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**NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL
AHMEDABAD BENCH
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Co. Appeal No. 16/252/NCLT/AHM/2018

Coram: **Hon'ble Ms. MANORAMA KUMARI, MEMBER JUDICIAL**

**ATTENDANCE-CUM-ORDER SHEET OF THE HEARING OF AHMEDABAD
BENCH OF THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL ON 05.03.2018**

Name of the Company: Iqbal Ahmed Patel & Anr.
(Suhel Salt Works Pvt Ltd)
V/s.
ROC, Gujarat.

Section of the Companies Act: Section 252 of the Companies Act, 2013

<u>S.NO.</u>	<u>NAME (CAPITAL LETTERS)</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>REPRESENTATION</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
1.	CSIP MANISH BUCHASIA	PCS IP COP 4156	Applicant	Manish Buchasia
2.				

ORDER

Learned PCS Mr. Manish Buchasia present for Appellant. None present for ROC.

Order pronounced in open court. Vide separate sheets.

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**MANORAMA KUMARI
MEMBER JUDICIAL**

Dated this the 5th day of March, 2018.

**BEFORE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL
AHMEDABAD BENCH**

Co. Appeal No. 16/252(3)/NCLT/AHM/2018

In the matter of:

Suhel Salt Works Private Limited

In the matter between:

1. Shri Iqbal Ahmed Patel
A-101, Mehfuz Complex,
Nr. Velfer Hospital,
Jambusar Road
BHARUCH 392 001

: Appellant

Versus

Registrar of Companies,
ROC Bhavan
Opp. Rupal Park
Nr. Ankur Bus Stand
Naranpura
Ahmedabad 380 013

Respondent

Order delivered on 5th March, 2018.

Coram: Hon'ble Ms. Manorama Kumari, Member (J).

Appearance:

Mr. Manish Buchasia, learned PCS for the Appellants.

None present for Registrar of Companies.

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ORDER

1. By way of this Appeal, members/Directors of the Company namely, Suhel Salt Works Private Limited, seeks for restoration of the name of the Company which was struck off from the Register of Companies by the Registrar of Companies, Ahmedabad, Gujarat ["ROC" for short].

2. The facts in brief, which necessitated the Appellant to file this Appeal, are as follows;
 - 2.1. It is stated that the ROC vide Public Notice No. ROC/AHMD/248(5)/stk-7/1240 dated 21.06.2017 issued in Form No. STK-7 followed by final notice under sub-section (5) of Section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013, has struck off the name of the Company from the Register of Companies with effect from 21.06.2017 inter alia on the ground that the Company has not been carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and have not made any application within such period for obtaining the status of dormant company under Section 455.

3. The Appellant has submitted that the ROC has struck off the Company's name from the Register of Companies due to defaults in statutory compliances, namely failure to file Financial Statements and Annual Returns since the year 2015. The

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Appellant has further submitted that the Board of Directors were not aware about the statutory filings to be made to ROC. The appellant further submitted that there was lack of professional guidance and support to the management about these statutory filing of annual returns and financial statements with the ROC and non-filing of statutory documents was inadvertent mistake and not deliberate. The appellant is ready to file statutory documents with payment of additional fees.

4. On notice being issued and served upon the ROC, the ROC has filed reply dated 26.02.2018 through his Deputy Registrar along with his Affidavit wherein it is represented that the name of the Company was struck off from the Register of Companies on suo motu basis on 21.06.2017 due to non-filing of Annual Returns and Balance Sheet for the financial years 2014-15 to 2016-17.
5. In pursuance of the order issued by this Tribunal, the appellant/shareholders filed affidavit showing the proof of service upon ROC. Appellant extract from the pages of disqualification the list published by Ministry of Corporate Affairs stating Director as disqualified.
6. This Appeal is filed by the Appellant under Section 252(3) of the Companies Act and they being a Shareholders is entitled to file the Appeal seeking restoration of the name of the Company. Therefore, this Appeal is maintainable. The Company, Suhel

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Salt Works Private Limited, was struck off on 21st June, 2017 from the Register of Companies and the same was published in the Gazette of India. This Appeal was filed on 17th January, 2018. Therefore, this Appeal is within time.

7. From the material available on record, the only reason for striking off the name of the Company, Suhel Salt Works Private Limited, is that the Company has failed to file Annual Returns and Balance Sheets with the Registrar of Companies since incorporation.
8. The material on record also goes on to show that the Company is an ongoing concern and has been doing business. The Registered Office of the Company is situated at 115, 1st Floor, B.G. Trade Centre, Above P.D. Shroff Office, Panchbatti, Bharuch 392 001, Gujarat.
9. Considering all the aforesaid aspects, this Tribunal is of the considered view that it is just and equitable to restore the name of the Company Suhel Salt Works Private Limited in the Register of Companies maintained by the ROC, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, and to remove the defects of disqualification, if any, as Directors, imposed under Section 164(2) of the Companies Act, 2013.
10. In view of the above, the instant Appeal is allowed and the Registrar of Companies, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, is directed to

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restore the name of the Company in the Register of Companies upon Appellant's complying with the following conditions;

- (i) The Appellant shall file all over due statutory returns with fee and additional fee as required under the Companies Act;
- (ii) The Appellant shall publish a Notice in leading newspapers circulating in the District as well as in the Official Gazette of the Government of India with regard to the restoration of the name of the Company in the Register of Companies maintained by the Office of the Registrar of Companies, as per the draft notice approved by the Registrar of Companies at the expenses of the Appellant;
- (iii) The Appellant shall also pay an amount of Rs. 10,000/- to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs by way of Demand Draft drawn on Nationalised Bank towards the cost incurred by the Government in striking off the name of the Company, within 3 (three) weeks from the date of this order.

11. The Appeal stands disposed of accordingly.

Signature:



**Ms. Manorama Kumari,
Member (Judicial)**

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