

## Corporate Supervision Department Company Law Division

Before Ms. Amina Aziz - Director (CSD)

In the matter of

#### Landmark Spinning Industries Limited

Number and date of SCN:

CSD/ARN/223/2015 dated October 18, 2016

Date of Hearing

November 08, 2016

November 20, 2016

January 12, 2017

Present for Respondent

Mr. Yousaf Noorani, Company Secretary

**ORDER** 

## UNDER SECTION 495 READ WITH SECTION 476 OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1984

This order shall dispose of the proceedings against the Chief Executive (the "respondent") of Landmark Spinning Industries Limited (the "Company"). The proceedings were initiated through show cause notice (the "SCN") dated, issued under the provisions of section 495 read with section 476 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 (the "Ordinance").

- 2. The brief facts of the case are that the Commission through the notification no. SRO 634 (I)/2014 dated July 10, 2014 (the "SRO-I) directed every public company to maintain a functional website with effect from August 30, 2014 and place stipulated mandatory information thereon. Furthermore, the Commission through the notification no. SRO 684 (I)/2015 dated July 15, 2015 (the "SRO-II), also directed all public companies to place website link of SECP's investor education portal "JamaPunji" (www.jampunji.pk) along with its logo at a prominent place on the homepage of their websites. In terms of the Commission's SRO 1222 (I)/2015 dated December 10, 2015 (the "SRO-III"), every public company was directed to maintain a functional website in English language as well as Urdu language.
- 3. It was noticed that the Company had, *prima facie*, contravened the directions of the Commission given vide the SRO-I, SRO-II & SRO-III by not providing the complete information and by not following the sequential order in line with the requirements of the SROs. Consequently, the SCN was issued to the respondent whereof he was called upon to show cause

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in writing as to why penal action may not be taken against him under sub-section (1) of section 495 of the Ordinance for not complying with the Commission's direction given vide the aforesaid SROs.

- 4. The reply was received from the Company dated November17,2016 it was informed that the Company has been maintaining its website however the Company has sustained heavy losses and in the circumstances the and due to certain aspects of technical nature staff is required for upgradation of website and the Company has processed to do the needful. A lenient view in the matter was requested. The Company also requested for a hearing opportunity and the hearing was fixed accordingly for January 12, 2017. On the date of hearing, the Authorized Representative, Mr. Yousaf Noorani appeared before the undersigned and informed that the Company was in the process of updating its website. He also cited the financial burden being faced by the Company in view of non-functioning of unit in Balochistan. He requested for some time to make sure the Company complies with the SROs and also that further time is required for Urdu Translation of the necessary content to be placed on the website.
- 5. Before proceeding further, it is necessary to advert to the following relevant provisions of Ordinance:

In terms of the Commission's SRO-I issued in pursuance of powers conferred by section 506B of the Ordinance, listed companies have been directed to maintain a functional website and provide mandatory information including placement of quarterly and annual accounts and specific information relating to: (A) profile of the company, (B) governance, (C) investors relations, (D) media, (E) election of directors, (F) investors information.

The SRO-I further provides that where a company does not comply or makes default in compliance with the requirements of the notification, every officer of the company and every other person responsible for noncompliance shall be punished in accordance with provisions of section 495 of the Ordinance.

The SRO-II and SRO-III require public companies to maintain their websites in Urdu as well as English languages and place website link and logo of SECP's investor education portal JamaPunji.

Sub-section (1) of section 495 of the Ordinance states that where any directive is given or order is issued by



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the Court, the officer, the Commission, the registrar or the Federal Government under any provision of this Ordinance, non-compliance thereof within the period specified in such direction or order shall render every officer of the company or other person responsible for non-compliance thereof punishable, in addition to any other liability, with fine not exceeding fifty thousand rupees and, in the case of a continuing non-compliance, to a further fine not exceeding two thousand rupees for every day after the first during which such non-compliance continues.

In terms of the Commission's notification SRO 1003 (I)/2015 dated October 15, 2015, the powers to adjudicate cases under SRO 634(I)/2014 dated July 10, 2014 read with section 495 of the Ordinance have been delegated to the Director (Corporate Supervision Department).

I have gone through the facts of the case, provisions of the Ordinance, requirements of the SRO-I, and submissions made by the respondent in writing and on the date of hearing. Apart from the request for additional time for updating the content in Urdu language the Company has provided the required information on its website. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 495 of the Ordinance, instead of imposing penalty, I hereby conclude the proceedings without any adverse order and advise the respondent to be careful and ensure meticulous compliance with applicable laws and directions of the Commission.

Amĺna Aziz

Director (CSD)

Announced: January 13, 2017 Islamabad

