

BEFORE THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

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SETTLEMENT ORDER

in Summary Settlement Application No. SS – 37 of 2021

filed by Mr. Ramarao Atchuta Mullapadi [PAN: AOTPM9805Q]

in the matter of Frontier Informatics Limited

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1. Securities and Exchange Board of India (hereinafter referred to as 'SEBI') conducted an examination in the matter of Frontier Informatics Limited (hereinafter referred to as 'the Company').
2. During the said examination, it was noted that Mr. Ramarao Atchuta Mullapadi (hereinafter referred to as 'the applicant') had delayed in making disclosures as required under Regulation 29(2) read with Regulation 29(3) of the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers), 2011 (hereinafter referred to as the 'SAST Regulations'), in respect of change in his shareholding in the Company. It was noted that on April 22, 2019, the applicant acquired 2.63% equity shares of the Company, which led to an increase in his shareholding from 47.41% to 50.04%. The same was required to be disclosed to the Stock Exchange within two working days under Regulation 29(2) read with Regulation 29(3) of the SAST Regulations. However, the said disclosure was made only on July 04, 2019 i.e. with a delay of 71 days.
3. In view thereof, SEBI decided to issue a 'Summary Settlement Notice' dated December 03, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as 'notice'), to the applicant, intimating thereby that if the applicant so desired, the proceedings (to be initiated), may be settled and disposed of upon filing of a settlement application under Chapter-II of the SEBI (Settlement Proceedings) Regulations, 2018 (hereinafter referred to as 'Settlement Regulations') along

with remittance of settlement amount of ₹4,78,125/- (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Five only) to SEBI in terms of Chapter VII of the Settlement Regulations, within 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the notice.

4. In reply, the applicant filed an application for settlement, in terms of the Settlement Regulations, proposing to settle the default as discussed in para 2, without admitting or denying the findings of fact and conclusions of law, through a settlement order and remitted a sum of ₹4,78,125/- (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Five only) towards the settlement charges, vide NEFT dated January 11, 2021. The receipt of the same was also confirmed upon verification.
5. In view of the above, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 15JB of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 and in terms of Regulations 23 read with Regulation 28 of the Settlement Regulations, it is hereby ordered that the proposed proceedings to be initiated for the default as discussed in paragraph 2 are settled *qua* the applicant as per the following terms;
  - i. SEBI shall not initiate any enforcement action against the applicant for the said default;
  - ii. this order disposes of the proceedings that may be initiated for the default as mentioned above, in respect of the applicant; and
  - iii. passing of this Order is without prejudice to the right of SEBI to take enforcement actions including commencing proceedings against the applicant, if SEBI finds that:
    - a. any representation made by the applicant in the present settlement proceedings is subsequently found to be untrue;
    - b. the applicant has breached any of the clauses/conditions of undertakings/ waivers filed during the present settlement proceedings; and
    - c. there was a discrepancy while arriving at the settlement terms.

6. This settlement order is passed on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021 and shall come into force with immediate effect.
7. In terms of Regulation 25 of the Settlement Regulations, a copy of this order shall be sent to the applicant and also be published on the website of SEBI.

Sd/-

**S.K. MOHANTY**  
**WHOLE TIME MEMBER**

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**ANANTA BARUA**  
**WHOLE TIME MEMBER**