



Corporate Supervision Department
Company Law Division

Before Ms. Amina Aziz – Director (CSD)

In the matter of

Chakwal Spinning Mills Limited

Number and date of SCN: No. CSD/ARN/93/2015-2933, dated February 24, 2017

Date of hearing: March 15, 2017

Authorized Representative: Mr. Muhammad Ashraf, Company Secretary

ORDER

UNDER SECTION 245 READ WITH SECTION 476 OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1984

This order shall dispose of the proceedings initiated against the following directors including the chief executive officer (together referred to as "respondents") of Chakwal Spinning Mills Limited (the "Company"):

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| 1 | Khawaja Muhammad Jahangir | 6 | Mr. Muhammad Naveed |
| 2 | Khawaja Muhammad Jawed | 7 | Mr. Muhammad Aman |
| 3 | Khawaja Muhammad Tanveer | 8 | Mr. Muhammad Tariq Sufi |
| 4 | Khawaja Muhammad Kaleem | | |
| 5 | Khawaja Muhammad Nadeem | | |

The proceedings against the respondents were initiated through show cause notice (the "SCN") dated February 24 2017 under the provisions of section 245 read with section 476 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 (the "Ordinance").

2. The brief facts of the case are that the Company filed the interim financial statements ("Quarterly Accounts") for the following periods with the Commission in timely manner, as per the requirements of the Ordinance.

Quarter Ended	Due on	Filed on
30-Sep-15	31-Oct-15	Not filed
30-Sep-16	31-Oct-16	Delay of 63 days

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Consequently, the SCN dated February 24, 2017 was issued to the respondents whereof they were called upon to show cause in writing within fourteen days as to why penal action may not be taken against them under section 245 of the Ordinance for filing the mentioned Quarterly Accounts with the Commission in timely manner.

4. Mr. Muhammad Ashraf, Company Secretary of the Company appeared on behalf of the Company. He informed that the accounts for the quarter September 2015 were delayed because the Company had sought extension to hold their AGM for the year ended June 2015. The reason for the delay was that the appointed auditors were initially included in QCR list of ICAP but later they were removed due to which the Company had to re-conduct the audit, hence AGM and filing of annual audited accounts was delayed. The Company, had duly informed the Commission and sought extension in time to meet the mandatory requirement. The aforesaid delay resulted in delay in filing of the subject quarterly accounts., Written submission in this regard as also provided.

5. Before proceeding further, it is necessary to advert to the following relevant provisions of the Ordinance. In terms of sub-section (1) of section 245 of the Ordinance read with Commission's circular no. 9 dated March 19, 2003, all listed companies are, inter alia, required to file their quarterly accounts with the Commission within stipulated time i.e. one month from the close of first and third quarters and two months from the close of second quarter.

Sub-section (3) of section 245, inter alia, provides as under:

(3) If a company fails to comply with any of the requirements of this section, every director, including chief executive and chief accountant of the company who has knowingly by his act or omission been the cause of such default shall be liable to a fine of not exceeding one hundred thousand rupees and to a further fine of one thousand rupees for every day during which the default continues.





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In terms of the Commission's notification SRO 1003 (I)/2015 dated October 15, 2015, the powers to adjudicate cases under section 245 have been delegated to the Director (Corporate Supervision Department).

6. I have analyzed the facts of the case, relevant provisions of the Ordinance, and submissions made by the respondents. Before deciding upon on matter, manner not only provide to its users a reliable source of information regarding a company's financial position and performance but these also show the results of management's stewardship of resources entrusted to it. In order to ensure transparency, all the companies must meticulously follow the legal requirement for preparing and circulation of interim accounts. In addition to their responsibility of overseeing and managing affairs of the Company, directors also have fiduciary duties towards the I would like to highlight that the requirement to circulate interim accounts was introduced so that the shareholders could have timely access to information about the affairs of companies. Keeping in view the fact that timing of interim financial statements is of essence the disclosure and audit requirements of these accounts have been kept to a bare minimum. Interim financial statements prepared properly and in a timely Company and its shareholders. They are, therefore, liable to a higher level of accountability, which requires them to be vigilant and perform their duties with care and prudence. It is directors' responsibility to oversee the functioning of the company, to keep it appropriately staffed and organized to ensure due compliance of law.

7. Keeping in view, the reasons of the delay in filing of the aforesaid quarterly accounts instead of imposing fine, I hereby conclude the proceedings with a warning and direct the respondents to be careful in future and ensure meticulous compliance with applicable laws and directions of the Commission.

Amina Aziz
Director (CSD)

Announced:
March 27, 2017
Islamabad

