Before Amir Saleem, Additional Director/Head of Wing (Adjudication-I) In the matter of Show Cause Notice issued to Ali Asghar Textile Mills Limited

Dates of Hearing: October 18, 2022, November 7, 2022 & November 18, 2022

Order - Redacted Version

Order dated December 9, 2022 was passed by Additional Director/Head of Wing (Adjudication-I) in the matter of Ali Asghar Textile Mills Limited. Relevant details are given as hereunder:

	Nature	Details
1.	Date of Action	Show Cause Notice dated August 30, 2022
2.	Name of Company	Ali Asghar Textile Mills Limited
3.	Name of Individual*	The proceedings were initiated against the Board of Directors including the CEO and CFO (Respondents) of the Company.
4.	Nature of Offence	The Company is in contravention of Section 237 read with Section 479 of the Companies Act, 2017 (the Act) read with Circular No. 24 of 2017 (the Circular) vis-à-vis failing to electronically transmit its periodic financials for the periods ended December 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022 with the Commission within the statutory timeframes.
5.	Action Taken	Key findings were reported in the following manner:
		I have analyzed the facts of the case and the relevant provisions of the Act. The preparation and circulation of quarterly accounts rests with the Respondents including the CEO and CFO of the Company who are required to take appropriate action within the time stipulated under the law.
		In this context, perusal of Company records reveals that financial statements for the periods ended December 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022 have been filed with the Registrar via eServices as well as disseminated through the PSX on March 2, 2022 and April 20, 2022 respectively. However, there is no record of electronic submission of the said financials through the designated email address pursuant to the Circular.
		In view of the preceding facts, I have concluded that the pertinent provisions of the statute have been violated, and Respondents are liable to penal action in terms of Section 237 of the Act as a result of failing to electronically transmit the Company's interim financial statements for the periods ended December 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022 through the designated email address of the Commission within the statutory timeframes.
		Therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (4) of Section 237 of the Act, I hereby impose penalties of Rs. 20,000/- each on the CEO and CFO for each of the afore-mentioned default periods.
6.	Penalty Imposed	Penalty aggregating Rs. 40,000/- imposed on the CEO and CFO of the
7.	Current Status of Order	Company. No Appeal has been filed by the Respondents.

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