BEFORE THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA, MUMBAI CONSENT ORDER

ON THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY HOWARD HOTELS LIMITED

IN THE MATTER OF NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION OF SHARES AND TAKEOVERS) REGULATIONS, 1997 (CONSENT APPLICATION NO. 1944 OF 2010)

- 1. Howard Hotels Limited (hereinafter referred to as 'the applicant') having its registered office at Howard Park Plaza, Fatehabad Road, Agra -282 001 filed the consent application vide its letter dated March 10, 2010 in terms of the SEBI Circular No. EFD/ED/Cir-1/2007 dated April 20, 2007.
- 2. The applicant has voluntarily filed the aforementioned consent application proposing the settlement, through a consent order, of non-compliances of the provisions of regulations 6(4), 7 (3) and 8(3) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 1997 (the Takeover Regulations) for the years 1997 to 2004 which came to its knowledge during the course of secretarial audit. Vide letter dated June 19, 2010, the applicant has proposed the revised consent terms to settle the said non-compliances on payment of Rs. 12,25,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only) towards settlement charges.
- **3.** The High Powered Advisory Committee, constituted by SEBI, considered the consent terms proposed by the applicant and recommended the case for settlement on payment of Rs. 12,25,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only) towards settlement charges. SEBI accepted the said recommendations of

the Committee and communicated the same to the applicant vide email dated September 23, 2010.

4. Accordingly, the applicant has, vide demand draft no. "000719" dated November 01, 2010 drawn on HDFC Bank, Agra and payable at Mumbai, remitted a sum of Rs. 12,25,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only) towards the settlement charges.

5. In view of the above, the non-compliances of the provisions of regulations 6(4), 7(3) and 8(3) of the Takeover Regulations, as enumerated in the aforementioned consent application, is settled as per above consent terms and SEBI shall not initiate any enforcement action against the applicant for the said non-compliances.

6. This order is without prejudice to the right of SEBI to initiate enforcement actions against the applicant for the abovementioned non-compliance, if:

a. any representation made by the applicant in this consent proceeding is subsequently discovered to be untrue; or

b. the applicant breaches any of the consent terms or undertakings filed in this consent proceeding.

7. This consent order is passed on this the 29th day of November, 2010 and shall come into force with immediate effect.

K.M. ABRAHAM WHOLE TIME MEMBER

PRASHANT SARAN
WHOLE TIME MEMBER