

Definition of an Independent Director

An independent director means a director from outside of the Company who is able to protect the interest of all shareholders equally and to monitor the affairs of the Company to ensure that there is no conflict of interest between it and its related parties. An independent director must have all of the following qualifications:

1. holding shares not exceeding one per cent of the total number of shares with voting rights of the company, its parent company, subsidiary company, associate company, major shareholder or controlling person, including shares held by related persons of such independent director;
2. neither being nor used to be an executive director, employee, staff, advisor who receives salary, or controlling person of the company, its parent company, subsidiary company, associate company, same-level subsidiary company, major shareholder or controlling person, unless the foregoing status has ended not less than two years. Such prohibited characteristic shall not include the case where the independent director used to be a government official or advisor of a government unit which is a major shareholder or controlling person of the company;
3. not being a person related by blood or legal registration as father, mother, spouse, sibling, and child, including spouse of child, executive, major shareholder, controlling person, or person to be nominated as executive or controlling person of the company or its subsidiary company;
4. neither having nor used to have a business relationship with the company, its parent company, subsidiary company, associate company, major shareholder or controlling person, in the manner which may interfere with his independent judgement, and neither being nor used to be a significant shareholder or controlling person of any person having a business relationship with the company, its parent company, subsidiary company, associate company, major shareholder or controlling person, unless the foregoing relationship has ended not less than two years.
5. neither being nor used to be an auditor of the company, its parent company, subsidiary company, associate company, major shareholder or controlling person, and not being a significant shareholder, controlling person, or partner of an audit firm which employs auditors of the company, its parent company, subsidiary company, associate company, major shareholder or controlling person, unless the foregoing relationship has ended not less than two years;
6. neither being nor used to be a provider of any professional services including those as legal advisor or financial advisor who receives service fees exceeding two million baht per year from the company, its parent company, subsidiary company, associate company, major shareholder or controlling person, and not being a significant shareholder, controlling person or partner of the provider of professional services, unless the foregoing relationship has ended not less than two years;
7. not being a director appointed as representative of directors of the company, major shareholder or shareholder who is related to major shareholder;
8. not undertaking any business in the same nature and in competition to the business of the company or its subsidiary company or not being a significant partner in a partnership or being an executive director, employee, staff, advisor who receives salary or holding shares exceeding one per cent of the total number of shares with voting rights of other company which undertakes business in the same nature and in competition to the business of the company or its subsidiary company;
9. not having any other characteristics which cause the inability to express independent opinions with regard to the company's business operations.

The Company's definition of an independent director meets the minimum requirements of the SEC or the SET regarding shareholding in the Company, the requirement of no employment as the Company's employee, member of staff, salaried advisor or controlling person, and the requirement relating to the absence of a business relationship.