

## Definition of the Independent Directors

(The definition of the Bank's independent director is indistinguishable to the qualifications prescribed by the Office of Securities and Exchange Commission and the Bank of Thailand.)

Each independent directors of CIMB Thai Bank Public Company Limited ("the Bank") must have qualifications as follow;

- (a) holding shares not exceeding one per cent of the total number of shares with voting rights of the applicant, its parent company, subsidiary company, associate company, major shareholder or controlling person, including shares held by related persons of such independent director.
- (b) neither being nor used to be an executive director, employee, staff, advisor who receives salary, or controlling person of the applicant, 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 prior to the date of filing an application with the Office. 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 applicant.
- (c) 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 applicant or its subsidiary company.
- (d) neither having nor used to have a business relationship with the applicant, 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 applicant, its parent company, subsidiary company, associate company, major shareholder or controlling person, unless the foregoing relationship has ended not less than two years prior to the date of filing an application with the Office.

The term 'business relationship' under the first paragraph shall include any normal business transaction, rental or lease of immovable property, transaction relating to assets or services or granting or receipt of financial assistance through receiving or extending loans, guarantee, providing assets as collateral, and any other similar actions, which result in the applicant or his counterparty being subject to indebtedness payable to the other party in the amount of three percent or more of the net tangible assets of the applicant or twenty million baht or more, whichever is lower. The amount of such indebtedness shall be calculated according to the method for calculation of value of connected transactions under the Notification of the Capital Market Supervisory Board governing rules on connected transactions *mutatis mutandis*. The consideration of such indebtedness shall include indebtedness occurred during the period of one year prior to the date on which the business relationship with the person commences.

- (e) neither being nor used to be an auditor of the applicant, 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 applicant, its parent company, subsidiary company, associate company, major shareholder or controlling person, unless the foregoing relationship has ended not less than two years prior to the date of filing an application with the Office.

- (f) 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 applicant, 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 prior to the date of filing an application with the Office.
- (g) not being a director appointed as representative of directors of the applicant, major shareholder or shareholder who is related to major shareholder.
- (h) not undertaking any business in the same nature and in competition to the business of the applicant 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 applicant or its subsidiary company.
- (i) not having any other characteristics which cause the inability to express independent opinions with regard to the applicant's business operations.

After being appointed as independent director with the qualifications under (a) to (i) of the first paragraph, the independent director may be assigned by the board of directors to take part in the business decisions of the applicant, its parent company, subsidiary company, associate company, same-level subsidiary company, major shareholder or controlling person, provided that such decisions shall be in the form of collective decisions.

The provisions in (b), (d), (e) and (f) of the first paragraph relating to the consideration of qualifications of the applicant's independent directors during the two-year period prior to the date of filing an application with the Office shall be applied to the application filed with the Office from 1 July 2010 onwards.