

# **CRESCENT COTTON MILLS LIMITED**

# HARASSMENT AT WORKPLACE

#### 1. Introducton

Harassment, including intimidation, oppression, exploitation, and discrimination, is prohibited at CCML. This behavior undermines employee relations, damages morale, and affects productivity. CCML commits to a harassment-free workplace, with a zero-tolerance policy for harassment and gender inequality, fully supporting "The Protection against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act 2010." Violators face disciplinary action, potentially including dismissal and court proceedings.

#### 2. Policy

#### 2.1 Workplace Harassment

**Definition:** Improper and unwelcome conduct causing offense or humiliation.

**Discrimination:** Includes harassment based on sex, race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, age, etc.

**Forms:** Unwelcome verbal or physical conduct, hate literature, offensive jokes, and ethnic slurs.

Handling Complaints: Serious cases are handled like sexual harassment cases.

**Reporting:** All instances must be reported to Human Resources, possibly involving the Sexual Harassment Committee.

**Exclusions:** Disagreement, admonishment, and criticism are not considered harassment.



#### **2.2 Abuse of Authority**

**Definition:** Improper use of power by an employee.

**Seriousness:** Especially serious when it affects another's career or employment conditions.

Forms: Includes intimidation, threats, extortion, or coercion.

#### 2.3 Sexual Harassment

**Definition:** Unwelcome advances or requests for sexual favors.

Specific Form: Includes unwelcome sexual advances affecting employment decisions.

**Impact:** Creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

**Incidents:** Can be a single or series of incidents; both males and females can be offenders or victims.

#### 3. Evidence & Investigation

**Reporting Incidents:** Employees should report harassment to supervisors, HR, or the CEO.

**Complainant and Accused Accounts:** Detailed accounts from both parties are considered.

Witness Statements: Included as part of the evidence.

Additional Statements: From those with whom the incident was discussed.

**Supporting Documents:** Relevant documents, audio, or video recordings.

**Sexual Harassment Evidence:** Encouraged to report immediately, but delays won't affect the case's merits.



## 4. Procedure

#### 4.1 Dealing with Sexual Harassment

**Confidentiality:** Employees can report directly to the Head of HR.

**Committee Formation:** A three-member committee, including at least one female, will handle complaints.

**C-Level Accusations:** Handled by the Board of Directors and the chairman.

Initial Inquiry: Conducted confidentially by HOD HR.

**Informal Mediation:** If the issue is a misunderstanding.

**Formal Procedure:** Initiated if the claim is supported.

**Detailed Statement:** Prepared by the complainant.

**Response from the Accused:** A written response is required.

Verbal Hearings: Conducted with both parties.

**Inquiry Conclusion:** The committee reports to the CEO with recommendations.

**Declaration of Impartiality:** Committee members declare unbiased proceedings.

**Responsibility of Supervisors:** Supervisors must promote a safe environment and report all harassment allegations to the appropriate authority.

## Approvals

This policy requires the following approvals :

| Name             | Title                   |
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| Mr. Abid Mahmood | Chief Executive Officer |



# Revisions

| Revision<br>Number | Revision<br>Date | Summary of changes |
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# **Review Committee**

The review committee comprises of the following members :

- Chief Executive Officer/Director/Executive
- Chief Financial Officer
- Technical Director

SIGNATURES OF APPROVING AUTHORITY

Date :-