

## **Annexure I**

### **Auditor Selection Norms**

1. The Auditor shall have minimum 3 years of experience in IT audit of securities market participants e.g., stock exchanges, clearing corporations, depositories, stock brokers, depository participants etc. The audit experience should cover all the major areas mentioned under Terms of Reference (TOR) of the system audit specified by SEBI / stock exchange from time to time.
2. The appointed Auditor's resources should possess at least one of the following certifications:
  - CISA (Certified Information System Auditors) from ISACA
  - DISA (Post Qualification Certification in Information Systems Audit) from Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
  - CISM (Certified Information Securities Manager) from ISACA
  - CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional) from International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, commonly known as (ISC)
3. The Auditor should have experience of IT audit/governance frameworks and processes conforming to industry leading practices like CobiT 5/ ISO 27001.
4. The Auditor shall not have any conflict of interest in conducting fair, objective, and independent audit of the Trading Member. Further, the directors / partners of Auditor firm shall not be related to any stock broker including its directors or promoters either directly or indirectly.
5. The Auditor shall not have any cases pending against its previous audited companies/firms, which fall under SEBI's jurisdiction, which point to its incompetence and/or unsuitability to perform the audit task.
6. The Auditor may perform a maximum of 3 successive audits of the stock broker. Follow-on audits conducted by the auditor shall not be considered in the successive audits. In this regard, it is clarified that the count of such audits will commence from audits conducted for period ended March 31, 2014.

