

Before Amir Saleem, Additional Director/Head of Wing (Adjudication-I)

In the matter of Show Cause Notice issued to Gulistan Textile Mills Limited

Dates of Hearing: October 20, 2022, November 18, 2022 & November 25, 2022

Order - Redacted Version

Order dated December 2, 2022 was passed by Additional Director/Head of Wing (Adjudication-I) in the matter of Gulistan Textile Mills Limited. Relevant details are given as hereunder:

Nature	Details
1. Date of Action	Show cause notice dated September 13, 2022
2. Name of Company	Gulistan Textile Mills Limited
3. Name of Individual*	The proceedings were initiated against the Board of Directors including the CEO and CFO (Respondents) of the Company.
4. Nature of Offence	The Company is in contravention of Section 237 read with Section 479 of the Companies Act, 2017 (the Act) read with Circular No. 24 of 2017, vis-à-vis failing to electronically transmit its periodic financials for the periods ended December 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022.
5. Action Taken	<p>Key findings were reported in the following manner:</p> <p>I have analyzed the facts of the case and the relevant provisions of the Act which are unambiguous and explicit. The fact that timing of interim financial statements is of essence, the disclosure requirements of these accounts have been kept to a bare minimum. Interim financial statements prepared accurately and in a timely manner provide to its users a reliable source of information regarding a Company's financial position and performance, besides illustrating the results of the management's stewardship of resources entrusted on to it.</p> <p>In order to ensure transparency, all companies must meticulously adhere to the law for preparation and circulation of interim financial statements. Moreover, the Respondents have fiduciary duties towards the Company and its shareholders while providing information to various stakeholders concerning their performance as to how diligently and ethically they are discharging their fiduciary duties and responsibilities. Respondents are obliged to ensure that such mechanisms are in place, and appropriate actions be taken, whereby financial reporting of the Company is timely achieved whilst ensuring due compliance of the law.</p> <p>In view of the foregoing, I have come to the conclusion that the Company failed to electronically transmit its interim financial statements for the periods ended December 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022 within the time frames as stipulated under the law. Hence, the pertinent provisions of the law have been violated, which renders Respondents liable to penal action in terms of Section 237 of the Act.</p>
6. Penalty Imposed	Penalty aggregating Rs. 80,000/- was imposed on the Chairman, CEO, Executive Director and CFO of the Company.
7. Current Status of Order	An Appeal has been filed by the Respondents.

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