

Definition of Independent Director

The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) require the Board of Directors of a listed company to have at least three independent directors while a sub-committee shall consist of independent directors. A company however may impose more qualifications of independent directors than those determined by the SET and the SEC.

The Company has required its independent directors to remain independent from major shareholders, executives and relevant parties or non-executive directors, the qualifications of which are as follows.

Qualifications of TFD's independent director

1. Holds shares not exceeding 1% of the total shares with voting right of the applicant, its parent company, subsidiaries, associates, major shareholders, and controlling parties of the applicant, provided that the shares held by the related parties of such independent director shall be included.
2. Not or has never been an executive director, employee, staff, advisor who receives salary, nor controlling parties of the applicant, its parent company, subsidiaries, associates, same-level subsidiaries, major shareholders, or controlling parties of the applicant unless the foregoing status ended at least 2 years prior to the date of submitting the application to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), provided that such prohibition shall not include the case that such independent director has ever been official or advisor of the government sector that is the major shareholder or controlling party of the applicant.
3. Not the person who has relationship by means of descent or legal registration under the status of father, mother, spouse, brothers and sisters, and children. The prohibitive persons also include spouses of daughters and sons of management, major shareholders, controlling party or the person who is in the process of nomination to be the management or controlling party of the applicant or its subsidiary.
4. Have no or never had business relationship with the applicant, its parent company, subsidiaries, associates, major shareholders, or controlling parties of the applicant in respect of holding the power which may cause the obstacle of the independent decision, including not being or never been the significant shareholder, or controlling parties of any person having business relationship with the applicant, its parent company, subsidiaries, associates, major shareholders, or controlling parties of the applicant unless the foregoing status ended at least 2 years prior to the date of submitting the application to the SEC.

The business relationship mentioned under the first paragraph shall include business transaction in ordinary business manner of rent, or lease the immovable property, transaction related to assets or services, or the financial support regardless of being lent or borrowed, guaranteed, secured, by assets, debt, and any otherwise similar performance which causes liability or obligation to the applicant or counter party, have provided that such liability is equal to or exceed 3% of the net tangible assets of the applicant or equal or above 20 million baht, whichever is lower. In this regard, the calculation of such liability shall be in accordance with the calculation method of the value of connected transaction under the Notification of Capital Market Supervisory Board governing the conditions of connected transaction mutatis mutandis. The liabilities incurred during a period of 1 year prior to the date of having business relationship with the above party shall be included on calculation of such liabilities.

5. Is not or has never been the auditor of the applicant, its parent company, subsidiaries, associates, major shareholders, or controlling parties of applicant, and is not the significant shareholder, controlling parties, or partner of the auditing firm which employs such auditor of the applicant, its parent company, subsidiaries, associates, major shareholders, or controlling parties of the applicant unless the foregoing status ended at least 2 years prior to the date of submitting the application to the SEC.
6. Is not or has never been the professional service provider, including but not limited to legal service or financial advisor with received service fee more than 2 million baht per year from the applicant, its parent company, subsidiaries, associates, major shareholders, or controlling parties, and is not the significant shareholder, controlling parties, or partner of the above mentioned service firms unless the foregoing status ended at least 2 years prior to the date of submitting the application to the SEC.
7. Is not the director who is nominated to be the representative of directors of the applicant, major shareholders, or any other shareholder related to the major shareholders.
8. Do not operate the same and competitive business with the business of the applicant, or its subsidiaries, or is not a significant partner of the partnership, or is not an executive director, employee, staff, advisor who receives salary, nor holds shares for more than 1% of the total shares with voting right of any other company which operates same and competitive business with the business of the applicant, or its subsidiaries.
9. Is not any otherwise which is unable to have the independent opinion regarding the business operation of the applicant

Such independent director may be assigned by the board of directors to make decision in respect of collective decision on business operation of the applicant, its parent company, subsidiaries, associates, same-level subsidiaries, major shareholders, or controlling parties of applicant.