## BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA SETTLEMENT ORDER NO. EAD-2/DSR/RG/ 861 /2017

## In respect of Application No. 3266 of 2017 submitted by Shri Satish Chandra Malhotra (PAN: AFBPM6023P)

## In the matter of

## **EMPIRE INDUSTRIES LIMITED**

- 1. Securities and Exchange Board of India (hereinafter referred to as the SEBI), vide order dated December 15, 2016, had initiated adjudication proceedings to inquire into and adjudge the alleged violations of the provisions of Regulation13(4) and 13(4A) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as the PIT Regulations) by Shri Satish Chandra Malhotra(hereinafter referred to as the Noticee)in the scrip of Empire Industries Limited (hereinafter referred to as EIL or the Company) during the period from June 06, 2014 to September 30, 2015.
- 2. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice bearing No. EAD-2/DSR/JAK/4809/2017/6dated March 03, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the SCN) was issued to the Noticee in the matter. It was alleged in the SCN that the Noticee was holding 2,03,252 shares (3.39%) for the quarter ended June 30, 2014. On September 11, 2014, he had sold 3870 shares of EIL in the market which required him to make the disclosures under Regulations 13(4) and 13(4A) of the PIT Regulations. However, it was alleged in the SCN that he had failed to do so.
- 3. Pending the adjudication proceedings, the Noticee submitted an application for Settlement dated May 03, 2017 and an undertaking in the format prescribed under the SEBI (Settlement of Administrative and Civil Proceedings) Regulations, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the Settlement Regulations) without admission of facts and conclusions of law.
- 4. Pursuant to the said Settlement Application, the Noticee attended the Internal Committee (IC) meeting on August 11, 2017 wherein the settlement terms were deliberated. Thereafter, vide letter dated August 16, 2017, the Noticee

proposed the revised settlement terms to settle the defaults mentioned above.

The settlement terms as proposed by the Noticee were placed before the

High Powered Advisory Committee (HPAC) in its meeting held on September

04, 2017. After considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the

HPAC recommended that the settlement application may be settled on

payment of the ₹ 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Only) towards settlement

charges which were approved by the panel of the Whole Time Members,

SEBI on October 10, 2017.

**5.** Accordingly, vide letter dated November 03, 2017, the Noticee has remitted a

sum of ₹ 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Only)vide demand draft No. 130878

dated November 01, 2017, drawn on Central Bank of India towards the terms

of settlement in the matter.

6. In view of the above, in terms of Regulation 15(1) of the Settlement

Regulations, it is hereby ordered that this Settlement Order disposes of the

adjudication proceedings initiated against the Noticee vide the SCN dated

March 03, 2017.

7. This order is without prejudice to the right of the SEBI to take enforcement

actions including commencing / reopening of the pending proceedings against

the applicant, if SEBI finds that:

i. Any representation made by the Noticee in the settlement proceeding is

subsequently discovered to be untrue;

ii. The Noticee has breached any of the clauses / conditions of the

undertakings / waivers filed during the current settlement proceeding.

**8.** In terms of Regulation 17 of the Settlement Regulations, a copy of this order

is being sent to the Noticee and is published on the website of SEBI.

Date: November 20, 2017

Place: Mumbai

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