



# SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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CASE No. AOK-1176/2024

## BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER

ORDER UNDER SECTION 132 READ WITH SECTION 479 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2017

IN THE MATTER OF ALI MURTAZA ASSOCIATES (PRIVATE) LIMITED

Present: Abdur Rub Choudhry (Authorized Representative)

Date of hearing: 06-06-2024

1. This Order shall dispose of the proceedings initiated under Section 132 of the Companies Act, 2017 (The Act), vide Show Cause Notice dated 25/04/2024 [“the Notice”].
2. The facts of the case are that after examination of the record/documents of the company it was revealed that the company has held its annual general meetings for year(s) 2023 after a lapse of time on 20-01-2024 as reported in the form-A filed with the company.
3. Prima facie, the company violated the provisions of section 132(1) of the Act, which attracts penal provisions contained under section 132 (5)(b) *ibid*.
4. Consequently, the afore mentioned violation of law rendered the company and its officer(s) liable to a penalty of level - 1 on the standard scale provided under section 132 (5)(b) read with section 479(2) of the Act. Accordingly, taking cognizance of the matter, a Show Cause Notice dated 25/04/2024 was served to the company, calling upon to Show Cause in my office within 10 days from the date of the show cause notice, as to why the penalty laid down under the above mentioned section should not be imposed.
5. On the date of hearing, Mr. Abdur Rub Choudhry, the Authorized Representative of the Company appeared before me in person. While admitting the default, he stated in the light of company’s reply dated 07-05-2024, that due to delay in finalization of audited accounts caused by unavailability of factory staff due to prevalence of diseases and allergies in the affected area, the company was unable to hold its Annual General Meeting within 120 days from close of its financial year. However, the company held its Annual General Meeting with a explicable delay on 20-01-2024 and relevant annual return was submitted subsequently.

6. The submissions made by the Authorized Representative of the Company 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 in light of the extenuating circumstances faced by the Company. 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 of all statutory requirements of applicable laws, rules and Regulations.
  
7. A copy of this order be placed on the record of company maintained by the dealing Registrar of the Company Registration Office.



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

Dated: 13-06-2024