NATIONAL COMPANY LAW APPELLATE TRIBUNAL, NEW DELHI

Company Appeal (AT) (Insolvency) No. 297 of 2017

IN THE MATTER OF:

Deltronix India Ltd. & Ors.

...Appellants

Vs.

Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.

...Respondent

Present: For Appellants: - Mr. Nesar Ahmad, PCS, Mr. Ashutosh

Dubey, Mr. Ramas and Tarun Khanna, Advocates.

For Respondent:- Mr. Sumesh Dhawan and Vatsala Kak, Advocates.

ORDER

01.12.2017- On the oral request of the learned Company Secretary appearing on behalf of the Appellants- M/s. Deltronix India Ltd. is allowed to be transposed as 2nd Respondent. Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd' be treated to be 1st Respondent. The appeal will be treated to an appeal preferred by Mr. Kapil Gupta & Anr. Appropriate modification in the cause title be made accordingly.

(Justice S.J. Mukhopadhaya) Chairperson

> (Justice Bansi Lal Bhat) Member(Judicial)

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01.12.2017- This appeal has been preferred by Appellants against the order dated 24th November, 2017 passed by Adjudicating Authority (National Company Law Tribunal), Principal Bench, New Delhi in Company Petition No. (IB)-245(PB)/2017, whereby and whereunder the application preferred by 1st Respondent under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as "I&B Code") has been admitted, order of moratorium has been passed and Interim Resolution Professional' has been appointed with certain directions.

2. Mr. Nesar Ahmad, Company Secretary appearing on behalf of the

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Appellants submits that the Appellant has reached a settlement with the 1st Respondent ('Financial Creditor') and therefore, the 'Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process' initiated against the 'Corporate Debtor' be set aside.

- 3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Respondent-'Financial Creditor', while accepting that settlement has been reached, submits that settlement has been reached after the impugned order dated 24th November, 2017 was passed and only part payment has been made.
- 4. It is a settled law that after admission of an application under Section 7 of the 'I&B Code', the 'Financial Creditor' or 'Operational Creditor' or 'Corporate Applicant' cannot withdraw the application even if a settlement has been made. The Adjudicating Authority once initiates the 'Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process', has no jurisdiction to recall the order of admission dated 24th November, 2017. In this connection, one may refer to Rule 8 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules, 2016, which is as follows:
 - **"8. Withdrawal of application.** The Adjudicating Authority may permit withdrawal

of the application made under rules 4, 6 or 7, as the case may be, on a request made by the application before its admission."

- 5. In the present case, as we find that there is no illegality or infirmity committed by Adjudicating Authority in admitting the application under Section 7 of the 1&B Code', we find no ground to interfere with the impugned order. For the said reasons also this Appellate Tribunal has no jurisdiction to accept the settlement reached between the parties to annul the impugned order, though it is open to the Appellants to move before a court of competent jurisdiction for appropriate relief.
- 6. After the order was dictated, learned Company Secretary appearing on behalf of the Appellants, requested to pass interim order of protection to enable the appellant to move before the Hon'ble Supreme Court but as we are not interfering with the impugned order dated 24th November, 2017, the question of granting interim protection does not arise.
- 7. However, it is needless to say that during the 'Resolution Process', the 'Resolution Professional' is required to ensure that the Company

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remains on-going and if so necessary, he may take assistance of the (suspended) Board of Directors. The authorised person of the 'Corporate

Debtor', who is authorised to sign the bank cheques may issue cheque

only after authorisation of the 'Resolution Professional'. The bank

account(s) of the 'Corporate Debtor(s)' can be allowed to be operated for

day-to-day functioning of the companies and its projects and for

payment of current bills of the suppliers, salaries and wages of the

officers, employees'/workmen, electricity and water bills, etc.

8. The appeal is dismissed with the aforesaid observations. No cost.

(Justice S.J. Mukhopadhaya) Chairperson

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