# **BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING AUTHORITY** NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL AHMEDABAD BENCH **AHMEDABAD** Court 2

C.P.(I.B) No. 185/NCLT/AHM/2018

Coram: HON'BLE Ms. MANORAMA KUMARI, MEMBER JUDICIAL

HON'BLE Mr. CHOCKALINGAM THIRUNAVUKKARASU, MEMBER TECHNICAL

ATTENDANCE-CUM-ORDER SHEET OF THE HEARING OF AHMEDABAD BENCH OF THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL ON 01.09.2020

Name of the Company:

Indian Overseas Bank

V/s.

AMW AutoComponent Ltd.

Section:

7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

S.NO. NAME (CAPITAL LETTERS)

**DESIGNATION REPRESENTATION SIGNATURE** 

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## **ORDER**

Advocate, Mr. Amit Laddha appeared on behalf of the Petitioner. Advocate, Mr. Raheel Patel appeared on behalf of the Respondent.

The order is pronounced in the open court vide separate sheet.

CHOCKALINGAM THIRUNAVUKKARASU **MEMBER TECHNICAL** 

Dated this the 1st day of September, 2020

MANORAMA KUMARI **MEMBER JUDICIAL** 

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# In the matter of:

INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK

#### Registered Office at:

763, Anna Salai, Chennai-600 002

....Petitioner (Corporate Applicant)

#### Versus

AMW AUTO COMPONENT LTD.

## Registered Office at:

Bhuj-Bachau Road, Near Village Kanaiyabe, Bhuj, Kachchh, Gujarat – 370020, India

.... Respondent (Corporate Debtor)

Order delivered on 1/09/2020

Coram: Hon'ble Ms. Manorama Kumari, Member (J)
Hon'ble Mr. Chockalingam Thirunavukkarasu, Member (T)

#### Appearance:

Mr. Navin Pahwa, Learned Senior Counsel, appeared for the Petitioner. Mr. Raheel Patel, Learned Lawyer, appeared for the Respondent.

#### **ORDER**

[Per se: Mr. Chockalingam Thirunavukkarasu, Member (T)

1. Shri. Shubhendu Kumar Verma, Deputy General Manager of Indian Overseas Bank, on behalf of the Petitioner/Financial Creditor has filed this Petition under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 [hereinafter referred to as "the IB Code"] read with Rule 4 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Application to Adjudicating Authority Rules, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as "the Rules") for the purpose of initiating corporate insolvency resolution process

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[hereinafter referred to as "CIRP") against AMW Auto Component Limited, the Respondent company, the Corporate Debtor.

- 2. AMW Auto Component Limited, the Respondent, a company incorporated on 16.06.2009, under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 having its Registered Office at Administrative Building, Bhuj-Bachau Road, Near Village Kannaiyabe, Bhuj Kachchh, Gujarat- 370020, India. The Company is engaged in manufacturing & sale of automobile components.
- 3. The Authorised Share Capital of the Respondent Company, the Corporate Debtor is Rs.50,05,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Crores Five Lakhs Only). The Paid-Up Share Capital of the Respondent Company, the Corporate Debtor is Rs. 49,20,33,000/-. The Respondent is having its CIN: U35923GJ2009PLC057269.
- 4. As per Part IV of the application, the total amount of debt sanctioned by Indian Overseas Bank, the Financial Creditor amounted to Rs. 13,15,19,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Crores Fifteen Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Only) in the form of term loans and cash credit facilities. It is further stated that the total amount of default as on 19.12.2015 amounted to Rs. 12,15,54,861.10/- (Rupees Twelve Crores Fifteen Lakhs Fifty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-One and Ten Paisa Only). The date of default is 19.12.2015.
- 5. It is stated by the Petitioner Bank that aforesaid Credit Facilities were secured by Equitable mortgage of Movable Assets and Current Assets of the Corporate Debtor and attached the copy of documents in support of the same.
- 6. The Petitioner submitted the following documents in support of his claim against the Corporate Debtor.
  - Bank Account Statements.
  - Record of default, report dated 18.05.2020, from Information Utility, National E-Governance Services Limited.

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- 7. It is submitted by the Corporate Debtor that they are one of the leading automobile component manufacturers and slowdown in the industry between 2012 and 2014 and working capital constraints led to negative growth and margins and due to this they are unable to pay the debts. The Corporate Debtor has discussed with the bankers for restructuring of loans and part of the debt was converted into equity by some lenders. The Corporate Debtor has proposed for one-time settlement offer, which was also approved by the Joint Lenders Forum on 24.12.2019 and in terms of OTS, the Corporate Debtor has to make the payments to all lenders by 31.03.2020. The Corporate Debtor has submitted that they have discussed with the prospective investors and Kotak Bank has shown the interest to invest in the Company up to Rs. 200 crores to settle the debts and optimise its business operations. But, due to global disruption caused by COVID 19 and the prolonged lockdown in India and other countries, uncertainty over the future prospects of the business operations of the Corporate Debtor and the prevailing global conditions, Kotak Bank has put on hold the funding to the Corporate Debtor until the market conditions improve and the OTS agreement could not be successfully closed.
- 8. It is further submitted by the Respondent that in the event of CIRP is initiated, considering the current market conditions, there is a good chance that the optimum value of the assets may not be realized and the timelines could be significantly delayed. This would be against the spirit of the IBC considering the potential investment in the Respondent Company and in the light of the greater realization of investment value. Hence, the Respondent has prayed for the dismissal of the application.
- It is noted that the default has occurred on 19.12.2015 and the petition is 9. filed on 12.04.2018. Sufficient opportunities have been granted to the Respondent from October 2018 on the ground of settlement. Hence, the objections by the Respondent are not sustainable.
- 10. Gone through the application filed and documents submitted by the Petitioner Bank. As per Section 7 of IBC, for an application preferred by the Financial Creditor for initiation of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process, the Adjudicating Authority is required to see the existence of financial debt and ascertain the existence of default. As per the documents submitted by the Petitioner that there is a financial debt in the form of loans availed by the Corporate Debtor. The date of default is on

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19.12.2015. The application is filed on 12.04.2018, hence the application is filed well within the period of limitation. The application is filed by Shri. Shubhendu Kumar Verma, Deputy General Manager of the Petitioner's Bank with authorization papers.

- 11. The Petitioner has proposed the name of Mr. Avil Menezes having Registration No. IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00017/2016-17/10041 to act as IRP under Section 13(1)(b) of the IB Code and written communication in Form-2 of IBBI has been submitted by the proposed IRP.
- 12. From the documents placed on record, this Adjudicating Authority is satisfied that default has been committed by the Corporate Debtor in repayment of loan amount to the Bank. The petition is complete. As a consequence, the instant petition is admitted in terms of Section 7 of the IB Code and the moratorium as envisaged under the provisions of Section 14(1) of IB Code and extracted hereunder shall follow in relation to the Respondent Corporate Debtor.
  - (1) Subject to provisions of sub-Section (2) and (3), on the Insolvency Commencement date, the Adjudicating Authority herein declares moratorium for prohibiting all of the following viz;-
    - (i) the institution of suits or continuation of pending suits or proceedings against the Corporate Debtor including execution of any judgment, decree or order in any Court of Law, Tribunal, Arbitration Panel or other Authority.
    - (ii) Transferring, encumbering, alienating or disposing of by the Corporate Debtor, any of its assets or any legal right or beneficial interest therein;
    - (iii) Any action to foreclose, recover or enforce any security interest created by the Corporate Debtor in respect of its property including any action under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002(54 of 2002);

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(iv) the recovery of any property by an owner as lessor where such property is occupied by or in the possession of the

Corporate Debtor.

(2) The supply of goods and essential services to the Corporate

Debtor as may be specified shall not be terminated or

suspended or interrupted during moratorium period.

(3) The provisions of sub-section (1) shall, however, not apply to

such transaction as may be notified by the Central Government

in consultation with any financial sector regulator.

(4) The order of moratorium shall have effect from the date of

receipt of authenticated copy of this order till the completion of

the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process or until this

Bench approves the resolution plan under sub-section (1) of

Section 31 or passes an order for liquidation of Corporate

Debtor under Section 33, as the case may be.

13. This Adjudicating Authority hereby appoints Mr. Avil Menezes

having Registration No. IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00017/2016-17/10041

to act as "Interim Insolvency Resolution Professional" under Section

13(1)(b) of the IB Code.

14. The petition stand disposed of accordingly with no order as to costs.

15. Communicate a copy of this order to the Petitioner, Respondent and

to the Interim Insolvency Resolution Professional.

ChockalingamThirunavukkarasu Adjudicating Authority& Member (Technical) Manorama Kumari
Adjudicating Authority&
Member (Judicial)