BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENGALURU BENCH T.P.No.296/17

IN

C.A.No.628/16

DATED: FRIDAY THE 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2017
PRESENT: SRI RATAKONDA MURALI, MEMBER JUDICIAL
SRI ASHOK KUMAR MISHRA, MEMBER TECHNICAL

IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES ACT,1956 SECTIONS 391-394 OF THE COMPANIES ACT,1956 AND

IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013 SECTIONS 230 and 232 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND

IN THE MATTER OF ANTHARIKSH CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED

T.P.No.296/17 IN C.A.No.628/16

1. Anthariksh Constructions Private Limited
Mantri House, No.41, Vittal Mallya Road
Bangalore-560001 -APPLICANT/TRANSFEROR COMPANY No.1

PARTIES PRESENT: Shruti Jere, Advocate, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas No.201, Midford House, Midford Garden Off M.G.Road, Bangalore 560001

Heard on: 06.02.2017, 28.2.2017, 24.03.2017, 17.04.2017

ORDER

Originally this Company Application was filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka by the Applicant Company under Section 391 of the Companies Act, 1956, being numbered as C.A. No.628/16. Subsequently as per Notification No. GSR.1119 (E) dated 7th December, 2016 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, New Delhi, the said case is transferred to this Tribunal and renumbered as T.P.No.296/17.

This Company Application is filed on behalf of the Applicant Company under Section 391 of the Companies Act, 1956, praying to order for dispensing with for convening of the Meeting of Equity Shareholders, Secured Creditor and Unsecured Creditors of the Applicant/Transferor Company No.1 for considering the Scheme of Amalgamation, where under the Applicant Company Anthariksh Construction Private Limited which is Transferor Company No.1 to be merged with Mantri Developers Private Limited (Transferee Company). The Scheme of Amalgamation shown as **Annexure-A.**

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The averments made in the Company Application are briefly described hereunder:-

The Applicant Company seeks an order for dispensing with convening of the Meeting of Equity Shareholders, Secured Creditor and Unsecured Creditors for considering the Scheme of Amalgamation of Applicant Company Anthariksh Construction Private Limited with Mantri Developers Private Limited in terms of Scheme of Amalgamation shown as **Annexure-A.**

It is further averred in the Application that the Applicant/Transferor CompanyNo. 1 was incorporated on 1st May, 2006 under the name and style of Anthariksh Construction Private Limited with the Registrar of Companies, Karnataka vide CIN bearing No. U45201KA2006PTC039179.The Registered office of the Applicant Company is situated at Mantri House, No.41, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore-560001.

The main objects of the Applicant Company is to carry on the business in all branches of architecture and of contractors, erectors, construction of buildings, houses, apartments, structures or residential offices, industrial, institutional or commercial or developers of cooperative housing societies, developers of housing scheme, townships, holiday resorts, hotels, motels and in particular preparing of building sites, construction, reconstruction, erecting, altering, improving, enlarging etc., to purchase for resale in land and house or other property of any tenure and any interest therein and to erect, sell and deal in free hold and acquire leasehold land and to make advances upon the security of land house or other property. The copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Applicant Company is shown as **Annexure-B.**

The latest authorized share capital of Applicant Company is Rs.1,00,000/- divided into 10,000 Equity Shares of Rs.10/- each. The issued, subscribed and paid-up share capital is Rs.1,00,000/- divided into 10,000 Equity Shares of Rs.10/-each fully paid up. The Audited balance sheet as on 31st March, 2016 is marked as Annexure –C.

It is further stated that, the Board of Directors of the Applicant Company has approved and adopted a Scheme of Amalgamation at its meeting held on 30th June, 2016 by virtue of which Applicant Company Anthariksh Constructions Private Limited (Transferor Company No.1) is proposed to be merged with Mantri Developers Private Limited (Transferee Company) subject to confirmation. A copy of the Board Resolution of Applicant Company dated 30th June, 2016 in approving and adopting the Scheme of Amalgamation is shown as **Annexure-Y**.

It is stated in the scheme that, the scheme would inter-alia, have the following benefits:

- Greater integration and greater financial strength and flexibility for the combined entities;
- Greater efficiency in the cash management of the combined entities and unfettered access to cash flow generated by the combined business;
- 3. Benefit of operational synergies of the combined entities etc.,

We have heard the Counsel appearing for the Applicant/Transferor Company No.1, who has filed the application for dispensing with the convening of meeting of Equity Shareholders, Secured Creditors and Unsecured Creditors for considering the Scheme of Amalgamation of Applicant Company Anthariksh Constructions Private Limited with Mantri Developers Private Limited in terms of Scheme of Amalgamation shown as **Annexure-A.**

The Applicant Company is seeking an order to dispense with convening of meeting of Equity Shareholders on the ground that the Applicant Company has only Two Equity Shareholders and they have given their consent to the Scheme of Amalgamation. The Certificate of Chartered Accountant certifying the names and number of Equity shareholders is shown as **Annexure-AC**.

We have seen the consent letters of the Two Equity shareholders shown as Annexure-AD i.e., (i) Mantri developers Private Limited holding 9,999 equity shares, constituting 99.99 % of the paid-up capital,(ii) Sushil Mantri and Snehal Mantri (Jointly) holding 1 equity shares, constituting 0.01% of the paid-up capital.

It is further averred that, there are no Secured Creditors as certified by the Chartered Accountant shown as Annexure- AE.

It is further averred that, the Applicant Company has 2 Unsecured Creditors as certified by the Chartered Accountant shown as Annexure-AE. It is stated that, the value of amounts in respect of the unsecured creditors of the Applicant Company is Rs.42,71,583/-. The Applicant Company is indebted to (i) Mantri Developers Private Limited is Rs.42,54,408/- (ii)Guru & Jana is Rs.17,175/-

We have seen the consent letters of the two unsecured creditors and 100% of the Unsecured Creditors have given consent to the scheme. The consent of unsecured Creditors is shown as Annexure-AF.

The Applicant Company is proposed to be merged with the Transferee Company, as per the scheme of Amalgamation shown as Annexure-A and Board of Directors of the Applicant Company have passed the resolution approving the scheme of amalgamation.

Section 230(9) of the Companies Act, 2013 provides if creditors having atleast 90% value agree and confirm by way of affidavit to the scheme of arrangement, the Tribunal may dispense with calling of meeting of creditors or class of creditors. Before transfer to the tribunal the Applicant Company has filed consent letters obtained from the Unsecured Creditors as per procedure followed in the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka. Thus relying on the same procedure and related provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, the meeting of Unsecured Creditors can be dispensed with.

In the result, the application is allowed and holding of meeting of the Equity Shareholders, Unsecured Creditors is dispensed with. In any eventuality when the Applicant Company approaches this Tribunal for seeking approval of the scheme it would be open for any person who are interested in the Scheme of Amalgamation to put forth their contentions before the Tribunal.

(RATAKONDA MURALI)

MEMBER, JUDICIAL

MBER, TECHNICAL

DATED THIS THE 2 DAY OF APRIL, 2017