

# NB DISTRESSED DEBT INVESTMENT FUND LIMITED (the "Company")

## **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

In this document, unless the context requires otherwise:

"**Administrator**" means U.S. Bank Global Fund Services (Guernsey) Limited and U.S. Bank Global Fund Services (Ireland) Limited;

"Board" means the Board of Directors;

"Code" means the AIC Code of Corporate Governance;

"Committee" means the Remuneration Committee;

"**Company Secretary**" means Suntera (Guernsey) Limited; and

"Investment Manager" means Neuberger Berman.

# 1. COMPOSITION AND PROCEDURES

- 1.1 The Committee shall consist of a minimum of two members, comprising a chairman and at least one other member. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board in consultation with the chairman of the Committee. Membership shall be confined to independent non-executive Directors. The chairman of the Board may also serve on the Committee as an additional member if they were considered independent on appointment as chairman.
- 1.2 Only members of the Committee have the right to attend Committee meetings. However, other individuals such as the chairman of the Board, other Directors and senior representatives of the Investment Manager and the Administrator may be invited to attend all or part of any meeting as and when appropriate and necessary.
- 1.3 Care should be taken by the Committee to minimise the risk of any conflict of interest that might be seen to give rise to an unacceptable influence.
- 1.4 The Board shall appoint the Committee chairman who shall be an independent nonexecutive director. In the absence of the Committee chairman and/or an appointed deputy, the remaining members present shall elect one other member present to chairman the meeting. The chairman of the Board shall not be chairman of the Committee.

## 2. SECRETARY

A nominee of the Company Secretary shall act as the Secretary of the Committee and will ensure that the Committee receives information and papers in a timely manner to enable full and proper consideration to be given to issues

### 3. QUORUM

The quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall be two members, provided that a majority of the Directors present are neither present nor resident in the United Kingdom. A duly convened meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers and discretions vested in or exercisable by the Committee.

## 4. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- 4.1 The Committee shall meet not less than once a year and at such other times as Committee chairman shall require. Meetings of the Committee may be held by telephone.
- 4.2 No member of the Committee may be counted in a quorum to discuss his or her own remuneration.

#### 5. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

- 5.1 Any member of the Committee may request that a meeting be convened by the Company Secretary.
- 5.2 Unless otherwise agreed, notice of each meeting confirming the venue, time and date, together with an agenda of items to be discussed, shall be forwarded to each member of the Committee, any other person required to attend and all other non-executive Directors no later than five business days before the date of the meeting. Supporting papers shall be sent to Committee members and to other attendees as appropriate.

#### 6. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- 6.1 The Company Secretary shall minute the proceedings and resolutions of all meetings of the Committee, including recording the names of those present and in attendance. The Company Secretary shall ascertain, at the beginning of each meeting, the existence of any conflicts of interest and minute them accordingly.
- 6.2 Minutes of Committee meetings shall be circulated promptly to the Committee chairman. Once approved, minutes should be circulated to all other members of the board unless, exceptionally, it would be inappropriate to do so.

## 7. ENGAGEMENT WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Committee chairman, or in their absence another member of the Committee, shall attend each annual general meeting of the Company prepared to respond to any shareholder questions on the Committee's activities. In addition, the Committee chairman should seek engagement with shareholders on significant matters related to the Committee's area of responsibility.

## 8. DUTIES

The Committee should carry out the duties below for the Company and its subsidiaries (if any), as appropriate:

- 8.1 To implement a formal and transparent procedure for developing policy for fixing the remuneration packages of individual Directors, and to review the on-going appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy. No director or senior manager shall be involved in any decisions as to their own remuneration outcome.
- 8.2 Have delegated responsibility for determining the policy for directors' remuneration.
- 8.3 To consider each Director's remuneration levels, in conjunction with the chairman, and make appropriate recommendations to the Board.
- 8.4 Obtain reliable, up-to-date information about remuneration in other companies of comparable scale and complexity to help it fulfil its obligations the Committee shall have full authority to appoint remuneration consultants and to commission or purchase any reports, surveys or information which it deems necessary at the expense of the Company but within any budgetary restraints imposed by the Board.
- 8.5 In determining remuneration policy, take into account all other factors which it deems necessary including relevant legal and regulatory requirements, the provisions and recommendations of the Code and associated guidance
- 8.6 Be exclusively responsible for establishing the selection criteria, selecting, appointing and setting the terms of reference for any remuneration consultants who advise the Committee.
- 8.7 To review any increase in responsibilities or expected time commitments of the Directors.
- 8.8 Review the ongoing appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy.
- 8.9 To agree any additional remuneration where Directors are involved in duties beyond those normally expected as part of the Directors' appointment.

- 8.10 To agree the policy for authorising claims for expenses from the Directors.
- 8.11 To work and liaise as necessary with all other Board committees.

### 9. **REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 9.1 After each meeting of the Committee the Committee chairman shall report formally to the Board on its proceedings, on all matters within its duties and responsibilities and on how it has discharged its responsibilities.
- 9.2 The Committee shall make whatever recommendations to the Board it deems appropriate on any area within its remit where action or improvement is needed, and adequate time should be available for Board discussion when necessary.
- 9.3 The Committee shall compile a report on its activities to be included in the Company's annual report in line with the requirements of the Code.
- 9.4 The Committee shall provide, in the annual report, details of the decisions and rationale of the annual review of its service providers and Investment Manager.
- 9.5 Through the chairman of the Board, ensure that the Company maintains contact as required with its principal shareholders regarding remuneration.
- 9.6 The Committee shall ensure that provisions regarding disclosure of information, including pensions, as set out in the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and in the Code, are fulfilled. The Committee shall produce a report on the Company's remuneration policy and practices to be included in the Company's annual report and shall ensure each year that such report is put to shareholders for approval at the AGM. If the Committee has appointed remuneration consultants, the consultants should be identified in the annual report alongside a statement about any other connections it has with the company or individual directors.

#### **10. OTHER MATTERS**

The Committee shall:

- 10.1 have access to sufficient resources in order to carry out its duties, including access to the Administrator for assistance as required;
- 10.2 be provided with appropriate and timely training, both in the form of an induction programme for new members and on an ongoing basis for all members;
- 10.3 give due consideration to laws and regulations, the provisions of the Code and published guidelines or recommendations regarding the remuneration of company

directors the requirements of the FCA's Listing Rules, Prospectus and Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules and any other applicable rules, as appropriate;

- 10.4 oversee any investigation of activities which are within its terms of reference and act as a court of the last resort;
- 10.5 work and liaise as necessary with all other Board committees; and
- 10.6 arrange periodic reviews of its own performance and, at least annually, review its constitution and terms of reference to ensure it is operating at maximum effectiveness, and recommend any changes it considers necessary to the Board for approval.

#### **11. AUTHORITY**

The Committee is authorised by the Board to:

- 11.1 seek any information it requires from the Investment Manager, Administrator, any consultant and/or other service provider of the Company (for example, solicitors, tax advisers, management consultants) in order to perform its duties;
- 11.2 obtain, at the Company's expense, such independent legal or other professional advice as the Committee shall consider, in its discretion, to be appropriate to the exercise of its powers, such discretion at all times limited to the scope and matters contained in these terms of reference;
- 11.3 call the Investment Manager, the Administrator and/or any other service provider of the Company to be questioned and/or consulted at a meeting of the Committee as and when required; and
- 11.4 have the right to publish in the Company's annual report details of any issues that cannot be resolved between the Committee and the Board.

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