

BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

CO/IVD/1058/AO/DSR/02/2008

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
Panther Investrade Ltd.

1. SEBI, vide order dated December 28, 2004, initiated adjudication proceedings against Panther Investrade Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as noticee) for the alleged violation of Regulation 7 of SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 1997 (hereinafter referred to as SAST) in the matter of acquisition of shares of Adani Exports Ltd. A show cause notice dated June 14, 2005 was issued to the noticee.
2. Pending the adjudication proceedings, the noticee made an application dated August 3, 2007 and an affidavit in the format prescribed by SEBI for settlement in the matter in terms of SEBI Circular No. EFD/Cir.-1/2007 dated 20th April, 2007. Pursuant to the said application, the noticee vide letter dated October 18, 2007 had proposed revised consent terms submitting that they were willing to pay a sum of Rs. 2,25,000 (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Five thousand only) towards consent terms in the matter. The revised consent terms were placed before the High Powered Advisory Committee (HPAC) and HPAC after deliberation recommended the case for settlement on the revised consent terms proposed by the noticee.
3. In terms of the noticee's proposal for the sole purpose of settling the matter on hand and without admission or denial of guilt on the part of the noticee to the finding of fact or conclusion of law, the noticee has remitted a sum of Rs. 2,25,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Five thousand only), vide Demand Draft No. 204801 dated December 31, 2007 drawn on HDFC Bank, Mumbai, towards the terms of consent in the matter.

4. In view of the above, it is hereby ordered that:
- i) this consent order disposes of the said adjudication proceedings pending against the noticee under SEBI Act, 1992 and
 - ii) passing of this order is without prejudice to the right of SEBI to take enforcement actions including commencing / reopening of the pending proceedings against the noticee, if SEBI finds that:
 - a. any representations made by the noticee in the consent proceedings are subsequently discovered to be untrue.
 - b. the noticee has breached any of the clauses / conditions of undertakings / waivers filed during the current consent proceedings.

This consent order is passed on the 24th of January, 2008 and shall come into force with immediate effect. In terms of Rule 6 of the Adjudication Rules, copies of this order are sent to the Noticee and also to the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

D.S. REDDY
Adjudicating Officer

Place: Mumbai