

Before Amir M. Khan Afridi, Director/HOD (Adjudication-I)

In the matter of Show Cause Notice issued to Abbasi & Co. (Private) Limited

Dates of Hearing

November 9, 2021

Order-Redacted Version

Order dated March 18, 2022 was passed by Director/Head of Department (Adjudication-I) in the matter of Abbasi & Co. (Private) Limited. Relevant details are given as hereunder:

Nature	Details
1. Date of Action	Show cause notice dated June 10, 2021.
2. Name of Respondent	Abbasi & Co. (Pvt.) Limited (the Respondent/ the Company and/or ACPL)
3. Nature of Offence	<u>Alleged contraventions of Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism) Regulations, 2018 (the Regulations) read with Section 40A of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan Act 1997 (the Act).</u>
4. Action Taken	<p>Key findings were reported in the following manner:</p> <p>I have gone through the facts of the case, the written and oral submissions of the Respondent in light of the applicable legal provisions and observed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. with regard to response in respect of non-compliance with the five (5) SROs as highlighted by the inspection team, the Respondent admitted the delay made on its part. The Respondent submitted that out of the total one hundred and eighty-seven (187) instances scrutinized by the inspection team, minor delays were observed only in five (5) instances ranging from 5-7 days in response to the SROs regarding proscribed persons/ entities. The said delays were mainly due to Covid-19 pandemic and limitation of staff; andii. with regard to the observation regarding beneficiary, parents, husbands etc. screening of its clients, the Respondent in reply to the inspection team provided snap shot of screening software titles "Back Connect" which demonstrates that details of clients' successor were entered in the aforesaid software.

	<p>Further, the inspection report has not specified instances wherein such information regarding beneficiary, parents or husbands etc. were deficient. Therefore, the Respondent is not held accountable in this matter.</p> <p>I hereby in terms of the power conferred under Section 40A of the Act, conclude the proceeding initiated through the SCN without imposing any monetary penalty, restriction and cancellation, however, the Respondent is hereby warned to be careful in future about compliance with all the applicable AML Laws.</p>
5. Penalty Imposed	Warning
6. Current Status of Order	No Appeal has been filed by the respondents.