



# SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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**CASE No. 5544/2020**

**BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER**

## **ORDER UNDER SECTION 130 READ WITH SECTION 479 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2017**

IN THE MATTER OF **M/S. BALOCHISTAN ENERGY COMPANY LIMITED**

Present: **None appeared for personal hearing**

Date of hearing: **27-Jan-2021**

1. This Order shall dispose of the proceedings initiated under Section-130 of the Companies Act, 2017 ("The Act"), vide Show Cause Notice dated 28-Sep-2020 ["the Notice"].
2. The facts of the case are that the company was required to file its annual returns within thirty days from the date of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in the year or, when no such meeting is held or if held is not concluded, from the last day of the calendar year to which it relates in terms of provisions of section 130(3) of the Act.
3. However, the record of the company registration office revealed that the company has failed to file its annual returns for the year 2019, in violation of the above said provisions of law.
4. This constituted violation of law and rendered the company liable to penalty of level – 1 on the standard scale, provided under section 130(6)(b) read with section 479(2) of the Act. Accordingly, taking cognizance of the matter, a Show Cause Notice dated 28-Sep-2020 was served to the company through its Chief Executive as well as the directors of the company, calling upon them to Show Cause in my office on 13-Oct-2020 and subsequently adjourned to 27-Oct-2021 and 17 Nov-2020, as to why the penalty laid down under the above mentioned section should not be imposed.
5. On the date of hearing, no one appeared for personal hearing. However, a written reply of company dated 06-11-2020 was received stating that the Company could not hold its AGM, since the business activities resumed in August, 2020, several times extension for holding AGM were sought which were granted.
6. The contention of the written reply of the company that the annual returns could not be filed in accordance with the law is not a justifiable excuse, as it shows negligence on the part of management of the company who is responsible to manage, pursue and make sure that annual returns and other statutory returns are duly being filed by the company within statutory time period. Moreover, none-holding of AGM dose not absolve the Company for filing of year ended Annual Return Form (A) (i.e. 31-Dec- of every year). Even, after the receipt of this show cause notice, the company has still not filed the requisite statutory return (form-A).

7. Notwithstanding, keeping in view the constraints mentioned in the reply of the Company, I am convinced to take a lenient view. Hence, a token penalty of **Rs: 25,000/=** in respect of non-filing of statutory return(s) is hereby imposed on the company. The company is also directed to file over due annual return (Form-A) for the year 2019 immediately but not later than 15 days from the date of receipt of this Order.
8. The management of the company is advised to deposit the penalty amount within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order in any designated branches of MCB Bank Limited or UBL Bank and furnish original receipted challan to this office within the above said period positively.
9. Notwithstanding, the company has admittedly failed to hold its AGMs for the years 2019 in violation of the provisions of section-132 of the Act, for which the dealing Registrar may take cognizance of the default separately.
10. A copy of this order be placed on the record/file of the company for future reference and further appropriate action to be taken by the concerned registrar, if any.



**(ZIA UL RASHEED ABBASI)  
ADJUDICATING OFFICER /  
ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR**

Dated: 27-Jan-2021