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Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015 (SEBI Listing Regulations) - Update on material event.

Dear Sir,

We would like to inform vou that the Scheme of Merger of Victoria Land Private Limited (Wholly Owned Subsidiary) with The Victoria Mills Limited has been approved by Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Mumbai Bench on 18th December, 2023. Please find enclosed here with copy of the Order of NCLT, Mumbai Bench as available on the website of NCLT.

Kindly treat this intimation as required under Regulation 30 other applicable regulations of SEBI Listing Regulations.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For The Victoria Mills Ltd.,

Hussain Shabbir Sidhpurwala Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

The Victoria Mills Limited

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IN THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL

MUMBAI BENCH, COURT-II

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In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013);

AND

In the matter of Sections 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules framed thereunder as in force from time to time;

AND

In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation of Victoria Land Private Limited, the Transferor Company with The Victoria Mills Limited, the Transferee Company.

VICTORIA	LAND	PRIVA	TE)	
LIMITED , a	company	incorpor	ated)	
under the Comp	anies Act, 1	956 havin	g its)	
registered offic	ce at Vict	toria Ho	use,)	
Pandurang Bud	hkar Marg,	Lower Pa	arel,)	Petitioner
Mumbai-4000	13, Maharas	htra.		Company	1/
CIN: U45202M	Transferor	Company.			

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THE VICTORIA MILLS LIMITED, a)

company incorporated under the)

Companies Act, 1913 having its registered)

office at Victoria House, Pandurang)

Budhkar Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai –) ...Petitioner

400013, Maharashtra Company 2/

CIN: L17110MH1913PLC000357 Transferee Company.

Order delivered on: 18.12.2023

Coram:

Anil Raj Chellan Kuldip Kumar Kareer

Member (Technical) Member (Judicial)

For the Petitioner(s): CS Ashish O. Lalpuria a/w CS Kamal Lahoty, Practising Company Secretaries

ORDER

Per: Coram

The sanction of the Tribunal is sought under sections 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) to the Scheme of Amalgamation of Victoria Land Private Limited, the Transferor Company with The Victoria Mills Limited, the Transferee Company and their respective Shareholders.

1. The Scheme envisages Amalgamation of Victoria Land Private Limited, the Transferor Company with The Victoria Mills Limited, the Transferee Company.

- 2. We have heard the Authorised Representative for the Petitioner Companies and the representative for the Regional Director, WR, MCA. No objector has come before this Tribunal to oppose the Scheme and nor has any party controverted any averments made in the Petition.
- 3. The Authorised Representative for the Petitioners submit that the Transferor Company is a wholly owned Subsidiary of the Transferee Company.
- 4. The Authorised Representative for the Applicants submits that the Transferor Company and the Transferee Company are in the business of real estate development.
- 5. The Authorised Representative for the Applicants states that the respective Board of Directors of Transferor Company and the Transferee Company at its respective Board Meeting held on 08th February, 2022 approved the Scheme.
- 6. The Authorised Representative for the Petitioners states that appointed date of the Scheme of Amalgamation is 1st April, 2022.
- 7. The Authorised Representative for the Applicants submit that since the present Application is for Scheme of Amalgamation of wholly owned Subsidiary (Transferor Company) with its holding Company (Transferee Company), no shares are being issued as

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the shares held by the Transferee Company in Transferor Company would be cancelled and extinguished upon Amalgamation.

- 8. The Authorised Representative for the Applicants submit that the rationale for the Scheme is as under:
 - (i) The Transferor Company is wholly owned subsidiary of the Transferee Company and both the companies form part of the same group, hence it is desired to consolidate the business of the Transferor Company with the Transferee Company by way of merger of Transferor Company with the Transferee Company.
 - (ii) The merger of the Transferor Company with the Transferee Company would inter alia have the following benefits:
 - a) Reduction in number of entities leading to simplification of group structure;
 - b) Pooling of resources including Immovable properties;
 - c) Enable cost saving and reduction in administrative inefficiencies;
 - d) Combining / consolidating business and Reduction in administrative and other overheads;

- e) Reduction of intra-group transactions and compliance requirements under various laws;
- f) Reduction of operating and compliance costs; and
- g) Enhancing shareholder's value;
- 9. The Company Petition is filed in consonance with Sections 230 to 232 of the Act along with the order dated 31st March, 2023 passed in CA (CAA) No. 277/(MB)/2022 of this Tribunal.
- 10. The Learned Authorised Representative appearing on behalf of the Petitioner Companies stated that the Petitioner Companies have complied with all requirements as per directions of the Tribunal and have filed necessary affidavits of compliance with the Tribunal. Moreover, the Petitioner Companies undertake to comply with all statutory/regulatory requirements, if any, as required under the Act and the Rules made thereunder. The undertaking given by the Petitioner Companies is accepted.
- 11. The Regional Director (Western Region), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Mumbai, has filed its Report dated 03rd August, 2023 inter alia stating therein its observations on the Scheme as stated in para 2 (a) to (k) of the Report. In response to the observations made by the Regional Director, the Petitioner Companies filed an Affidavit in Rejoinder and have given necessary clarifications and undertakings. The observations made by the table below:

Sr.	Observation of Regional Director	Response	of	the	Petitione	?r
No.		Companies				
Par						
a						
(2)						
a)	That on examination of the report of the Registrar of Companies, Mumbai dated 21.06.2023 for Petitioner Companies (Annexed as Annexure A-l) that the Petitioner Companies falls within the jurisdiction of ROC, Mumbai. It is submitted that no representation regarding the proposed scheme of Arrangement has been received in the matter of Petitioner Company. Further, the Petitioner Companies has filed Financial Statements up to 31.03.2022. The ROC has further submitted that in his report dated 21.06.2023 which are as under: - i. That the ROC Mumbai in his report doted 21.06.2023 has also stated that No Inquiry, Inspection, Investigations, Prosecutions, Technical Scrutiny, Complaints under CA. 2013 have been pending against the Petitioner Companies.	Apropos	2 (a) Direct ner Co serva self-ex	of the cor is compand the comp	e report o concerned ies submit aragraph 2 ory and do	of 1, ts 2
	ii. Further ROC has mentioned as follows: -a. Since both applicant companies engage in Real Estate Business hence, NOC from Real Estate	the Petitio	2 (a) (1 Dire oner	ii) (a) c ector is Compa	of the repor concerned anies state	rt 1, te

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Regulatory Authority may be obtained.

Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 (RERA) are not applicable to the Company as there are no projects where the area of land to be developed exceed 500 square meters or the number of units to be constructed exceed eight;

Extract of Section 3(2)(a) of Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016:

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), no registration of the real estate project shall be required— (a) where the area of land proposed to be developed does not exceed five hundred square meters or the number of apartments proposed to be developed does not exceed eight inclusive of all phases:

b. Interest of the Creditors should be protected.

Apropos observation made into Paragraph 2 (a) (ii) (b) of the report of Regional Director is concerned, the Petitioner Companies undertake that the Interest of the Creditors shall be protected.

c. The ROC. Mumbai has forwarded his report dated 21.06.2023 (Copy Enclosed) mentioning his observations against Petitioner Companies Non-Compliance Provisions of CA, 2013 at para 32 (Point NO. 1 to 6) under the head of observations of ROC. Hon'ble NCLT may direct to

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Petitioner Companies to submit the reply on the observations and the matter may be decided on merit.

Observations of Registrar of Companies vide their Report in Para 32 are as under:

1. Being a Listed Company, the Transferee Company had failed to appoint MD/Manager for the period prior to 01.04.2011 and also failed to appoint a whole time Company Secretary for the 01.02.2012 period 01.06.2014. Hence. the Transferee Company and its officers have violated Section 269 & 383A of Companies Act, 1956 and Section 203 of the Companies Act, 2013.

Apropos observation by Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 32 (1) the Petitioner Companies state that Mr. Aditya Mangaldas is acting as a Managing Director of the Transferee Company w.e.f. 01.10.1994 and accordingly the Company has not violated the provisions of Section 269 of the Companies Act, 1956. The copies form 23 and 25C filed with Registrar of Companies are annexed at 'Annexure A2' of the Affidavit.

As regards to observations on Whole Time Company Secretary, the provisions of Section 383A of the erstwhile Companies Act, 1956 were not applicable to the Transferee Company as the paid up share capital of the Transferee Company (Rs. 98,56,000/-) is less than threshold of Rs. 5 Crores as required under Section 383A of the erstwhile Companies Act, 1956. Pursuant to the provisions of

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2. The Transferee Company is a Public Limited Company. However, Transferee Company has violated section 117(3)(g) read with 179(3)(i) of the Companies Act, 2013 as it failed to file Board approval for the Scheme with ROC in the E form MGT-14 as mandated under section 179(3)(i) read with section 117(3)(g).

3. The Transferor Company reported NIL revenue from operations for FYs 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22. Further, Transferee Company also reported NIL revenue from operations for FYs 2019-20 & 2021-22. It seems that these

Section 203 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Transferee Company had appointed Mr. R. K. Shah as a Whole Time Company Secretary w.e.f. 01.06.2014 vide Form DIR 12 having SRN C14383046 dated 05.08.2014. Hence the Transferee Company has not violated the provisions of Section 383A of the erstwhile Companies Act, 1956 and Section 203 of the Companies Act, 2013. The copy form DIR 12, filed with Registrar of Companies are annexed at 'Annexure B' of the Affidavit.

Apropos observation by Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 32 (2) of the Registrar of Companies, the Transferee Company has file MGT 14 vide Form T81386658 dated 16.02.2022 in respect of resolution approved by the Board for the Scheme of Merger at its Board Meeting held on 08.02.2022 in compliance with the provisions of Section 117(3)(g) read with 179(3)(i) of the Companies Act, 2013 and therefore the Transferee Company violated the said has not provisions. The copy of Form MGT 14 is enclosed at Annexure **C** to the Affidavit.

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Companies activities may fall under Shell Company category.

- 4. As per the provisions of Section 230(3)(i) of the Companies Act, *2013*. where the transferor company is dissolved, the fee, if any, paid by the transferor company on its authorized capital shall be set-off against any fees payable bvTransferee company its authorized capital subsequent to the amalgamation. Therefore, remaining fee, if any after setting-off the fees already paid by the transferor company on its authorized capital, must be paid by the transferee company on the increased authorized capital subsequent to the amalgamation.
- 5. Object clause must be included into scheme with specific heading.

Apropos observation by Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 32 (3) of the Registrar of Companies, the Petitioner Companies state that the Transferor Company has reported other income Rs. 515.08 Lakhs, Rs. 28.60 Lakhs and Rs. 19.90 Lakhs respectively in the year 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22. The Transferee Company has reported other income Rs. 102.24 Lakhs and Rs. 53.64 Lakhs respectively in the year 2019-20 and 2021-22. Further, The Transferor and Transferee Company has regularly filed its Annual Accounts and Annual Report with the Registrar of Company, Ministry of Corporate Affairs regularly till FY ended 31.03.2022. Hence, the Petitioner Companies do not fall under the Shell Company Category.

Apropos observation by Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 32 (4) of the Registrar of Companies, the Transferee Company undertakes to comply with the provisions of Section 230(3)(i) of the Companies Act, 2013 with respect to payment of differential fees in the increased Authorised Share Capital and would pay the differential fees, if any

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- 6. The transferee company has violated provision of section 269 and 383A of Companies Act, 1956 by not appointing Managing Director/ Whole Time Company Secretory as required by Act hence, the offence needs to be compounded.
- 7. Since, both applicant companies engage in real estate business hence, NOC from Real Estate Regulatory Authority may be obtained.
- 8. Interest of the creditors should be protected.
- 9. May be decided on its merits

Hence, the Petitioner Companies shall undertake to submit detail reply against observations mentioned above.

Apropos observation by Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 32 (5) of the Registrar of Companies, the Petitioner Companies has stated that the Para (C) of Part I, of Scheme of Merger describes the object of the both Petitioner Companies.

Apropos observation by Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 32 (6) of the Registrar of Companies, the observations are already dealt at para 32(1) above.

Apropos observation by Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 32 (7) of the Registrar of Companies, the Petitioner Companies state that the provisions of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 (RERA)

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		are not applicable to the Company			
		as explained in preceding para.			
		Apropos observation by Registrar			
		of Companies under Paragraph 32			
		(8) of the Registrar of Companies,			
		the Petitioner Companies			
		undertake that the Interest of the			
		Creditors shall be protected			
<i>b)</i>	Transferee company should undertake	Apropos observation made in			
	to comply with the provisions of	paragraph 2 (b) of the report of			
	section 232(3)(i) of the Companies Act,	Regional Director is concerned,			
	2013 through appropriate affirmation	the Transferee Company			
	in respect of fees payable by Transferee	undertakes to comply with the			
	Company for increase of share capital	provisions of Section 232(3)(i) of			
	on account of merger of transfer of	the Companies Act, 2013 with			
	companies.	respect to payment of differential			
		fees in the increased Authorised			
		Share Capital and would pay the			
		differential fees, if any.			
c)	In compliance of Accounting	Apropos observation made in			
	Standard-14 or IND-AS103, as may	paragraph 2 (c) of the report of			
	be applicable, the resultant company	Regional Director is concerned,			
	shall pass such accounting entries	the Petitioners undertake to			
	which are necessary in connection	comply with AS-14 or IND AS-			
	with the scheme to comply with other	103 and such applicable			
	applicable Accounting Standards	accounting standards for			
	including AS-5 or IND AS-8 etc.	Amalgamation including AS-5 or			
		IND AS-8 etc. and as per other			
		applicable provisions of the			
		Companies Act, 2013 while			
		passing necessary entries in			
		connection with the Scheme.			
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<i>d</i>)	The Hon'ble Tribunal may kindly	Apropos observation made in		
	direct the Petitioner Companies to file	paragraph 2 (d), the Petitioner		
	an affidavit to the extent that the	Companies undertake that the		
	Scheme enclosed to the Company	Scheme enclosed to the Company		
	Application and Company Petition	Application and Company		
	are one and same and there is no	Petition are one and same and		
	discrepancy, or no change is made.	there is no discrepancy or no		
		change is made.		
<i>e</i>)	The Petitioner Companies under	Apropos observation made in		
	provisions of section 230(5) of the	paragraph 2 (e), the Petitioner		
	Companies Act 2013 have to serve	Companies submits that notices		
	notices to concerned authorities which	were served upon the concerned		
	are likely to be affected by the	regulatory authorities in		
	Amalgamation or arrangement.	accordance with the provisions of		
	Further, the approval of the scheme by	section 230(5) of the Companies		
	the Hon'ble Tribunal may not deter	Act, 2013. The Petitioners further		
	such authorities to deal with any of the	submits that approval of the		
	issues arising after giving effect to the	scheme by this Hon'ble Tribunal		
	scheme. The decision of such	may not deter such authorities to		
	authorities shall be binding on the	deal with any of the issues arising		
	petitioner companies concerned.	after giving effect to the scheme.		
		The decision of such Authorities		
		shall be binding on the Petitioner		
		Companies subject to right of		
		appeal, if available.		
Ŋ	As per Definition of the Scheme,	Apropos observation of the		
	"Appointed Date" means the	Regional Director, Western		
	opening of business on April 01, 2022	Region, Mumbai, as stated in		
	or such other date as the National			
	Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)	, and the second		
	may direct/allow;	that the definition "Appointed		

"Effective Date" means the last of the

dates on which all the conditions and

matters referred to in Clause 21 of the

Scheme occur or have been fulfilled or

Date" means the opening of

business on April 01, 2022 or such

other date as the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)

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	waived in accordance with this	may direct/allow; Further, Clause					
	Scheme. References in this Scheme to	1.1.2 of Part I of the Scheme					
	date of 'coming into effect of the	specifies that the appointed date					
	Scheme' or 'effectiveness of the Scheme'	shall be 1 st April, 2022. Further,					
	shall be construed as references to the	the Petitioners confirms that the					
	Effective Date;	"Effective Date" means the last of					
	It is submitted that the Petitioners	the dates on which all the					
	may be asked to comply with the	conditions and matters referred to					
	requirements as clarified vide circular	in Clause 21 of the Scheme occur					
	no. F No. 7/12/2019/CL-I dated	or have been fulfilled or waived in					
	21.08.2019 issued by the Ministry of	accordance with this Scheme.					
	Corporate Affairs	References in this Scheme to date					
		of 'coming into effect of the					
		Scheme' or 'effectiveness of the					
		Scheme' shall be construed as					
		references to the Effective Date;					
		The Petitioner Companies further					
		undertakes that both Petitioner					
		Companies have complied with					
		the circular no. F.					
		No.7/12/2019/CL-1 dated					
		21.08.2019 issued by the Ministry					
		of Corporate Affairs					
<i>g)</i>	Petitioner Companies shall undertake	Apropos observation made in					
	_	paragraph 2 (g), the Petitioner					
		Companies undertake to comply					
	Authorities, if any.	with the directions of Income Tax					
		Department and GST Authorities,					
		if any in accordance with law.					
h)	Petitioner Companies shall undertake						
	to comply with the directions of the						
	concerned sectoral Regulatory						
	including RERA as Petitioner	_					
	Companies are engaged in Real Estate	_					
	Business, if any.	, ,					

i)	Sino	e both I	Petitioner	Com	panies are	Development) Act, 2016 (RERA)
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		•			al Estate	as explained in preceding para.
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<i>j)</i>	Peti	tioner T	ransferee	Com	panv is a	Apropos observation made in
37	Petitioner Transferee Company is a listed company; hence Petitioner					
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		•			s of SEBI	
			Legulation		•	(LODR) Regulations, 2015 and
	,	•	of BS.			observations, if any of BSE
			ock excha		102 0110	Limited. The Shares of the
	WPP!			-500.		Transferee Company are not listed
						on NSE or any other stock
						exchanges.
k)	As	ner shar	reholdino	natti	ern as on	Apropos observation made in
10)	1)3.2022	_	_	by the	paragraph 2 (i) of the report of
			company		letails of	
			is as follo	•	ciuiis oj	(a) as regards to Transferor
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		oner	of	of	Kemurk	filed vide SRN F64272875 dated
	N	Comp	Share	Sh		13.09.2023 and (b) as regards to
	0.	any	holder	are		Transferee Company, Form BEN
				s		2 has been filed vide SRN
				hel		H79398673 dated 29.07.2019. The
	1	T7' /	T7' /	<u>d</u>	7.7	copies of Form BEN 2 are
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		Land	Limite	0 70	BEN-2	Affidavit.
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e at	
No Form BEN-2 has been filed by any	
of the Petitioner Company as per	
records available at MCA21 Portal,	
hence Petitioner Companies shall	
undertake to comply with the	
provisions of section 90 of Companies	
Act, 2013 r/w. Companies	
(Significant Beneficial Owners)	
Amendment Rules, 2019, thereunder	
and to file Form BEN-2 for declaring	
name of the significant beneficial	
owner with concerned ROC.	

- 12. The Official Liquidator has filed his report dated 1st August, 2023 which are self-explanatory in nature and does not require any explanation.
- 13. From the material on record, the Scheme appears to be fair, reasonable and is not in violation to any provisions of law nor is contrary to public interest/policy. The undertakings given by the Petitioner Companies are hereby accepted.
- 14. Since all the requisite statutory compliances have been fulfilled, CP (CAA)/160/(MB)/2023 is made absolute in terms of prayer clauses of the Company Petition. Hence Ordered.

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ORDER

- 15. The Petition is allowed subject to the following:
- (i) The Scheme, with the Appointed Date fixed as 1st April, 2022 placed as **Annexure C** of the Company Petition, is hereby sanctioned. It shall be binding on the Petitioner Companies involved in the Scheme and all concerned including their respective Shareholders, Secured Creditors, Unsecured Creditors/Trade Creditors and Employees.
- (ii) The Registrar of this Tribunal shall issue the certified copy of this Order along with the Scheme forthwith. The Petitioner Companies are directed to file a certified copy of this Order along with a copy of the Scheme with the Registrar of Companies concerned, electronically in E-form INC-28 within 30 days from the date of receipt of the Order from the Registry.
- (iii) The Petitioner Companies shall lodge a copy of this Order and the Scheme duly authenticated by the Registrar of this Tribunal with the Superintendent of Stamps concerned, within 30 working days from the date of the receipt of the Order, for the purpose of adjudication of stamp duty, if any, payable.
- (iv) The Petitioner Companies shall comply with all the undertakings given by them.

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- (v) The Petitioner Companies shall take all consequential and statutory steps required under the provisions of the Act in pursuance of the Scheme.
- (vi) All concerned shall act on a copy of this Order along with the Scheme duly authenticated by the Registrar of this Tribunal.
- (vii) Any person interested in the above matter shall be at liberty to apply to the Tribunal for any directions that may be necessary.

Sd/-ANIL RAJ CHELLAN MEMBER (TECHNICAL) Sd/-KULDIP KUMAR KAREER MEMBER (JUDICIAL)