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(Under Section 30(6) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016)

In the matter of: SAIL – SCL KERALA LIMITED

MEMO OF PARTIES:

ANISH AGARWAL, Resolution Professional, IP Registration No.: IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P01497/2018-19/12256, Space No. Vista D-1101 Godrej United, Whitefield Main Road, Hoodi Village Hobli, Mahadevapura, Near Phoenix Market City, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560 048

... Applicant

Order delivered on: 02.05.2024

Coram:

Hon'ble Member (Technical)

Shri. Shyam Babu Gautam

Hon'ble Member (Judicial)

TMT. Justice T Krishna Valli

Appearances:		
For the Applicant	:	Mr. Shaunak Mitra, Mr. Rachit Lakhmani,
		and Mr. Siddanth Makkar, Advocates.
		Mr. Anish Agarwal (RP)

Per Coram

- This is an application filed under Section 30(6) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 ("the Code") for approval of a Resolution Plan in respect of SAIL – SCL Kerala Limited,' the Corporate Debtor ("CD"). The Resolution Professional filed the present application for approval of the Resolution Plan, which was approved by the Committee of Creditors ("CoC") with a 100% voting share in its 9th meeting which was held on 30.12.2023.
- 2. The underlying Company Petition CP(IBC)/48/KOB/2022, filed by 'Canara Bank' against the Corporate Debtor under Section 7 of the Code, was admitted by this Tribunal and Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process ("CIRP") initiated against the Corporate Debtor on 23.03.2023, and Mr. Anish Agarwal, Resolution Professional, IP Registration No.: IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P01497/2018-19/12256, was appointed as the Interim Resolution Professional ("IRP"). The Committee of Creditors ("CoC") in its first meeting held on 20.04.2023 resolved to appoint the IRP as the Resolution Professional ("RP").

- 3. The Applicant made a Public Announcement under Form-A on 26.03.2023 in terms of Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process of Corporate Person) Regulations, 2016, ("CIRP Regulations") inviting claims from the Creditors of the Corporate Debtor. The last date for the submission of claims by the creditors was 06.04.2023.
- 4. The applicant after collation of all claims, in terms of provisions of Section 18(1)(c) of the Code read with Regulations 13(2)(d) and Regulation 17 (1) of the CIRP Regulations constituted the Committee of Creditors ("CoC") and filed the same with the Hon'ble NCLT on 13.04.2023.
- 5. The Applicant in compliance with Regulation 36A (1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations 2016 published Form-G on 18.06.2023 inviting Expression of Interests ("EOI") from Prospective Resolution Applicants ("PRAs") and the last date for submission of Resolution Plan was 03.07.2023. Till the last date, the Applicant received two EOIs from the Prospective Resolution Applicants (PRAs), among which only one of the PRA was found eligible.
- 6. Later, after much deliberations in the 5th COC Meeting, the CoC members thought it fit to publish form G again and invite the public at large with eased eligibility criteria to generate more interest in the CIRP of the Corporate Debtor. Pursuant to this, in compliance with the Regulations, Form-G was published for the second time on 30.07.2023 inviting Expression of Interests (EOI) from Prospective Resolution Applicants (PRAs) and the last date for submission of EOIs was on 14.08.2023. Till the

last date, Applicant received two EOI from the Prospective Resolution Applicants (PRAs).

- 7. After verification, the provisional list of the Prospective Resolution Applicants was published on 24.08.2023 wherein both the applicants above were held provisionally eligible. The RFRP including Evaluation Matrix and Information Memorandum to the PRAs was issued by the applicant on 29.08.2023.
- 8. In the 6th CoC meeting held on 21.08.2023, a minimum of 30 days' time was given for submission of resolution plans to the PRAs from the date of issue of RFRP to them. The last date for the receipt of plans was on 29.09.2023 or after.
- 9. The applicant RP, in the same meeting, stated that the 180 days of the CIRP period is coming to an end on 19.09.2023 pursuant to which an application seeking for extension of time in terms with Section 12 of the IBC, 2016 was filed with NCLT and an extension of 90 days was granted by this Hon'ble Tribunal Vide its order dt. 25.09.2023.
- 10. It is submitted that only one Resolution Plan was received by the RP on 29.09.2023 i.e. from Chhattisgarh Outsourcing Services Pvt. Ltd (SRA). The 7th CoC meeting was called for by the RP to discuss this Resolution Plan. This meeting was held on 20.10.2023, adjourned and was further concluded on 25.10.2023. Thereafter, the CoC Members discussed the various points observed by them in the Resolution Plan with the Resolution Applicant.

- 11. The Resolution Applicant was intimated that he needs to improve the financial offer as the CoC suggested that the amount proposed towards them is not in line with their expectations. In accordance with the same the RA vide email dated 07.11.2023 to the RP proposed and increased its offer and, the terms of payment were also bettered. In the 8th CoC meeting held on 01.12.2023, the above-revised plan was briefed to the CoC members as well.
- 12. Thereafter the RP informed the CoC that the 270th day of CIRP in this matter is ending on 19.12.2023. Considering the situation, as suggested by the CoC the RP filed an application with NCLT, Kochi seeking 60 days additional time beyond 19.12.2023 and the said Application is pending adjudication before this Hon'ble Tribunal.
- 13. In the 9th Meeting of the CoC dated 11.12.2023, the Applicant informed the CoC members that the Final Resolution Plan dated 08.12.2023 has been received from the RA i.e., the Chhattisgarh Outsourcing Services Private Limited. In the said meeting, CoC Members took note of the financial offer and further discussed the feasibility and Viability of the Resolution Plan.
- 14. The Resolutions proposed as aforesaid and under the 9th CoC Meeting dated 11.12.2023, were approved by the CoC with 100% votes on 30.12.2023 and the 'Chhattisgarh Outsourcing Services Private Limited' was declared as the Successful Resolution Applicant ("SRA") in the CIRP of the Corporate Debtor.
- The Resolution Plan dated 11.12.2023 as approved by the CoC is given on pages 170 to 143 of the application as Annexure 13(Colly). The Successful Resolution Applicant, Chhattisgarh Outsourcing Services Pvt. Ltd.,

proposes to acquire the corporate debtor as a going concern through the Resolution Plan entailing a total proposed outlay of **Rs. 2962.00 Lakhs** for settling the creditors and CIRP Cost. The claims admitted and considered in the Resolution Plan are as follows:

Sr. No.	Category of Claim	Claim Amount (INR Lacs)	Amount admitted (INR Lacs)	The amount proposed to be paid as per the Resolution Plan (INR Lacs)
1.	Unpaid CIRP Costs	-	-	Actuals
2.	Financial Creditors (Secured)	11801.23	11801.23	2501.00 Lakhs
3.	Financial Creditor (Unsecured)	-	-	-
4.	Operational Creditors (Workers and Employees) incl. EPFO & Gratuity Fund	1060.55	534.72	446.00 Lakhs
5.	Operational Creditors (Govt./Statutory dues)	3309.87	2206.36	15.00 Lakhs
	Total	16171.65	14542.31	2962.0 Lakhs

- 16. The CIRP cost remaining unpaid post utilization of all available cash balances of the Corporate Debtor is to be paid at actuals from the amount proposed towards the settlement of secured financial creditors. The amount payable to the Secured Financial Creditors shall stand reduced to the extent of any Unpaid CIRP Costs being met from the Total Resolution Amount. Operational Creditors (Workers and Employees) The amount payable to the Secured Financial Creditors shall stand reduced to the extent of excess amount of payment against proposed, as mandatory payment towards under section 53 read with 36 (4) (iii) all sums due to any workman or employee from the Total Resolution Amount.
- 17. The RP issued the Letter of Intent dated 03.01.2024 to the above SRA in accordance with the Terms of the Request for Resolution Plan ("RFRP"). The SRA was to submit the performance security of Rs. 2.97 Crores (Being 10% of the total Plan Value amounting to Rs.29.62 Crores) as provided under the RFRP within 7 days of receiving this LOI. This LOI was accepted by the SRA and a performance bank guarantee of Rs. 3 Crores has been provided by the SRA.
- 18. The Applicant further submitted that the successful resolution applicant has submitted Annexure performance Bank Guarantee No. 240391IBGP00032 dated 06.01.2024 for Rs. 3,00,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crores only) issued by IDBI Bank Ltd. having validity till 05.02.2025 as required under sub-regulation (4A) of regulation 36B as Annexure 12.
- 19. The valuations on the assets of the Corporate Debtor were conducted by the valuers appointed by the Applicant wherein the average Liquidation

Value of the Corporate Debtor is approximately Rs.19,13,81,952.50/- and the average fair value is approximately Rs.72,93,14,996.50/-. A copy of the Valuation Summary is annexed as Annexure 15 on page 261 of the application. The copy of the KYC documents of the Resolution Applicant is annexed as Annexure 16 on pages 262-265 of the application. Further, the copy of the Confidentiality Undertaking of the Resolution Applicant dated 14.08.2023 is annexed as Annexure 17 on pages 266-271 of the application.

20. The Applicant has submitted the details of various compliances as envisaged by the Code and the CIRP Regulations which a Resolution Plan is required to adhere to. The Compliance Certificate of the Applicant under Form-H is marked as Annexure 14. These are stated as follows:

Section of the	Requirement with respect to Resolution	Section/ Clause of	Compliance (Yes / No)
Code/Reg.	Plan	Resolution	
		Plan	
25(2)(h)	Whether the Resolution Applicant meet the criteria approved by the CoC having regard to the complexity and scale of operations of the	Section I	Yes
	business of the CD?		

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29A	Whether the Resolution	Notarised Y	Yes
	Applicant is eligible to	affidavit	
	submit a resolution plan	given	
	as per the final list of	as 'Annexure	
	Resolution Professional	13(colly)'	
	or Order, if any, of the		
	Adjudicating Authority?		
30(1)	Whether the Resolution	Notarised Y	Yes
	Applicant has submitted	affidavit	
	an affidavit stating that	given	
	it is eligible?	as 'Annexure	
		13(colly)'	
30(2)	Whether the Resolution		
	Plan:		
	a) Provides for the	Section IV Y	Yes
	payment of		
	insolvency		
	resolution		
	process costs?		
	b) Provides for the	Section IV Y	Yes
	payment to the		
	operational		
	creditors?		
	c) Provides for the	Section IV Y	Yes
	payment to the		
	financial creditors		
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	who did not vote		
	in favour of the		
	resolution plan?		
	d) Provides for the	Section XI	Yes
	management of		
	the affairs of the		
	corporate debtor?		
	e) Provides for the		
	implementation	Section XI	Yes
	and supervision		
	of the resolution		
	plan?		
	f) Contravenes any		
	of the provisions	Section III,	No
	of the law for the	Section IV -	
	time being in	1.2. C	
	force?		
Section	Whether the Resolution		
30(4)	Plan:		
	a) is feasible and	Section IX	Yes
	viable, according		
	to the CoC?		
	b) has been	-	Yes with 100%
	approved by the		votes
	CoC with 66%		
	voting share?		

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Section	Whether the Resolution	Section V,	Yes,
31(1)	Plan has provisions for	Section XIII	All payments/
	its effective		settlements shall be
	implementation plan,		made within 6
	according to the CoC?		months from the
			record date.
Regulation	Whether the amount		
38(1)	due to the operational		
	creditors under the	Section IV	Yes
	resolution plan has been		
	given priority in		
	payment over the		
	financial creditors?		
Regulation	Whether the resolution		
38(1A)	plan include a statement		
	as to how it has dealt	Section IV	Yes
	with the interests of all		
	stakeholders?		
Regulation	i. Whether the	Section III	No,
38(1B)	Resolution		Declaration given.
	Applicant or any		
	of its related		
	parties has failed		
	to implement or		
	contributed to the		
	failure of		

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	implementation		
	of any resolution		
	plan approved		
	under the Code?		
	ii. If so, whether the	-	Not Applicable
	Resolution		
	Applicant has		
	submitted the		
	statement giving		
	details of such		
	non-		
	implementation?		
Regulation	Whether the Resolution		
38(2)	Plan provides:		
	a) the term of the	Section V	Yes
	plan and its		
	implementation		
	schedule?		
	b) for the	Section V	Yes
	management and		105
	control of the		
	business of the		
	corporate debtor		
	during its term?		

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	c) adequate means	Section V	Yes
	for supervising its		
	implementation?		
Regulation	Whether the resolution		
38(3)	plan demonstrates that:		
	a) it addresses the		
	cause of default?	Section II	Yes
	b) it is feasible and		
	viable?	Section IX	Yes
	c) it has provisions		
	for its effective	Section XIII	Yes, all payments/
	implementation?		settlements shall be
			made within 6
			months from the
			record date.
	d) it has provisions		
	for approvals	Section XIII	Yes
	required and the		
	timeline for the		
	same?		
	e) the resolution		
	applicant has the	Section X	Yes
	capability to		
	implement the		
	resolution plan?		

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Section	Whether the RP has	-	Not Applicable
39(2)	filed applications in		
	respect of transactions		
	observed, found or		
	determined by him?		
Regulation	Provide details of	Performance	Yes
39(4)	performance security	Bank	Performance Bank
	received, as referred to	Guarantee	Guarantee No.
	in sub-regulation (4A)	provided as	240391IBGP00032
	of regulation 36B.	per RFRP	dated 06.01.2024
			for
			Rs. 3,00,00,000/-
			(Rupees Three
			Crores only) issued
			by IDBI Bank Ltd.
			having validity till
			05.02.2025.
			(Copy of PBG
			attached as
			Annexure 12)

21. The applicant has filed a Compliance Certificate in prescribed form i.e., Form-H in compliance with regulation 39(4) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations 2016 as Annexure 14, along with evidence of receipt of performance bank guarantee as required under Regulation 36B(4A) is disclosed as Annexure 12(colly) in pages 160 to 169 of the application, respectively.

- 22. As required by Section 30(1) r/w Regulation 39(1)(a) of the CIRP Regulations, the Applicant submitted that the Successful Resolution Applicant has attached a Certificate of Eligibility under Section 29A of the Code vide notarized affidavit dated 29.09.2023 at pages 244-246 of the application.
- 23. The Resolution Applicant requests, proposes and prays for the following reliefs and concessions to be granted to the Corporate Debtor and/or the Resolution Applicant, as the case may be, on the Approval Date.

Sr.		
No.:	Reliefs/Waivers/Concessions sought	Status
1.	Requests that all rights & benefits and	Granted
	incentives under all agreements,	
	arrangements/ incentive schemes, subsidy	
	schemes and policies that the Corporate	
	Debtor is entitled under, and all such benefits	
	shall remain vested in the Corporate Debtor	
	with effect from the NCLT Approval date,	
	notwithstanding anything contained in any	
	agreement or Contract or Shareholder	
	Agreement or/and Joint venture Agreement.	

2.	Requests the dispensation from the	Granted subject to
	applicability of the provisions of the	the relevant
	Companies Act, 2013: Upon approval of the	provisions of the
	Resolution Plan by Adjudicating Authority,	applicable laws
	no further proceedings and/or formalities	
	shall be required to be undertaken in respect	
	of the amalgamation with SPV/Associates;	
	Amalgamation under the Companies Act and	
	the respective authority shall take	
	cognizance of it on receipt of the copy of	
	Order of Hon'ble NCLT as per Regulation	
	37(ba) of the CIRP Regulations and Section	
	5(26) of the IBC, 2016.	
3.	Requests that the CBDT and or any other	Granted
	Governmental Authority to allow the	
	Corporate Debtors to enjoy and avail in	
	future any tax benefits, deductions,	
	exemptions as per the relevant provisions of	
	the Applicable Laws which the Corporate	
	Debtors was entitled to as on the NCLT	
	Approval Date for the balance period as per	
	the relevant provisions of the Applicable	
	Laws; and	
4.	Requests that the Corporate Debtor or the	Granted as per the
	Resolution Applicant shall not, at any point	relevant provisions
	of time, be held financially liable under the	

	provisions in relation to the liability of the	of the applicable
	Corporate Debtor as per Section 170 of the	laws
	Income Tax Act, 1961 in respect of any	
	transaction carried out before the NCLT	
	Approval Date or contemplated under the	
	Resolution Plan.	
5.	Requests that the Corporate Debtor shall be	Granted subject to
	entitled to carry forward and set off all the	the relevant
	brought forward book losses and	provisions of the
	unabsorbed depreciation as shown in the	applicable laws
	books of account and considered in the	
	returns filed under the Income Tax Act.	
	Further, credit in respect of minimum	
	alternate tax paid by the Corporate Debtor	
	shall continue with the Corporate Debtor on	
	a 'going concern' basis and shall be available	
	for the benefit of the Resolution Applicant or	
	the Corporate Debtor, as the case may be.	
6.	Requests that the Collector of Stamps,	Granted subject to
	Revenue Department, of any State	the relevant
	Government and the Ministry of Corporate	provisions of the
	Affairs and SEBI to exempt the Resolution	applicable laws
	Applicant and the Corporate Debtor, from	
	the levy of stamp duty and fees applicable in	
	relation to this Resolution Plan and its	
	implementation, including any stamp duty	
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	and registration costs, as applicable,	
	including on the cancellation and issue of	
	shares by the Corporate Debtor.	
7.	Requests that the concerned state revenue/	Granted as per the
	stamp authorities to waive penalties for non-	relevant provisions
	registration and inadequate/ non-stamping/	of the applicable
	absence of registration of the documents	laws
	executed by the Corporate Debtor prior to	
	the NCLT Approval Date.	
8.	Requests that all the dues as on insolvency	Granted subject to
	commencement date related to the Lease be	the relevant
	waived off and the corporate debtor would	provisions of the
	not be subjected to any penalty or interest or	applicable laws
	related charges for the lease renewal. The	
	applicable charges for renewal of the lease	
	would be borne by the resolution applicant.	
	Furthermore, the relevant Department, upon	
	payment of renewal fees, shall immediately	
	renew the Lease. The Department would be	
	further prohibited from rejecting the	
	Corporate Debtor's application for renewal	
	of its lease, on account of it being under CIRP	
	and subsequently revived in pursuance to	
	the provisions of the Code.	
9.	Requests that as the bona fide acquisition of	Granted
	corporate debtor under IBC shall have a free	

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	and marketable title to all properties/ assets	
	notwithstanding the terms of the	
	constitutional documents, agreement or	
	arrangement of the corporate debtor,	
	shareholders agreement, joint venture	
	agreement or other document of a similar	
	nature.	
10.	Requests that recovery, if any, made	Not granted, since
	pursuant to the order passed by Hon'ble	no such petitions
	NCLT under Section 43, Section 45, Section	are filed.
	50 and Section 66 of the Code before Hon'ble	
	NCLT, Kochi Bench shall be the exclusive	
	right of the Committee of Creditors of the	
	Corporate Debtor.	
11.	Requests that the Reserve Bank of India and	Granted as per the
	Credit Information Bureau of India Limited	relevant provisions
	(CIBIL) to confirm that, on and from the	of the applicable
	NCLT Approval Date, all accounts of the	laws
	Corporate Debtor shall stand regularized	
	and their assets classification shall be	
	"standard" for the purposes of all Applicable	
	Laws;	
12.	Requests that all Governmental Authorities	Granted
	to grant any relief, concession or	
	dispensation as may be required for	
	implementation of the transactions	

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	contemplated under the Plan in accordance	
	with its terms and conditions.	
13.	Requests a direction that the Corporate	Granted
	Debtor and the Resolution Applicant shall	
	not be liable for any taxes and shall be	
	granted an exemption from all taxes, levies,	
	duties, fees, stamp duties, transfer charges,	
	transfer premiums, and surcharges that arise	
	from or relate to the actions under the	
	Resolution Plan, since payment of these	
	amounts may make the Resolution Plan	
	unviable. Any reference to taxes shall include	
	any transfer premiums or charges, change of	
	ownership/control charges payable in	
	connection with the Resolution Plan and the	
	consequent change in ownership and control	
	of the Corporate Debtor.	
14.	In relation to the taxation of the Corporate	
	Debtor, following concessions shall be	
	applicable:	
	a) Any non-compliance in relation to	Granted
	filing of Income-Tax Return under	
	Section 139 of Income Tax Act, 1961	
	including any other forms as required	
	to be filed by Corporate Debtor under	
	provisions of Income Tax Act, 1961,	
	including any other forms as required to be filed by Corporate Debtor under	

prior to the	pproval of the resolution
plan, be wai	ed and not penalized;
b) A direction	be issued that the Granted
requiremen	of obtaining a no
objection ce	tificate under section 281
of the Inc	me-Tax Act, 1961 and
provisions	of taking over its
predecessor	s Tax liability under
section 170	f the Income-tax Act shall
not be a	plicable. Further, the
transaction	nall not be treated as void
under sectio	n 281 of the Income Tax
Act, 1961 fc	any claims in respect of
Tax or any	ther sum payable by the
Corporate D	ebtor or any shareholder
of the Corpo	ate Debtor, if applicable;

24. Regarding the reliefs/waivers pertaining to the domain of various departments/ governmental authorities, it is further clarified that this Adjudicating Authority has no power to sanction these waivers, etc. and the Successful Resolution Applicant is at liberty to approach the competent authorities/ courts/ legal forums/ office(s) Government or Semi-Government/State or Central Government for appropriate relief(s) sought in the plan.

- 25. It is directed that any relief sought in the resolution plan, where the contract/agreement/understanding/proceedings/actions/notice etc. is not specifically identified or is for future and contingent liability, is at this moment not acceded to.
- 26. The approval of the Resolution Plan does not mean any automatic waivers of any statutory obligations/ liabilities of the Corporate Debtor and shall be dealt with by the appropriate Authorities in accordance with the applicable laws. "Any waiver sought in the Resolution Plan shall be subject to approval by the Authorities concerned" as held by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of *Ghanashyam Mishra and Sons Private Limited vs. Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited in CIVIL APPEAL NO.8129 of 2019 dated 13.04.2021.*
- 27. Further, as per the above judgement, on the date of approval of the Resolution Plan by the Adjudicating Authority, all such claims which are not a part of the Resolution Plan, shall stand extinguished and no person will be entitled to initiate or continue any proceedings in respect to a claim which is not a part of the Resolution Plan. As per the existing judicial precedents, no claims can be entertained after the approval of the resolution plan by the CoC.

DETAILS OF RESOLUTION PLAN/PAYMENT SCHEDULE

28. The Successful Resolution Applicant will bring in **Rs. 2962.00 Lakhs** towards the total Resolution amount which will be paid as follows:

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		Amount	
	Claim	Provided	
Stakeholder Particulars	Admitted	in the	Time Period
	in Lakhs	Plan in	
		Lakhs	
Unpaid CIRP costs	-	At Actual	In Priority, Payable at
			actuals shall be paid out of
			and as a deduction from,
			the cash recovery of the
			Secured Financial
			Creditors
Secured Financial Creditors –	11801	2501	25% within 30 Days and
Canara Bank			the balance 75% within 6
			Months from the Record
			date
Unsecured financial creditors	-	-	-
Operational creditors-			
• Govt EPFO	92	92	
Gratuity Fund		154	In priority
• Other Govt. Dues		5	
Workmen/employees	535	200	In priority
Other operational	2114	10	In priority
creditors			
Other debts and dues	-	-	-

Existing shareholder	-	-	Existing share capital be
			cancelled.
TOTAL RESOLUTION PLAN	14542	2962	

- 29. The resolution plan defines the "Record Date" which shall mean 45 business days from the NCLT approval date of this Resolution Plan. Under the Resolution Plan, it is provided that all the payments/settlements shall be made within 6 months from the Record Date.
- 30. The Resolution Applicant intend to undertake the corporate resolution of the Corporate Debtor in the following manner and order, in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of this Resolution Plan. The key steps of the Resolution Plan are as follows:

Sr.		
No.	Corporate Resolution Steps	Timelines
1.	Formation of an SPV (if required by the Resolution	Prior to
	Applicant) with the Resolution Applicant directly (or	payment.
	indirectly through an intermediate holding company(s))	
2.	Fund Infusion:	Within 6
	The RA shall infuse Rs.2962.00 Lakh i.e., the total	months from
	resolution amount under the resolution plan towards the	the Record Date
	payouts to be made to the creditors of the Corporate	
	Debtor.	
3.	Capital Reduction:	Within 30 days
	The Corporate Debtor shall undertake a capital reduction,	from the NCLT
	whereby all the equity shares and preference shares (if	approval date.

	any) of the Corporate Debtor held by any Person including	
	public shareholders on a fully diluted basis shall stand	
	cancelled and extinguished, without any pay-out, or cash	
	consideration to the Financial Creditors, Operational	
	Creditors, Employees and Workmen, statutory creditors,	
	Other Creditors, other third parties, the existing	
	shareholders and any other Person, under the provisions	
	of the \ Companies Act, 2013. The face value of the equity	
	shares so cancelled shall be transferred to the capital	
	reserve of the Company.	
4.	On approval of resolution plan by NCLT, all existing	Within 30 days
	directors of the Corporate Debtor shall be deemed to have	from the NCLT
	resigned and vacated their office, and the board of	approval date.
	directors of the Corporate Debtor shall be re-constituted	
	by the SPV or the Resolution Applicant in accordance with	
	Applicable Law (including the applicable requirements of	
	appointing Independent Directors).	
5.	The Resolution Professional shall deliver to the Corporate	Within 3 days
	Debtor / Resolution Applicant all the documents in	on completion
	relation to its assets and operations (including but not	of
	limited to tax returns; title documents relating to land	implementation
	parcels in which the Corporate Debtor has any right or	of Resolution
	interest or on which the Corporate Debtor's plant and	plan.
	machineries have been installed; books of accounts;	
	agreements entered into by the Corporate Debtor with	
	any third party; and approvals and licenses in relation to	

the business and operations of the Corporate Debtor) once entire amount proposed under this resolution plan is paid out.

FINDINGS

- 31. On hearing the submissions made by the Ld. Counsel for the Resolution Professional, and perusing all the available records, we find that the Resolution Plan has been approved with a 100% voting share. As per the CoC, the Plan meets the requirement of being viable and feasible for the revival of the Corporate Debtor. By and large, all the compliances have been done by the RP and the Resolution Applicant for making the Plan effective after approval by this Bench.
- 32. In *K. Sashidhar vs. Indian Overseas Bank & Others (in Civil Appeal No. 10673/2018)* the Hon'ble Apex Court held that "if the CoC had approved the Resolution Plan by requisite per cent of voting share, then as per Section 30 (6) of the Code, it is imperative for the Resolution Professional to submit the same to the Adjudicating Authority. On receipt of such proposal, the Adjudicating Authority (NCLT) is required to satisfy itself that the resolution plan as approved by the CoC meets the requirements specified in Section 30(2). No more and no less."
- 33. Also, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Committee of Creditors of Essar Steel India Limited vs. Satish Kumar Gupta & Ors,* held that "the limited judicial review available to Adjudicating Authority has to be within the four corners of section 30(2) of the Code. Such review can in no circumstance trespass upon a business decision of the majority of the CoC.

As such the Adjudicating Authority would not have the power to modify the Resolution Plan which the CoC in their commercial wisdom have approved."

- 34. On perusal of the documents on record, we are also satisfied that the Resolution Plan is in accordance with Sections 30 and 31 of the Code and also complies with regulations 38 and 39 of the IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016. We also found that the Resolution Applicant is eligible to submit the Resolution Plan under Section 29A of the Code.
- 35. No circumstances exist that militate against the grant of approval for the Resolution Plan submitted by the Successful Resolution Applicant herein. Thus, the Application filed by the Resolution Professional is hereby **approved**.
- 36. As far as the question of granting time to comply with the statutory obligations/seeking sanctions from governmental authorities is concerned, the Resolution Applicant is directed to do the same within one year as prescribed under section 31(4) of the Code.

ORDER

- 37. Therefore, subject to the observations made in this Order, the ResolutionPlan in question is hereby approved by this Hon'ble Bench. TheResolution Plan shall form part of this Order.
- 38. The Resolution Plan along with annexures and schedules forming part of the plan is binding on the Corporate Debtor, its employees, members, and

all its creditors including but not limited to secured, unsecured, financial and operational creditors, guarantors, government and statutory and local authorities and other stakeholders involved so that revival of the Corporate Debtor can come into force with immediate effect.

- 39. The Moratorium imposed under Section 14 shall cease to have effect from the date of this order.
- 40. The Resolution Professional (RP) shall stand discharged from his duties with effect from the date of this Order. However, he shall perform his duties in terms of the Resolution Plan as approved by this Adjudicating Authority.
- 41. The Resolution Applicant shall have access to all the Corporate Debtor's records, documents, assets and premises with effect from the date of this order.
- 42. The Resolution Professional is further directed to hand over all records, documents and properties of the Corporate Debtor to the Resolution Applicant to enable the Resolution Applicant to finalize the further line of action required for starting the operations.
- 43. In case of non-compliance with this order or withdrawal of the Resolution Plan, the CoC shall forfeit the performance security amount already paid by the Resolution Applicant.
- 44. Liberty is hereby granted for moving any Application if required in connection with the implementation of this Resolution Plan.
- 45. A copy of this Order is to be submitted by the Resolution Applicant in the Office of the Registrar of Companies (ROC), Kerala, inter alia for updating the status of the corporate debtor.

- 46. The Registry is directed to send e-mail copies of the order forthwith to all the parties, their Ld. Counsel/Authorized Representatives, ROC Kerala, the IBBI, for information and for taking necessary steps.
- 47. This Interlocutory Application bearing no. IA(IBC)(Plan)/01/KOB/2024 is allowed as above and the main Company Petition bearing no. <u>CP(IBC)/48/KOB/2022 shall stand</u> <u>disposed of accordingly.</u>
- 48. Let the certified copy of the order be issued on demand to the concerned parties upon compliance with requisite formalities.
- 49. File be consigned to records.



SHYAM BABU GAUTAM

T. KRISHNA VALLI

(MEMBER JUDICIAL)

(MEMBER TECHNICAL)

Signed on this the 02nd day of May, 2024

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