

EmbedIT s.r.o.

Basic Principles of Business Conduct and Ethics



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1 Purpose

The purpose of this document "Basic Principles of Business Conduct and Ethics" is to highlight basic principles of the:

- a) Code of Business Conduct and Ethics effective from 1 September 2024, ("Code of Ethics") of EmbedIT s.r.o., with its registered seat at Evropská 2690/17, Dejvice, 160 00 Praha 6, registered in the Commercial Register administered by the Municipal Court in Prague, under file no. C 367199, Id. No. 171 39 708 (the "EIT" or the "Company")
- b) Group Conflict of Interests Policy.

The EIT Code of Ethics has been approved by the CEO as an EIT Executive Director. The Group Conflict of Interests Policy has been adopted by the EIT by decision of EIT executive directors. Both are binding for all Staff of the Company.

EmbedIT, as a member of the Home Credit Group (hereinafter "**Group**") maintains reputation of conducting its business activities in the highest ethical and professional manner. Reputation and integrity belong to Group's most important assets and are instrumental in its business success.

The EIT **Code of Ethics** states fundamental principles, rules and values of EIT that must be complied with by each person working at all levels of EIT, including, without limitations, all full-time and part-time employees, executive directors, officers, directors, senior managers, consultants, contractors or any other third parties acting on behalf of EIT or performing any services for or on behalf of EIT in a position similar to that of employees (together as the "**Staff**") during their day-to-day activities. The EIT Code of Ethics also sets out a framework within which all other internal regulations of EIT shall be interpreted, provides guidance and sets common ethical standards to promote consistency in behaviour across all levels of Staff.

The purpose of the EIT Code of Ethics is to promote honest, ethical and professional business conduct and to ensure compliance with laws, regulations, rules and related self-regulatory standards in order to protect the business and reputation of EIT as well as the best interest of its shareholders, customers, and other stakeholders.

The list of rules in the EIT Code of Ethics is not and cannot be exhaustive. In matters, situations, and relationships not expressly covered by the Code of Ethics, EIT and its Staff are obliged to act and behave in accordance with the principles and objectives of the EIT Code of Ethics, legal regulations, international policies, good morals, rules of ethics, and fair commercial conduct in order to maintain and develop the goodwill and reputation of EIT and the Group.

2 Company Values and Compliance

EIT is highly committed to respecting and complying with legal regulations, international treaties and also fundamental moral principles and fair commercial conduct. This applies to all areas of EIT business and activities and in relation to all third parties, public authorities, and also all its Staff.

EIT respects national legal orders of those countries where it operates or any territories which may be affected or influenced by activities or conduct of EIT. EIT also respects international treaties and agreements and any undertakings or obligations implied by them for EIT.

Within each of their acts on behalf of EIT, its activities, or for its benefit, the Staff are obliged to comply with and respect the relevant legal regulations and standards and to represent EIT and the PPF Group through their behaviour to preserve their goodwill and reputation and not to give rise to any doubts concerning the



activities of EIT and the PPF Group. Also, in their private activities, the Staff act only and strictly in accordance with the values and rules outlined in the EIT Code of Ethics to avoid harming EIT or the PPF Group or their goodwill and reputation.

EIT strictly condemns and rejects any delict conduct or any behaviour or activity that is not in accordance with legal regulations or the EIT Code of Ethics. EIT and its Staff are bound to refrain from any conduct or activities which might be found delict in terms of the public law and regulations, and thus might be regarded as a criminal offence, administrative offence or infraction.

If in doubt regarding the application of laws and regulations to their conduct/activities, the Staff are obliged to consult the matter with their Business Line Manager, Compliance or the PPF Group Legal Department always in accordance and within the meaning of an EIT Internal Guideline designated as the Rules for Handling Notifications under the Code of Ethics. In order to avoid any delict conduct by the Staff, and to ensure that all relevant persons have a thorough knowledge of the Corporate Compliance requirements, obligatory training is provided to the Staff on a regular basis.

At the same time, all organizations face the risk of things going wrong, or of unknowingly harbouring illegal or unethical conduct. A culture of openness and accountability is essential in order to prevent such situations occurring or to address them when they do occur. The aim of the EIT Code of Ethics is also to encourage the Staff to report suspected wrongdoing as soon as possible, in the knowledge that the Staff concerns will be taken seriously and investigated as appropriate, that their confidentiality will be respected, and that they will be protected from retaliatory actions.

3 Basic Rules for Third-Party Relationships

Third-party relationships include, however, not exclusively, the relationships between EIT and public authorities, business partners, suppliers, customers, potential customers, media, and the public – i.e. any relationship that involves EIT or a Staff acting on behalf of EIT, within its activities or to its benefit, and that also affects any third party.

EIT does not tolerate and strictly rejects any match fixing of its economic results for any purpose.

3.1 Acquiring and Promoting Business and Professional Ethical Conduct

The Staff are required to carry out their professional duties in line with "good manners" and with respect to EIT's and Group's ethics principles including the respect and dignity to all colleagues, customers, and other individuals.

The Group seeks to outperform its competition fairly and honestly. The Group seeks competitive advantages through superior performance, not through unethical or illegal business practices. Indeed, all the Staff are expected to exhibit the Group's shared value of integrity. The EIT's officers and directors have ultimate responsibility for setting the direction and tone of the EIT's internal regulations and practices in line with this shared value of integrity.

The Staff shall carry out their responsibilities honestly, in good faith and with integrity, as well as behave with due care, competence, prudence and diligence, exercising their best independent judgment at all times.

The most productive environment is that where the Staff are valued and treated with respect and dignity and where there is no unethical behaviour. Ethical behaviour encompasses the concepts of honesty, integrity, probity, diligence, fairness, trust, respect, consistency, and privacy. It includes avoiding conflicts whenever possible, and not making improper use of an individual's position or of



someone else's work without proper acknowledgement. Nobody should be forced to listen to bad language or insults or be belittled in front of others in any way.

3.2 Relationships with Public Authorities

EIT cooperates with public authorities openly, transparently, and according to all relevant rules. All legally effective decisions and binding instructions of public authorities must be fully respected.

EIT and its Staff never and under no circumstances attempt to illegally influence decisions or procedures of public authorities. Any potential attempts in this regard are absolutely rejected and not tolerated by EIT.

EIT and its Staff are bound to refrain from any acts or activities which might give rise to any doubts about the nature of their relationships with persons acting on behalf of public authorities, in particular when such officials decide about awarding contracts.

EIT and its Staff are obliged to comply with all applicable laws when cooperating with public authorities. EIT and its Staff must provide public authorities with accurate, true, and up-to-date information and supporting documents as required.

3.3 Relationships with Business Partners, Suppliers and Customers

EIT has an interest in free development of markets where it operates.

When dealing with business partners, suppliers and customers, EIT and its Staff must always comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

In their relationships with business partners, suppliers, and customers, EIT and its Staff provide only true, complete and accurate information. In particular, the Staff are obliged to provide true information on performance and results generated by EIT and the PPF Group and any other information relevant to a decision of a supplier or business partner, and not to conceal any decisive circumstances. The provisions of clause Disclosure of Information and Provision of Information to Media and clause Confidentiality are without prejudice to the previous sentence.

Before entering into a transaction on behalf of EIT, the respective Staff are obliged to (i) learn and follow all relevant laws and regulations and (ii) make sure, within their means, that the potential business partner is not involved in any illegal activity and its financial resources are legal and that concluding the transaction would not be in contradiction to the provisions of clause Restrictive Measures and Other International Sanctions.

The Staff obtain information on competitors and customers only in a manner that complies with legal regulations and from legal sources. Within their activities, EIT and its Staff never knowingly state untrue or distorted information on competitors, their products and services.

The Staff are prohibited from entering into agreements on behalf of EIT with competitors whether oral, written or implied, formal or informal, in relation to any aspects of competition, namely concerning price, sales terms, product range, preferential product or service supply conditions or any agreements which could have prohibiting impacts on competition.

The Staff must avoid any act that could be assessed as an attempt of EIT to achieve an unjustified advantage in an award of a public contract in a public tender or a public auction, or of affecting their course.



3.4 Prevention of Corrupt Practices

3.4.1 Bribe and General Restrictions

EIT absolutely rejects and the Staff shall refrain from any act, directly or indirectly, of receiving, providing, offering, or promising of unfair benefit, unauthorized performance or performance without legal grounds, regardless of form or manner of providing such benefit or performance in order to gain any commercial, contractual, regulatory or personal advantage (hereinafter referred to as a "**Bribe**").

Any cash or non-cash performance provided directly or indirectly, the goal of which is to generate profit or maintain business in other manner than through own economic performance, influence a business or other decision, and/or arrange an unfair benefit are deemed to be a Bribe.

If a Staff member is asked to make a payment on EIT's behalf, the Staff member should always be mindful of what the payment is for and whether the amount requested is proportionate to the goods or services provided. The Staff should always ask for a receipt which details the reason for the payment. If the Staff has any suspicions, concerns or queries regarding a payment, the Staff should raise these with a member of compliance, Head of Group Compliance or Group Chief Legal&Compliance Officer (hereinafter referred as "CLCO").

Prior to giving or receiving a gift or any other performance (e.g., payment for services), the Staff are obliged to learn the relevant rules of legal regulations, internal regulations of EIT and the applicable and available internal regulations of the business partner, or the relevant cultural and social conventions.

The Staff must take extra care when interacting with public officials and their Family Members to avoid even appearance of impropriety.

3.4.2 What is Not Acceptable regarding Gifts and Hospitalities

It is not acceptable for the Staff (or someone on Staff's behalf) to:

- give, promise to give, or offer, a payment, gift or hospitality with the expectation or hope that a business advantage will be received, or to reward a business advantage already given;
- give, promise to give, or offer, a payment, gift or hospitality to a Public Official, agent or representative to "facilitate" or expedite a routine procedure;
- accept payment from a third party knowing or suspecting that it is being offered with the expectation that it will obtain a business advantage for them;
- accept a gift or hospitality from a third party if the Staff knows or suspects that it is
 offered or provided with an expectation that a business advantage will be provided by
 EIT or Group in return;
- threaten or retaliate against another Staff who has refused to commit a bribery offence or who has raised concerns under the EIT Code of Ethics; or
- engage in any activity that might lead to a breach of the EIT Code of Ethics.

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3.4.3 What Is Not Bribe

It is not deemed to be a Bribe if: a gift is received or given in accordance with standard market practice in order to promote or support the goodwill of EIT or Group; its giving is not related to illegal or unethical acts; the character, value, and frequency of giving such a gift is not inappropriate in view of the relevant circumstances.

3.4.4 Gifts, Hospitality, Donations

The EIT Code of Ethics does not prohibit normal and appropriate gifts and hospitality (including meals and entertainment), whether given or received, to or from third parties.

The giving or receipt of gifts is not prohibited, if the following requirements are met:

- it is not made with the intention of influencing a third party to obtain or retain business or a business advantage, or to reward the provision or retention of business or a business advantage, or in explicit or implicit exchange for favours or benefits;
- it is appropriate in the circumstances, it is in good faith and it complies with law;
- it is given in EIT's name, not in Staff's name;
- it does not include cash or a cash equivalent (such as gift certificates or vouchers);
- taking into account the reason for the gift/hospitality, it is of an appropriate type and value and given at an appropriate time;
- it is given or received openly, not secretly;
- it is reasonable, proportionate and for legitimate business purpose;
- its giving or receipt does not give rise to conflict of interests;
- its giving or acceptance does not jeopardise the impartiality and integrity in business relationships;
- gifts should not be offered to, or accepted from, government officials or representatives, or politicians or political parties, without the prior approval by Group CLCO;
- the Company may host meals and receptions for third parties and their respective representatives, provide that appropriate Staff are present, the venue is not inappropriate and meal or reception is directly related to the promotion or explanation of the company's business /services;
- the Staff shall not provide gifts, entertainment, meals, travel or accommodations to any Family Members or guests of any Public Official, unless approved in advance in writing by Head of Group Compliance and confirmed by the Group CLCO.

Provision of a gift or other performance above certain value must be approved in advance by approval authorities as specified in the EIT Code of Ethics.

All requests for charitable contributions and sponsorship (donations) above certain value must be approved in advance by approval authorities as specified in the EIT Code of Ethics.

EIT does not make contributions to political parties, political organisations, or independent candidates. EIT respects the right of the Staff to make personal contributions, provided they



are not made in any way to obtain advantage in a business transaction. Contributions to political parties or candidates by the Staff, acting solely in their personal capacities, may not involve the use of any Company funds or office space and must be made in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

EIT only makes charitable donations that are legal and ethical under local laws and practices. The Staff can make charitable contributions or sponsorships on behalf of, or in the name of EIT only for bona fide charitable, educational, humanitarian, non-profitable or cultural purposes. Charitable contributions or sponsorships should never be used as a substitute for political contributions.

3.4.5 Records Keeping

The Staff must keep written record of all gifts and hospitality accepted or offered above certain value specified in the EIT Code of Ethics and send this written record to an email specified in the EIT Code of Ethics within 5 working days from the acceptance or provision of the gift or hospitality at the latest.

3.4.6 Notification Duty

All Staff are obliged to inform the relevant Business Line Manager of any attempt of a third party to influence their activities, attitudes, or decision within EIT or Group. Staff are also obliged to notify his or her Business Line Manager or also Compliance or the PPF Group Legal Department of any actual or potential conduct which is corruptive by nature.

Staff are encouraged to raise concerns about any issue or suspicion of malpractice at the earliest possible stage. Any uncertainties as whether a particular act constitutes bribery or corruption, or any other queries, should be raised with Compliance, Head of Group Compliance, or Group CLCO.

The Group CLCO can be contacted at notification channels described in the EIT Code of Ethics.

3.5 Anti-money Laundering Measures

Money laundering is a process through which profits from illicit activities are actively hidden, a process based on which it is impossible to find sources of such profits and their beneficial owner, or a process through which characteristics of those profits are changed so that they appear to be legal profits.

EIT and its Staff strictly comply with all legal regulations related to anti-money laundering, fighting financing any illegal activities, and combating terrorism and support of terrorism.

EIT cooperates only with business partners, suppliers and customers whose business plans are, according to knowledge of EIT and its Staff, financed from legal sources. Within their means, the Staff are obliged to verify whether activities of a business partner are legal and whether funds of such a business partner originate from legal sources. For this purpose, the Staff collect and maintain documents and information related to business partners and transactions performed.

During any transfer of assets performed by EIT within its activities or interest, the relevant Staff member is obliged to duly designate the recipient of performance and the purpose of performance provided. All transfers of assets performed by EIT within its activities must be duly recorded in the relevant documentation.



3.6 Restrictive Measures and Other International Sanctions

EIT and its Staff follow international restrictive measures issued, in particular, by EU, U.S. or U.N., by which international community aims to achieve that certain states and/or other entities (persons) presenting a threat to international peace and security change their conduct without the use of force so that their behaviour no longer threatens international peace and security (hereinafter referred to as the "Sanctions").

As a precaution EIT acts so as not to unreasonably expose itself, directly or indirectly, at risk of breach of the Sanctions.

EIT, through the Compliance, maximizes its best effort in the process of monitoring Sanctions and related risks for EIT. EIT adopts and implements measures and procedures which are necessary to prevent and avoid risks relating to the breach of the Sanctions.

If the Staff member is aware of any risk relating to the Sanctions or has any suspicion about it, even if it is only hypothetical risk, she or he is obliged to notify her or his Business Line Manager or also Compliance or also the PPF Group Legal Department.

3.7 Disclosure of Information and Provision of Information to Media

EIT duly and in timely manner discloses information as required by applicable laws. Other information is disclosed by EIT based on the principle of openness to the extent that is deemed to be appropriate in the particular situation. Information disclosed by EIT should always be accurate, true, and verified.

The Staff are not entitled to provide media with any information on EIT and/or the PPF Group, or to disclose such information through any communication instruments, including social networks.

Information is provided to media solely by the Staff who are authorized to communicate to media on behalf of EIT or the PPF Group.

If the Staff member is requested to provide any information or statement to the media with respect to or on behalf of EIT and/or the PPF Group, their activities and cooperation with business partners, she or he is obliged to inform the Business Line Manager and the PR team.

3.8 Basic Rules for Internal Relations

Internal relations mean, in particular, relationships between EIT and its Staff and relationships between the Staff themselves.

EIT and its Staff comply with applicable legal and internal regulations affecting internal relationships in EIT and relationships between the Staff. EIT does not allow any form of discrimination of the Staff, not even in relation to work allocation and remuneration. All Managers are obliged to comply with these principles in relation to the Staff.

EIT does not allow any form of harassment, intimidation, forced labour, or illegal labour.

Managers are obliged to make sure that their subordinated Staff are duly informed, qualified and professionally trained, and that the Staff take part in trainings regarding the Code of Ethics.

EIT respects privacy of its Staff and request its Staff to respect each other in general and to respect the privacy of each other as much as possible. In particular, it is prohibited to talk inappropriately, offensively, or pejoratively about other Staff, or to harass, intimidate, or humiliate them verbally or physically.



It is prohibited to discriminate the Staff who pointed out to a potential breach by filing a Submission or who made any other proposal for the improvement of EIT activities and processes.

4 Safety at Work

Safety at work and protection of health of the Staff is one of the EIT priorities. EIT and the Staff ensure that all legal and internal regulations relating to safety at work are complied with and thoroughly prevent damage and harm caused by breaching such regulations. Managers and the Staff thoroughly eliminate potential risks related to employment activities.

EIT adopts appropriate preventive, security measures in order to protect health of the Staff, and these are updated as necessary. For this purpose, EIT also arranges suitable courses, trainings and tests for the Staff relating to safety at work.

EIT accepts proposals from the Staff to increase the level of safety at work and protection of health at work, processes and evaluates such proposals, and, if justified, adopts relevant measures. Every Staff is entitled to file the Submission under the previous sentence.

If the Staff member suspects that legal regulations relating to safety at work have been breached or might be breached, the Staff is obliged to notify the relevant Business Line Manager or/and Compliance function or/and the PPF Group Legal Department.

5 Confidentiality

EIT is committed to protect its own sensitive and confidential information, as well as any other information on its Staff, business partners, suppliers and customers.

Generally, Staff must maintain the confidentiality of information entrusted to them by EIT, the Group or its customers, except when disclosure is authorized by the Compliance function or required by laws or regulations. The obligation to preserve confidential information continues even after the Staff leaves EIT.

Confidential information includes all non-public information, in particular that information that might be of use to competitors, or harmful to EIT or to the Group or their customers, if disclosed. It includes information which the customers and other parties have entrusted to EIT.

All the Staff shall sign a confidentiality policy within their employment contract which sets forth specific obligations regarding confidential information. Any questions regarding such policy or other issues relating to confidential information should be directed to the Legal function.

Key principles for data protection within the Group are stipulated in the Group Information Security Policy.

When performing their activities and while discussing business transactions, Staff may communicate to third parties only strictly the necessary and relevant information. Staff must ensure that in relation to third parties they make such third party obliged to maintain confidentiality concerning any communicated information.

If the Staff member suspects that sensitive or confidential information has been disclosed or misused, or that such a disclosure or misuse is impending, the Staff is obliged to notify the relevant Business Line Manager or/and Compliance or/and the PPF Group Legal Department.





6 Personal Data Protection

The key rules, principles and procedures for personal data protection are set forth in the Group policy titled Group Personal Data Protection Framework.

Personal data mean any information obtained by EIT and relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (Personal Data subject) such as Staff, business partners, customers or any other data subject; an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly.

EIT and its Staff thoroughly comply with all regulations related to the personal data protection. Every Staff is obliged to thoroughly protect all personal data she or he has learned in her or his activities and provide such data exclusively to persons entitled pursuant to the relevant legal regulation or written consent of the relevant person.

If the Staff member suspects that personal data has been disclosed or misused, or that such a disclosure or misuse is impending, the Staff member is obliged to notify without undue delay the data protection officer, the relevant Business Line Manager, or/and Compliance or/and the PPF Group Legal Department.

7 Intellectual Property Protection

EIT and its Staff thoroughly protect intellectual property rights and comply with all legal regulations and international treaties affecting this area.

All Staff are obliged to protect intellectual property rights owned by EIT.

All Staff are obliged to respect copyright of other entities and always ensure that they are entitled to use the certain work.

If the Staff member suspects that intellectual property rights have been misused or could be misused, the Staff member is obliged to notify without undue delay the relevant Business Line Manager or/and Compliance or/and the PPF Group Legal Department.

8 Protection and Proper Use of EIT's Assets

The Staff should endeavour to protect the EIT's assets and ensure their efficient use. Theft, carelessness, and waste have a direct impact on the EIT's profitability. Any suspected incident of fraud or theft should be immediately reported to the Staff's Business Line Manager or the Compliance function for investigation. The EIT technology, equipment or other resources should not be used for any non-EIT business, though incidental personal use may be permitted.

The obligation of the Staff to protect the EIT's assets includes its proprietary information. Proprietary information includes intellectual property such as trade secrets, patents, trademarks, and copyrights, as well as business, marketing and service plans, engineering and manufacturing ideas, systems, software programs, designs, databases (including customer and business partners databases), records, salary information and any unpublished financial data and reports.

Unauthorized use or distribution of the proprietary information would violate the Code of Ethics, and it could also be illegal and result in civil and/or criminal penalties.

9 Written Records and Record Keeping

EIT requires honest and accurate recording and reporting of information in order to conduct its business and to make responsible business decisions. Generally, all of EIT's books, records, accounts and financial



statements must be maintained in reasonable detail, must appropriately reflect the Company's transactions and must conform both to applicable legal requirements and to EIT's system of internal controls.

Business records and communications often become public, and the Staff must avoid exaggeration, derogatory remarks, guesswork, or inappropriate characterizations of people and companies that can be misunderstood. This applies equally to e-mails, internal memos, and formal reports. Records should always be retained or destroyed according to the EIT's record retention internal regulations. Finally, in the event of litigation or governmental investigations, Staff must consult the Compliance regarding any specific record-keeping requirements or obligations.

10 Environmental Protection

EIT is fully aware of its environmental responsibility and strictly complies with all applicable legal regulations related to environmental protection.

EIT regularly analyses the effects of its activities on environment and adopts corresponding measures for its protection. EIT regularly updates on these measures.

EIT minimizes the use of toxic or other hazardous substances and materials within its activities and provides for the proper handling with toxic or other hazardous substances and materials. EIT attempts to use only procedures and technology that are environmentally friendly.

If a Staff member notices any fact or event in its workplace which might have a negative effect on the environment, the Staff member is obliged to notify without undue delay the relevant Business Line Manager or/and Compliance function or/and the PPF Group Legal Department.

11 Whistleblowing

11.1 What Can Be Reported?

The Company has established an internal whistleblowing system in accordance with the Whistleblowing Act under which the following concerns can be reported by the person defined in clause Who Can Report:

- a) criminal activity;
- b) offence subject to sanctions above CZK 100,000;
- c) breach of the Whistleblowing Act; or
- d) breach of other EU law in the following areas:
 - financial and auditing services, financial products and markets;
 - corporate income tax;
 - prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing;
 - consumer protection;
 - product safety and compliance;
 - transport safety;
 - · environmental protection,



- food and feed safety, animal health and welfare;
- radiation protection and nuclear safety;
- public health;
- protection of privacy and personal data, and security of network and information systems;
- financial interests of the European Union as referred to in Article 325 TFEU (Treaty on Functioning of European Union); and
- public procurement, breaches relating to the internal market, competition, and state aid rules.

A list of 'red flag' activities that might be grounds for whistleblowing concerns is included in Annex 2 of the EIT Code of Ethics.

11.2 Who Can Report?

Whistleblowing reports may be filed by persons who are Employees of EIT, or execute similar activity for the Company, including the members of corporate bodies, job applicants, trainees, or former employees ("Whistleblower").

Company taking advantage of Section 9 (2)(a) of the Whistleblowing Act decided that Whistleblowing reports protected by the Whistleblowing Act cannot be submitted by persons who provide their services to EIT based on contracts on provision of supplies, services, construction works or other similar performance according to Section (2)(3)(j) of the Whistleblowing Act. Those persons can notify the Company about its concerns submitting a Submission in line with clause Notification Outside Whistleblowing Channels.

11.3 How to Report?

Whistleblowing Reports may be filed via one of the following channels:

- e/mail: whistleblowing@embedit.com;
- phone: +420 725 193 553;
- in person (no later than 14 days from the request of the Whistleblower);
- in writing at the address EmbedIT s.r.o., Evropská 17, 160 00 Praha, attn. to Roman Loučka;
- through the relevant department of Ministry of Justice.

11.4 Nominated Persons

The following are the persons nominated by EIT to receive and investigate Whistleblowing Reports in line with the EIT Code of Ethics and the Whistleblowing Act:

- a) Martin Šeda, Group CLCO;
- b) Dušan Malota, Chief Administrative Officer; and
- c) Roman Loučka, Senior Compliance Manager

(the "Nominated Persons").



Nominated Persons are appointed and dismissed by a resolution of executive director/s. If necessary, Nominated Persons may be appointed on ad hoc basis for handling particular case.

11.5 Whistleblower's Protection Rules

Whistleblowing Report made via phone can be recorded with the consent of the Whistleblower.

At any personal meeting related to whistleblowing, the Whistleblower may request to be accompanied by another employee. Both however, must respect the principle of confidentiality. Brief meeting minutes will be taken by the Nominated Person and copy will be given to the Whistleblower.

Within 7 days after filing the Whistleblowing Report, the Whistleblower, if not anonymous, will be informed on the receipt of the report by a Nominated Person. The Nominated Person may, as part of the information gathering process, request supporting documents from other departments and from the Whistleblower; such documents will form part of the investigation file. The Nominated Person will assess the reasonableness of the report and inform the Whistleblower within 30 days about the results of his or her assessment and on the adoption of appropriate remedial or preventive actions. In complicated cases, the deadline can be extended by additional 30 days, but no more than twice. In case the Whistleblowing Report is not found reasonable, the Nominated Person will notify the Whistleblower thereon and he or she may then lodge a notification with a relevant public authority.

Whistleblowing Reports will be held strictly confidential and no personal information on the Whistleblower will be disclosed or shared except between the Nominated Persons for the purpose of investigation of the reported whistleblowing concern. Whistleblowers are protected from any retaliatory actions. However, protection to anonymous Whistleblowers cannot be provided until the identity of such Whistleblower is revealed and such anonymous notification will be investigated in the regime under clause Notification Outside Whistleblowing Channels.

The protection cannot be provided to persons who submit Whistleblowing Report under knowingly false or untrue facts. Such submission is an administrative offence which can be subject to a legal fine up to CZK 50,000.

Public disclosure of a Whistleblowing Report should be the last resort channel and should be made only in case that appropriate action has not been taken in response to a reported Whistleblowing Report, public disclosure is necessary to avoid an immediate or obvious threat to the public interest, or, if an external reporting channel is used, there is a risk of retaliation taking into account the special circumstances of the case.

12 Notification Outside Whistleblowing Channels

In addition to the whistleblowing channels described in clause Whistleblowing, the following channels can be used for submitting Submissions (as defined below):

- ethics e-mail sent to <u>whistleblowing@embedit.com</u>;
- via PPF FH Group: (i) personal notification to a Staff of the PPF FH Group Legal Department, or (ii) web interface at https://etickalinka.ppf.eu/default.aspx.

These channels are intended for:

 any member of the Staff and any other third parties, including persons who provide their services to the Company based on contracts on provision of supplies, services, construction works, or other similar performance, and including, for example, their Family Members (the "Complainant") and/or



 concerns outside the scope described in clause Whistleblowing above, for example failure to act in accordance with good morals or fair commercial conduct, or breach of internal rules and procedures of apparently lesser intensity or impact

("Submissions").

In case of uncertainty as to which channel to use, i.e. whether to use the whistleblowing channels under the preceding clause Whistleblowing or to file a Submission under clause Notification Outside Whistleblowing Channels, the notifier may use any of the whistleblowing channels and will be informed by Nominated Person in what regime his or her notification will be investigated.

EIT will process all Submissions regardless of the Complainant and the nature of their filing. Filing the Submission is not sanctioned by EIT in any manner and the Staff will not suffer demotion, penalty, or other disciplinary action for reporting. However, knowingly untrue or vexatious Submissions will not be tolerated.

An Internal Guideline may be issued and developed by the Chief Administrative Officer to provide guidance procedure applied to the internal processing of the Submissions (Guideline titled Rules for Handling Notifications under the Code of Ethics).

If the Complainant is not satisfied with the way in which his or her reported concern has been handled, he or she can raise it with the CEO or Group CEO.

Group CLCO reports the status and outcome of all investigations initiated by Submission to the CEO and to the Group CEO on quarterly basis. Group CLCO also reports to the HCNV BoD and to the CEO and to the Group CEO all major violations of the EIT Code of Ethics or the internal regulations and procedures referenced herein even if identified not through a Submission.

13 Conflict of Interests

Group Conflict of Interests Policy fully applicable to EIT with the aim to ensure that the actual, perceived, and potential conflicts of interests of the EIT and the private interests of the Staff are effectively identified, assessed, managed, and mitigated or prevented defines:

- 1. What is considered as a conflict of interest using examples and relationships in which conflict of interests may arise,
- 2. Approach to conflicts management and required organizational arrangements, procedures and measures,
- 3. Responsibilities and obligations of the Staff, superiors, senior management and members of management body in relation to conflict of interests and their management,
- 4. Escalation procedures.