

**BEFORE THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA, MUMBAI**

**CONSENT ORDER**

**ON THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY**

**DHAVAL V. SHAH**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**STOCKNET INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

**(CONSENT APPLICATION NO. 1299/2009)**

1. SEBI had conducted investigations into the alleged irregularities in the trading of the shares of Stocknet International Limited during April 30, 2001 to August 3, 2001. The investigations *prima facie* revealed that Mr. Dhaval V. Shah, located at A- 7/ 103, Goyal Intercity, Thaltej, Ahmedabad – 380 052 (hereinafter referred to as the ‘applicant’) created artificial volume and influenced the price of the shares of the company during the period of investigation, in violation of the provisions of SEBI (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair trade Practices relating to the Securities Market) Regulations, 1995 (hereinafter referred to as ‘PFUTP’).
2. Pursuant to the investigation, SEBI initiated proceedings under Section 11 and 11B of the SEBI Act 1992 and the provisions of Regulation 11 of the SEBI (PFUTP), 2003 against the applicant. It issued a show cause notice on December 31, 2007.
3. While the above proceedings were in progress, the applicant vide letter dated April 18, 2009 proposed settlement of the proceedings above through a consent order in terms of SEBI circular No. EFD/ED/Cir-1/2007 dated April 20, 2007. He proposed revised consent terms vide letter dated June 11, 2009. The High Powered Advisory Committee constituted by SEBI, considered the consent terms proposed by the applicant and recommended the case for settlement. Accordingly, the applicant shall pay Rs.25,000

(Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) towards settlement charges and also give an undertaking of voluntary debarment from buying, selling or dealing in the securities market, whether directly or indirectly for a period of three months. SEBI accepted the said recommendations and communicated the same to the applicant vide letter dated August 18, 2009.

4. Accordingly, the applicant, without admitting or denying the charges, has remitted a sum of Rs.25,000 (Rupees twenty five thousand only) towards settlement charges vide demand draft No. 005614 dated August 20, 2009, drawn on HDFC Bank payable at Mumbai and has also undertaken a voluntary debarment from buying, selling or dealing in the securities market, whether directly or indirectly for a period of three months.
5. In view of the above, it is hereby ordered that this consent order disposes of the proceedings under Section 11B of SEBI Act, 1992 pending against the applicant in the matter of Stocknet International Limited.
6. This order is without prejudice to the right of SEBI to initiate enforcement actions, including commencing or reopening of the proceedings pending against applicant, 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 day, the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2009 and shall come into force from September 07, 2009.

**M. S. SAHOO**  
**WHOLE TIME MEMBER**

**K. M. ABRAHAM**  
**WHOLE TIME MEMBER**