



Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan

Company Law Division
Corporatization & Compliance Department

Before

Executive Director (CCD)

In the matter of

M/s. Pakistan Association of Women Entrepreneurs

Order under Section 31(1) read with Section 498 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984

Number and date of show cause notice	No.CLD/CCD-Co-498(15) 2014/237 Dated February 06, 2015
Present:	-----
Dates of Hearing:	09-05-2016 & 10-06-2016 (no one appeared)
Place of Hearing:	Karachi.

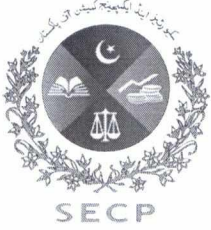
ORDER

This Order shall dispose off proceedings initiated against the Chief Executive and Directors/Officers of M/s. Pakistan Association of Women Entrepreneurs (the "Company") for default made in complying with the requirements of Section 31(1) read with Section 498 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 (the "Ordinance").

2. The brief facts leading to the show cause notice are that the Company has inducted male members and even appointed them as directors since 2001 to 2013, in violation of clause 5 (b) of its articles of association which states that:-

"Any women, firm, company or association conducting or running an industry or shop shall be eligible for membership of the association."

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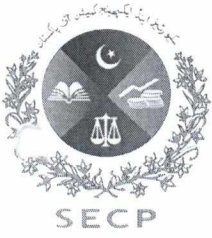
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3. Accordingly, a show cause notice dated 06.02.2015 (the "SCN") was issued calling upon the Company and its directors / officers to show the cause in writing within 14 days from the date of receipt of the notice as to why penalties for the aforesaid violation might not be imposed.

4. In response to the above SCN, the Company vide letter dated February 28, 2015 has submitted that association was almost dormant since incorporation and very negligible activities were there. Due to some unavoidable circumstances female members/directors resigned. The association had no choice, hence accepted the resignation, and put all efforts to engage other female members/directors in place of outgoing members. In spite of all the efforts, and due to democracy of the association and continuous bad law and order situation in the city, no female members was willing to join the association, hence engaged male members temporarily. However afterwards the Company regularized the default by inducting female members and accordingly requested to ignore the default and the Company will be careful in future. Therefore, in order to provide an opportunity of personal hearing, the case was fixed for 09-05-2016 & 10-06-2016 but no one appeared. I, therefore, am left with no option except to proceed ex-parte in the matter.

5. It has been clearly established that the Company and its directors, have violated the mandatory provisions of sub-section (1) of section (31) of the Ordinance by inducting female members/directors in violation of clause 5 (b) of its articles of association.



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6. In view of above, since the default is established; I therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 498 of the Ordinance impose fine of Rs.10,000/- on the Chief Executive only.

7. The Chief Executive is, hereby, directed to deposit the amount of fine in the Commission's account within 30 days of the receipt of this Order and furnish original receipt/ challan of the same to this office for record. The Chief Executive and directors are also advised to remain careful in the compliance of law in future.

8. This order is issued without prejudice to the any action(s) that may be initiated against the Company and its directors responsible for the violations of the aforesaid provisions of the Ordinance.

(Muhammad Siddique)

Executive Director (Regulations)

Announced
05.08.2016