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# REGULATION ON INFORMATION POLICY of Open Joint-Stock Company Obyedinenniye Mashinostroitelsniye Zavody (Uralmash-Izhora Group)

### GENERAL

1. This Regulation on Information Policy (the "Regulation") was developed pursuant to the laws of the Russian Federation, recommendations of the Code of Corporate Conduct developed by the Federal Securities Commission (hereinafter "FSC") of Russia and approved by the Russian Government, listing rules of the Russian and international stock exchanges where the shares of OAO Obyedinenniye Mashinostroitelsniye Zavody (Uralmash-Izhora Group) (hereinafter "OMZ" or the "Company") are traded, the Company Charter, internal regulations and the Code of Corporate Conduct of OMZ.

2. This Regulation sets forth:

- fundamental principles of OMZ's information policy;

- form and methods of disclosure of information which OMZ is required to undertake pursuant to legal requirements;

- list and methods of disclosure of additional information;

- persons responsible for information disclosure;

- commercial secret;

- information which qualifies as insider information.

3. The purpose of OMZ's information policy is to ensure that the needs of its shareholders, investors and other participants in the securities market for accurate information on OMZ which is material for the purposes of making investment decisions is satisfied to the maximum extent possible, and to ensure protection of confidential information the disclosure of which may prejudice the interests of OMZ and its shareholders.

## FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF OMZ'S INFORMATION POLICY

OMZ's information policy is based upon the principles of equality, timeliness, completeness, accuracy, accessibility, regularity, and protection.

1. Equality Principle

OMZ ensures equal rights and capabilities of all stakeholders to receive and have access to information on the Company. OMZ ensures equal rights of all shareholders and their representatives to receive information and documents to be provided, subject to restrictions set forth in the laws, the Charter and this Regulation.

2. Timeliness Principle

OMZ informs its shareholders, investors and the investment community as soon as possible on the most material events and facts which affect their interests and OMZ's business.

3. Completeness Principle

OMZ provides information concerning the Company sufficient for shareholders and investors to form an informed opinion on matters of interest to them.

4. Accuracy Principle

OMZ provides to its shareholders and investors accurate information and will use all reasonable efforts to prevent misrepresentation of the disclosed information.

### 5. Accessibility Principle

Methods of communicating material information on OMZ to shareholders and investors ensure their free and easy access to such information.

6. Regularity Principle

OMZ provides regularly to its shareholders and investors information on the Company using all communication means available to it.

7. Protection Principle

OMZ will use methods and means which are permitted under the laws of the Russian Federation to protect information representing state, official or commercial secret.

### FORM AND METHODS OF DISCLOSURE

# 1. Information disclosed pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the Russian Federation and internal regulations of the Company

The laws of the Russian Federation and internal regulations of the Company determine the list of documents and information that the Company is required to disclose

- to all of its stakeholders (public information);

- to its shareholders and their representatives.

1.1. Disclosure of public information is made in the following forms:

► disclosure of material facts made to the extent and within the timeline required by the Regulation on Disclosure of Information by Issuers of Securities as approved by the Order of the FSC dated July 2, 2003 No. 03-32/ps as amended by the Order of the FSC dated 24 December 2003 No.03-49/ps (hereinafter "Regulation on Disclosure of Information"):

- on the online newswire of news agencies authorized by the federal executive body for securities market to publish disclosed information;

- on the Company's web-site <u>http://www.omz.ru</u>

- in a printed publication with a circulation which makes it accessible to the majority of shareholders and, in case of a securities issuance placed by open subscription, in a printed publication with at least 10,000 printed copies;

- in the Appendix to the Newsletter of the Federal Service on Financial markets (hereinafter "FSFM")

► disclosure of information which may affect the price of the Company's securities made to the extent and within the timeline required by the Regulation on Disclosure of Information:

- on the online newswire of news agencies authorized by the federal executive body for securities market to publish disclosed information;
- on the Company's web-site <u>http://www.omz.ru</u>

► announcement on acquisition by the Company of over 20% of the voting shares of another joint-stock company and on acquisition of over 20% in the charter capital of a limited liability company made in the scope and within the timeline required in the Regulation on the Procedure of Public Disclosure of Information on Acquisition by a Joint-Stock Company of Over 20% of the Voting Shares of Another Joint-Stock Company as approved by the Order of the FSC of Russia dated 14 May 1996 No. 10, Letter of the Federal Tax Service No.09-0-10/4809 dated 2 December 2004 on Methodological Recommendations and Art. 106 of the Russian Civil Code:

- in the Appendix to the Newsletter of the FSFM;
- in the State Registration Newsletter;
- on the Company's web-site <u>http://www.omz.ru</u>

► disclosure of the quarterly report made to the extent and within the timeline required by the Regulation on Disclosure of Information:

- on the Company's web-site <u>http://www.omz.ru</u>

► disclosure of the list of affiliated parties and updates thereof made to the extent and within the timeline required by the Regulation on the Disclosure of Information on Affiliated Parties of Open Joint-Stock Companies as approved by the Order of the FSC dated 1 April 2003 No. 03-19/ps:

- on the Company's web-site <u>http://www.omz.ru</u>

► disclosure of securities prospectuses made to the extent and within the timeline required by the Regulation on Disclosure of Information:

- on the Company's web-site <u>http://www.omz.ru</u>

► annual report, annual accounting statements of the Company approved by the annual general shareholders meeting disclosed pursuant to the requirements of the Federal Law On Joint-Stock Companies and the Russian Civil Code, as well as the ratio between the net asset value and the charter capital disclosed in the scope and within the timeline required by the Order of the FSC dated 8 May 1996 No. 9:

- in a printed edition;

► information on the specialized registrar disclosed to the extent and within the timeline required by the Order of the FSC dated 8 May 1996 No. 9 and Regulation of the FSC on the Transfer of Information and Documents Comprising the Registration System for Holders of Securities, as approved by Order No.21 dated 24 June 1997:

- on the Company's web-site <u>http://www.omz.ru</u>
- in a printed publication with at least 50,000 printed copies in the cases outlined in Order No.21 dated 24 June 1997;

► the charter and internal regulations of the Company disclosed to the extent and within the timeline required by the Regulation on Disclosure of Information:

- on the Company's web-site <u>http://www.omz.ru</u>

► announcements on decrease of the Company's charter capital, on reorganization or liquidation of the Company disclosed to the extent and within the timeline required by the Federal Law On Joint-Stock Companies and Letter of the Federal Tax Service No.9-0-10/4809 dated 2 December 2004 on Methodological Recommendations:

- in the State Registration Newsletter;
- on the Company's web-site <u>http://www.omz.ru</u>

In addition, to maintain listing of its securities on the national stock exchanges OMZ discloses information pursuant to the requirements of the FSFM of Russia and the listing rules of the Russian stock exchanges where OMZ's securities are traded, specifically, it provides the following:

- ▶ information described in point 1.1 above;
- ► financial (accounting) statements prepared under International Accounting Standards (IAS);
- ▶ quarterly report of the issuer on corporate governance compliance;
- other information and documents required under the stock exchange listing rules.

Pursuant to the London Stock Exchange Ongoing Disclosure Rules, through the Regulatory News Service (RNS), the Company discloses information concerning all material facts and events which may influence the price of its securities concerning the Company's operations, including changes in OMZ's shareholder structure and half-yearly ADR trading reports.

# 1.2. Disclosure of information provided to OMZ shareholders pursuant to the requirements of the Federal Law On Joint-Stock Companies and the Company's Charter

Information related to convocation and conducting of the general shareholders meetings of OMZ is disclosed and provided to shareholders in the following form:

- ► Announcement on the annual general shareholders meeting
  - Announcement about the annual general shareholders meeting must be made within the timeline and in the scope set forth in Art. 52 of the Federal Law On Joint-Stock Companies and Art. 21-23 of the OMZ Regulation on the General Shareholders Meeting.

Announcement about the annual general shareholders meeting is sent to each person included in the list of persons entitled to participate in the general shareholders meeting by registered mail to the mailing address specified in the list, or is delivered to each such person against confirmation of receipt, and is published in the IZVESTIA newspaper.

The Company also notifies its shareholders of the general shareholders meeting by way of placing the announcement on its website <u>http://www.omz.ru</u>.

▶ information (materials) to be provided to the persons entitled to participate in the general shareholders meeting in preparation for the general shareholders meeting of the Company. Information (materials) is provided in the scope and in accordance with the procedure set forth in Art. 52 of the Federal Law On Joint-Stock Companies, Art. 15 of the Company's charter and Art. 24 of the OMZ Regulation on the General Shareholders Meeting.

Information provided to shareholders upon request

Upon request of the shareholders, the Company is required to provide access to the documents listed in Art. 89 of the Federal Law On Joint-Stock Companies and Art. 25 of the Company's Charter.

Shareholder(s) which own in the aggregate at least 25 percent of the Company's voting shares are entitled to access to the accounting records and minutes of the meetings of the collegial executive body of the Company.

Documents must be provided for review upon request to the shareholders within 7 days from the date of the relevant request on the premises of the Company's executive body. Upon request of the persons entitled to access to the documents, the Company is obligated to provide copies of such documents to them. The fee charged by the Company for such copies may not exceed the cost of their production.

### 2. List and methods of disclosure of additional information

OMZ discloses the following additional information on its website <u>http://www.omz.ru</u>:

- shareholder structure;
- Company's business structure;
- members of the management bodies (members of the Board of Directors and Committees at the Board of Directors, members of the Management Board, General Director) and heads of the Company's divisions;
- corporate governance principles (by posting the OMZ Code of Corporate Governance);
- dividend policy;
- interim and annual consolidated financial statements prepared under international accounting standards;
- size and structure of the orders book.

OMZ regularly takes part in and organizes events aimed at enhancing the Company's transparency, including:

► Meetings with investors and analysts, including road shows in Russia and abroad as well as participation in one-to-one meetings.

The Company meets with both existing and potential investors. The Company makes presentations on the current financial and operational status of OMZ. OMZ's senior executives, including the Head of Investor Relations, take part in the meetings. Presentations are posted on the OMZ website.

▶ Participation in conferences, seminars and other public events organized by Russian and international financial institutions;

▶ Organization of investor and analyst visits to OMZ' companies

The investor relations department organizes visits to OMZ's production sites for all interested investors and analysts. Such visits are organized subject to the existing provisions on state and commercial secrets.

► Organization of presentations for investors and analysts on the annual and interim IAS financial results of the Company.

Within 20 days from the publication of the interim and annual statements prepared under international accounting standards, OMZ's senior executives together with representatives of the Financial Reporting department, conducts presentations for debt and equity analysts. Presentations include the following information: key operating results, dynamics of organic and non-organic portions of the main line items of the profit and loss statement, key profitability and turnover ratios, explanation of material changes in the main line items of the profit and loss statement and balance sheet, description of material events which affected the statements, debt dynamics, inventory structure, information on acquisitions and sale of assets and businesses, other information material for understanding the business. Presentations are posted on the OMZ website.

▶ Regular publication of press releases on all material events in the Company in the mass media

Press releases are prepared by the Public Relations department and are distributed to the mass media by email.

► The Company maintains its corporate website, including the investor relations section, in Russian and English.

The investor relations section contains information on shareholder structure, internal regulations of OMZ, electronic versions of documents and information filed with the securities market regulators, information on the Board of Directors, the Management Board, agenda and results of the general shareholders meetings, Code of Corporate Conduct, dividend policy, full information on issuance of bonds, contact information for auditors and the registrar, other material information for shareholders and investors.

## PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

1. The sole executive body (the General Director) is responsible for disclosure of information on OMZ' business. His decisions establish the procedure for informing shareholders and investors, he controls implementation of such decisions and timely takes measures to develop and improve such work.

2. OMZ' Corporate Secretary is responsible for organization of disclosure pursuant to the requirements of the applicable laws of the Russian Federation and provision of documents and information to shareholders.

3. The Head of Investor Relations is responsible for organizing communications with the investor community.

4. The Head of Public Relations is responsible for maintaining relations with the media.

### **COMMERCIAL SECRETS**

1. Commercial secret means the confidentiality of information which allows its owner under existing and potential circumstances to increase profits, avoid unwarranted expenses, maintain its position in the market of commodities, work, services or gain other commercial benefits.

The general list of confidential information is approved by OMZ's Board of Directors.

2. OMZ represented by its General Director takes all necessary measures to protect confidential information, determines the rules for handling such information, and maintain a reasonable balance between transparency and observing OMZ's commercial interests.

3. OMZ's employees are provided access to confidential information by the heads of OMZ's operating units. Such heads are obligated to ensure systematic control over access to confidential information only by those persons who need to know such information to perform their duties. The labor (employment) contracts with OMZ's employees include provisions on non-disclosure of confidential information.

4. Disclosure of confidential information to third parties is governed by contractual arrangements (agreements). The agreements shall determine the list of information which qualifies as commercial secret, the confidentiality undertaking with respect to such information, methods of its protection, including in case of reorganization or liquidation of one of the parties to the agreement, and the indemnity obligation by the counteracting party in case of disclosure of such information in breach of the agreement.

5. The information may be provided to governmental authorities, other governmental bodies, local authorities to the extent of their powers and authority to receive such information and in accordance with the procedure set forth by the applicable laws.

## **INSIDER INFORMATION AND INSIDERS**

1. Insider information means any information on securities and transactions therewith, and on the issuer of such securities and its business which is not known to third parties and the disclosure of which may materially affect the market price of such securities.

Insider information includes information representing commercial secret pursuant to the civil laws of the Russian Federation, and information to be disclosed pursuant to the Russian securities laws, prior to its disclosure.

Information which includes appraisal of the value of securities and/or appraisal of the financial condition of the issuer made on the basis of public information does not qualify as insider information.

Confidential information illegally disclosed or published in the mass media is not an insider information.

2. Insiders include individuals and legal entities having access to insider information on the following basis:

- by virtue of participation in the charter capital of OMZ or its affiliate;

- by virtue of membership in the management bodies of OMZ or its affiliate;

- by virtue of a labor agreement (contract) or a civil agreement with OMZ or its affiliate;

- by virtue of their powers as officials of a governmental authority, governmental organization or a local governmental body.

3. Insiders and their affiliates may not:

- conduct transactions in securities using insider information in their interests or in the interests of third parties;

- disclose to other persons or make insider information or information based on such insider information available to other persons, except in cases set forth in the laws;

- give recommendations to third parties on transactions with securities based on such information.

4. Persons listed in clause 2 hereof are required to notify the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors on actual transactions with securities of OMZ or business entities in which OMZ has ownership pursuant to the procedure established by the Audit Committee.

Persons listed in clause 2 hereof must ensure non-disclosure of insider information in their dealings with external entities.

## FINAL PROVISIONS

1. This Regulation on Information Policy is approved by the Board of Directors of OMZ.

2. If as a result of a change in the laws of the Russian Federation certain provisions of this Regulation come into contradiction therewith, such provision shall lose force, and until the Regulation is amended, OMZ shall act in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation.