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(Adjudication Department-II, Adjudication Division)

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CASE No. 48/2023

BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER

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

IN THE MATTER OF

M/S. BALOCHISTAN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES AND INDUSTRIAL ESTATES DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT CO.

Case Fixed for Final Hearing: 06-04-2023

Present: None present for personal hearing

1. This Order shall dispose of the proceedings initiated under Section 130 of the Companies Act, 2017 ("The Act"), vide Show Cause Notice dated: 28-02-2023 ["the Notice"].
2. The facts of the case are that the company was required to file its Annual statutory return with the Registrar, within 30 days from the date of its Annual General Meeting (AGM) or when no such AGM was held from the last day of the calendar year to which it relates in terms of provisions of section 130(2) of the Act which states that "A Company not having a share capital shall in each year prepare and file with the registrar a return containing the particulars in a specified form as on the date of the annual general meeting or, where no such meeting is held or if held is not concluded, on the last day of the calendar year".
3. However, the record of the company registration office revealed that the company failed to file the Annual statutory return (Form-B) for the year 2022, in violation of the above said provisions of law.
4. The aforesaid violation attracts the penal provisions of sub-section-6(b) of section-130 of the Act which provides that any violation of Section-130 shall be an offense liable to a penalty of Level-1 of the standard scale, i-e up-to Rs.25,000/- and upto Rs.500/- per day during which default continues, as provided u/s 479(2) of the Act. Accordingly, taking cognizance of the matter, a Show Cause Notice dated 28-02-2023 was served to the company, calling upon to Show Cause in my office on 15-03-2023 and subsequently adjourned to 27-03-2023 and 06-04-2023(vide reminder notices dated 16-03-2023 and dated 28-03-2023 respectively), as to why the penalty laid down under the above mentioned section should not be imposed.
5. In response to the above-mentioned show cause notice, no one appeared before the undersigned for personal hearing. However, a written reply from the company dated

28.03.2023 was received on 06.04.2023 stating therein that the company's management were fully engaged in the development of Special Economic Zones like (Boston & Chaman) during the last six months for facilitation and enhancement of the province's mega project. Moreover, company is newly established and have some shortage of human resources as hiring process is ongoing. However, this office express as regret for the inadvertent non-compliance with the provisions of section 130(2) of the Act, which requires the filing of an annual return on Form B. Furthermore, is submitted that it was an inadvertent error on our part and further assure that that will take all necessary steps to ensure timely compliance in the future and.

6. Accordingly, the record of the concerned registrar of company registration office, Quetta was got verified to ascertain the narrative of the company but it was revealed that neither financial statement nor annual return (Form-B) were filed along with prescribed filling fee, even as of the date of this order.
7. The attitude of the management of the subject company towards compliance with law, rules and regulations is very disappointing. Due to failure, to make good of the default and valid justification for commitment of violation of law as confronted in above-mentioned show cause notice and subsequent notices/reminder, the undersigned is left with no choice but to impose penalty on the company. Henceforth, I hereby impose a penalty of Rs.25,000/- on the company for the year 2022.
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 within the above said period and also directed to file the overdue annual return immediately but not later than 30 days from the date of receipt of this order positively.
9. A copy of this order be placed on the record of company maintained by the concerned/dealing Registrar of the Company Registration Office.



(ZIA UL RASHEED ABBASI)
ADJUDICATING OFFICER /
ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR

Dated: 17-04-2023