



## 1. Name, Objective and Term of the Plan

- 1.1 This employee restricted stock unit/ option plan shall be called ‘**Digitide Solutions Limited – Special Purpose Stock Ownership Plan 2025**’ (“**Special Purpose SOP 2025**”/ “**Plan**”).
- 1.2 The NCLT of Bengaluru bench vide its order dated 4 March 2025 has approved the Scheme of Arrangement with respect to the demerger of the Demerged Company by way of a transfer of Demerged Undertaking 1 into the Resulting Company. The Demerged Company prior to the Scheme of Arrangement had implemented the QSOP 2020, under which employee restricted stock options were granted to certain of its eligible employees (“Old Option- holder”). As per Clause 12.3(i) of the Scheme of Arrangement, the Resulting Company is required to formulate a restricted stock unit scheme (i.e., this Plan) for the Old Option-holders who were granted Options under the QSOP 2020. Further, Clause 12.3(i) of the Scheme of Arrangement provides that the terms and conditions of such a restricted stock unit plan should not be less favourable than those provided under the QSOP 2020. Hence, pursuant to the provisions of the Scheme of Arrangement and with a view to ensure that the transactions contemplated in the Scheme of Arrangement do not prejudicially affect rights and benefits of Old Option-holders, by providing fair and reasonable adjustment, the Resulting Company has adopted and implemented this Special Purpose SOP 2025 and sought to provide / grant revised quantum of Options to the Old Option-holder, to whom employee restricted stock options had been granted under the QSOP 2020.
- 1.3 All other terms and conditions of Special Purpose SOP 2025 to the extent required under the Scheme of Arrangement read with provisions of the Applicable Law have been kept similar to the QSOP 2020.
- 1.4 The Special Purpose SOP 2025 is established with effect from 21 April 2025 on which date the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and the Board have approved this Plan and considered as a special purpose employee stock ownership plan pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement.
- 1.5 The Special Purpose SOP 2025 shall continue to be in force until (i) its termination by the Committee as per provisions of Applicable Laws; or (ii) the date on which all of the Options available for issuance under the Special Purpose SOP 2025 have been issued and exercised or have lapsed and the Committee does not intend to re-issue the said lapsed Options, whichever is earlier.

## 2. Definitions and Interpretation

### 2.1 Definitions

- i. “**Applicable Law**” means every law relating to the Restricted Stock Unit, employee stock options by whatever name called, including and without limitation to the Companies Act and the rules framed thereunder, Securities and Exchange Board of India Act 1992, SEBI SBEB Regulations, and all other applicable regulations and provisions of law for the time being in force including any statutory modifications or re-enactments thereof and all relevant tax, securities, exchange control or corporate laws of India or of any relevant jurisdiction or of any Stock Exchange on which the Shares are listed or quoted.



- ii. "**Associate Company**" means any present or future Associate Company of the Company, as per the provisions of the Companies Act.
- iii. "**Board**" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- iv. "**Committee**" means the Nomination and Remuneration Committee constituted by the Board from time to time, to administer and supervise the Special Purpose SOP 2025 and other employee benefit plans/schemes, if any, comprising of such members of the Board as provided under the Companies Act and the SEBI SBEB Regulations and having such powers as specified under Applicable Laws read with powers specified in this Special Purpose SOP 2025. "**Companies Act**" means the Companies Act, 2013 read with rules issued thereunder from time to time and includes any statutory modifications or reenactments thereof.
- v. "**Company**" means "Digitide Solutions Limited", a Company registered in India under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, and having its registered office at 3/3/2, Bellandur Gate, Sarjapur Main Road, Bangalore- 560103, Karnataka.
- vi. "**Company Policies/Terms of Employment**" means the Company's policies for Employees and the terms of employment as contained in the employment letter and the company handbook, which includes provisions requiring a desired level of performance, securing confidentiality, non-compete and non-poaching of other employees and customers. Policies/terms of employment of Subsidiary Company(ies) as regards an Option Grantee on the payrolls of such Subsidiary Company(ies) shall be deemed to be "**Company Policies/Terms of Employment**" for such Option Grantee.
- vii. "**Demerged Company**" means Quess Corp Limited, a Company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at 3/3/2, Bellandur Gate, Sarjapur Main Road, Bangalore- 560103, Karnataka and having corporate identification number L74140KA2007PLC043909.
- viii. "**Demerged Undertaking 1**" has the same meaning as assigned to it under the Scheme of Arrangement.
- ix. "**Director**" means a member of the Board of the Company.
- x. "**Eligibility Criteria**" means the criteria as may be determined from time to time by the Committee for granting the Options to the Employees.
- xi. "**Employee**" means:
  - Prior to Listing:
    - i. a permanent employee of the Company who has been working in India or outside India;
    - ii. a Director of the Company, whether a whole time director or not but excluding an Independent Director; or
    - iii. an employee as defined in clause (i) or (ii) above of a Subsidiary Company of the Company, in India or outside India,
  - but does not include:



- (a) an employee who is a Promoter or a person belonging to the Promoter Group; or
- (b) a Director who either himself or through his relative or through any body corporate, directly or indirectly, holds more than 10% of the outstanding equity shares of the Company.

**Post Listing:**

- (i) an employee as designated by the company, who is exclusively working in India or outside India; or
- (ii) a Director of the Company, whether a whole time director or not, including a non-executive Director who is not a Promoter or member of the Promoter Group, but excluding an Independent Director; or
- (iii) an employee, as defined in Sub-clauses (i) or (ii) above, of the Subsidiary Company(ies) of the Company (in terms of SEBI SBEB Regulations);

but excludes:

- a. an employee who is a Promoter or belongs to the Promoter Group; and
- b. a Director who either by himself or through his relatives or through any Body corporate, directly or indirectly holds more than 10% of the issued and subscribed shares of the Company.

**Explanation:** Pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement, all Old Option-holders under the QSOP 2020 who have been transferred and become the employees of the Resulting Company/ subsidiaries from the effective date of the Scheme of Arrangement shall be deemed to be "Employees" for the purposes of this Plan as set out above. Further, in the event of death of such Old Option-holder prior to the adoption of this Plan and grant of Options hereunder, the legal heir of the Old Option-holder shall be deemed to be 'Employee' solely in connection with the Options to be granted to the Old Option-holder under this Plan pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement.

- xii. "**Exercise**" of an Option means expression of an intention by an Employee to the Company to purchase the Shares underlying the Options vested in him, in pursuance of this Special Purpose SOP 2025, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Company for Exercise of Options.
- xiii. "**Exercise Period**" means such time period after Vesting within which the Employee should Exercise the Options vested in him/her in pursuance of this Special Purpose SOP 2025.
- xiv. "**Exercise Price**" means the price payable by an Employee in order to Exercise the Options granted to him in pursuance of the Special Purpose SOP 2025.
- xv. "**Grant**" means the process by which the Company undertakes the issue of Options to the Employees under the Special Purpose SOP 2025 and includes a letter in writing from the Company communicating, among other things, the number of Options to be issued, the Exercise Price, Exercise Period, Vesting Period, Vesting Condition(s), if any, and other terms and conditions.



xvi. **"Grant Letter"** means the letter issued by the Committee to an eligible Employee Granting Options and containing other specific details such as the number of Options Granted, Exercise Period, Exercise Price, etc.

xvii. **"Independent Director"** means a Director within the meaning of the Companies Act read with Regulations under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

xviii. **"Listing"** shall mean the listing of the Company's Shares on any Stock Exchange(s).

xix. **"Market Price"** means the latest available closing price on the Stock Exchange on which the Shares of the Company are listed, immediately prior to the Relevant Date.

**Explanation-** If such Shares are listed on more than one Stock Exchange, then the closing price on the Stock Exchange having higher trading volume shall be considered as the Market Price.

xx. **"Misconduct"** means any of the following acts or omissions by an Employee in addition to any provisions prescribed in the offer or terms of employment amounting to violation or breach of terms of employment as determined by the Committee after giving the Employee, an opportunity of being heard:

- (a) committing of any act warranting summary termination under law; or
- (b) conduct which, in the reasonable opinion of the Committee, amounts to a serious breach by an option Grantee of the obligation of trust and confidence to his employer; or
- (c) a finding by the Committee that an Employee has committed any material or consistent breach of any of the terms or conditions of Employee service agreement including any willful neglect of or refusal to carry out any of his duties or to comply with any instruction given to him by the Committee; or
- (d) being convicted of any criminal offence; or
- (e) being disqualified from holding office in the Company or any other company under any legislation or being disqualified or disbarred from membership of, or being subject to any serious disciplinary action by any regulatory body within the industry, which undermines the confidence of the Committee in the individual's continued employment; or
- (f) having acted or attempted to act in any way which in the opinion of the Committee has brought or could bring the Company or any other Group member into disrepute or discredit;
- (g) breach or violation of any Company policies/ terms of employment;
- (h) any other circumstances not included above but defined as misconduct in the Company's rules or Employee handbook and / or employment agreement and / or appointment letter.

xxi. **"Nomination and Remuneration Committee"** means the committee constituted by the Board from time to time, as per the requirements of Applicable Laws, including Section 178 of the Companies Act and under Regulation 19 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time.

xxii. **"NCLT"** means the national company law tribunal of the Bengaluru bench, having jurisdiction in relation to the demerger of the Demerged Company by way of transfer the Demerged Undertaking 1 into the Resulting Company and which has approved the Scheme of Arrangement.



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xxiii. “**Old Option-holder**” means an employee / director of the Demerged Company who has been granted and who holds employee stock options granted by the Demerged Company under its ‘QSOP 2020’ as described in Clause 1.2 of the Plan.

xxiv. “**Option**” means Restricted Stock Unit within the meaning of the Plan.

xxv. “**Option Grantee**” means an Employee who has been granted an Option in pursuance of this Special Purpose SOP 2025 and has accepted such Grant as required under the Plan and shall deem to include all Old Option- holders and nominee/ legal heir of an Option Grantee / Old Option-holder in case of his/her death to the extent provisions of the Plan are applicable to such nominee/ legal heir.

xxvi. “**Permanent Incapacity**” means any disability of whatsoever nature, be it physical, mental or otherwise, which incapacitates or prevents or handicaps an Employee from performing any specific job, work or task which the said Employee was capable of performing immediately before such disablement, as determined by the Committee based on a certificate of a medical expert identified by the Company.

xxvii. “**Plan**” means and refers to Special Purpose SOP 2025 defined hereof.

xxviii. “**Promoter**” shall have the same meaning assigned to it under the Companies Act, and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2018 as amended from time to time, as applicable.

xxix. “**Promoter Group**” shall have the same meaning assigned to it under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2018, as amended.

xxx. “**Restricted Stock Unit**” (“**RSU**”) means Options granted to an Employee, which gives such Employee the right, but not an obligation, to purchase at a future date the Shares underlying such Option at a pre-determined price, subject to the terms of this Plan.

xxxi. “**Relevant Date**” means any of the following dates as the context requires:

- (i) in the case of Grant, the date of the meeting of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee in which the Grant is made; or
- (ii) in the case of Exercise, the date on which the notice of Exercise is given to the Company by the Option Grantee.

xxxii. “**Resulting Company**” means the Company within the meaning of this Special Purpose SOP 2025.

xxxiii. “**Retirement**” means retirement as per the rules of the Company.

xxxiv. “**Scheme of Arrangement**” means the composite scheme of arrangement inter-alia amongst the Demerged Company and Resulting Company, as approved by the NCLT vide its order dated 4 March 2025 and deems to include any amendments effected in due compliance with Applicable Laws.

xxxv. “**SEBI Act**” means the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 as amended from time to time, and includes all regulations and clarifications issued thereunder.

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xxxvi. "**SEBI SBEB Regulations**" means the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021, as amended and reenacted from time to time, and includes any clarifications or circulars issued thereunder.

xxxvii. "**Shares**" means equity shares of the Company of face value of Rs.10 (Ten) each fully paid-up including the equity shares arising out of the Exercise of Options granted under Special Purpose SOP 2025.

xxxviii. "**Stock Exchange**" means the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), BSE Limited (BSE) or any other recognized stock exchanges in India on which the Company's Shares are listed or to be listed.

xxxix. "**Subsidiary Company**" means any present or future Subsidiary Company of the Company, as per the provisions of the Companies Act.

xl. "**Unvested Option**" means an Option in respect of which the relevant Vesting Conditions have not been satisfied and as such, the Option Grantee has not become eligible to exercise the Option.

xli. "**Vested Option**" means an Option in respect of which the relevant Vesting Conditions have been satisfied and the Option Grantee has become eligible to exercise the Option.

xlii. "**Vest**" or "**Vesting**" means earning by the Option Grantee, of the right to Exercise the Options granted to him in pursuance of the Special Purpose SOP 2025.

xliii. "**Vesting Condition**" means any condition subject to which the Options granted would vest in an Option Grantee.

xliv. "**Vesting Period**" means the period during which the vesting of the Option granted to the Employee, in pursuance of the Special Purpose SOP 2025 takes place.

xlv. "**QSOP 2020**" means the 'Quess Stock Ownership Plan- 2020' under which the **Demerged Company is authorized to Grant Options to its Employee.**

## 2.2 Interpretation

In this Plan, unless the contrary intention appears:

- (a) the clause headings are for ease of reference only and shall not be relevant to interpretation;
- (b) a reference to a clause number is a reference to its sub-clauses;
- (c) words in singular number include the plural and vice versa;
- (d) words importing a gender include any other gender;
- (e) a reference to a Schedule includes a reference to any part of that Schedule which is incorporated by reference.

Words and expressions used and not defined here but defined in the SEBI SBEB Regulations, SEBI Act, the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (42 of 1956) or



the Companies Act, and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereto, shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in those legislation, as the context requires.

### **3. Authority and Ceiling**

- 3.1 The Committee and the Board vide their resolutions dated 21 April 2025 have approved and adopted the Plan contemplating to Grant not exceeding 26,68,102 (Twenty Six Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred and Two) Options to the eligible Employees in one or more tranches, from time to time, which in aggregate exercisable into not more than 26,68,102 (Twenty Six Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred and Two) Shares of face value of Rs.10 (Ten) each fully paid up, with each such Option conferring a right upon the Employees to apply for one Share in the Company in accordance with the terms and conditions as may be decided under the Plan.
- 3.2 The maximum number of Options that may be granted to any specific Employee of the Company per Employee is dependent on the Options earlier granted under the QSOP 2020.
- 3.3 If an Option expires, lapses or becomes un-exercisable due to any reason, it shall not be brought back to the Options pool as mentioned in Sub-clause 3.1 and shall not become available for future Grants.
- 3.4 Where Shares are issued consequent upon Exercise of an Option under the Special Purpose SOP 2025, the maximum number of Shares that can be issued under Special Purpose SOP 2025 as referred to in Sub- clause 3.1 above shall stand reduced to the extent of such Shares issued.
- 3.5 In case of a Share split or consolidation, if the revised face value of the Share is less or more than the face value as prevailing on the date of coming into force of this Plan, the maximum number of Shares available for being granted under Special Purpose SOP 2025 as specified above shall stand modified accordingly, so as to ensure that the cumulative face value (No. of Shares X Face value per Share) prior to such Share split or consolidation remains unchanged after such Share split or consolidation. Thus, for example, if the prevailing face value of each Share is Rs. 10 per Share and the revised face value after the Share split is Rs.5 per Share, the total number of Shares available under Special Purpose SOP 2025 would be (Shares reserved at Sub-Clause 3.1 x 2) Shares of Rs.5 each. Similarly, in case of bonus issue, etc. the available number of Shares under Plan shall be revised to restore the value.

### **4. Administration**

- 4.1 The Special Purpose SOP 2025 shall be administered by the Committee. All questions of interpretation of the Special Purpose SOP 2025 or any Option shall be determined by the Committee and such determination shall be final and binding upon all persons having an interest in the Special Purpose SOP 2025 or in any Option issued thereunder.
- 4.2 The Committee shall in accordance with this Plan and Applicable Laws determine the following:
  - (a) the quantum of Options to be granted under the Special Purpose SOP 2025 per Employee, subject to the ceiling as specified in Sub- clause 3.1;



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- (b) the Eligibility Criteria for Grant of Options to the Employee and identifying the Old Option-holders who were granted Options under the QSOP 2020 and their entitlements;
- (c) the kind of benefits granted under this Plan;
- (d) the conditions under which Options may vest in employees and may lapse, including in case of termination of employment for misconduct;
- (e) the specific Exercise Period within which the Employee should Exercise the Option and that the Option would lapse on failure to Exercise the Option within the Exercise Period;
- (f) the specified time period within which the Employee shall Exercise the Vested Option in the event of termination or resignation of an Employee;
- (g) the right of an Employee to Exercise all the Options vested in him at one time or at various points of time within the Exercise Period;
- (h) the procedure for making a fair and reasonable adjustment to the entitlement including adjustment to the number of Option and to the Exercise Price in case of corporate actions such as rights issues, bonus issues, merger, sale/transfer of division and others. In this regard following shall be taken into consideration by the Committee:
  - (i) the number and the price of Option shall be adjusted in a manner such that total value of the Option remains the same after the corporate action; and
  - (ii) the Vesting Period and the life of the Option shall be left unaltered as far as possible to protect the rights of the Option Grantee.
- (i) the Grant, Vesting and Exercise of Options in case of Employees who are on long leave;
- (j) eligibility to avail benefits under the Plan in case of Employees who are on long leave;
- (k) the procedure for funding the exercise of Options;
- (l) the procedure for buy-back of specified securities issued under the SBEB Regulations, if to be undertaken at any time by the Company, and the applicable terms and conditions, including:
  - (i) permissible sources of financing for buy-back;
  - (ii) any minimum financial thresholds to be maintained by the Company as per its last financial statements; and
  - (iii) limits upon the quantum of Options that the Company may buy-back in a financial year.

'Specified securities' shall have the meaning ascribed to it under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018.

(m) the procedure for cashless Exercise of Option, if required,

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- (n) approve forms, writings and/or agreements for use in pursuance of the Special Purpose SOP 2025; and
- (o) to deal with all incidental and related matters in connection with the items (a) to (n) above and otherwise to ensure compliance with the requirements of Applicable Laws.

4.3 The Committee shall also frame suitable policies and systems to ensure that there is no violation of: (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time; and (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to the Securities Market) Regulations, 2003, as amended from time to time, by Company and its Employees as applicable and (c) any other regulation as may be notified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India or any other authority from time to time, by the Company and any Employee.

4.4 The Committee shall have a right to delegate or authorize any officer of the Company, if required and subject to the extent allowed under the Applicable Laws, such power to do specific acts and things without limitation to the Listing of Shares on Stock Exchange(s) arising pursuant to Exercise of Vested Options, execution and submission of various document(s) to Stock Exchange(s) or any other institution as may be deemed necessary in connection with the Plan.

## **5. Eligibility and Applicability**

5.1 Only Employees are eligible for being granted Options under the Special Purpose SOP 2025. The specific Employees to whom the Option would be granted and their Eligibility Criteria shall be determined by the Committee.

5.2 The Plan shall be applicable to the Company, its Subsidiary Company(ies) and any successor Company thereof and Options may be granted to the Employees of the Company, and its Subsidiary Company(ies), as determined by the Committee at its sole discretion.

5.3 The appraisal process for determining the eligibility of the Employees will be based on designation, period of service, performance-linked parameters such as work performance, past, present as well as future, seniority of the employee and such other criteria as may be determined by the Committee at its sole discretion, from time to time. Provided that all Old Option-holders who held restricted stock options under QSOP 2020 and who are 'Transferred Employees' to the Company and its Subsidiaries shall be Granted Options under this Plan without any additional conditions.

## **6. Grant and Acceptance of Grant**

### **6.1 Grant of Options**

- (a) Grants contemplated under the Plan shall be made on such day and month as decided by the Committee at its discretion.
- (b) Each Grant of Option made under the Plan shall be communicated in writing by the Company to the eligible Employees by way of Grant Letter containing specific details of the Grant, and disclosure requirements, as prescribed under Applicable Laws.

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## 6.2 Acceptance of the Grant

Any eligible Employee who wishes to accept the Grant made under this Plan must deliver to the Company a duly signed acceptance of the letter of Grant on or before the date ("Closing Date") which shall not be more than 60 days from the date of the Grant, as specified in the Grant Letter. On receipt by the Company of the signed acceptance, the eligible Employee will become an Option Grantee.

6.3 Any eligible Employee, who fails to deliver the signed acceptance of the letter of Grant on or before the Closing Date stated above, shall be deemed to have rejected the Grant unless the Committee determines otherwise.

6.4 Provided that, issuance of Grant Letter to an Old Option-holder (or his / her legal heir, as necessary) shall deemed to be a valid Grant and no subsequent acceptance from the Old Option-holder shall be required.

## 7. Vesting Schedule and Vesting Conditions

7.1 Options granted under the Special Purpose SOP 2025 on any date shall vest not earlier than minimum period of 1 (one) year from the date of Grant (except in case of Death and Permanent Incapacity post Listing) and not later than maximum period of 6 (six) years from the date of Grant. The Committee may at its discretion change the Vesting schedule provided that such change is not detrimental to the interest of the Employees.

**Provided that** in case where Options are granted by the Company under the Plan in lieu of Options held by a person under a similar plan/ scheme in another company ("Transferor Company/ Demerged Company") which has merged or amalgamated with the Company or the Company is the Resulting Company after the Scheme of Arrangement, the period during which the Options granted by the Transferor/ Demerged Company were held by him/her may be adjusted against the minimum Vesting Period/ Vesting Period required under this Sub-clause.

**Explanation:** Pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement and to provide fair and reasonable adjustment, the Vesting Period under the Special Purpose SOP 2025 for the Old Option-holders who will be granted Options under this Plan shall be adjusted and considered at the time of issue of revised number of Options by the Company in place of old employee stock options to the Employees taking into consideration that period during which the restricted stock options were held by the Old Option-holders under the QSOP 2020.

7.2 Vesting of Options would be subject to continued employment with the Company, including its Subsidiary Company(ies), as the case may be, and thus the Option would Vest essentially on performance criteria and the passage of time to be specified by the Committee at the time of the Grant subject to satisfaction of which the Options would vest. Main points for vesting:

- (a) Vesting 100% performance-based, criteria being a mix individual performance of the employee, Business unit performance, Company's performance and group performance. Options will not Vest in a particular year if criteria are unmet.
- (b) Stringent vesting criteria include EBITDA performance, OCF delivery, collections performance, performance on digital revenues & transformation, and overall business leadership (e.g., diversity, attrition, individual leadership qualities).
- (c) The Committee shall have the power to set specific criteria for the aforesaid performance, the detailed terms and conditions, the proportion in which Options

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granted can Vest, and which may be specified in the respective Grant Letters or the vesting letters to be issued in this regard.

- (d) The Committee may also extend, shorten or otherwise vary the Vesting Period from time to time subject to the minimum and maximum Vesting Period.
- (e) The vesting dates in respect of the Options granted under the Special Purpose SOP 2025 shall be determined by the Committee and may vary from Employee to Employee or any class thereof and / or in respect of the number or percentage of Options to be Vested.

Options shall Vest essentially based on the continuation of employment/ service as per the requirement of SEBI SBEB Regulations.

7.3 As a prerequisite for a valid Vesting, an Option Grantee is required to be in employment or service of the Company, and its Subsidiary Company(ies) on the date of Vesting and must neither be serving his notice for termination of employment/ service, nor be subject to any disciplinary proceedings pending against him on the such date of Vesting. In case of any disciplinary proceedings against any Option Grantee, the relevant Vesting shall be kept in abeyance until disposal of the proceedings and such Vesting shall be determined accordingly. Provided that, for the Options Granted to the Old Option-holders, any period during which the restricted stock options were held by such individuals under the QSOP 2020 will be taken into consideration for the vesting.

7.4 The specific Vesting schedule and Vesting Conditions subject to which Vesting would take place shall be specified in the letter issued to the Option Grantee at the time of Grant.

**7.5 Vesting of Options in case of Employees on long leave**

The period of leave shall not be considered in determining the Vesting Period in the event the Employee is on a sabbatical. In all other events including approved earned leave and sick leave, the period of leave shall be included to calculate the Vesting Period unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

**8. Exercise**

**8.1 Exercise Price**

- (a) The Exercise Price per Option shall be the face value of the Share.
- (b) Payment of the Exercise Price shall be made by a crossed cheque or a demand draft drawn in favour of the Company or via online payment or in such other manner as the Committee may decide from time to time.

**8.2 Exercise Period**

**(a) Exercise while in employment:**

The Exercise Period in respect of the Option shall be subject to the maximum period of 3 (Three) years from the date of Vesting of Options.

**(b) Exercise in case of separation from employment:**

Subject to maximum Exercise Period stated above, the Vested Options can be exercised as under:



S. No.	Events of separation	Vested Options	Unvested Options
1	<b>Resignation termination</b> (other than due to Misconduct)	All Vested Options as on the date of submission of resignation shall be exercisable by the Option Grantee on or before his/her <b>last working day</b> in the Company or its Subsidiary Company(ies).	All the Unvested Options as on date of resignation/termination shall stand <b>cancelled</b> with effect from date such resignation/termination.
2	<b>Termination due to Misconduct</b>	All Vested Options at the time of such termination shall stand <b>cancelled</b> with effect from the date of such termination.	All the Unvested Options at the time of such termination shall stand <b>cancelled</b> with effect from the date of such termination.
3	<b>Retirement</b>	All Vested Options as on the date of Retirement can be exercisable by the Option Grantee on or before his/her <b>last working day</b> in the Company or its Subsidiary Company(ies).	All Unvested Options on the date of Retirement shall stand <b>cancelled</b> with effect from date of Retirement.
4	<b>Death</b>	All Vested Options may be exercised by the Option Grantee's nominee or legal heir immediately after, but in no event later than <b>3 (Three) years</b> from the date of Death of the Option Grantee.	All Unvested Options as on date of death shall <b>Vest immediately</b> and can be exercised by the Option Grantee's nominee or legal heir in the manner as prescribed for Vested Options.  Provided that, post Listing, the minimum Vesting Period of 1 (one) year shall not be applicable in case of Death.
5	<b>Permanent Incapacity</b>	All Vested Options may be exercised by the Option Grantee, immediately after, but in no event later than <b>3 (Three) years</b> from the date of such incapacity.	All the Unvested Options as on date of termination due to Permanent Incapacity shall <b>vest immediately</b> and can be exercised by the Option Grantee in the same manner as prescribed for Vested Options.  Provided that, post Listing, the minimum Vesting Period of 1 (one) year shall not be applicable in case of Permanent Incapacity.



6	<b>Transfer or deputation from/ to Company, or Subsidiary Company(ies)</b>	All the Vested Options shall be exercisable as if the employment/service is continuing unless otherwise decided by the Committee and such decision shall be final.	All the Unvested Options shall continue to Vest as per original Vesting schedule unless otherwise decided by the Committee and such decision shall be final.
7	<b>Abandonment of employment*</b>	All the Vested Options shall stand <b>cancelled</b> with effect from such date as determined by the Committee.	All Unvested Options shall stand <b>cancelled</b> with effect from such date as determined by the Committee.
8	<b>Termination due to reasons apart from those mentioned above</b>	The Committee shall decide whether the Vested Options as on that date can be exercised by the Option Grantee or not, and such decision shall be final.	All Unvested Options on the date of such termination shall stand <b>cancelled</b> unless otherwise required by Applicable Laws.

\* The Committee at its sole discretion shall decide the date of lapse of Options and such decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

**Explanation:** Pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement, the completed Exercise Period, if any, under the QSOP 2020 shall be adjusted and considered at the time of issue of revised number of Options by the Company in place of old Options under QSOP 2020 to the Employees/ Old Option Holders and the Exercise Period for such Options granted under this Plan shall be accordingly adjusted.

- 8.3 The Options shall be deemed to have been exercised when an Employee makes an application in writing to the Company or by any other means as decided by the Committee, for the issuance of Shares against the Options Vested in him, subject to payment of Exercise Price, applicable taxes under the relevant tax laws, in force at the relevant time, including payment of the stamp duty applicable on registration and issue of Shares and compliance of other requisite conditions of Exercise of Options. An Option cannot be Exercised partially.
- 8.4 The Options not exercised within the Exercise Period shall lapse and the Employee shall have no right over such lapsed or cancelled Options.
- 8.5 For an Employee continuing in service of the Company, his / her Options can be Exercised as per the terms contained in the Plan. It is clarified that the Options can continue to Vest and can be Exercised even if there is a movement from an employment role to a Director role, which falls within the ambit of 'Employee', and the same shall not be considered as a break in service for the purposes of this Plan and in such a situation, reference to "employment" in any other clause in the Plan shall be construed as "association" as required.

## 9. Lapse of Options

The Options not exercised within the respective Exercise Periods prescribed in Clause 8 in the Plan shall lapse and be deemed to cancelled on expiry of such Exercise Period. The Option Grantee shall have no right or recourse over such lapsed/ cancelled Options. There shall be no further Grant of any lapsed / cancelled Option under this Plan.

**10. Lock-in**

The Shares arising out of Exercise of Vested Options shall not be subject to any lock-in period from the date of allotment of such Shares under QSOP 2020.

**Provided that the Shares allotted on such Exercise cannot be sold for such further period or intermittently as required under the terms of Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading of the Company framed under Securities Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading), Regulations, 2015, as amended or such other period as may be stipulated from time to time in terms of such Code of Conduct.**

**11. Exit route in case of de-listing**

If the Company gets de-listed from all the Stock Exchanges, then the Committee shall have the powers to set out terms and conditions for the treatment of Vested Options and Unvested Options in due compliance with the Applicable Laws.

**12. Restriction on transfer of Options**

- 12.1 The Option granted to eligible Employees will not be transferable to any person and shall not be pledged, hypothecated, mortgaged or otherwise alienated in any other manner.
- 12.2 Options shall not be transferable to any person except in the event of death of the Option Grantee, in which case provisions at Sub-clause 8.2(b) would apply.
- 12.3 No person other than the Employee to whom the Option is granted shall be entitled to Exercise the Option except in the event of the death of the Option Grantee holder, in which case provisions at Sub- clause 8.2(b) would apply.

**13. Rights as a shareholder**

- 13.1 The Employee shall not have a right to receive any dividend or to vote or in any manner or enjoy the benefits of a shareholder in respect of Options granted, till Shares underlying such Options are issued by the Company on Exercise of such Option.
- 13.2 Nothing herein is intended to or shall give the Option Grantee any right or status of any kind as a shareholder of the Company (for example, bonus shares, rights shares, dividend, voting, etc.) in respect of any Shares covered by the Grant unless the Option Grantee exercises the Option and becomes a registered holder of the Shares of the Company.
- 13.3 If the Company issues bonus shares or rights shares, the Option Grantee shall not be eligible for the bonus or rights shares in the capacity of an Option Grantee. However, an adjustment to the number of Options or the Exercise Price or both would be made in accordance with Sub-clause 4.2 (h) of Special Purpose SOP 2025.

**14. Deduction/Recovery of Tax**

- 14.1 The liability of paying taxes, if any, in respect of Options granted pursuant to this Plan and the Shares issued pursuant to Exercise thereof shall be entirely on the Option Grantee and shall be in accordance with the provisions of Income Tax Act, 1961 read with rules issued thereunder and/or Income Tax Laws of the respective countries as applicable to eligible Employees of Company working abroad, if any.

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14.2 The Company shall have the right to deduct from the Employee's salary or recover any tax that is required to be deducted or recovered under the Applicable Laws. In case of non-continuance of employment, the outstanding amount of the tax shall be recovered fully on or before full and final settlement.

14.3 The Company shall have no obligation to deliver Shares until the Company's tax deduction obligations, if any, have been satisfied by the Option Grantee in full.

**15. Authority to vary terms**

15.1 For the purpose of efficient implementation and administration of the Plan and subject to the prior approval of the shareholders of the Company by way of a special resolution and compliance with the provisions of the Applicable Laws, the Committee may at its sole discretion revise any of the terms and conditions in respect of existing or any new Grant of Options provided that the variation is not be prejudicial to the interest of the Employees.

Provided that the Committee shall be entitled to vary the terms of this Plan to meet any regulatory requirement without seeking shareholders' approval by way of a special resolution.

15.2 The Committee may also re-price the Options which are not exercised, whether or not they have vested, if Plan is rendered unattractive due to fall in the price of the Shares, provided that the Company ensures that such re-pricing shall not be detrimental to the interest of the Option Grantee and approval of the shareholders by way of a special resolution has been obtained for such re-pricing.

**16. Miscellaneous**

**16.1 Government Regulations**

This Special Purpose SOP 2025 shall be subject to all Applicable Laws, and approvals from government authorities. The Grant and the allotment of Shares under this Special Purpose SOP 2025 shall also be subject to the Company requiring Employees to comply with all Applicable Laws.

**16.2 Inability to obtain approval**

The inability of the Company to obtain approval from any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company, or under any Applicable Laws, for the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, shall relieve and wholly discharge the Company from any and all liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares.

16.3 Neither the existence of this Plan nor the fact that an individual has on any occasion been granted an Option shall give such individual any right, entitlement or expectation that he has or will in future have any such right, entitlement or expectation to participate in this Plan by being granted an Option on any other occasion.

16.4 The rights granted to an Option Grantee upon the grant of an Option shall not afford the Option Grantee any rights or additional rights to compensation or damages in consequence of the loss or termination of his office or employment with the Company for any reason whatsoever (whether or not such termination is ultimately held to be wrongful or unfair).

16.5 The Option Grantee shall not be entitled to any compensation or damages for any loss or potential loss which he may suffer by reason of being unable to Exercise an Option in whole or in part.

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**16.6 General Risks**

Participation in the QSOP 2020 or this Plan shall not be construed as any guarantee of return on the equity investment. Any loss due to fluctuations in the price of the equity and the risks associated with the investments is that of the Option Grantee alone. The Option Grantee is encouraged to make considered judgment and seek adequate information /clarifications essential for appropriate decision.

**16.7 Surrender of Options**

An employee may surrender his Vested / Unvested Options at any time during his employment with the Company. Any employee willing to surrender his Options shall communicate the same to the Committee in writing, in the format as set out in Annexure A (which format may be amended by the Committee from time to time). Thereafter, the surrendered options shall expire and stand terminated with effect from the date of surrender of options. Such Options will be treated in the manner as provided under Clause 4.2 of the Plan.

**17. Accounting and Disclosures**

17.1 The Company shall follow the IND AS 102 on Share based Payments and/ or any relevant accounting standards as may be prescribed by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) from time to time, including the disclosure requirements prescribed therein. In case, the existing rules, guidance notes or accounting standards do not prescribe accounting treatment or disclosure requirements, any other accounting standard that may be issued by ICAI or any other competent authority shall be adhered to in due compliance with the requirements of SEBI SBEB Regulations.

17.2 The Company shall make disclosures to the prospective Option Grantees containing statement of risks, information about the Company and salient features of the Special Purpose SOP 2025 in a format as prescribed under SEBI SBEB Regulations.

**18. Certificate from Auditors**

The Committee shall at each annual general meeting place before the shareholders a certificate from the auditors of the Company that the Special Purpose SOP 2025 has been implemented in accordance with the SEBI SBEB Regulations and in accordance with the resolution of the Company in the general meeting.

**19. Governing Laws**

19.1 The terms and conditions of the Special Purpose SOP 2025 shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Applicable Laws including the Foreign Exchange Laws mentioned below.

**19.2 Foreign Exchange Laws**

In case any Options are granted to any Employee being resident outside India belonging to the Company or its Subsidiary Company(ies), working outside India, the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and rules or regulations made thereunder as amended and enacted from time to time shall be applicable and the Company has to comply with such requirements as prescribed from time to time in connection with Grant, Vest, Exercise of Options and transfer of Shares thereof.

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## **20. Notices**

20.1 All notices of communication required to be given by the Company to an Option Grantee by virtue of this Special Purpose SOP 2025 shall be in writing. The communications shall be made by the Company in any one or more of the following ways:

- (a) Sending communication(s) to the address of the Option Grantee available in the records of the Company, and its Subsidiary Company(ies); and/ or
- (b) Delivering the communication(s) to the Option Grantee in person with acknowledgement of receipt thereof; and/ or
- (c) Emailing the communication(s) to the Option Grantee at the official email address provided if any by the Company during the continuance of employment or at the email address provided by the Option Grantee after cessation of employment.

20.2 All notices of communication to be given by an Option Grantee to the Company in respect of Special Purpose SOP 2025 shall be sent to the address mentioned below:

**Head - Human Resource  
Digitide Solutions Limited**

**Address: 3/3/2, Bellandur Gate, Sarjapur Main Road, Bangalore- 560103, Karnataka.**

## **21. Nomination**

The Employee has to nominate a person as his/her nominee. The nominee in case of death or Permanent Incapacity of Employee shall be the legal representative recognized by the Company as the inheritor of the Employee in respect of all rights and liabilities for the purposes of this Plan.

## **22. Jurisdiction**

22.1 The Courts in Bengaluru, Karnataka shall have jurisdiction in respect of any and all matters, disputes or differences arising in relation to or out of this Special Purpose SOP 2025.

22.2 Nothing in this Sub-clause will however limit the right of the Company to bring proceedings against any Employee in connection with this Special Purpose SOP 2025:

- (a) in any other court of competent jurisdiction; or
- (b) con-currently in more than one jurisdiction.

## **23. Income Tax Rules**

The Income Tax Laws and Rules in force will be applicable.

## **24. Listing of the Shares**

For listing of shares pursuant to Special Purpose SOP 2025, the Company shall obtain the in-principle approval of the Stock Exchanges where it proposes to list the said Shares prior to the grant of Options.

Further subject to receipt of necessary approvals in this regard, the Shares issued and allotted on Exercise of the Options shall be listed on the Stock Exchange(s) on which the Shares of the Company are listed or proposed to be additionally listed.



**25. Severability**

In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Special Purpose SOP 2025 shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect the other provisions of this Special Purpose SOP 2025, and this Special Purpose SOP 2025 shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been set forth herein, and the Special Purpose SOP 2025 shall be carried out as nearly as possible according to its original intent and terms.

**26. Confidentiality**

26.1 An Option Grantee must keep the details of the Special Purpose SOP 2025 and all other documents in connection thereto strictly confidential and must not disclose the details with any of his peer, colleagues, co-employees or with any employee and/ or associate of the Company or that of its affiliates. In case Option Grantee is found in breach of this confidentiality Clause, the Company has undisputed right to terminate any agreement and all unexercised Options shall stand cancelled immediately. The decision and judgment of the Company regarding breach of this confidentiality Clause shall be final, binding and cannot be questioned by Option Grantee. In case of non-adherence to the provisions of this Clause, the Committee shall have the authority to deal with such cases as it may deem fit.

26.2 On acceptance of the Grant of Option offered by the Company, it shall be deemed that as if the Option Grantee has authorized the Company to disclose information relating to the Option Grantee during the process of implementation of the Plan or while availing any consulting or advisory services thereof or any other incidental services to its officers, professional advisors, agents and consultants on a need to know basis.

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