BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

[ADJUDICATION ORDER NO. EAD-2/DSR/RG/495/2015]

UNDER SECTION 15-I OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA ACT, 1992 READ WITH RULE 5 OF SEBI (PROCEDURE FOR HOLDING INQUIRY AND IMPOSING PENALTIES BY ADJUDICATING OFFICER) RULES, 1995

In respect of Global Resort and Spa Limited [PAN: AAACG5378G]

In the matter of CDI International Limited (Formerly known as Compact Disc India Limited)

- 1. Securities and Exchange Board of India (hereinafter referred to as 'SEBI') conducted an examination into the irregularity in trading in the shares of CDI International Limited (Formerly known as 'Compact Disc India Limited' and hereinafter referred to as 'CDI'), a company listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), for the period from January 01, 2011 to June 30, 2013 and into the possible violation of the provisions of the SEBI Act, 1992 (herein after referred to as the Act) and various Rules and Regulations made there under.
- 2. The examination revealed that one of the promoters of the Company namely, Global Resort and Spa Limited (hereinafter referred to as the Noticee), had acquired 9,64,356 shares on July 01, 2013 constituting for 7.56% of the total equity capital of CDI. Upon acquiring the said shares, the Noticee was required to make the necessary disclosures to the company and the stock exchange as required under Regulation 13(1) of the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as the 'PIT Regulations') and Regulation 29(1) of the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of shares and Takeover)

Regulations, 2011 (hereinafter referred to as SAST Regulations). However, it was observed that it had failed to do so.

- 3. Further, the Noticee was observed to have sold 74,611, 1,36,022 and 1,13,932 shares on three occasions which decreased the Noticee's shareholding to 6.98%, 4.00% and 2.12%, respectively, of the total equity capital of CDI. The Noticee, being the part of the promoter group, was under an obligation to make necessary disclosures of the change in the shareholding pattern as prescribed under Regulation 13(4A) read with Regulation 13(5) of the PIT Regulations. In addition, on two occasions, by selling 2,43,120 and 1,26,091 shares, the shareholding of the Noticee had decreased by more than 2% in CDI thereby, making it liable to make necessary disclosures in terms of Regulation 13(3) and 13(4A) read with Regulation 13(5) of the PIT Regulations and Regulation 29(2) read with Regulation 29(3) of the SAST Regulations. However, it was observed that the Noticee had even failed to make the said disclosures.
- **4.** SEBI has, therefore, initiated adjudication proceedings under the Act to inquire into and adjudge the alleged violation of the abovementioned provisions of law by the Noticee.

Appointment of Adjudicating Officer:

5. The undersigned has been appointed as the Adjudicating Officer vide SEBI Order dated May 28, 2014 under Section 15-I of the SEBI Act read with Rule 3 of SEBI (Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties by Adjudicating Officer) Rules, 1995 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Adjudication Rules') to inquire into and adjudge under Section 15A(b) of the Act, the alleged violation of the provisions of law by the Noticee.

Notice, Reply & Personal Hearing:

6. Accordingly, a notice dated July 11, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the 'SCN') was issued to the Noticee in terms of Rule 4 of the Adjudication Rules requiring it to show cause as to why an inquiry should not be held against it for the alleged violation. The said SCN was sent to the Noticee by Registered Post and the same was delivered, report from the Department of post is available on

record. However, it was noted that the Noticee had not filed any reply to the said SCN. Thereafter, in the interest of natural justice and in order to conduct an inquiry as per Rule 4 (3) of the Adjudication Rules, an opportunity of personal hearing was granted to the Noticee on March 26, 2015. Shri Suresh Kumar, Chairman of CDI, attended the said hearing on the scheduled date on behalf of the Noticee and made oral submissions. Further, Shri Suresh Kumar sought time to file a reply in the matter and accordingly, the Noticee was advised to file its reply, if any, on or before April 06, 2015. However, vide letter dated April 04, 2015, the Noticee requested for time till April 15, 2015 to file its reply. Accordingly, vide letter dated April 15, 2015, the Noticee submitted its reply in the matter. Further, vide letter dated April 30, 2015, the Noticee stated that it has some more documents and evidence to support that it had not violated the provisions of the disclosure requirements and requested time to submit the same. Also, vide letter dated May 14, 2015 and May 25, 2015, the Noticee requested for another opportunity of personal hearing and that it has engaged a legal counsel to represent it in the matter. Accordingly, the said request was acceded to and vide notice dated May 27, 2015, another opportunity of personal hearing was granted to the Noticee on June 15, 2015. However, vide e-mail dated June 10, 2015, a request to reschedule the said hearing was received from the legal representative of the Noticee. Therefore, the said personal hearing was rescheduled to June 19, 2015. The legal representative attended the hearing on the said date and made oral submissions. Further, he requested for time to file additional submissions in the matter. Accordingly, the Noticee was granted time till June 24, 2015 to make its additional submissions. However, vide e-mail dated June 25, 2015, the Noticee requested for few more days to submit its reply. Vide letter dated June 25, 2015, the Noticee filed its additional submissions in the matter.

Consideration of Issues, Evidence and Findings

- **7.** I have carefully perused the charges against the Noticee as per the SCN, written submissions and the materials as available on record. The issues that arise for consideration in the present case are:
 - a) Whether the Noticee has violated the provisions of Regulation 13(1), 13(3), 13(4A) read with Regulation 13(5) of the PIT Regulations and

Regulation 29(1) & 29(2) read with Regulation 29(3) of the SAST Regulations?

- (b) Does the violation, if any, on the part of the Noticee attract any penalty under Sections 15A(b) of the SEBI Act?
- (c) If yes, what should be the quantum of penalty?
- **8.** Before moving forward, it will be appropriate to refer to the relevant provisions of PIT Regulations and SAST Regulations which read as under:-

Relevant provisions of PIT Regulations:

Disclosure of interest or holding in listed companies by certain persons - Initial Disclosure

- **13.(1)** Any person who holds more than 5% shares or voting rights in any listed company shall disclose to the company in Form A, the number of shares or voting rights held by such person, on becoming such holder, within 2 working days of:-
- (a) the receipt of intimation of allotment of shares; or
- (b) the acquisition of shares or voting rights, as the case may be.

Continual disclosure.

- (3) Any person who holds more than 5% shares or voting rights in any listed company shall disclose to the company in Form C the number of shares or voting rights held and change in shareholding or voting rights, even if such change results in shareholding falling below 5%, if there has been change in such holdings from the last disclosure made under subregulation (1) or under this sub-regulation; and such change exceeds 2% of total shareholding or voting rights in the company.
- (4A) Any person who is a promoter or part of promoter group of a listed company, shall disclose to the company and the stock exchange where the securities are listed in Form D, the total number of shares or voting rights held and change in shareholding or voting rights, if there has been a change in such holdings of such person from the last disclosure made under Listing Agreement or under sub-regulation (2A) or under this sub-regulation, and the change exceeds Rs. 5 lakh in value or 25,000 shares or 1% of total shareholding or voting rights, whichever is lower.
- (5) The disclosure mentioned in sub-regulations (3), (4) and (4A) shall be made within two working days of:
- (a) the receipts if intimation of allotment of shares, or
- (b) the acquisition or sale of shares or voting rights, as the case may be.

Relevant provisions of SAST Regulations:

Disclosure of acquisition and disposal.

- **29.(1)** Any acquirer who acquires shares or voting rights in a target company which taken together with shares or voting rights, if any, held by him and by persons acting in concert with him in such target company, aggregating to five per cent or more of the shares of such target company, shall disclose their aggregate shareholding and voting rights in such target company in such form as may be specified.
- (2) Any acquirer, who together with persons acting in concert with him, holds shares or voting rights entitling them to five per cent or more of the shares or voting rights in a target company, shall disclose every acquisition or disposal of shares of such target company representing two per cent or more of the shares or voting rights in such target company in such form as may be specified.
- (3) The disclosures required under sub-regulation (1) and sub-regulation (2) shall be made within two working days of the receipt of intimation of allotment of shares, or the acquisition of shares or voting rights in the target company to,—
- (a) every stock exchange where the shares of the target company are listed; and
- (b) the target company at its registered office.
- 9. I find from the SCN that CDI is a listed company and the shares of the company are traded on BSE. Further, during the period of examination, it was alleged that the Noticee had transacted in the shares of CDI and the details of the same are as under:

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	Financial						
	Advisors P.						

	Ltd						
14/10/13	Karvy Stock	On Mkt	D	964356	74611	889745	6.98
	Broking Ltd						
15/10/13	Karvy Stock	On Mkt	D	889745	243120	646625	5.07
	Broking Ltd						
17/10/13	Karvy Stock	On Mkt	D	646625	136022	510603	4.00
	Broking Ltd						
18/10/13	Karvy Stock	On Mkt	D	510603	126091	384512	3.02
	Broking Ltd						
21/10/13	Karvy Stock	On Mkt	D	384512	113932	270580	2.12
	Broking Ltd						

- 10. From the above table, I note that on July 01, 2013, the Noticee had acquired 9,64,356 shares on July 01, 2013 constituting for 7.56% of the total equity capital of CDI. Upon acquiring the said shares, the Noticee was required to make necessary disclosures as prescribed under Regulation 13(1) of the PIT Regulations and Regulation 29(1) of the SAST Regulations. Further, on October 14, 2013, October 17, 2013 and October 21, 2013, the Noticee had sold 74,611, 1,36,022 and 1,13,932 shares which had decreased its shareholding from 7.56% to 6.98%, 4.00% and 2.12%, respectively, of the total equity capital of the company and also the quantity of shares traded was more than 25000 shares. The Noticee, being the promoter of the company, was therefore, required to make the necessary disclosures which he allegedly had failed to make and had thus, violated the provisions of Regulation 13(4A) read with Regulation 13(5) of the PIT Regulations. In addition, on October 15, 2013 and October 18, 2013, I note that the Noticee had sold 2,43,120 and 1,26,091 shares which had decreased the Noticee's shareholding by more than 2% thereby, making it liable to make necessary disclosures in terms of Regulation 13(3) and 13(4A) read with Regulation 13(5) of the PIT Regulations and Regulation 29(1) and 29(2) read with Regulation 29(3) of the SAST Regulations. It was alleged that the Noticee had failed to make these disclosures also.
- **11.** Vide letter dated April 15, 2015, the Noticee submitted its reply to the SCN and stated that complete disclosures were made to the stock exchange through

company announcements including details of weekly trades with quantities. Also, in support of the said submission, a letter dated July 01, 2013 issued to BSE and Ludhiana Stock Exchange stating that Pariscope Advisors Pvt. Ltd has transferred 964356 equity shares of CIL on July 01, 2013 to the Noticee to sell the said shares in the market on behalf of Naksh Media Pvt. Ltd has been enclosed. Further, vide letter dated June 25, 2015, the Noticee submitted its additional submissions in the matter enclosing letters dated July 02, 2012, October 16, 2013, October 19, 2013 and October 23, 2013 submitted to the company CDI enclosing disclosures made under the PIT Regulations and SAST Regulations for the transactions executed in the shares of CDI.

12. From the foregoing and the material available on record, I find that the Noticee is one of the promoter entities in CDI and had transacted in the shares of the company which did require it to make necessary disclosures to the company and the stock exchange in the prescribed formats under the relevant provisions of the PIT and SAST Regulations. Upon further perusal of the documents as available on record, I find that vide e-mail dated January 30, 2014 and July 14, 2014, BSE has confirmed that the Noticee has not made the requisite disclosures and that it has not received any disclosures from the Noticee. Further, I find that the letters enclosed with the reply dated April 15, 2015 are nothing but some company announcement intimation letters sent to the Corporate Relations department of BSE and Listing Department of Ludhiana Stock exchange. I find that the said documents have no relevance with respect to present proceeding of non-compliances with the disclosure requirements by the Noticee and therefore, cannot be considered.

13. Further, I find the following from the additional submission and documentary evidence provided by the Noticee:

Sr. No.	Date of letter issued to CDI	Recd by Company on	No. of shares acquired / sold	Disclosures provisions	Whether copy marked to BSE	Findings on the Disclosures made
					Y/N	
1.	July 02, 2013	July 02, 2013	964356 acquired	Form A-Regulation 13(1) of PIT Regulations and	NA	Disclosure made to the company as required under the PIT and SAST

				Regulation 29(1) of SAST Regulations		Regulations upon acquisition of 964356 shares on July 01, 2013 is accepted.
2.	October 16, 2013	October 16, 2013	74611 and 243120 sold	Form C-Regulation 13(3) and Regulation 29(2) of SAST Regulations & Form D - Regulation 13(4), 13(4A) and 13(6) of PIT Regulations	Y	Upon sale of 74611 shares on October 14, 2013, the Noticee was required to make disclosure as required under the PIT Regulations which was made and therefore, accepted. Also, upon sale of 243120 shares on October 15, 2013, the Noticee was required to make disclosure as required under the PIT and SAST Regulations as the shareholding of the Noticees changed by more than 2%, which was made and therefore, accepted.
3.	October 19, 2013	October 19, 2013	136022 and 126091 sold	Form C-Regulation 13(3) and Regulation 29(2) of SAST Regulations & Form D - Regulation 13(4), 13(4A) and 13(6) of PIT Regulations	Y	Upon sale of 136022 shares on October 17, 2013, the Noticee was required to make disclosure as required under the PIT Regulations which was made and therefore, accepted. Also, upon sale of 126091shares on October 18, 2013, the Noticee was required to make disclosure as required under the PIT and SAST Regulations as the shareholding of the Noticees changed by more than 2%, which was made and therefore,

								accepted.
4.	October 2013	23,	October 2013	23,	113932, 196073 and 74507 sold	Form C-Regulation 13(3) and Regulation 29(2) of SAST Regulations & Form D - Regulation 13(4), 13(4A) and 13(6) of PIT Regulations	Y	Upon sale of 113932 shares on October 21, 2013, the Noticee was required to make disclosure as per the PIT Regulations which were made to the company and therefore, accepted.

14. I find from the above table that the Noticee has made disclosures to the company on 3 occasions i.e. on October 16, 2013, October 19, 2013 and October 23, 2013 under Regulation 13(4), 13(4A) and 13(6) of the PIT Regulations; on 3 occasions i.e. on October 16, 2013, October 19, 2013 and October 23, 2013 under Regulation 13(3) of the PIT Regulations and Regulation 29(2) of the SAST Regulations and on July 02, 2013 under Regulation 13(1) of the PIT Regulations and Regulation 29(1) of the SAST Regulations. I find that the disclosures to be made under Regulation 13(3) and 13(4A) of the PIT Regulations and Regulations 29(1) & 29(2) read with Regulation 29(3) of the SAST Regulations are to be made to the company and the stock exchange where the shares of the company are listed. I note that the requisite disclosures under the said provisions of law are made by the Noticee but only to the company. Further, I note that copies of the said disclosures in Form D on 3 occasions had been marked to the Department of Corporate Services, BSE. However, upon perusal, I find that no proof of receipt of the said disclosures by the stock exchange has been provided by the Noticee. The onus of proving the delivery of the said disclosures to BSE lies with the Noticee. However, in order to examine the authenticity of the said disclosures, the BSE website was also checked once again to ascertain as to whether the said disclosures were actually made to the exchange and disseminated on the said website. Upon examination, I note that no Insider Trading disclosures have been made by the Noticee for the said transactions. Also, the disclosures made under Regulation 29(1) & 29(2) read with Regulation 29(3) of the SAST Regulations are just made to the company and not to the exchange. Further, as mentioned above, I find that vide e-mail dated January 30, 2014 and July 14, 2014, the BSE has also

confirmed that the Noticee has not made the requisite disclosures and that the exchange has not received any disclosures from the Noticee.

15. I note that the Hon'ble Securities Appellate Tribunal, in Alka India Ltd. Vs. SEBI (Order dated June 10, 2009) *inter alia*, had observed as follows:

"A copy of the courier receipt has been placed on record to substantiate its stand. We have perused this receipt. In the column meant for the name of the receiver, the of Stock Exchange, Mumbai has been written. The Bombay Stock Exchange has categorically denied having received any information from the appellant. In view of the denial made by the Bombay Stock Exchange, the onus is upon the appellant to establish that the letter making the necessary disclosures allegedly sent by courier was actually received by the Bombay Stock Exchange. No such evidence has been placed on record. Even, if we were to accept the courier receipt, it is only evidence of the fact that some letter was sent to Bombay Stock Exchange but there is no proof forthcoming of its actual receipt by the Stock Exchange. Moreover, what was that letter and whether it contained the disclosures are facts which also need to be established. The appellant failed to discharge this onus...... In view of this matter, no fault can be found with the impugned order."

16. In view of the same and on the basis of the material available on record, I find that the allegation of failure to make disclosure to BSE stands established inasmuch as the Noticee has not produced any acknowledgement (in support of delivery of the said disclosure to BSE) and also in view of the denial of receipt of any such disclosure by BSE. Therefore, I conclude that the Noticee has violated the provisions of Regulation 13(4A) read with Regulation 13(5) of the PIT Regulations and Regulation 29(1) & 29(2) read with Regulation 29(3) of the SAST Regulations thus, liable for monetary penalty as prescribed under Section 15A(b) of the SEBI Act which reads as under:

15A. Penalty for failure to furnish information, return, etc.

If any person who is required under this Act or any rules or regulations made there under:-

(a).....

- **(b)** to file any return or furnish any information, books or other documents within the time specified therefore in the regulations, fails to file return or furnish the same within the time specified therefore in the regulations, he shall be liable to a penalty of one lakh rupees for each day during which such failure continues or one crore rupees, whichever is less.
- **17.**I note that the objective of the disclosure provisions laid down under the SAST and PIT Regulations is to keep the investors and public at large informed of the change in the holdings of any company. Further, proper disclosures beyond acquisition / sale of shares is to give equal opportunity to the shareholders and the investors at large.
- **18.** Here, I note that in Appeal No. 66 of 2003 *Milan Mahendra Securities Pvt. Ltd. Vs SEBI* –the Hon'ble SAT has observed that, "the purpose of these disclosures is to bring about transparency in the transactions and assist the Regulator to effectively monitor the transactions in the market."
- 19. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of SEBI vs. Shri Ram Mutual Funds [2006] 68 SCL (216) SC held that " once a violation of statutory regulation is established, imposition of penalty becomes sine qua non of violation and the intention of the parties committing such violation becomes totally irrelevant. Once the contravention is established then penalty is to follow".
- **20.** While determining the quantum of penalty under Section 15A(b) of the SEBI Act, it is important to consider the factors stipulated in Section 15J of the SEBI Act, which reads as under:-

15J - Factors to be taken into account by the adjudicating officer

While adjudging quantum of penalty under section 15-I, the adjudicating officer shall have due regard to the following factors, namely:-

- (a) the amount of disproportionate gain or unfair advantage, wherever quantifiable, made as a result of the default;
- (b) the amount of loss caused to an investor or group of investors as a result of the default;
- (c) the repetitive nature of the default.

21. I observe that ,from the material available on record, it is difficult to quantify any gain or unfair advantage accrued to the Noticee or the extent of loss suffered by the investors as a result of the default of the Noticee. However, I note that the defaults of the Noticee are repetitive in nature. The disclosure made under Regulation 13(4A) read with Regulation 13(5) of the PIT Regulations, by a promoter is made public only through Stock Exchange. It is with this objective that the Regulations require making of disclosures to the exchange so that investing public is not deprived of any vital information. The disclosures made by companies listed on the stock exchanges are the means to attain such end. Therefore, dissemination of complete information, on all the stock exchanges where the securities are listed, is a mandatory requirement.

ORDER

- 22. In view of the above, after considering all the facts and circumstances of the case and exercising the powers conferred upon me under Section 15-I (2) of the SEBI Act read with Rule 5 of the Adjudication Rules, I impose a penalty of ₹16,00,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Only) on the Noticee viz. Global Resort and Spa Limited under Section 15A(b) of the SEBI Act in the matter. In my view, the penalty is commensurate with the default committed by the Noticee.
- 23. The penalty amount as mentioned above shall be paid by the Noticee through a duly crossed demand draft drawn in favour of "SEBI Penalties Remittable to Government of India" and payable at Mumbai, within 45 days of receipt of this order. The said demand draft should be forwarded to the Division Chief, ISD, Securities and Exchange Board of India, SEBI Bhavan, Plot No. C4-A, 'G' Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai 400 051.
- **24.** In terms of the Rule 6 of the Adjudication Rules, copy of this order is sent to Noticee and also to Securities and Exchange Board of India.

Date: July 31, 2015 D. SURA REDDY

Place: Mumbai ADJUDICATING OFFICER