Profile of Board of Directors

Dr Palani G Periasamy, M.A., M.A., Ph. D - Chairman

Dr Palani G Periasamy was a US based Non-Resident Indian. He obtained his Masters in Economics from University of Madras in 1962, Masters in Economic from University of Pittsburgh, USA in 1969 and Doctorate in Advanced Micro / Macro Economics from the University of Pittsburgh, USA in 1972. He was Professor of Economics in University of Pittsburgh, Baltimore, U.S.A. He was tenured as a Professor of Economics and Director of the Graduate School of Management at the University of Baltimore, Maryland, USA from 1974 – 1987.

He was the Managing General Partner of Port Charlotte Inn Limited (Ramada Inn), Village Commons Shopping Centre, Chelsea Square Apartments and Transamerican Investors and Mid-Atlantic associates in USA. He was also Member, Board of Governors, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai. He had over the years held various positions including Member, American Economic Association, Member, Eastern Economic Association, Member, Atlantic Economic Society and Member, Society of Government Economists.

He was Chairman, University Committee, School of Business 1979-80 and was President of Chesapeake Association of Economic Educators, USA. He was also the first Non-US President of the Association. He had been conferred with various awards, principal among them being "Outstanding Educator of America" award for two consecutive years in 1975 and 1976 and the "National Unity Award 1993" from the All India National Unity Conference, New Delhi. He is President of PGP International Inc. U.S.A Since 1987, Dr Palani G Periasamy has been managing the activities of the PGP Group in India. He is also Chairman of several Public Companies including Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Limited & Dharani Finance Limited. He is also the President of PGP Educational and Welfare Society which is actively engaged in the field of education having set up Engineering as well as Science & Arts Colleges, Schools and Polytechnic. He was President of South Indian Sugar Manufacturers Association. He is also the Vice President of South Indian Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Visalakshi Periasamy, Vice Chairman

She is a resident of United States. She was appointed as Managing Director of Appu Hotels Ltd from 20.01.1995 and is now the Company's vice – Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer. She is on the Board of Directors of Dharani Finance Limited. She is a Para Medical Specialist by Profession. She was working as Senior Medical Technologist in John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, USA. She was also a Director in PGP International, an organization which had been managing Hotel under franchise from Ramada Inn in USA and also managing various properties and shopping complexes in USA.

Mr. A. Sennimalai, M.Sc., MBA, Managing Director

He was the Joint Managing Director from August 1998 and associated with the PGP Group of Companies for the last 25 years assisting the Chairman in his entrepreneurial endeavor. He holds a Master in Management. He is a Director in Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Limited. His association with the Company dates back from inception and is more than two decades now. He was actively involved in the execution of the Hotel Projects both at Chennai and Coimbatore. He was earlier the Managing Director of Dharani Cements Ltd.

Dr. V. Janakiraman, M.B.B.S., A.B.I.M., Director

He is a Non-Resident Indian from U.S.A. He is a Committee Member of PGP International Inc., U.S.A. He is a leading practitioner in Cardiology at various hospitals in Pittsburgh, U.S.A. He is a Director of the Company since 1996. Also an investor in the Company from the beginning.

Mr. K. Kandasamy, B.A., B.L., MBA, Director

He was appointed to the Board effective from 27.12.97. He has considerable experience in administration. He is now the Managing Director of Dharani Finance Limited.

Dr. M. C. Thirumoorthi, M.B.B.S., F.A.A.P. USA

Dr M C Thirumoorthi aged 71 years is a Non-Resident Indian based in U.S.A. He is presently Professor of Paediatrics at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan. He is also a Director in Kovai Medical Centre & Hospital Limited, Coimbatore. He was appointed as Director of Appu Hotels Limited in the year 1992. He has been associated with Dr Palani G Periasamy for long in U.S.A and is a Director of PGP International Inc., U.S.A.

Dr. Muthayipalayam Thirumoorthi is a Paediatric Infectious Disease specialist in Detroit, Michigan and is affiliated with St. John Hospital and Medical Center. He received his medical degree from Stanley Medical College SMC. Chennai and has been in practice for more than 30 years. Dr. Thirumoorthi accepts several types of health insurance. He is one of the 3 doctors at St. John Hospital and Medical Center who specialize in Paediatric Infectious Disease.

Ms Ananthi Periasamy, Director

Ms Ananthi Periasamy a Non Resident Indian possesses requisite knowledge, experience and skill for the position of Director. She is 38 years old and is a graduate B.A in Business Administration with Specialization in Management and Finance. She was appointed to the Board with effect from 4th November 2016. She is the daughter of Dr. Palani G Periasamy, Chairman and Mrs Visalakshi Periasamy Executive Vice Chairman.

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