copyrights, and other intellectual property rights.
6. Engaging in unfair competitive practices.
7. Damage directly or indirectly caused to the rights or interests, health, or safety of consumers or other stakeholders in the course of research and development, procurement, manufacture, provision, or sale of products and services.

### **Article 8 (commitments and implementation)**

The Company shall request their directors and senior management to issue a statement of compliance with the ethical management policy and require in the terms of employment that employees comply with such policy.

The Company shall clearly specify in its rules and external documents and on the company website the ethical corporate management policies and the commitment by the board of directors and senior management on rigorous and thorough implementation of such policies, and shall carry out the policies in internal management and in commercial activities.

The Company shall compile documented information on the ethical management policy, statement, commitment and implementations mentioned in the first and second paragraphs and retain said information properly.

### **Article 9 (business activities based on ethical corporate management)**

The Company shall engage in commercial activities in a fair and transparent manner based on the principle of ethical management.

Prior to any commercial transactions, the Company shall take into consideration the legality of their agents, suppliers, clients, or other trading counterparties and whether any of them are involved in unethical conduct, and shall avoid any dealings with persons so involved.

When entering into contracts with their agents, suppliers, clients, or other trading counterparties, the Company shall include in such contracts terms requiring compliance with ethical corporate management policy and that in the event the trading counterparties are involved in unethical conduct, the Company may at any time terminate or rescind the contracts.

### **Article 10 (forbidding bribing and bribe taking)**

When conducting business, the Company and its staffers may not directly or indirectly offer, promise to offer, request, or accept any improper benefits in whatever form to or from clients, agents, contractors, suppliers, public servants, or other stakeholders.

### **Article 11 (ban on provision of illegal political donations)**

When directly or indirectly offering a donation to political parties or organizations or individuals participating in political activities, the Company and its staffers shall comply with the Political Donations Act, and shall not make such donations in exchange for commercial gains or business advantages.

### **Article 12 (ban on improper charitable donation or sponsorship)**

When making or offering donations and sponsorship, the Company's staffers shall comply with relevant laws and regulations and internal operational procedures, and shall not surreptitiously engage in bribery.

**Article 13 (ban on improper gifts, improper treatment, or other irregular benefits)**

The Company and its staffers shall not directly or indirectly offer or accept any unreasonable presents, hospitality or other improper benefits to establish business relationship or influence commercial transactions.

**Article 14 (ban on infringing of the intellectual property rights)**

The Company and its staffers shall observe applicable laws and regulations, the company's internal operational procedures, and contractual provisions concerning intellectual property, and may not use, disclose, dispose, or damage intellectual property or otherwise infringe intellectual property rights without the prior consent of the intellectual property rights holder.

**Article 15(ban on unfair competing business)**

The Company shall engage in business activities in accordance with applicable competition laws and regulations, and may not fix prices, make rigged bids, establish output restrictions or quotas, or share or divide markets by allocating customers, suppliers, territories, or lines of commerce.

**Article 16 (preventing the products and services from damaging stakeholders)**

The Company and its staffers shall observe applicable laws and regulations and international standards to ensure the transparency of information about, and safety of, their products and services. They shall also adopt and publish a policy on the protection of the rights and interests of consumers or other stakeholders, and carry out the policy in their operations, with a view to preventing their products and services from directly or indirectly damaging the rights and interests, health, and safety of consumers or other stakeholders. Where there are sufficient facts to determine that the company's products or services are likely to pose any hazard to the safety and health of consumers or other stakeholders, the company shall, in principle, recall those products or suspend the services immediately.

**Article 17 (organizations and duties)**

The Company's staffers shall exercise the due care of good administrators to urge the company to prevent unethical conduct, always review the results of the preventive

measures and continually make adjustments so as to ensure thorough implementation of its ethical corporate management policies.

To achieve sound ethical corporate management, Legal & Compliance Division under the board of directors shall avail itself of adequate resources and staff itself with competent personnel and be responsible for establishing and supervising the implementation of the ethical corporate management policies and prevention programs. The Internal Audit Division is responsible for supervising its implementation and reporting to the board of directors once a year.

The Legal & Compliance Division shall be in charge of the following matters:

1. Assisting in incorporating ethics and moral values into the company's business strategy and adopting appropriate prevention measures against corruption and malfeasance to ensure ethical management in compliance with the requirements of laws and regulations.
2. Analyzing and assessing on a regular basis the risk of involvement in unethical conduct within the business scope, adopting accordingly programs to prevent unethical conduct, and setting out in each program the standard operating procedures and conduct guidelines with respect to the company's operations and business.
3. Planning the internal organization, structure, and allocation of responsibilities and setting up check-and-balance mechanisms for mutual supervision of the business activities within the business scope which are possibly at a higher risk for unethical conduct.
4. Promoting and coordinating awareness and educational activities with respect to ethics policy.
5. Developing a whistle-blowing system and ensuring its operating effectiveness.
6. Assisting the board of directors and management in auditing and assessing whether the prevention measures taken for the purpose of implementing ethical management are effectively operating, and preparing reports on the regular assessment of compliance with ethical management in operating procedures.

#### **Article 18 (legal compliance in business activities)**

When conducting business, the Company's staffers shall comply with laws, regulations and the prevention programs.

#### **Article 19 (avoidance of conflict of interests)**

The Company shall adopt policies for preventing conflicts of interest to identify,

monitor, and manage risks possibly resulting from unethical conduct, and shall also offer appropriate means for directors, supervisors, managers, and other stakeholders attending or present at board meetings to voluntarily explain whether its interests would potentially conflict with those of the Company.

When a proposal at a given board of directors meeting concerns the personal interest of, or the interest of the juristic person represented by, any of the directors, supervisors, managers, and other stakeholders attending or present at board meetings of the Company, the concerned person shall state the important aspects of the relationship of interest at the given board meeting. If his or her participation is likely to prejudice the interest of the company, the concerned person may not participate in discussion of or voting on the proposal and shall recuse himself or herself from the discussion or the voting, and may not exercise voting rights as proxy for another director. The directors shall practice self-discipline and must not support one another in improper dealings.

The Company's staffers shall not take advantage of their positions or influence in the companies to obtain improper benefits for themselves, their spouses, parents, children or any other person.

#### **Article 20 (accounting and internal control)**

The Company shall establish effective accounting systems and internal control systems to prevent business activities with higher risk of unethical behaviors, so as to ensure that the design and enforcement of the systems are showing results.

The Company's Internal Audit Division shall, based on the results of assessment of the risk of involvement in unethical conduct, devise relevant audit plans including auditees, audit scope, audit items, audit frequency, etc., and examine accordingly the compliance with the prevention programs. The Internal Audit Division may engage a certified public accountant to carry out the audit, and may engage professionals to assist if necessary.

The results of examination in the preceding paragraph shall be reported to senior management and the ethical management dedicated unit and put down in writing in the form of an audit report to be submitted to the board of directors.

#### **Article 21 (operational procedures and behavioral guidelines)**

The Company shall establish operational procedures and guidelines in accordance with Article 6 hereof to guide the Company's staffers on how to conduct business.

The procedures and guidelines should at least contain the following matters:

1. Standards for determining whether improper benefits have been offered or accepted.

2. Procedures for offering legitimate political donations.
3. Procedures and the standard rates for offering charitable donations or sponsorship.
4. Rules for avoiding work-related conflicts of interests and how they should be reported and handled.
5. Rules for keeping confidential trade secrets and sensitive business information obtained in the ordinary course of business.
6. Regulations and procedures for dealing with suppliers, clients and business transaction counterparties suspected of unethical conduct.
7. Handling procedures for violations of these Principles.
8. Disciplinary measures on offenders.

### **Article 22 (education, training, and evaluation)**

The chairperson, general manager, or senior management of the Company shall communicate the importance of corporate ethics to its directors, employees, and mandataries on a regular basis.

The Company shall periodically organize training and awareness programs for the Company's Staffers and invite the companies' commercial transaction counterparties so they understand the Companies' resolve to implement ethical corporate management, the related policies, prevention programs and the consequences of committing unethical conduct.

To materialize the policy of ethical corporate management, the Company has listed the policy as a criterion in evaluating staffers' performance at end of year.

### **Article 23 (whistle-blowing system)**

The Company shall adopt a concrete whistle-blowing system and scrupulously operate the system. The whistle-blowing system shall include at least the following:

1. An independent mailbox or hotline either internally established and publicly announced or provided by an independent external institution, to allow internal and external personnel of the company to submit reports.
2. Dedicated personnel or unit appointed to handle the whistle-blowing system. Any tip involving a director or senior management shall be reported to the independent directors. Categories of reported misconduct shall be delineated and standard operating procedures for the investigation of each shall be adopted.
3. Follow-up measures to be adopted depending on the severity of the circumstances after investigations of cases reported are completed. Where necessary, a case shall be reported to the competent authority or referred to the judicial authority.
4. Documentation of case acceptance, investigation processes, investigation results, and relevant documents.

5. Confidentiality of the identity of whistle-blowers and the content of reported cases, and an undertaking regarding anonymous reporting.
6. Measures for protecting whistle-blowers from inappropriate disciplinary actions due to their whistle-blowing.
7. Whistle-blowing incentive measures.

When material misconduct or likelihood of material impairment to the Company comes to its awareness upon investigation, the Internal Audit Division handling the whistle-blowing system shall immediately prepare a report and notify the independent directors in written form.

#### **Article 24 (disciplinary and appeal system)**

The Company shall adopt and publish a well-defined disciplinary and appeal system for handling violations of the ethical corporate management rules, and shall make immediate disclosure on the company's internal website of the title and name of the violator, the date and details of the violation, and the actions taken in response. The Company shall keep the name of the whistle-blower and the details confidential.

#### **Article 25 (information disclosure)**

The Company shall collect quantitative data about the promotion of ethical management and continuously analyze and assess the effectiveness of the promotion of ethical management policy. The Company shall also disclose the measures taken for implementing ethical corporate management, the status of implementation, the foregoing quantitative data, and the effectiveness of promotion on their company websites, annual reports, and prospectuses, and shall disclose its ethical corporate management best practice principles on the Market Observation Post System.

#### **Article 26 (review and revision of the guidelines)**

The Company shall at all times monitor the development of relevant local and international regulations concerning ethical corporate management and encourage its directors, managers, and employees to make suggestions, based on which the adopted ethical corporate management policies and measures taken will be reviewed and improved with a view to achieving better implementation of ethical management.

#### **Article 27 (implementation)**

The principles shall be implemented after the board of directors grants the approval, and shall be sent to the audit committee for reference and reported at a shareholders meeting. The same procedure shall be followed when the principles have been amended.

When the Company submits its ethical corporate management best practice principles to the board of directors for discussion pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the board of directors shall take into full consideration each independent director's opinions. Any objections or reservations of any independent director shall be recorded in the minutes of the board of directors meeting. An independent director that cannot attend the board meeting in person to express objections or reservations shall provide a written opinion before the board meeting, unless there is some legitimate reason to do otherwise, and the opinion shall be specified in the minutes of the board of directors meeting.

**Article 28 (supplement)**

The principles were formulated on August 14, 2014.

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