



# SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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**CASE No. AOK-1010/2024**

**BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER**

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

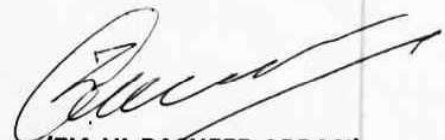
**IN THE MATTER OF  
SOHO SQUARE PAKISTAN (PRIVATE) LIMITED**

Date of Hearing: **22-04-2024**

Present: **Muhammad Yahya Qureshi - 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 return 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 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. 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 19-01-2024, that the company had already filed annual returns for the years 2020 & 2021 which could not be accepted by the dealing registrar due to some discrepancies. However, Form-A for the year 2022 could not be filed as the company could not hold its AGM. Now, AGM of the company for the year 2022 has been held on 02.02.2024 and the relevant Form-A has been filed. Accordingly, the requirements of section 130 of the Act. have been fulfilled. The delay in filing of returns is regretted.

6. The submissions made by the authorized representative with regard to the said default 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 AGM with prescribed period for the years 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023 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: 23-04-2024