

# POLICY ON PRESERVATION OF DOCUMENTS AND ARCHIVAL OF DOCUMENTS ON THE WEBSITE OF THE COMPANY



## 1. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this documents to present a high level policy statement for Prakash Steelage Limited (PSL) regarding preservation of its documents in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and in accordance with the provisions of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("LODR").

The policy is intended to define PSL's preservation of documents responsibilities and to provide guidance to the executives and staff working in PSL in making decisions and undertaking other activities that may have an impact on the operations of the Company. It also frame the guidelines for fundamental accountability of PSL to retain and preserve its documents as the basis for communication with a range of external stakeholders.

The policy is framed for the purpose of systematic identification, categorization, maintenance, review, retention and destruction of documents received or created in the course of business. The policy would contain guidelines on how to identify documents that need to be maintained, how long certain documents should be retained, how and when those documents should be disposed of, if no longer needed and how the documents should be accessed and retrieved when they are needed.

This policy has been adopted and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

#### 2. Statutory Mandate

The policy on preservation of documents and archival is mandated by the provisions of regulation 9 of Chapter III of LODR, 2015. Under this regulation, the Company has a strategic objective of ensuring that significant documents are safeguarded and preserved to ensure its longevity of priority documents including its electronic resources.

## 3. Classification of Documents to be preserved / retained

Based on the recommendation of the management of the Company, the Board of Directors have classified the following documents to be retained and preserved for posterity.



Sr.	Particulars	Document
No.		type
1	Documents that need to be preserved / retained permanently	Doc 1
2	Documents that may be preserved / retained for a period of 8 years as	Doc 2
	specified under the Companies Act, 2013 or LODR	
3	Documents to be preserved electronically and archived when necessary	Doc 3
4	Documents that may be required by judicial proceedings and which may	Doc 4
	be destroyed after closure of the legal case	
5	Emails of all employees in the grade M3 (E6) and above for a period of 3	Doc 5
	years	
6	Documents like budget papers etc., which may be retained for less than	Doc 6
	8 years	

#### 4. Principle of Responsibility of Employees for Preservation of Documents

All the Employees in the permanent rolls of the Company are responsible for taking into account the potential impacts on preservation of the documents in their work area and their decision to retain/preserve or destroy documents pertaining to their area. Such policy bestowing responsibility on the Company's employees would immensely help company's litigation preparedness tool helping the Company's and Outside legal counsel to track down documents to handle the legal cases.

#### 5. Periodical Review of the Policy by Top Management

The Policy should be flexible and easy to understand and comply with by all levels of employees. The policy should be reviewed periodically by the Top Management and amendments effected to subject to approval of the Board if and when practical difficulties are encountered. The Top management may also review the policy on document retention to comply with any local, state, central legislations that may be promulgated from time to time.

#### 6. Administration

The Record Retention Schedule approved by the Board of Directors for initial maintenance, retention and disposal schedule for physical records is as given in the annexure.



## 7. Suspension of Record Disposal in the event of Litigation or Claims

In case the Company is served with any notice for request of documents or any employee becomes aware of a governmental investigation or audit concerning PSL India or commencement of any litigation against the Company, such employee shall inform the Top Management and any further disposal of documents shall be suspended until such time as the Top Management with the due advice from the legal counsel determine otherwise. The Top Management in such case shall inform all the employee by mail under "Userlist" of the need to retain the documents and suspension of disposal of the same.

**8.** This policy was approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.



# **APPENDIX**

# **TYPE OF RECORD**

Sr. No.	Particulars
1	Accounting and Finance records including Annual Financial statement
2	Insurance Records
3	Tax records
4	Contracts entered into by the Company including Marketing Contracts
5	Corporate Records including Certificate of Incorporation, Listing Agreement and
	other approvals from other statutory authorities.
6	Legal Files and Records
7	Property Records
8	Payroll Records
9	Pension and retrial related Records
10	Personnel and HR Records
11	Programs & Service Records
12	Sponsorship Projects Records
13	Corporate Social Responsibility Records
14	Correspondence and Internal Memoranda
15	Electronic Documents including email retention and back up
16	Miscellaneous Records



# 1. Accounting and Finance records including Annual Financial statement

Record Type	Retention Period	Document Type
Accounts Payable ledgers and schedules	8 Years	Doc -2
Accounts Receivable ledgers and schedules	8 Years	Doc – 2
Annual Audit Reports and Financial Statements	Permanent	Doc – 1
Annual Audit Records, including work papers	8 years after	Doc - 2
and other documents that related to the audit	completion of audit	
Annual Plans and Budgets	3 years after the	Doc – 6
	budget year is closed	
Bank Statement and Cancelled Cheques	8 years	Doc – 2
Employee Expense Reports	8 years	Doc – 2
General Ledger	Permanent	Doc – 1
Interim Financial Statements	8 years	Doc – 2
Notes Receivable ledgers and schedules	8 years	Doc – 2
Investment Records	Permanent	Doc – 1
Security deposit receipt copies	3 years after	Doc - 6
	termination of the	
	contract	

# Responsibility: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

## 2. Insurance Records

Record Type	<b>Retention Period</b>	Document Type
Annual Loss Summaries	8 Years	Doc -2
Audits and Adjustments	8 Years	Doc – 2
Claim Files (Including correspondence, medical	Permanent	Doc – 1
records, injury documentation, etc.		
Group Insurance Plans – Active Employees	8 years	Doc – 2
Group Insurance Plans - Retirees	Permanent	Doc – 1
Insurance Policies for the Company	Permanent	Doc – 1
Journal Entry Support Data	8 years	Doc – 2
Releases and Settlements	Permanent	Doc - 1

Responsibility: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT



#### 3. Tax records

Record Type	Retention Period	Document Type
Tax-Exemption Documents and related	Permanent	Doc -1
correspondence		
Excise Tax records	Permanent	Doc – 1
Payroll Tax records	8 years	Doc – 2
Tax Bills, Receipts, Statements	8 years	Doc – 2
Tax Returns – Income, Franchise, Property	Permanent	Doc – 1
Tax work paper packages - Originals	8 years	Doc – 2
Sales Tax Records	8 years	Doc – 2
Annual Information Returns – State and	Permanent	Doc – 1
Central		
Service Tax Records	8 years	Doc – 1

**Responsibility: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT** 

# 4. Contracts entered into by the Company including Marketing Records

Record Type	Retention Period	Document Type
Contracts and Related Correspondence	8 years	Doc – 2
(including any proposal that resulted in the		
contract and all other supportive documents		

**Responsibility: LEGAL AND MARKETING DEPARTMENT** 

# 5. Corporate Records including Certificate of Incorporation, Listing Agreement and other approvals from other statutory authorities.

Record Type	Retention Period	Document Type
Corporate Records (certificate of incorporation, commencement of business, listing agreement, common seal, minutes book of board and committees thereof, annual reports originals, etc.)	Permanent	Doc – 1
Licence and Permits, Industrial entrepreneurial Memorandum, and other statutory approvals	Permanent	Doc – 1
ROC Filings and Stock Exchange filings in physical and Electronic form	5 years from the date of filing	Doc – 6

**Responsibility: LEGAL AND SECRETARIAL DEPARTMENT** 



# 6. Legal Files and Records

Record Type	Retention Period	Document Type
Legal Memoranda and Opinions	3 years after the	Doc – 4
	closure of the matter	
Litigation files	1 year after expiration	Doc – 4
	of disposal of the case	
Court Orders	Permanent	Doc – 1

**Responsibility: LEGAL AND SECRETARIAL DEPARTMENT** 

# 7. Property Records

Record Type	Retention Period	Document Type
Correspondence, Property Deeds,	Permanent	Doc – 1
Assessments, Licenses, Rights of Way		
Original Purchase / Sale Deeds	Permanent	Doc – 1
Original Lease Agreements	3 years after	Doc – 6
	expiration of the lease	

Responsibility: LEGAL AND SECRETARIAL DEPARTMENT



# 8. Payroll Records

Record Type	Retention Period	Document Type
Employee Deduction Authorization	3 years after	Doc – 6
	termination of service	
	of employment	
Payroll Deductions	3 years after	Doc – 6
	termination of service	
	of employment	
Labour Distribution Cost Records including	3 years after	Doc – 6
details regarding gratuity and retiral	termination of service	
disbursements	of employment	
Payroll Registers (Gross and Net)	3 years after	Doc – 6
	termination of service	
	of employment	
Time Cards / Sheets	2 years	Doc – 6
Unclaimed Wage Records	3 years	Doc – 6
Leave Records	2 years after the	Doc – 6
	relevant period	

Responsibility: HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

# 9. Pension and retiral related Records

Record Type	<b>Retention Period</b>	Document Type
Retirement and Pension Records	Permanent	Doc – 1

**Responsibility: HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT** 



## 10. Personnel and HR Records

Record Type	Retention Period	Document Type
Personnel Files of individual employees	Permanent	Doc – 1
Commission / Bonuses / Incentives / Awards	8 years	Doc – 2
Employee Earnings Records	3 years after	Doc – 6
	termination of service	
	of employment	
Employee Handbook & Induction Manual	Permanent	Doc – 1
Employee Medical Records	3 years after	Doc – 6
	termination of service	
	of employment	
Attendance records, application forms, job or	3 years after	Doc – 6
promotion records, performance evaluations,	termination of service	
termination papers, test results, training and	of employment	
qualification records, enquiry related papers		
Employment Contracts - Individual	3 years after	Doc – 6
	termination of service	
	of employment	
Correspondence with Employment Agencies	3 years	Doc – 6
and Advertisements for job openings		
Job Description	3 years after	Doc – 6
	superseding the	
	earlier document	

# Responsibility: HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

# 11. Programs & Service Records

Record Type	Retention Period	Document Type
Attendance Records	3 years	Doc – 6
Program statistics, etc,	3 years	Doc – 6
Research & Publications	Permanent	Doc – 1

Responsibility: HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT



## 12. Sponsorship Projects Records

Record Type	Retention Period	Document Type
Sponsorship agreements	Permanent	Doc – 1

**Responsibility: HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT** 

#### 13. Corporate Social Responsibility Records

Record Type	<b>Retention Period</b>	Document Type
Records on CSR Projects(including amount	Permanent	Doc – 1
budgeted, spent and balance if any) projects		
undertaken and progress thereon		

**Responsibility: HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT** 

## 14. Correspondence and Internal Memoranda

#### General Principle:

Most correspondence and internal memoranda should be retained for the same period as the document they pertain to or support. For instance, a letter pertaining to a particular contract would be retained as long as the contract is exist.

- 1. Those pertaining to routine matters and having no significant, lasting consequences should be discarded within two years.
- 2. Those pertaining to non-routine matters or having significant lasting consequences should generally be retained permanently.

**Responsibility: RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT** 



## 15. Electronic Documents including email retention and back up

- **1.** Electronic Mail: Not all email needs to be retained, depending on the subject matters-
  - All e-mail from internal and external sources to be deleted after 24 months.
  - Staff will strive to keep all but an insignificant minority of their email related to business issues.
  - Central I.T team would archive email for six months after the staff has deleted it after which time the email will be permanently deleted.
  - Staff will not store or transfer the Company related emails on non-work related computers except as necessary or appropriate with due approvals from the Central IT team and the respective Managers.
  - Staff will take care not to send confidential / proprietary information to outside sources.
  - Any e-mail that the staff deemed vital to the performance of their job should be copied to the staff's specific folder and/or printed and stored in the employees' workplace.

#### **Document Type: Doc 5**

#### 2. Electronic Documents including PDF files.

#### • PDF documents :

Can be a maximum period of 8 years. But the said document may be destroyed depending upon the completion of the job or its use coming to an end.

#### Text/ Formatted files :

All word / excel / Power point files may be deleted once every year depending on the importance or lack of it.



**Document Type: Doc – 3** 

# 3. Web page files

- May be retained for a period of 5 years as specified in SEBI's LODR Regulations, 2015.
- May be archived by the I.T. department with the support of the service provider for a period of 3 years after the initial period of five years of live page.

**Document Type : Doc – 3** 

Responsibility: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

#### 16. Miscellaneous Records

Record Type	Retention Period	<b>Document Type</b>
Consultant Reports	3 years	Doc – 6
Policy and procedures manuals – Original	Current version with revision history	Doc – 6
Policies and procedures manuals - Copies	Retain current version only	Doc – 6
Dealership agreements	Current version with revision history	Doc - 6
Annual Reports	Permanent	Doc -1

**Responsibility: HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**