Details - Protecting Minority Investors in Sri Lanka - Measure of Quality

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| Extent of conflict of interest regulation index (0-30) | | |
| Extent of disclosure index (0-10) | | 8.0 |
| Whose decision is sufficient to approve the Buyer-Seller transaction? (0-3) | Board of directors excluding interested members | 2.0 |
| Must an external body review the terms of the transaction before it takes place? (0-1) | Yes | 1.0 |
| Must Mr. James disclose his conflict of interest to the board of directors? (0-2) | Existence of a conflict without any specifics | 1.0 |
| Must Buyer disclose the transaction in periodic filings (e.g. annual reports)? (0-2) | Disclosure on the transaction and on the conflict of interest | 2.0 |
| Must Buyer immediately disclose the transaction to the public? (0-2) | Disclosure on the transaction and on the conflict of interest | 2.0 |
| Extent of director liability index (0-10) | | 5.0 |
| Can shareholders representing 10% of Buyer's share capital sue for the damage the transaction caused to Buyer? (0-1) | Yes | 1.0 |
| Can shareholders hold Mr. James liable for the damage the transaction caused to Buyer? (0-2) | Liable if negligent | 1.0 |
| Can shareholders hold the other directors liable for the damage the transaction caused to Buyer? (0-2) | Liable if negligent | 1.0 |
| Must Mr. James pay damages for the harm caused to Buyer upon a successful claim by shareholders? (0-1) | Yes | 1.0 |
| Must Mr. James repay profits made from the transaction upon a successful claim by shareholders? (0-1) | No | 0.0 |
| Is Mr. James disqualified upon a successful claim by shareholders? (0-1) | No | 0.0 |
| Can a court void the transaction upon a successful claim by shareholders? (0-2) | Voidable if negligently concluded | 1.0 |
| Ease of shareholder suits index (0-10) | | 7.0 |
| Before suing, can shareholders representing 10% of Buyer's share capital inspect the transaction documents? $(0-1)$ | No | 0.0 |
| Can the plaintiff obtain any documents from the defendant and witnesses at trial? (0-3) | Any relevant document | 3.0 |
| Can the plaintiff request categories of documents from the defendant without identifying specific ones? (0-1) | No | 0.0 |
| Can the plaintiff directly question the defendant and witnesses at trial? (0-2) | Yes | 2.0 |
| Is the level of proof required for civil suits lower than that of criminal cases? (0-1) | Yes | 1.0 |
| Can shareholder plaintiffs recover their legal expenses from the company? (0-2) | Yes if successful | 1.0 |
| Extent of shareholder governance index (0-20) | | |
| Extent of shareholder rights index (0-6) | | 5.0 |
| Does the sale of 51% of Buyer's assets require shareholder approval? | Yes | 1.0 |
| Can shareholders representing 10% of Buyer's share capital call for a meeting of shareholders? | Yes | 1.0 |
| Must Buyer obtain its shareholders' approval every time it issues new shares? | Yes | 1.0 |
| Do shareholders automatically receive preemption rights every time Buyer issues new shares? | No | 0.0 |
| Do shareholders elect and dismiss the external auditor? | Yes | 1.0 |
| Are changes to the rights of a class of shares only possible if the holders of the affected shares approve? | Yes | 1.0 |
| Extent of ownership and control index (0-7) | | 6.0 |
| Is it forbidden to appoint the same individual as CEO and chairperson of the board of directors? | No | 0.0 |

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| Must the board of directors include independent and nonexecutive board members? | Yes | 1.0 |
| Can shareholders remove members of the board of directors without cause before the end of their term | n? Yes | 1.0 |
| Must the board of directors include a separate audit committee exclusively comprising board members | ? Yes | 1.0 |
| Must a potential acquirer make a tender offer to all shareholders upon acquiring 50% of Buyer? | Yes | 1.0 |
| Must Buyer pay declared dividends within a maximum period set by law? | Yes | 1.0 |
| Is a subsidiary prohibited from acquiring shares issued by its parent company? | Yes | 1.0 |
| Extent of corporate transparency index (0-7) | | 5.0 |
| Must Buyer disclose direct and indirect beneficial ownership stakes representing 5%? | Yes | 1.0 |
| Must Buyer disclose information about board members' primary employment and directorships in other companies? | Yes | 1.0 |
| Must Buyer disclose the compensation of individual managers? | No | 0.0 |
| Must a detailed notice of general meeting be sent 21 days before the meeting? | Yes | 1.0 |
| Can shareholders representing 5% of Buyer's share capital put items on the general meeting agenda? | No | 0.0 |
| Must Buyer's annual financial statements be audited by an external auditor? | Yes | 1.0 |
| Must Buyer disclose its audit reports to the public? | Yes | 1.0 |