



# SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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CASE No. 4165/2020

## **BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER**

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

### **IN THE MATTER OF**

### **M/S. FRANCO'S FOOD COMPANY PAKISTAN (PVT.) LIMITED**

**Present:** None present for hearing nor any written reply received from the company or its management.

1. This Order shall dispose of the proceedings initiated under Section 130 of the Companies Act, 2017 ("The Act"), vide Show Cause Notice No. 4165/2020 dated:11-11-2020 ["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(3) of the Act.
3. However, the record of the company registration office revealed that the company failed to file the Annual statutory return (Form-A) for the year(s) 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) read with section 479(2) of the Act. Accordingly, taking cognizance of the matter, a Show Cause Notice dated 11-11-2020, 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 26-11-2020, as to why the penalty laid down under the above mentioned section should not be imposed.
5. However, in response to the above-mentioned show cause notice, neither anyone appeared before the undersigned for hearing nor any written reply was received from the subject company. In order to provide further opportunity of being heard and to meet the end of justice, hearing notices/reminders dated 27-Nov-20 & 09-Dec-20 were also served upon the company. Yet, no response in any manner received from or on behalf of the company or its management.

6. The attitude of the management of the subject company towards compliance with law, rules and regulations is very disappointing. Due to failure to attend the hearing and to submit any written reply thereby explaining the reasons for default in filing of the Annual Return (s) as confronted in above-mentioned show cause notice and subsequent notices/reminder, the undersigned is left with no choice but to take an ex-parte decision on the basis of the record maintained by the company registration office as required under the "Act". Henceforth, I hereby impose a penalty of Rs.25,000/- on the company.
7. The management of the company is advised to deposit the fine amount within 15 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 and also directed to file the overdue annual return(s) immediately but not later than 30 days from the date of receipt of this order positively.
8. 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 in accordance with the law.



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

Dated: 22-01-2021