BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

CO/ISD/1640/AO/DSR/25/2008

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

Mahendra Kumar Singhania

- 1. SEBI, vide order dated January 24, 2008, initiated adjudication proceedings against Mr. Mahendra Kumar Singhania (hereinafter referred to as noticee) for the alleged violation of Section 2(i) of Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, Regulation 7(1) of SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 1997 and Regulation 13(3) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading), Regulations, 1992 in the matter of acquisition of 10,00,000 (12.82%) shares/voting rights of TPL Plastech Limited on 21.07.2004 through off market transaction. A show cause notice dated February 25, 2008 was issued to the noticee.
- 2. Pending the adjudication proceedings, the noticee made an application dated April 10, 2008 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 July 11, 2008 proposed revised consent terms submitting that he was willing to pay a consolidated amount of Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only) towards consent terms. 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. The same was approved by Committee of Whole Time Members of SEBI on August 26, 2008.
- 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. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs only) vide Pay Order No.

016049 dated September $1^{\rm st}$, 2008 drawn on The Sahyadri Sahakari Bank

Ltd., 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 18^{th} day of September, 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

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