BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, MUMBAI BENCH

COMPANY SCHEME APPLICATION NO 486 OF 2017 (HIGH COURT TRANSFERRED APPLICATION)

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013

AND

In the matter of Sections 230 to Section 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 (corresponding sections 391 to 394 of the Companies Act, 1956) and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013

AND

In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation of Aureos India Advisers Private Limited into Abraaj Capital Advisors Private Limited AND Their respective Shareholders and Creditors

AUREOS INDIA ADVISERS)

PRIVATE LIMITED, a company)

incorporated under the Companies Act,)

1956 having its registered office at 405,)

4th Floor, Ceejay House, Shiv Sagar)

Estate, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli ,)

Mumbai – 400018, Maharashtra, India)..... Applicant Company

Mr. Hemant Sethi i/b. Hemant Sethi & Co., Advocates for the Applicant Company

CORAM: B.S.V. Prakash Kumar, Member (Judicial)
V. Nallasenapathy, Member (Technical)

DATE: 27th April, 2017

MINUTES OF THE ORDER

 The Counsel for the Applicant submits that the present Scheme is a Scheme for Amalgamation of Aureos India Advisers Private Limited ('Transferor Company') into Abraaj Capital Advisors Private Limited ('Transferee Company') and their respective Shareholders and Creditors under sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 (corresponding sections 391 to 394 of the Companies Act, 1956).

- 2. The Counsel for the Applicant further submits that Companies under this Scheme of Amalgamation are part of Abraaj Group ('the Group'). The Group believes that the amalgamation involving the Transferor Company and the Transferee Company would have the following benefits:
 - a) consolidation of entities;
 - b) achieving operational and managerial efficiency;
 - c) management focus and enhanced flexibility;
 - d) simplification of group structure; and
 - e) to bring synergy in operations and optimum utilisation of common resources.
- 3. The meeting of the Equity Shareholders of the Applicant Company be convened and held at 405, 4th Floor, Ceejay House, Shiv Sagar Estate, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai 400018, Maharashtra, India on 9th June, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving with or without modification(s) the proposed Scheme of Amalgamation of Aureos India Advisers Private Limited ('Transferor Company') into Abraaj Capital Advisors Private Limited ('the Transferee Company') and their respective shareholders and creditors.
- 4. That atleast one month before the said Meeting of the Equity Shareholders of the Applicant Company to be held as aforesaid, a notice convening the said Meeting at the place date and time as aforesaid, together with a copy of the Scheme, a copy of statement disclosing all material facts as required under Section 230(3) of the Companies Act 2013 read with Rule 6 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rule, 2016 and the prescribed Form of Proxy, shall be sent by Hand delivery / Courier / Registered Post / Speed Post or through Email (to those shareholders whose email addresses are duly registered with the Applicant Company for the purpose of receiving such notices by email), addressed to each of the Equity Shareholders of the Applicant Company, at their last known address or email addresses as per the records of the Applicant Company.
- 5. That at least one month before the meeting of the Equity Shareholders of the Applicant Company to be held as aforesaid, a notice convening the said Meetings, indicating the place, date and time of meeting as aforesaid be published and stating that copies of the Scheme and the statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 230(3) of the

Companies Act 2013 read with Rule 6 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rule, 2016 and the Form of Proxy can be obtained free of charge at the Registered Office of the Applicant Company as aforesaid and / or at the office of its Advocates, M/s. Hemant Sethi & Co., 1602 Nav Parmanu, Behind Amar Cinema, Chembur, Mumbai – 400 071.

- 6. That the Notice of the Meeting of the Equity Shareholders shall be advertised in two local newspapers viz. in "Free Press Journal" in English and "Navshakti" in Marathi, both circulated in Mumbai, not less than 30 days before the date fixed for the meeting.
- 7. That Mr. Tariq Nakhooda, shall be the Chairman of the aforesaid meeting of the Equity Shareholders of the Applicant to be held at 405, 4th Floor, Ceejay House, Shiv Sagar Estate, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai 400018, Maharashtra, India on 9th June, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. or any adjournment or adjournments thereof. In absence of Mr. Tariq Nakhooda, Mr. Rishi Maheshwari shall be the Chairman.
- 8. That the Chairman appointed for the aforesaid meeting of the Equity Shareholders to issue the advertisement and send out the notices of the meeting referred to above. The said Chairman shall have all powers as per Articles of Association and also under the Companies Act, 2013 in relation to the conduct of the meeting, including for deciding procedural questions that may arise or at any adjournment thereof or any other matter including an amendment to the Scheme or resolution, if any, proposed at the meeting by any person(s).
- 9. That the quorum of the aforesaid meeting of the Equity Shareholders shall be as prescribed under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- 10. That voting by proxy or authorized representative in case of body corporate be permitted, provided that a proxy in the prescribed form / authorisation duly signed by the person entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, are filed with the Applicant Company at its Registered Office at 405, 4th Floor, Ceejay House, Shiv Sagar Estate, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai 400018, Maharashtra, India.
- 11. That the value and number of the shares of each Equity Shareholders shall be in accordance with the books / register of the Applicant Company or depository records and where the entries in the books / register / depository records are disputed, the

Chairman of the meeting shall determine the value for the purpose of the aforesaid meeting and his decision in that behalf would be final.

- 12. That Counsel for the Applicant Company submits that since the Scheme is an arrangement between the Applicant Company and their respective shareholders, only a meeting of the Equity Shareholders is proposed to be held in accordance with the provisions of Section 230(1)(b) of the Companies Act 2013. This Bench hereby directs the Applicant Company to issue notice to all its Secured and Unsecured Creditors as on 31st March, 2017 under Section 230(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 with a direction that they may submit their representations, if any, to the Tribunal and copy of such representations shall simultaneously be served upon the Applicant Company.
- 13. That Mr. Harsh Ruparelia, a Practicing Chartered Accountant is hereby appointed as Scrutinizer of the meeting of Equity Shareholders of the Applicant Company to be held at 405, 4th Floor, Ceejay House, Shiv Sagar Estate, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai 400018, Maharashtra, India on 9th day of June, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. or any adjournment or adjournments thereof and his remuneration is fixed as Rs. 5,000/-.
- 14. That the Chairman to file an affidavit not less than seven (7) days before the date fixed for the holding of the meetings of the Equity Shareholders and do report to this Tribunal that the direction regarding the issue of notices and the advertisement have been duly complied with.
- 15. That the Chairman of the meeting of the Equity Shareholders to report to this Tribunal, the results of the aforesaid meetings within thirty days of the conclusion of the meeting.
- 16. The Applicant Company is directed to serve notices along with copy of scheme upon:(i) concerned Income Tax Authority with in whose jurisdiction the Company's assessments is made, (ii) the Central Government through the office of Regional Director, Western region, Mumbai and (iii) the Registrar of Companies, with a direction that they may submit their representations, if any, within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of such notice to the Tribunal with copy of such representations shall simultaneously be served upon the Applicant Company, failing which, it shall be presumed that the authorities have no representations to make on the proposals.

- 17. The Applicant Company is also directed to serve notice along with copy of Scheme upon Official Liquidator. M/s. T. R. Chadha & Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants are appointed to assist the Official Liquidator to scrutinize the books of accounts of the Applicant Company for last 5 years. The Applicant Company to pay fees of Rs. 2,00,000/- within period of 3 weeks from today.
- 18. The Applicant Company to file affidavit of service in the Registry proving dispatch of notices to the shareholders, creditors, publication of notices in newspapers, to the regulatory authorities as stated in clause 17 and 18 above and do report to this Tribunal that the directions regarding the issue of notices have been duly complied with.

Sd/-

V. Nallasenapathy, Member (T)

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B.S.V. Prakash Kumar, Member (J)