NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL AHMEDABAD BENCH **AHMEDABAD**

CP(CAA) No. 50/NCLT/AHM/2017 With CA(CAA) No. 23/NCLT/AHM/2017

Coram:

Present: Hon'ble Mr. BIKKI RAVEENDRA BABU MEMBER JUDICIAL

ATTENDANCE-CUM-ORDER SHEET OF THE HEARING OF AHMEDABAD BENCH OF THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL ON 31.07.2017

Name of the Company:

Adani Hazira Port Pvt Ltd.

Section of the Companies Act: <u>Section 230-232 of the Companies Act, 2013</u>

S.NO. NAME (CAPITAL LETTERS)

DESIGNATION

REPRESENTATION

SIGNATURE

1. Sandeep Singhi

Advocate

Petition en 1

Learned Advocate Mr. Sandeep Singhi with Learned Advocate Mr. Pranjal Buch present for Petitioner.

Common Order pronounced in open Court. Vide separate sheet.

MEMBER JUDICIAL

Dated this the 31st day of July, 2017.

IN THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL AHMEDABAD BENCH

CP(CAA) No.50 of 2017

And

CP(CAA) No.51 of 2017

In the matter of:-

1. Adani Hazira Port Private Limited, a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office at Adani House, Near Mithakhali Six Roads, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad- 380 009.

Petitioner of CP(CAA) No.50 of 2017 (Transferor Company)

2. The Adani Harbour Services
Private Limited,
a company incorporated under the
provisions of the Companies Act, 1956
and having its registered office at Adani
House, Near Mithakhali Six Roads,
Navrangpura, Ahmedabad- 380 009.

Petitioner of CP(CAA) No.51 of 2017 (Transferee Company)

Order delivered on 31st July, 2017

Coram: Hon'ble Sri Bikki Raveendra Babu, Member (J)

Appearance:

Mr. Sandeep Singhi and Mr. Pranjal Buch, Advocates, for M/s. Singhi & Co., Advocates, for the Petitioner Companies.

COMMON FINAL ORDER

1. By these petitions under Section 230 – 232 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Petitioner Companies are seeking sanction of the Scheme of Arrangement between Adani Hazira Port

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Private Limited and The Adani Harbour Services Private Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors (Scheme).

- 2. The Petitioner of the C.P. (CAA) No. 50/NCLT/AHM/2017, i.e., Adani Hazira Port Private Limited, had filed an application before this Tribunal, being CA(CAA) No. 23/NCLT/AHM/2017, for dispensing with the convening of meeting of the Equity Shareholders of the Petitioner Company and for requisite directions for holding and convening meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the said Company. This Tribunal vide its order dated 18.4.2017, inter alia, dispensed with the meeting of the Equity Shareholders based on the consent affidavits given by all the Equity Shareholders of the said Petitioner Company and further directed convening and holding of the meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the said Company. This Tribunal further noted that there were no Secured Creditors of the said Company as on 28.3.2017.
- 3. The Petitioner of the C.P. (CAA) No. 51/NCLT/AHM/2017, i.e., The Adani Harbour Services Private Limited, had filed an application before this Tribunal, being CA(CAA) 24/NCLT/AHM/2017, for dispensing with the convening and holding of meeting of the Equity Shareholders of the Petitioner Company. This Tribunal vide its order dated 18.4.2017, inter alia, dispensed with the meeting of the Equity Shareholders based on the consent affidavits given by all the Equity

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Shareholders of the said Petitioner Company. This Tribunal further noted that there were no Secured Creditors or Unsecured Creditors of the said Company as on 28.3.2017.

Notice of meeting was sent individually to the Unsecured Creditors of the Petitioner of CP (CAA) No. 50/NCLT/AHM/2017, i.e., Adani Hazira Port Private Limited, pursuant to the order dated 18.4.2017, together with a copy of the Scheme, a copy of the Explanatory Statement required to be furnished under Section 230-232 read with Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the prescribed Form of Proxy, amongst others. The notice of meeting was also advertised as directed by this Tribunal vide its order dated 18.4.2017 in English daily, "Indian Express", Ahmedabad Edition and Gujarati daily, "Sandesh", Ahmedabad Edition on 26.4.2017. Mrs. Komal Majmudar, the Chairperson of the meeting has already filed the requisite affidavit dated 16.5.2017 in respect of service of notice and appearance of advertisements of the said notice amongst others. The embodied in the Scheme was arrangement approved unanimously by the Unsecured Creditors of the said Company at the meeting held on 27.5.2017. The Chairperson's report dated 2.6.2017 has also been filed before this Tribunal.

5. The Petitioner Companies thereafter filed the present petitions seeking sanction of the Scheme. This Tribunal by its

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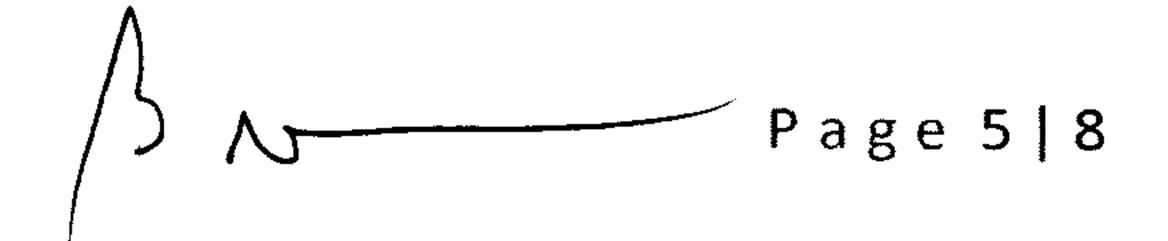
orders dated 5.7.2017 and as rectified vide order dated 7.7.2017 admitted the aforesaid Company Petitions and directed issuance of notice of hearing of petition to (i) the Regional Director, (ii) Registrar of Companies, Gujarat and (iii) Official Liquidator. This Tribunal also directed publication of notice of hearing of the petitions in English daily, "Indian Express", Ahmedabad Edition and in Gujarati daily, "Sandesh", Ahmedabad Edition in respect of the aforesaid Company Petitions.

- 6. Pursuant to the order dated 5.7.2017 and as rectified vide order dated 7.7.2017, passed by this Tribunal, the Petitioners have published the notice of hearing of the petition in English daily, "Indian Express", Ahmedabad Edition and in Gujarati daily, "Sandesh", Ahmedabad Edition on 9.7.2017. The affidavits of service, on behalf of both the Petitioner Companies, dated 12.7.2017, have been filed confirming the publication of the notice in the newspapers as directed and also the notice of hearing of the petitions being served upon the concerned statutory authorities.
- 7. In response to the notice to the Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the Regional Director has filed a common representation dated 13.6.2017. The Petitioner Companies have not filed reply to the common representation dated 13.6.2017 filed by the Regional Director as, according to the learned Advocate for the petitioners, the said common representation

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does not contain any observation which requires reply from the Petitioner Company.

- 8. In response to the notice to the Official Liquidator in the aforesaid Petitions, the Official Liquidator has filed his representation dated 23.5.2017 in CP(CAA) No. 50 of 2017, to which Adani Hazira Port Private Limited has filed its affidavit dated 5.6.2017.
- 9. In response to the notice to the Income Tax Authorities, Deputy Commissioner of Income-tax, vide communication dated 3rd May, 2017, informed that no demand is outstanding as on date as per ITD Module in the case of M/s Adani Hazira Port Private Limited.
- 10. Heard learned Advocate, Mr. Singhi with learned Advocate, Mr. Pranjal Buch, for M/s Singhi & Co., Advocates for the petitioners.
- 11. In respect of the observations made by the Official Liquidator in paragraph 15 of the representation, in paragraph 3 of the reply, it is stated that the Chairperson appointed for the meeting has filed her report dated 2.6.2017 before this Tribunal, which is also annexed to Company Petition No.50 of 2017 as Annexure "R", at Page 114 to 127 of the paper book.



- 12. In respect of the observations made by the official Liquidator in paragraph 16 of the representation, in paragraph 4 of the reply, it is stated that The Adami Harbour Services Private Limited would be paying the consideration to Adami Hazira Port Private Limited through Real Time Gross Settlement System (RTGS) or Electronic Clearing System (ECS) only.
- 13. In respect of the observations made by the official Liquidator in paragraph 17 of the representation, in paragraph 5 of the reply, it is stated that the provisions of Section 239 of the Companies Act, 2013 are not applicable to the facts of the present case. However, Adani Hazira Port Private Limited shall preserve its books of accounts, papers and records and shall not dispose of the same without the prior permission of the Central Government.
- 14. In respect of the observations made in paragraph 18 of the representation, it is submitted in paragraph 6 of the reply that the Scheme nowhere prescribes with regard to absolving the statutory liability of Adani Hazira Port Private Limited.

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- 15. It is stated in the petition that no investigation has been instituted or is pending in relation to the Transferor Company or the Transferee Company under Chapter XIV of the Companies Act, 2013. It is also stated in the petition that no winding up proceedings have been filed or are pending either against the Transferor Company or against the Transferee Company under the Act or the corresponding provisions of the Companies Act, 1956.
- 16. Considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case and on perusal of the Scheme and the proceedings, it appears that the requirements of the provisions of sections 230-232 of the Companies Act, 2013 are satisfied. The Scheme is genuine and *bonafide* and in the interest of the shareholders and creditors.
- 17. In the result, these Company Petitions are allowed. The Scheme, which is at Annexure "G" to the petitions, is hereby sanctioned and it is declared that it shall be binding on the petitioner companies, their shareholders, creditors and all persons concerned under the Scheme.
- 18. Fees of Official Liquidator are quantified at Rs.15,000/- in CP (CAA) No. 50 of 2017. The said fees would be paid by Adani Hazira Port Private Limited.

19. Filing and issuance of drawn up orders are dispensed with. All concerned authorities to act on a copy of this order along with the Scheme duly authenticated by the Registrar of this Tribunal. The Registrar of this Tribunal shall issue the authenticated copy of this order along with Scheme immediately.

20. These Company Petitions are disposed of accordingly.

Signature Signature (J) [Bikki Raveendra Babu, Member (J)]

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