

# IiAS Policy and Process

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## PURPOSE

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This document outlines the method and process that IiAS' analysts follow in arriving at our voting recommendations.<sup>1</sup>

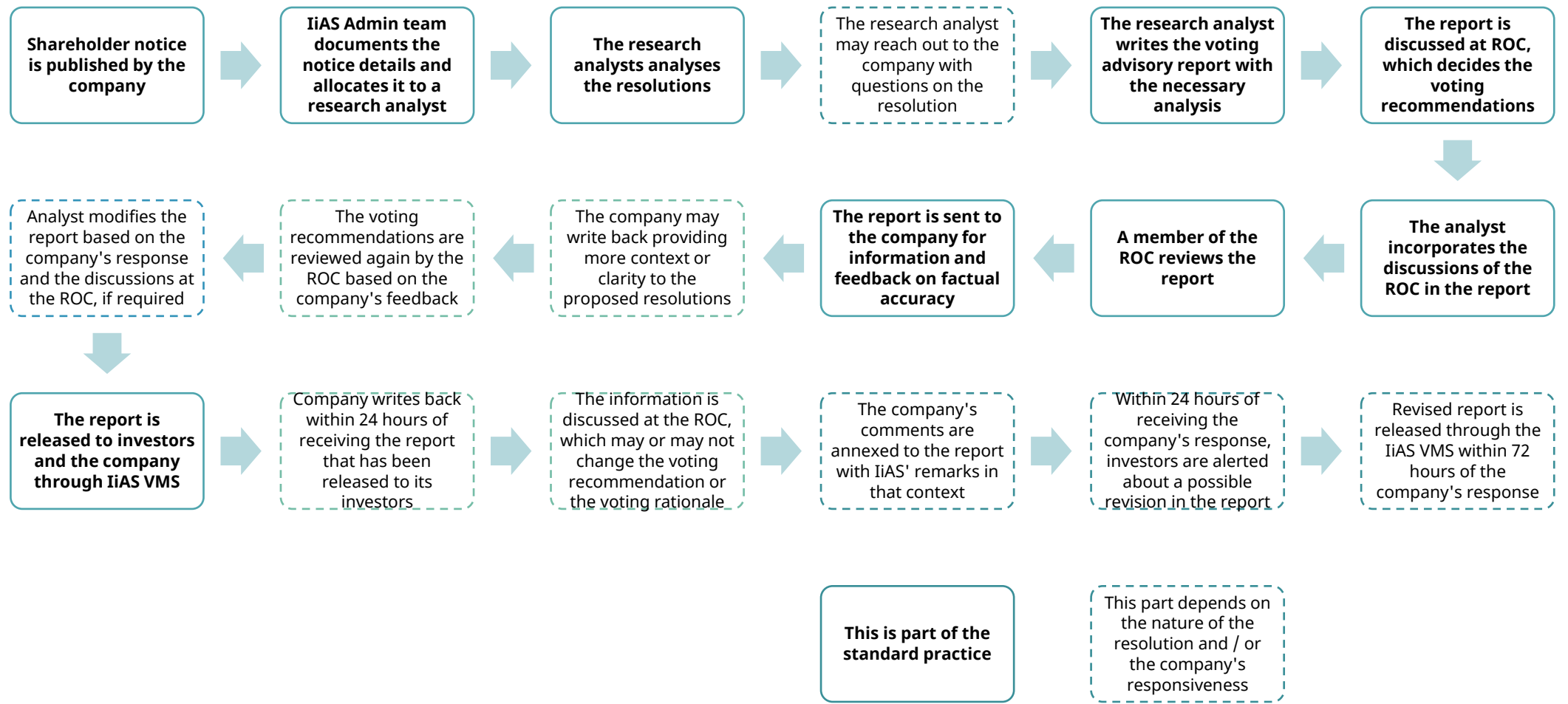
## METHODOLOGY

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<b>Use of information to analyst shareholder resolutions</b>	Analysts use publicly available information to assess shareholder resolutions. Primary sources of information usually form the base of the analysis. Analysts may, on occasion, speak to company representatives to seek clarity. IiAS' analysts do not seek any unpublished price sensitive information. Any information received incrementally is considered public information and is disclosed wherever relevant.
<b>Sources of information typically used by IiAS analysts while assessing shareholder resolutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company annual reports</li> <li>• Stock exchange filings</li> <li>• Investor calls, transcripts and other disclosures on the company's website</li> <li>• Past voting patterns on similar resolutions, through IiAS' digital database <a href="http://www.iiasadrian.com">www.iiasadrian.com</a></li> <li>• Remuneration data may also be sourced from IiAS' proprietary database <a href="http://www.iascompayre.com">www.iascompayre.com</a></li> <li>• Discussions with company representatives (where IiAS' analysts do not seek unpublished price sensitive information)</li> <li>• Discussions with market participants including investors</li> <li>• Media reports – only to the extent that these can be validated</li> </ul>
<b>Basis of arriving at the voting recommendation</b>	IiAS publishes its Voting Guidelines at the beginning of every fiscal year, which is available on its website. These guidelines are written based on the regulatory requirements and practices in India while factoring in global practices that we believe investors want companies to move towards.
<b>Decision-making process</b>	The voting recommendations published by IiAS are arrived at after debate and discussion at the IiAS Review and Oversight Committee (ROC). To know more, refer to IiAS' ROC Policy.
<b>Dissemination of IiAS voting recommendations</b>	IiAS' voting recommendations are disseminated electronically to investors and company officials simultaneously, through its Voting Management System (VMS).

<sup>1</sup> This document is being written in compliance with SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020/147 dated 3 August 2020.

PROCESS AND PRACTICES



## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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- In case the company publishes an addendum or a corrigendum on the stock exchanges, IiAS will decided on a case-to-case basis if changes to our report will be sent to the company in advance of sending the modified report (for the addendum / corrigendum) out to investors. In taking this decision, IiAS will weigh the following factors:
  - The nature of the change, in terms of its materiality to the voting recommendations;
  - The speed and quality of the company's responsiveness, based on IiAS' past experiences;
  - The available time between the stock exchange filing and when e-voting begins / closes.
- Where companies decide to respond to IiAS voting recommendation reports after 24 hours of sending them out to investors, regulations do not require IiAS to carry these responses in its voting advisory report. Even so, IiAS may (at its own volition or at the request of investors) evaluate the response and may either make necessary changes to its voting recommendation report if it believes the information provided is material to investors' decision-making; alternatively, it may simply forward the company's response to investors.
  - If such a response comes within nine days of the close of e-voting, IiAS will not consider the company's response at all: this is because most investors will have already sent out voting instructions to their custodians. IiAS may make an exception to this policy in case the company publishes an addendum or a corrigendum with the stock exchanges.
- Sometimes, investors ask IiAS to write a report by exception (not part of their original coverage given to IiAS), and these requests may come in very close to the e-voting dates. In such circumstances, IiAS may decide not to send the report in advance to the company, but send it to the investors and the company simultaneously. If the company responds within 24 hours of us sending out the report, we will revise our report to include their response, in line with regulations.
- IiAS reserves the right to deviate from its stated process and practices in instances where company personnel are hostile on calls, and/or badger and threaten our analysts – behaviour that we consider unbecoming of listed companies.

## ABOUT THIS POLICY

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- This policy is effective 15 October 2021 and is valid till it is changed.

Revisions to the policy are given below:

Versions	Written on	Effective from
2	20 January 2021	1 February 2021
1	31 December 2020	1 January 2021