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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION
OF SHARES AND TAKEOVERS) (THIRD AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2020**

No. SEBI/LAD-NRO /GN/ 2020/20 — In exercise of the powers conferred under section 30 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (15 of 1992), the Board hereby makes the following Regulations to further amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011, namely:-

1. These regulations may be called the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2020.
2. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
3. In the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011,-
 - I. In regulation 17, in sub-regulation (1), the following new proviso shall be inserted after the existing proviso, namely, –

“**Provided further** that in case of indirect acquisitions where public announcement has been made in terms of clause (e) of sub-regulation (2) of regulation 13 of these regulations, an amount equivalent to hundred per cent of the consideration payable in the open offer shall be deposited in the escrow account.”

- II. In regulation 17, in sub-regulation (3), in clause (c), the following new proviso shall be inserted after the existing proviso, namely,-

“**Provided further** that the deposit of securities shall not be permitted in respect of indirect acquisitions where public announcement has been made in terms of clause (e) of sub-regulation (2) of regulation 13 of these regulations.”

- III. In regulation 18, after sub-regulation (11), the following new sub-regulation shall be inserted, namely,-

“(11A) Without prejudice to sub-regulation 11, in case the acquirer is unable to make payment to the shareholders who have accepted the open offer within such period, the acquirer shall pay interest for the period of delay to all such shareholders whose shares have been accepted in the open offer, at the rate of ten per cent per annum

Provided that in case the delay was not attributable to any act of omission or commission of the acquirer, or due to the reasons or circumstances beyond the control of acquirer, the Board may grant waiver from the payment of interest.

Provided further that the payment of interest would be without prejudice to the Board taking any action under regulation 32 of these regulation or under the Act.”

- IV. In regulation 22, in sub-regulation (2A), the words “other than through bulk deals or block deals,” shall be omitted.

Sd/-

AJAY TYAGI

CHAIRMAN

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

Footnotes:

1. The SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011 were published in the Gazette of India on 23rd September, 2011 vide No. LAD-NRO/GN/2011 12/24/30181.
2. SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011 was subsequently amended on:
 - a) March 26, 2013 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2013 vide No. LAD-NRO/GN/2012 13/36/7368.
 - b) October 8, 2013 by the SEBI (Listing of Specified Securities on Institutional Trading Platform) Regulations, 2013 vide No. LAD-NRO/GN/2013-14/28/6720.
 - c) May 23, 2014 by the SEBI (Payment of Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 vide Notification No. LAD-NRO/GN/2014-15/03/1089.

- d) March 24, 2015 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 vide No. LAD-NRO/GN/2014-15/28/542.
- e) May 5, 2015 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2015 vide No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/OIAE/GN/2015-16/004.
- f) August 14, 2015 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2015 vide No. SEBI/LAD NRO/GN/2015-16/009.
- g) December 22, 2015 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2015 vide No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2015-16/026.
- h) February 17, 2016 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2016 vide No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2015-16/035.
- i) May 25, 2016 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2016 vide No. SEBI/ LAD-NRO/GN/2016-17/002.
- j) March 6, 2017 by SEBI (Payment of Fees and Mode of Payment) (Amendment) Regulations, 2017 vide No. SEBI/LAD/NRO/GN/2016-17/037 read with notification dated March 29, 2017 vide No. SEBI/LAD/NRO/GN/2016-17/38.
- k) August 14, 2017 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2017 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2017-18/015.
- l) June 01, 2018 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2018/20.

- m) September 11, 2018 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2018 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2018/33.
- n) December 31, 2018 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2018 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO /GN/ 2018/55.
- o) March 29, 2019 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO /GN/ 2019/06.
- p) July 29, 2019 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2019 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO /GN/ 2019/27.
- q) April 17, 2020 by SEBI (Regulatory Sandbox) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2020/10.
- r) June 16, 2020 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO /GN/ 2020/14.
- s) June 22, 2020 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO /GN/ 2020/19.
