



SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

(Adjudication Department-II, Adjudication Division)
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CASE No. 460/2024

BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER

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

IN THE MATTER OF HARBOUR CARGO SERVICES (PVT.) LIMITED

Case Fixed for Final Hearing: 06-06-2024

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 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, the record of the company registration office revealed that the company failed to file its annual returns for the year(s) 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 and subsequent reminders dated 24-01-2024 and 15-03-2024 were served to the company, calling upon to show cause in my office within 10 days from date of show cause notice and reminders thereafter, 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 dated 19-01-2024 was received for and on behalf of the company under default stating that:

"During the financial year 2021, the dissolved company initiate its dissolution process and submitted the application under The Early Exit Scheme vide REF: HCSPL/CAD/0630/2021 dated 30 June, 2021 on the last day of the financial year 2021.

(SECP receiving #1415090 dated June 30, 2021 attached for your perusal) Subsequently, SECP issued a notification under section 426(2) of the Companies Act, 2017 dated August 31, 2021 (A copy of notification attached for your perusal) for your issuance of the dissolved company's name in the official gazette. Subsequently, the company was dissolved when the Assistant Registrar issued the letter to the dissolved company subject "DISSOLUTION UNDER SECTION 426 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2018" dated January 3, 2024".

6. Although, the contention for and on behalf of the company that it had been struck off from register of Companies under Easy Exit Regulations 2014 Section 426 is not truly a justifiable excuse as the requirements of section-130 of the Act are applicable on the company till it is finally dissolved. Hence the company has not made good of its default under Section 130 of the Companies Act 2017 in relation to the year(s) 2020. Notwithstanding, consideration the circumstance and facts of the matter, imposition of penalty would be a very harsh action and would accrue a new liability which might create hinderance in the dissolution of the company. 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 of company maintained by the concerned/dealing Registrar of the Company Registration Office.



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

Dated: 13-06-2024