

**KID BRANDS, INC.**  
**CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS**

**Introduction**

This Code of Business Conduct and Ethics covers a wide range of business practices and procedures. It does not cover every issue that may arise, but it sets out basic principles to provide guidance to all employees, officers and directors of the Company to help them recognize and deal with ethical issues, provide mechanisms to report unethical conduct, and help foster a culture of honesty and accountability. All of our employees, officers and directors must seek to avoid even the appearance of improper behavior. This Code should also be provided to and followed by the Company's agents and representatives, including consultants.

If a law conflicts with a policy in this Code, you must comply with the law; however, if a custom or policy conflicts with this Code, you must comply with the Code. If you have any questions about these conflicts, you should either: (i) ask your supervisor how to handle the situation; or (ii) contact the Company's Legal Department for guidance.

Those who violate the standards in this Code will be subject to disciplinary action, including possible termination. *If you are in a situation which you believe may violate or lead to violation of this Code, follow the guidelines described in Section 13 of this Code.*

**1. Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations**

All employees, officers and directors must respect and obey the laws of all jurisdictions in which we operate. Although not all employees, officers and directors are expected to know the details of these laws, it is important to know enough to determine when to seek advice from supervisors, managers or other appropriate personnel.

The Company distributes informational materials and/or holds information and training sessions to promote compliance with laws, rules and regulations, including insider-trading laws.

**2. Confidentiality**

Employees, officers and directors must maintain the confidentiality of information entrusted to them by the Company or its customers, agents and representatives, except when disclosure to third parties is authorized by a senior executive officer of the Company or is required by laws or regulations. Confidential information is information not generally known in the industry about the Company's business, products, processes, methods, pricing and services (e.g., customer lists, customer requirements or preferences, business methods, costs and costing strategies, purchasing and purchasing methods, marketing and selling strategies, pricing strategies, products under development, manufacturers and material sources). The obligation to preserve confidential information continues even after employment ends.

**3. Insider Trading**

Employees who have access to confidential information are not permitted to use or share that information for trading purposes or for any other purpose except the conduct of our business.

All non-public information about the Company should be considered confidential information. To use non-public information for personal financial benefit or to “tip” others who might make an investment decision on the basis of this information is not only unethical but also illegal. If you have any questions, please consult the Company’s Legal Department or the Company’s Insider Trading Policy.

#### **4. Conflicts of Interest**

A “conflict of interest” occurs when a person’s private interest interferes in any way (or even appears to interfere) with the interests of the Company as a whole. A conflict situation can arise when an employee, officer or director takes actions or has interests that may make it difficult to perform his or her Company work objectively and effectively. Conflicts of interest also arise when an employee, officer or director, or members of his or her family, receives improper personal benefits as a result of his or her position in the Company. Loans to, or guarantees of obligations of, employees and their family members may create conflicts of interest.

It is almost always a conflict of interest for a Company employee to work simultaneously for a competitor, customer or supplier. You are not allowed to work for a competitor as a consultant or board member. The best policy is to avoid any direct or indirect business connection with our customers, suppliers or competitors, except on our behalf.

Conflicts of interest are prohibited as a matter of Company policy. Because conflicts of interest may not always be clear-cut, if you have a question, you should consult with higher levels of management or the Company’s Legal Department. Any employee, officer or director who becomes aware of a conflict or potential conflict should bring it to the attention of a supervisor, manager or other appropriate personnel or consult the procedures described in Section 13 of this Code.

#### **5. Corporate Opportunities**

Employees, officers and directors are prohibited from taking for themselves personally opportunities that are discovered through the use of corporate property, information or position. No employee, officer or director may use corporate property, information, or position for personal gain. No employee or officer may compete with the Company directly or indirectly. Employees, officers and directors owe a duty to the Company to advance its legitimate interests when the opportunity to do so arises.

#### **6. Fair Dealing**

We seek to outperform our competition fairly and honestly. Stealing proprietary information, possessing trade secret information that was obtained without the owner’s consent, or inducing such disclosures by past or present employees of other companies is prohibited. Each employee, officer and director should endeavor to respect the rights of and deal fairly with the Company’s customers, suppliers, competitors and employees. No employee, officer or director should take unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged information, misrepresentation of material facts, or any other unfair-dealing practice.

The purpose of business entertainment and gifts in a commercial setting is to create good will and sound working relationships, not to gain unfair advantage with customers. No gift or entertainment should ever be offered, given, provided or accepted by any Company employee, family member of an employee or agent unless it: (1) is not a cash gift; (2) is consistent with customary business practices; (3) is not excessive in value; (4) cannot be construed as a bribe or payoff; and (5) does not violate any laws or regulations. Please discuss with your supervisor any gifts or proposed gifts which you are not certain are appropriate.

## **7. Protection and Proper Use of Company Assets**

All employees, officers and directors should protect the Company's assets and ensure their efficient use. Theft, carelessness, and waste have a direct impact on the Company's profitability. Any suspected incident of fraud or theft should be immediately reported for investigation. Generally, Company assets should not be used for non-Company business.

The obligation of employees to protect the Company's assets includes the protection of the Company's proprietary information. Proprietary information includes intellectual property such as trade secrets, patents, trademarks, and copyrights, as well as business, marketing and service plans, engineering and manufacturing ideas, designs, databases, records, salary information and any unpublished financial data and reports. Unauthorized use or distribution of this information violates Company policy. It could also be illegal and result in civil or even criminal penalties.

## **8. Discrimination and Harassment**

The diversity of the Company's employees is a tremendous asset. We are firmly committed to providing equal opportunity in all aspects of employment. The Company will not tolerate any illegal discrimination or harassment of any kind.

## **9. Health and Safety**

The Company strives to provide each employee with a safe and healthful work environment. Each employee has responsibility for maintaining a safe and healthy workplace for all employees by following safety and health rules and practices and reporting accidents, injuries and unsafe equipment, practices or conditions.

Violence and threatening behavior are not permitted. Employees should report to work in condition to perform their duties, free from the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol. The use of illegal drugs in the workplace will not be tolerated.

## **10. Record-Keeping**

The Company requires honest and accurate recording and reporting of information in order to make responsible business decisions. All inspection and testing documents must be handled in accordance with all applicable regulations. Only the true and actual number of hours worked should be reported.

Employees must document and record business expenses accurately. If you are not sure whether a certain expense is legitimate, ask your supervisor. Rules and guidelines are available from the Accounting Department.

All of the Company's books, records, accounts and financial statements must be maintained in reasonable detail, must appropriately reflect the Company's transactions and must conform both to applicable legal requirements and to the Company's system of internal controls. Unrecorded or "off the books" funds or assets are not to be maintained unless permitted by applicable law or regulation.

Business records and communications often become public, and we should avoid exaggeration, derogatory remarks, guesswork, or inappropriate characterizations of people and companies that can be misunderstood. This applies equally to e-mail, internal memos, and formal reports. Records should always be retained or destroyed according to the Company's record retention policies. In accordance with those policies, in the event of litigation or governmental investigation, please consult the Company's Legal Department.

## **11. Payments to Government Personnel**

The U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act prohibits giving anything of value, directly or indirectly, to officials of foreign governments or foreign political candidates in order to obtain or retain business. It is strictly prohibited to make illegal payments to government officials of any country.

In addition, the U.S. government has a number of laws and regulations regarding business gratuities which may be accepted by U.S. government personnel. The promise, offer or delivery to an official or employee of the U.S. government of a gift, favor or other gratuity in violation of these rules would not only violate Company policy but could also be a criminal offense. State and local governments, as well as foreign governments, may have similar rules. The Company's Legal Department can provide guidance to you in this area.

## **12. Reporting any Illegal or Unethical Behavior**

Employees are encouraged to talk to supervisors, managers or other appropriate personnel about observed violations of laws, rules, regulations or this Code, and when in doubt about the best course of action in a particular situation. It is the policy of the Company not to allow retaliation for reports of misconduct by others made in good faith by employees. Employees are expected to cooperate in internal investigations, including those relating to misconduct.

## **13. Compliance Standards and Procedures**

We must all work to ensure prompt and consistent action against violations of this Code. However, in some situations it is difficult to know whether a violation is contemplated or exists. In evaluating a questionable situation or practice, the following guidelines should be followed:

- Make sure you have all the facts. In order to reach the right solutions, we must be as fully informed as possible.

- Ask yourself: What specifically am I being asked to do? Does it seem unethical or improper? This will enable you to focus on the specific question you are faced with, and the alternatives you have. Use your judgment and common sense; if something seems unethical or improper, it probably is.
- Clarify your responsibility and role. In most situations, there is shared responsibility. Are your colleagues informed? It may help to get others involved and discuss the problem.
- Discuss the problem with your supervisor. This is the basic guidance for all situations. In many cases, your supervisor will be more knowledgeable about the question, and will appreciate being brought into the decision-making process. Remember that it is your supervisor's responsibility to help solve problems.
- Seek help from Company resources. In the rare case where it may not be appropriate to discuss an issue with your supervisor, or where you do not feel comfortable approaching your supervisor with your question, discuss it with the next higher supervisor or the Company's Legal Department.
- You may report ethical violations in confidence and without fear of retaliation. If your situation requires that your identity be kept secret, your anonymity will be protected to the extent practicable. The Company does not permit retaliation of any kind against employees for good faith reports of ethical violations.
- Always ask first, act later: If you are unsure of what to do in any situation, seek guidance before you act.

#### **14. Waivers of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

Any waiver of this Code for executive officers or directors may be made only by the Board of Directors of the Company or an appropriate Board committee and will be promptly disclosed to shareholders as required by law or stock exchange regulation.