



भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनिमय बोर्ड
Securities and Exchange Board of India

General Order No.1 of 2015

SEBI (Prohibition on Raising Further Capital From Public and Transfer of Securities of Suspended Companies) Order, 2015.

Under section 11A read with section 11 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act 1992.

1. In terms of section 21 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 read with section 11A of the Securities and Exchange Board of India, Act ("SEBI Act"), all listed companies are mandated to comply with listing conditions prescribed under the equity listing agreement. Section 11A of the SEBI Act empowers SEBI to prohibit any company from issuing prospectus, etc. soliciting money from public for issue of securities and to specify requirements, for transfer of securities and matters incidental thereto.
2. Disclosures by the listed companies, as per the equity listing agreement, apart from empowering investors to have requisite information so as to make investment decision, has significant bearing on price discovery, prevention of fraud/ manipulation and has an overall impact on market integrity, etc. It has been noticed that several listed companies continuously fail to comply with listing conditions stipulated under the equity listing agreement and consequently trading in their shares is suspended by the concerned recognised stock exchange. While the non-promoter shareholders of such companies remain in disadvantageous position on account of information asymmetry, their promoters/directors, who are responsible for such defaults, can use the undisclosed information about the company and dispose of their shareholding in the company leaving the gullible investors in lurch. Thus, such non-compliance jeopardise the interests of investors in such companies and adversely impact the market integrity.
3. In order to ensure effective enforcement of listing conditions and improve compliance environment among the listed companies and taking into account the interests of investors in securities and the securities market, it is felt necessary to strengthen the regulatory mechanism in the above regard. Accordingly, in exercise of powers conferred under sections 11 and 11A of the SEBI Act, in order to protect the interest of investors, it is hereby ordered that-
 - a) a suspended company, its holding and/or subsidiary, its promoters and directors shall not, issue prospectus, any offer document, or advertisement



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soliciting money from the public for the issue of securities, directly or indirectly; till the suspension is revoked by the concerned recognised stock exchange or securities of such company are delisted in accordance with the applicable delisting requirements, whichever is earlier:

Provided that SEBI may, in the interest of trade and securities market, relax the strict enforcement of this restriction on recommendation of the concerned stock exchange in case of companies, other than aforementioned, wherein such promoters are also promoters/directors;

- b) the suspended company and the depositories shall not effect transfer, by way of sale, pledge, etc., of shares of a suspended company held by promoters /promoter group and directors till three months after the date of revocation of suspension by the concerned recognised stock exchange or till securities of such company are delisted in accordance with the applicable delisting requirements, whichever is earlier. The concerned recognised stock exchange and depositories shall co-ordinate with each other for ensuring compliance of this requirement. Such promoter/director may file objection, if any, before the concerned recognised stock exchange who may, on satisfactory reasons shown by such promoter/director, remove this restriction in accordance with its applicable rule, regulations and bye-laws.
4. For the aforesaid purposes, "suspended company" means a listed company in whose shares trading is suspended from trading by the recognised stock exchange on account of non compliance with listing requirements.
5. This Order shall come into force with immediate effect.

DATE: July 20th, 2015
PLACE: MUMBAI

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CHAIRMAN
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