

# **Code of Business Conduct**

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### **Definitions**

Term	Definition	
Manager	As referenced in this policy, a manager is the person to whom an employee directly reports.	

## Overview

At Corus, we are committed to fair dealing, honesty and integrity in all aspects of our business conduct. We take this responsibility to our employees, shareholders and other stakeholders very seriously. The Code of Business Conduct is vital to implement these responsibilities in the workplace and in dealings with the public and our stakeholders. It also aims to demonstrate to our stakeholders and the public the Company's commitment to conduct itself ethically.

# **Application of the Policy**

The Code of Business Conduct (the "Code") applies to all employees, officers, independent contractors and members of the Board of Directors of Corus Entertainment Inc. and our subsidiary companies (referred to collectively in this Code as "Corus" or the "Company").

Each employee, officer and director of Corus is expected to read and comply with the entire Code. Failure to abide by this Code will lead to disciplinary measures appropriate to the violation, which may include dismissal. Directors and officers are also subject to fiduciary obligations established by law.

All new employees must review and acknowledge that they have read and will conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Business Conduct prior to accepting their offer of employment with Corus. All employees must stay current with this Code and are expected to understand it. All officers and directors are required to accept and acknowledge the Code each year.

The complete Code of Business Conduct, as amended from time to time, can be found on Corus Central.

## **Practices and Procedures**

New employees, officers and directors are made aware of the Code of Business Conduct in the following manner:

- A link to the Code is included in their offer letter package for their signature
- They are asked to acknowledge that they have read and will conduct themselves in accordance with the Code in the designated Corus business system within three days of commencing employment with Corus
- It is available on Corus Central under Policies.

Officers and directors will be notified when the time comes for an additional review and signing of the code.

Independent contractors must be given a copy of this Code when they are retained.

Employees should immediately contact the People Team, their direct Manager or a level higher, as appropriate, if they are aware of conduct inconsistent with the Code. See the "Reporting Concerns" section of this Code for further guidance.

# The Code of Business Conduct

### To Whom Does the Code Apply?

The Code of Business Conduct (the "Code") applies to all employees, officers, independent contractors and members of the Board of Directors of Corus Entertainment Inc. or our subsidiary companies (referred to collectively in this Code as "Corus" or the "Company").

Each of us is responsible for taking action to prevent and avoid potential violations of the Code, to become familiar with the Code, to ask for guidance when necessary and to report violations of the Code. Managers are expected to promote knowledge of and compliance with all of the provisions of this Code, set an example for their teams, and be a reliable source of advice for questions relating to this Code.

If you have any questions concerning the Code, please contact the Executive Vice President & General Counsel or the Executive Vice President, People & Communications.

#### Why do we have a Code of Business Conduct?

At Corus, we are committed to fair dealing, honesty and integrity in all aspects of our business conduct. We take this responsibility to our employees, shareholders and other stakeholders very seriously. The Code is vital to implement these responsibilities in the workplace and in dealings with the public and our stakeholders. It also aims to demonstrate to our stakeholders and the public the Company's commitment to conduct itself ethically. This Code also builds on the Corus Core Values that guide what we do each day.

#### **Code of Business Conduct**

#### Compliance with Legal and Ethical Standards

Corus requires that we will act ethically with high standards of integrity and abide by the principles of lawful conduct in all our business dealings. No one in the Company is permitted to commit or condone any illegal or unethical act, or instruct other employees to do so. Any doubt as to the legality of any course of action should be discussed with your immediate supervisor or Corus' Executive Vice President & General Counsel as necessary.

#### Our Responsibility to Fellow Employees

At Corus, everyone is treated with dignity, respect and fairness at all times. Corus is committed to high standards of ethics in all relations with and among its employees and all its stakeholders.

Corus is committed to fairness in the workplace and recognizes that a diverse workforce allows us to serve our stakeholders most effectively. Unlawful discrimination, harassment or violence in the workplace will not be tolerated.

Specifically, Corus will not tolerate discrimination or harassment prohibited by applicable legislation including sex, sexual orientation, race, ancestry, nationality, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, religious beliefs, age, record of offences (pardoned criminal conviction), marital status, family status, same-sex partnership status and physical or mental disability.

In addition to all forms of harassment prohibited by legislation, Corus will not tolerate any form of personal harassment (such as threatening behaviour, bullying, taunting or ostracizing co-workers etc.) which may occur as a result of an employee's position in the Company or because of an association with a group outside the Company, or perhaps because someone simply dislikes the individual. Personal harassment may also arise out of someone abusing their position of authority or power.

Corus is committed to keeping its workplaces free from hazards. We are all responsible for following government approved health and safety guidelines for maintaining a safe workplace and to immediately report any accident, injury, unsafe practice and condition to your immediate supervisor.

### Employment Practices

The Company is committed to ensuring that equal opportunity exists for all employees in all aspects of employment. Merit will be the principle on which all employment and promotion opportunities will be based.

### Performance and General Conduct

Corus requires that everyone will carry out their roles and responsibilities to the best of their ability. This includes among other things: accepting direction, accountability, teamwork and maintaining the required quality and quantity of work.

We will conduct ourselves in a professional manner when dealing with staff members, customers, suppliers, regulators and the public at large. Accordingly, customers, suppliers, competitors and all other persons are to be treated, at all times, fairly, in accordance with complete impartiality and according to Corus' best interests and in compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. No unfair advantage should be taken of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged information, misrepresentation of material facts or any other unfair dealing.

When participating in trade associations, employees should ensure that such participation is consistent with Corus' objectives and is not otherwise inconsistent with Corus' obligations under the applicable anti-trust, competition, trade or lobbying laws.

#### Attendance

Corus is committed to promoting and maintaining high standards of attendance and employees are expected to be at work on time each scheduled day. When illness or emergencies necessitate absence or lateness, employees are expected to notify their supervisor in advance of their regular hours of work.

#### Drugs and Alcohol

The use, possession, distribution, offering or sale of illicit drugs, illicit paraphernalia or non-prescribed drugs for which a prescription is legally required, while on Company business or on Company premises (including Company vehicles) is forbidden.

The use, distribution, offering or sale of cannabis, cannabis paraphernalia or non-prescribed cannabis while on Company business or on the Company's premises (including Company vehicles) is prohibited.

The use, distribution, offering or sale of alcoholic beverages on the Company's premises (including Company vehicles) is prohibited except at a Company-sanctioned function and senior management approval is required if alcoholic beverages are to be served at a Company-sponsored function.

#### Intellectual Property

At Corus, intellectual property such as copyrights, trademarks, trade names, patents and trade secrets are of important commercial value. Corus' intellectual property rights are embodied in a variety of things including audiovisual materials, photographs, graphics, written or artistic materials, websites, applications, business methods and processes, know-how, inventions and improvements, logos, brand names, software, algorithms, computer codes (both source and object code), customer information, and data. ("**Corus Intellectual Property**"). Every employee has a responsibility to safeguard Corus' Intellectual Property and keep confidential and not disclose or use Corus' Intellectual Property, except as permitted, and to respect the intellectual property rights of others.

All forms of intellectual property conceived, conceptualized, authored, created, or made by employees in the course of their employment with Corus shall be exclusively owned by Corus and be Corus Intellectual Property. Employees waive in favour of Corus any moral rights they may have in such intellectual property and warrant that such work is original and shall not violate the rights of any third party.

Employees agree to sign all documents to enable Corus to secure ownership and/or registration in patent, trademark, copyright, industrial design or other intellectual property rights in the works made in the course of their employment with Corus and to transfer legal title therein.

#### Appropriation of Company Assets

All persons subject to the Code have a responsibility to protect the Corus assets entrusted to them from loss, damage, misuse or theft. Corus assets such as funds, products, electronic devices and services, including, but not limited to, computers, computer-related equipment, products and services, may only be used for Company business purposes and other purposes approved by management. The Company's name, property (including intellectual) and goodwill must not be used for personal advantage.

#### Proper Maintenance of Records

Corus requires honest and accurate recording and reporting of information in order to make informed and responsible business decisions. Oral contracts, "handshake deals", and "off-the-books" arrangements are to be avoided. Corus' books and records should accurately reflect all business transactions. Undisclosed or unrecorded revenues, expenses, assets or liabilities are prohibited.

For example, if you are responsible for accounting or record-keeping, you must be diligent in enforcing proper accounting and Company established practices. You may not alter, conceal or falsify any document or record.

Each Corus business unit will adopt an approved record retention policy consistent with Corus' documented business policies and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

### Security

Employees and contractors must adhere to Corus' security protocols and procedures. In general, visitors must not be left unescorted or sensitive areas unattended, and any lost access badges and any suspicious or unauthorized activity on Corus premises must be promptly reported.

Employees, officers and directors must comply with any data security or cybersecurity measures that Corus implements. Company information must be adequately protected when using home or public wireless networks, and employees, officers and directors must protect any confidential Corus information stored on portable devices, and restrict access to any devices that can access Corus systems or contain Corus confidential information. Personal devices used for Company business should be properly backed up and before disposing of such devices the device memory must be wiped.

#### Information Disclosure

Employees, officers, directors and independent contractors are required to protect Corus' confidential and proprietary information from unauthorized disclosure and use. This applies to information about customers and fellow employees as well as confidential and proprietary information about the Company's own affairs.

Proprietary information includes any information that is not generally known to the public and is helpful to Corus, or would be helpful to competitors. Employees or others may not use confidential information or trade secrets gained by virtue of their association with Corus for personal gain or for any purpose other than specific job related duties.

Employees, officers, directors and independent contractors will safeguard all proprietary information and, where applicable, by marking it accordingly, keeping it secure, and limiting access to those who have a need to know such information in order to do their jobs.

When leaving or terminating service with Corus for any reason, confidential and proprietary information remains with and is the exclusive property of the Company and is not to be used nor disclosed in any way by the departing person.

#### Insider Trading and Blackout Periods

Unauthorized disclosure of internal information relating to Corus could cause competitive harm to Corus and in some cases could result in liability under insider trading legislation for both Corus and the person disclosing the information. It is the duty of all persons to whom this Code applies to maintain the confidentiality of information belonging to or relating to the company which has not been publicly disclosed. **Employees, officers, directors and independent contractors must not disclose internal information about Corus to others outside of the company without express authorization or as required by law.** 

Only specifically designated representatives of Corus may make communications on behalf of Corus with the media, securities analysts and other investors. If you receive any inquiry relating to Corus from the media, a securities analyst or an investor, unless you have been expressly authorized to make such communication, you are required to refer the inquiry to the Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer.

*The Securities Act (Ontario)* provides that it is an offence for directors, officers, employees and stock option plan participants of Corus Entertainment or anyone who has received a "tip" from such persons to purchase or sell securities of Corus Entertainment or any related financial instrument with the knowledge of a "material fact" or "material change" with respect to Corus that has not been made public by Corus.

The terms "material fact" and "material change" refer to a fact or change relating to Corus that significantly affects or would reasonably be expected to have a significant effect on the market price of Corus' shares.

You should assume that information is material if an investor might consider the information to be important in deciding whether to buy, sell or hold shares of Corus. Examples of matters which may be material are:

- earnings forecasts
- possible acquisitions or joint ventures
- signing or loss of a significant contract
- major litigation developments
- significant financing developments
- major personnel changes or on air talent agreements
- important sales developments

A "material fact" or a "material change" is often difficult to determine. When in doubt, please discuss the matter with the Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer prior to trading.

Corus' share trading rule is to wait one full business day after a "material fact" or "material change" announcement (press release) has been made by Corus, to allow the details of an announcement to become generally disclosed to the public. Accordingly, if you are aware of any material information relating to Corus which has not been made available to the public, you must not trade in Corus' shares (either buy or sell), enter into, suspend or terminate an automated securities purchase plan or disclose such information to another person who is likely to trade in Corus' shares until the material information is publicly announced and one business day has passed. Thus, one may not attempt to "beat the market" by trading simultaneously with, or shortly after, the official release of material information.

Financial information is particularly sensitive to insider trading rules. Therefore, Corus has special rules in place with respect to the trading of securities prior to public release of financial information.

Any director, officer, employee or stock option plan participant of Corus, who becomes aware of the details of any quarterly or annual financial reports of Corus, prior to their release to the public, shall not trade in shares of Corus during the time periods set forth below:

For quarterly/annual financial reports:

• Officers and Insiders - on or after the first (1st) day after the quarter/year end, until one (1) business day after the financial results of that quarter/year are released to the press or released generally to shareholders, whichever is earliest.

• Directors - on or after the fourteenth (14th) day prior to the financial reporting date, until one (1) business day after the financial results of that quarter/year are released to the press or released generally to shareholders, whichever is earliest.

These trading restrictions do not apply to the automatic acquisition of Corus shares pursuant to Corus' Employee Share Purchase Plan or Corus' Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Employees, officers, directors, and independent contractors who have knowledge of material facts, are not permitted to purchase financial instruments, including prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars or units of exchange funds that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in the market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly by them.

#### Please refer to the Corus Insider Trading Guidelines for further information.

### Conflicts of Interest

All business decisions and actions must be based on the best interest of Corus, and must not be motivated by personal considerations or relationships. There is an infinite list of potential conflicts that could arise over the course of employment or engagement with the Company. The general rule is that employees, officers, directors and independent contractors must avoid any activity that compromises, or could reasonably be seen to compromise, their judgment, causes them to show undue favouritism to any party or causes them to receive a benefit of some kind. When in doubt it is best to disclose a potential conflict of interest. General guidelines for a better understanding of the most common examples of situations that may cause a conflict of interest are listed below.

### Outside Business Activities

Corus employees are encouraged to participate in outside voluntary or community activities. Employees, other than officers, are not prohibited from accepting part-time employment outside of Corus. However, neither the activity nor the part-time position must interfere with the employee's responsibilities to Corus or the employee's commitment, attention or business judgment required in performing those responsibilities.

#### Gifts or Favours

Accepting gifts or favours, other than of nominal value (\$500 or less), from customers or suppliers or prospective customers or suppliers, is a conflict of interest. Additionally, frequent gifts from one source of any value should not be accepted. Employees may not engage in conduct that could be interpreted as directly or indirectly seeking, receiving or providing a bribe or kickback.

A conflict of interest may also arise in the giving of gifts or favours. Corus gifts must be legal and reasonable. Corus will not provide any gift if it is prohibited by law or by the policy of the recipient's organization. In particular, Corus employees, officers and directors must not make or offer a direct or indirect benefit or bribe to any level of public official, whether Canadian or foreign (including employees of government owned or controlled enterprises) as doing so may be perceived as an attempt to influence or induce the recipient to obtain business from, retain or direct business to Corus.

#### **Investments**

Corus employees, officers, directors and independent contractors may not allow their personal investments to influence, or appear to influence, their independent judgment on behalf of Corus.

Specifically, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, an employee, officer or director must disclose the following investments to senior management:

• owning a business in whole or part that is entering into a business transaction with Corus; or

- the purchase, sale or holding interests in supplier companies and their subsidiaries or direct affiliates where the Company's relations with such suppliers could be considered material to Corus; or
- the person has a financial interest in, or is performing services for, a competitor.

#### Contra Agreements for Personal Use

Corus employees, officers, directors and independent contractors may not enter into contra agreements that result in a personal benefit. Any legitimate contra agreement is subject to approval as outlined in the **Corus Contra Policy** available on Corus Central.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

Corus employees, officers, and directors (or any individuals or entitles affiliated or associated with them, including immediate family) who have the ability in any business transaction to exercise control, joint control or significant influence over Corus or any entity owned or controlled by Corus (directly or indirectly), must have the transaction reviewed to ensure its terms are in, or at least not inconsistent with, the best interests of the Company. Review and approval will be in accordance with the **Corus Related Party Transaction Policy**, as amended from time to time.

#### **Business Communications**

The Company's electronic devices and services, including, but not limited to, computers, computer-related equipment, products or services are the Company's property and should be used primarily for business purposes. Incidental appropriate personal use is permitted provided it does not interfere with the normal course of business.

The Company's electronic devices, specifically computers, should not be used to download any third party or employee confidential information for any purposes other than business related purposes. Computers should not be used to download any offensive or pornographic materials from the Internet. All downloadable material should be for business purposes and should comply with the **Company's Respect in the Workplace Policy**, which is available on Corus Central. Corus computers should also not be used to download unauthorized third party copyrighted material from the Internet including music and software.

The Company owns all information contained on the Company's computer networks. Therefore any information a person transmits on these services should not be considered private and confidential.

#### Behaviour on Social Networking Websites, Blogs and Chat Rooms

Employees, officers, and directors must review and comply with the **Corus Social Media Policy**, as amended from time to time.

#### Our Responsibilities to the Community and the Environment

Corus is committed to supporting various local programs and initiatives and fostering growth within the Canadian broadcasting and entertainment fields through strategic partnerships and innovative business ventures.

The Company is committed to the conservation of resources in our business operations. All employees should use their reasonable efforts to make efficient use of all resources and to reduce, re-use and recycle supplies and materials wherever and whenever possible.

The health and well-being of all employees is a responsibility of everyone who works at Corus. Any circumstance relating to Corus' operations or activities which poses a real or potential health or safety risk must be reported promptly to your supervisor or to the Executive Vice President, People & Communications.

#### Communicating with External Resources

Corus aims to achieve complete, accurate, fair, understandable and timely communications with all of its stakeholders and the public, including filings with securities and regulatory authorities. In order to protect yourself and the Company, requests for information should be handled in the following manner:

- Financial information requests directed to the Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
- Media requests directed to the Communications Team Representative as considered appropriate according to the subject matter
- Requests from government agencies and regulators directed to the Executive Vice President & General Counsel
- Employee information or human resources requests directed to the Executive Vice President, People & Communications

Only certain designated spokespersons of Corus as set out in the **Corus Corporate Disclosure Policy** are authorized to respond to inquiries from the financial community and the media.

The Law Department should be consulted before handling any non-routine requests for information. All information provided must be truthful and accurate.

Corus expects commitment to honest and ethical communications and dealings with all stakeholders and the public, including officials at all levels of government.

#### Our Responsibility with Respect to Privacy

Corus is committed to controlling the collection, use and disclosure of personal information. Employees must never access, obtain, or disclose another employee's personal information to persons inside or outside of the Company, except with proper approval and for legitimate business purposes.

In accordance with the standards set out in the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (*Canada*) (the "Privacy Act"), Corus developed an Employee Privacy Policy, which is available on Corus Central ("**Corus Employee Privacy Policy**"), outlining our commitment to maintaining the accuracy, confidentiality, security and privacy of third parties and employee personal information.

#### Investigations

It is Corus' practice to fully cooperate with any appropriate governmental investigation, provided Corus is adequately represented in such investigation by its own legal counsel. Employees must advise Corus' Executive Vice President and General Counsel whenever they receive information about a government investigation or inquiry. In all cases, employees must not destroy documents in anticipation of a request from a governmental agency or court or endeavouring to cause any employee or other person to fail to provide information or to provide misleading information to a governmental investigator.

#### Reporting Concerns

Taking action to prevent problems is part of the Corus culture. If you become aware of an existing or possible violation of the Code, you should promptly notify the appropriate person.

Your concerns can be expressed on a confidential or anonymous basis to either the Executive Vice President & General Counsel; the Executive Vice President, People & Communications or on matters relating to accounting or auditing related issues to the Chair of the Audit Committee. The concern should be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the appropriate individual. The envelope should be marked "Confidential Internal Corus Concern".

You can also report problems using the Alertline employee hot line (1-800-750-4972), which is described on Corus Central (<u>http://coruscentral.com/PeopleResources/Pages/AlertLine.aspx</u>).

Retaliation against any employee who honestly reports a concern to Corus about an existing or possible violation of the Code will not be tolerated. It is unacceptable to file a report knowing it is false.

A copy of this Code can be obtained through the Executive Vice President & General Counsel or the Executive Vice President, People & Communications or by visiting our website at <u>www.corusent.com</u>.

# **Related Policies and Links**

Respect in the Workplace Policy Corus Employee Privacy Policy Corus Insider Trading Guidelines Corus Contra Policy Corus Related Party Transaction Policy Corus Social Media Policy Corus Corporate Disclosure Policy

## **Version Control History**

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