



SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

(Adjudication Department-II, Adjudication Division)
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CASE No. AOK-998/2024

BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
SIZA FOODS (PRIVATE) LIMITED**

Date of final Hearing: **15-02-2024**

Present: **Syed Muhammad Hymayin (Corporate Manager of the Company)**

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 return for the year(s) 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 the date of the 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, the Corporate Manager of the company, Syed Muhammad Hymayin (Phone: 03332313139) appeared for the hearing. The authorized representative of the Company stated that:

"In this connection we hereby submit that Form-A for the year 2022 for Siza Foods (Private) Limited(the Company), has been filed after finalization of some amalgamation/merger issues amongst the company and its two associated companies namely GAM Corp. (Private) Limited, and GA Enterprises (Private) Limited".

6. The contention for and on behalf of the company by the Corporate Manager of the Company that it had failed to file Annual Return due to merger issues of company is not truly a justifiable excuse as the requirements of Section-130 of the Companies Act, 2017 are applicable on the company till it is finally dissolved. The aforesaid circumstances, in spite of being conceivable, should have not been a hindrance in making requisite compliance, i-e filling of year ended forms-A (annual Returns). The board of Directors (BoD) could simply instruct it's any officer or even official to file the statutory returns containing the requisite information made upto the period ended on 31st December each year. It is an apparent ignorance and negligence on the part of management which could not be considered as a plausible plea under the eyes of law. Notwithstanding, keeping in view the circumstances narrated hereinabove and assurance given by the Corporate Manager of the Company that the management of the company will ensure timely compliances of statutory requirements as soon as possible, I am convinced to take a lenient view and inclined not to impose a penalty on the directors/officers in personam this time. In this regard, the record maintained by the dealing/concerned registrar, shows that the company has failed to file its annual returns for the previous year(s) 2022. Accordingly, this is a consecutive default of 1 year(s). Hence, a penalty of Rs. 15000/- is hereby imposed on the company without prejudiced.
7. The management of the company is advised to deposit the penalty amount within 30 days 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 and also directed to file requisite financial statements 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, if any, be taken by the concerned registrar accordingly.



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

Dated: 14-06-2024