

BEFORE THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

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SETTLEMENT ORDER

On Application no. 3274 of 2017

Filed by **SICOM ARC Limited [PAN: AAFCS4038Q]**

**in the matter of Ashok Alco-Chem Limited**

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1. SICOM ARC Limited (hereinafter referred to as ‘applicant’) filed an application in terms of the SEBI (Settlement of Administrative and Civil Proceedings) Regulations, 2014 (‘Settlement Regulations’), while admitting the findings of fact and conclusions of law, through a settlement order, the pending adjudication proceedings initiated vide Show Cause Notice dated August 12, 2016, for the delayed compliance with Regulations 13(3) read with 13(5) of the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 1992 and Regulations 29(2) read with 29(3) of the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011. In addition to the same, the applicant *suo moto* sought for settlement of the delayed compliance with Regulation 13(1) of the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 1992 and Regulation 7(1) read with 7(2) of the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 1997 in the scrip Ashok Alco-Chem Limited.
2. The authorised representatives of the applicant had meeting with the Internal Committee of SEBI on December 08, 2017, wherein the settlement terms were deliberated. Thereafter, the applicant, vide letter dated December 19, 2017, proposed the revised settlement terms to settle the default mentioned above.
3. The High Powered Advisory Committee (‘HPAC’) in its meeting held on January 29, 2018 considered the settlement terms proposed and recommended the case for settlement upon payment of ₹12,42,149/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Forty Two Thousand One Hundred and Forty Nine only) by the applicant towards settlement charges for the aforementioned default. The Panel of Whole Time Members of SEBI accepted the said recommendation of the HPAC and the same was communicated to the applicant vide e-mail dated March 01, 2018.

4. The applicant vide Demand Draft number 080571 dated March 21, 2018, drawn on IDBI Bank has remitted ₹12,42,149/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Forty Two Thousand One Hundred and Forty Nine only) towards the settlement charges.
5. Accordingly, the pending adjudication proceedings for the alleged defaults and the proceedings that could have been initiated for the defaults as discussed in paragraph 1 above, are settled *qua* the applicant as per the above terms, by way of this order and SEBI shall not initiate any enforcement action against the applicant for the said defaults.
6. In view of the above, in terms of regulations 15 and 19 of the Settlement Regulations, it is hereby ordered that:
  - i. this order disposes of the said pending adjudication proceedings and the proceedings that may be initiated for the defaults in respect of the applicant as mentioned above and;
  - ii. 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 discovered to be untrue;
    - b. the applicant has breached any of the clauses/ conditions of undertakings/ waivers filed during the present settlement proceedings.
7. This settlement order is passed on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018 and shall come into force with immediate effect.
8. In terms of regulation 17 of the Settlement Regulations, a copy of this order shall be sent to the applicant and shall also be published on the website of SEBI.

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**G. MAHALINGAM**  
**WHOLE TIME MEMBER**

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**MADHABI PURI BUCH**  
**WHOLE TIME MEMBER**