NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH BENCH, CHANDIGARH

CP No. 192/2015 RT NO. 04/2017

Date: 01.03.2017

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.P. Nagrath, Member (Judicial)

Hon'ble Deepa Krishan, Member (Technical)

HDFC Bank Ltd. ... Petitioner

Versus.

M/s Punia Alloys Pvt. Ltd.

... Respondents

Present:

Mr. Amit Rishi, Advocate for petitioner.

None for respondents.

ORDER

R.P. Nagrath, J., Member (Judicial) (Oral):

The instant petition was filed in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court under Section 433 (e) of the Companies Act, 1956 for winding up of the respondent-company for its inability to pay the debts due to the petitioner. The matter was taken up for the first time by the Hon'ble High Court on 30.10.2015 and it was directed to send notice to the respondent-company for 19.02.2016. On 30.08.2016, Learned counsel for the petitioner sought adjournment to file alternate address of the respondent and on his request, the case was adjourned to 13.01.2017.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has handed over copy of Master Data of the respondent-company available on the MCA portal showing latest address of the company as "H.No.147, Phase-VII, Mohali, Punjab" which

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is different from the address mentioned in the Memo of Parties. The document be taken on record. The latest address was yet to be filed by the petitioner in the Hon'ble High Court. It is thus not disputed that service of the respondent-company had not been effected when the case was received by transfer by the Tribunal. We have heard the Learned counsel for the petitioner and find that the proceedings in the instant case would stand abated.

The instant petition was received by transfer in this Tribunal in terms of Rule 5 of the Companies (Transfer of Pending Proceedings) Rules, 2016 (for brevity, hereinafter referred to as the "Rules") which reads as under:-

"All petitions relating to winding up under clause (e) of Section 433 of the Act on the ground of inability to pay its debts pending before a High Court, and where the petition has not been served on the respondent as required under rule 26 of the Companies (Court) Rules, 1959 shall be transferred to the Bench of the Tribunal established under sub-section (4) of Section 419 of the Act, exercising territorial jurisdiction and such petitions shall be treated as applications under sections 7, 8 or 9 of the Code, as the case may be, and dealt with in accordance with Part II of the Code:

Provided that the petitioner shall submit all information, other than information forming part of the records transferred in accordance with Rule 7, required for admission of the petition under sections 7, 8 or 9 of the

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Code, as the case may be, including details of the proposed insolvency professional to the Tribunal within sixty days from date of this notification, failing which the petition shall abate."

The petition was thus to be treated as application under Sections 7, 8 or 9 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and the petitioner was required to file the requisite information including details of the insolvency professional but no such information has been filed. Therefore, the proceedings in the instant petition would stand automatically abated on the expiry of 60 days period w.e.f. 15.12.2016, the date when the aforesaid Rules came into force. The instant petition, therefore, stands abated. This is, however, without prejudice to the right of the petitioner to avail of the alternative remedy if permissible under the law. The file be consigned.

(Justice R.P.Nagrath) Member (Judicial)

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March 01, 2017