## BEFORE THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA MUMBAI

## **CONSENT ORDER**

## ON THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY SHRI RAAJEEV KASAT

## IN THE MATTER OF M/s BALLARPUR INDUSTRIES LTD.

CO/ISD/1221/2/2008

- 1. SEBI conducted an investigation into the matter of irregularity in the trading in the scrip of M/s Ballarpur Industries Ltd. wherein it was observed that Shri Raajev Kasat (hereinafter referred to as 'applicant'), the dealer of M/s UTI Securities Limited was seen to be passing on information to certain individuals, regarding the impending large sales to be carried out by an institutional client. These individuals, in turn, short sold the scrip in large quantities prior to the large sale orders and bought them subsequently at lower prices. It was alleged that Shri Raajeev Kasat had indulged in 'customized front running' and had thereby violated the provisions of section 12A (a), (b) and (c) of SEBI Act, 1992 and Regulation 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) and Regulation 4(q) of SEBI (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to Securities Market), Regulations 2003. Pursuant to the preliminary investigations and pending detailed investigations, an Interim Order dated October 1, 2007 under Sec. 11B, 11(4) (b) and 11D of the SEBI Act, 1992, has been passed against the applicant directing him not to buy, sell or deal in securities, directly of indirectly, till further directions in this regard.
- 3. The applicant made an application dated October 23, 2007 enclosing therewith an affidavit of "undertakings/waivers" for settlement in the matter in terms of SEBI Circular No. EFD/Cir.-1/2007 dated 20.4.2007. Thereafter, applicant has proposed revised consent terms vide letter dated

January 17, 2008 submitting that pursuant to their application dated October 23, 2007, without admitting or denying any charge, they propose to offer Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rs. One Lac only) towards the consent terms in the matter. The revised consent terms proposed by the applicant have been placed before the High Powered Advisory Committee (HPAC) and HPAC, after deliberation, has recommended the case for settlement on the consent terms proposed by the applicant.

- 4. In terms of the proposal for the sole purpose of settling the matter on hand and without admission or denial of guilt on the part of the applicant to the finding of fact or conclusion of law, applicant has remitted a sum of Rs.1,00,000 (Rupees One Lac only) vide Demand Draft No. 047618 dated March 7, 2008 drawn on Axis Bank Limited, Mumbai.
- 5. In view of the above, it is hereby ordered that
  - this consent order disposes of the said proceedings under Sec. 11B, 11(4)(b) and 11(D) of the SEBI Act, 1992 pending before SEBI against the applicant in the matter of M/s. Ballarpur Industries Ltd. and
  - ii) passing of this order by SEBI is without prejudice to the right of SEBI to take enforcement action against the applicant if SEBI finds that any representations made by the applicant in the consent proceedings are subsequently discovered to be untrue.

This consent order is passed on the April 17, 2008 and shall come into force with immediate effect.