



SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

(Adjudication Department-II, Adjudication Division)
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CASE No. AOK-195/2024

BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
BMA INVESTMENT ADVISORS LIMITED**

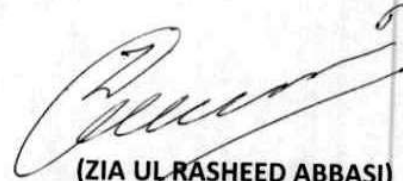
Date of Hearing: **20-February-2024**

Present: **Haris Hanif - Authorized Representative**

1. This Order shall dispose of the proceedings initiated under Section-130 of the Companies Act, 2017 ("The Act"), vide Show Cause Notice dated 09-01-2024 ["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, case was referred by the company registration office (CRO) Karachi alleging that the company has failed to file its annual returns for the years 2020 to 2022, 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 09-01-2024 was served to the company, calling upon to Show Cause in my office within 10 days from the date of the show cause notice, which was subsequently adjourned for a week, as to why the penalty laid down under the above mentioned section should not be imposed.
5. On the date of hearing, Authorized Representative appeared before me in person. While admitting the default, he submitted in the light of company's written reply dated 07-03-2024 that:
"the delay in filing was mainly due to the un-avoidable circumstances beyond our control including the decision of the management to surrender the Asset Management Services License, left over of the staff of our corporate department and ultimately the re-structuring of the Company with re-establishment of our corporate & compliance

department. Now, after surrender of the Asset Management Services License, the change of the Principal Line of Business of the Company and the change of name of the Company as already approved by SECP, the new management is determined to remain fully compliant of all corporate/Legal formalities in future. However, the delay in filing of returns is regretted, which may kindly be pardoned. The company has also furnish copies of acknowledgement of filing of relevant annual returns."

6. The submissions made by the company secretary with regard to default of delay in filling of the said returns is quite sustainable. The company has now made good of the default. Further, there is no evidence on the record that the subject default jeopardizes the interest of any stakeholder. I am therefore, convinced to take a lenient view. Hence, the subject default is condoned. However, the management of the company is hereby warned not to repeat the said or any other default in future and ensure the timely compliances all the statutory requirements of applicable laws, rules and Regulations.
7. A copy of this order be placed on the record/file of the company for future reference. without prejudiced, the company has admittedly failed to hold its AGMs within prescribed time in violation of the provisions of section-132 of the Act, for which the dealing/concerned Registrar may take cognizance of the default separately.



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

Dated: 11-03-2024