

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL  
MUMBAI BENCH**

CP No.: 1206/252/NCLT/MB/MAH/2018

Under section 252 of the Companies Act, 2013

In the matter of

Westfield Trading (India) Private Limited,

National garage Building, Flat No. 2, 11-

Bhulabhai Desai Road, Mumbai-400026

Through its Director

Mr. Mayank Mahendra Merchant

....Petitioner

v.

Registrar of Companies, Mumbai

..... Respondent

Date of Hearing: 29.08.2018

Order delivered on: 30.08.2018

**Coram :**

Hon'ble M. K. Shrawat, Member (J)

**For the Petitioner :**

Dhrumil M. Shah, Practising Company Secretary

**For the Respondent :**

None Present.

*Per : M. K. Shrawat, Member (J)*

**ORDER**

1. This present petition/application has been filed on 18.04.2018 under Section 252 of the Companies Act, 2013 (hereinafter as **Act**) by the Director of "Westfield Trading (India) Private Limited" (hereinafter as **Company**) praying for restoration of Company's name in the Register maintained by the Registrar of Companies, Mumbai (hereinafter as **RoC**).
2. The Company was incorporated with the RoC, Mumbai on 14.09.2010 having CIN : U51909MH2010PTC207642.
3. The name of the Petitioner Company was struck off from the Register on account of the reasons that the Company is not carrying on any business and that there was no business operation for a period of last two financial years and have not made any application within such period for obtaining the status of Dormant Company under S.

455 of the Act. Consequentially, the RoC has published a public notice for Striking off and Dissolution of Company i.e. STK – 7 dated 18.08.2017.

**Submissions from the Petitioners:**

4. The Learned Representative for the Petitioner submits that the Company is engaged in the trading of agricultural & forest produce, engineering goods & general goods etc. The company has been active since incorporation. Further, the Company has not made any application for obtaining the status of Dormant Company under S. 455 of the Act. Further that, the Petitioner Company had never in the past, on its own, moved any application for Strike-off under S. 248 (2) of the Companies Act, 2013.
5. It is further submitted that the accounts of the Company were prepared and audited and that the Company could not file the financial statements with ROC inadvertently.
6. The Learned Representative further submitted that, the Petitioner Company now has all the remaining documents ready and prepared and is willing to file the same before the RoC, if so permitted. Further the Petitioner Company is willing to file any other necessary document which are required by the RoC.

**Submissions from the Respondent/RoC:**

7. The RoC has forwarded its report stating therein that the RoC has issued the notice in Form STK – 1 to the Petitioner Company on the ground that, the Company is not carrying on any business and that there was no business operation for a period of last two financial years and have not made any application within such period for obtaining the status of Dormant Company under S. 455 of the Act. But there is no communication from the side of the Petitioner Company. Hence, consequentially the RoC has issued public notice i.e. STK – 7 dated 18.08.2017 intimating that the name of Company is been struck-off from the Register of RoC.
8. It is also submitted that, the Petitioner Company has not filed the Annual Returns and Balance Sheets with the RoC for the F. Y. 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. And as the Statutory Returns were not filed for the said period, the RoC came to conclusion that, the Petitioner Company has ceased to its business. And consequentially the name has been struck-off from the Register of RoC.
9. However, it is further submitted in the said report that the RoC has no objection to restore the name of the Petitioner Company, if the Petitioner Company is willing to comply with the provisions of the Act, subject to imposition of Cost.

**Findings:**

10. That, the facts and circumstances of the case have enlightened that the relevant documents which are to be filed, are ready with the Company and the Company is willing to file the same, if so permitted. Further that, the accounts of the Company were

audited and the audited accounts have been approved for the years 2010-11 to 2016-17, annexed in the petition..

11. Further it is an accepted position that though the Company has not generated any revenue from business since 2012-13, however, the company's Profit & Loss Statement as on 31.03.2017 reveals that the company has other incomes worth ₹50,000/- and that the company intends to do business in future.
12. It is also noticed that this Petition is also filed to avail the benefit of the CODS, 2018 which is floated by the Government. This Bench has passed the order of Restoration in this similar situation in CP No. 66/252/NCLT/MB/MAH/2018 namely "M/s. Health and Wellness Aadhar Private Limited" which is worth to reproduce as under :

*"16. We have gone through the said CODS Scheme and the provisions of Law by which the Directors are disqualified. And we came to know that, the Directors are disqualified due to operation of Law and not by the order of any Authority. Hence, we are of the view that, since the Directors are disqualified through an operation of Law, then, they can be qualified in the eyes of Law whenever they comply with the provisions of the Act and the CODS Scheme, 2018. This order will only Restore the name of Petitioner Company in the Register of RoC. For removal of the Disqualification of the Directors they have to follow the procedure laid down by the CODS, 2018."*
13. The additional documents filed by the petitioner reveal the master data of the directors and that one Mr. Jagdish Mukund Merchant who is a director in this company is also holding the directorship in one 'NATIONAL GARAGE LLP' which has generated a revenue of ₹1,46,932/- as on 31.03.2017. This clearly reveals that the said company is a going concern and the strike off of this company may prejudice the functioning of other companies in which the directors are common.
14. That, the Company has not deposited heavy cash in its Bank Account during the period of Demonetisation i.e. from 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016, instead of regular trade deposits, as noticed from the annexed Affidavit along with this Petition/Application.
15. Hence, upon considering the facts and circumstances of this present petition/application, this Bench is of the view that, it would be just and proper to order restoration of the name of the Petitioner Company in the Register of Companies maintained by the RoC.
16. Accordingly, this Petition/Application is allowed. The restoration of the Petitioner Company's name to the Register of Companies maintained by the RoC, is hereby ordered, with a direction that the Company shall comply with the Provisions of the Act. And further it will be subject to payment of costs of ₹ 70,000/- (Seventy Thousand

- Only) to be paid by way of Demand Draft in favour of "Pay and Accounts Officer, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Mumbai", within 7 days from the receipt of the duly certified copy of this Order, to this office. Consequentially thereupon the Bank Account/s if freezed shall get defreezed and to be operated by the Petitioner Company.
17. This Petition bearing No. 1206/252/NCLT/MB/2018 is, therefore, disposed of on the terms directed above. The Learned RoC shall give effect of this Order only after perusal of the Compliance report of cost imposed. The Company is directed to file all the required documents and shall fulfil other relevant statutory compliances within 30 days from Restoration of its name in the Register of Companies maintained by RoC.
18. Ordered accordingly. To be consigned to Records.

**Dated : 30.08.2018**

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**M. K. SHRAWAT**  
**MEMBER (JUDICIAL)**

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