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### **Dear Professional Members,**

Greetings!

We are pleased to share with you our next issue of the knowledge bulletin on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (**"Code"**).

### **PAST EVENTS**

> Workshop on "How to tackle hostile situations during CIRP" on 4th February, 2020



**L-R:**Mr. Balwinder Singh, Dr. MamtaBinani, Mr. Anil Goel, Mr. KR Saji Kumar, Dr. Binoy J. Kattadiyil

ICSI Institute of Insolvency Professionals conducted a workshop on 4th February, 2020 on the subject "How to tackle hostile situations during CIRP" wherein eminent personalitiesspoke on the subject, sharing their thoughts, views and suggestions.

The discussions were led by Mr. Balvinder Singh(Hon'ble Member (Technical), NCLAT), Mr. K.R. Saji Kumar(Executive Director, IBBI), Dr. (hc) MamtaBinani(Insolvency Professional and Senior Mentor, Manta Binani&

Associates),CA Anil Goel(Insolvency Professional and Chairman, AAA Insolvency Professional LLP),whereinDr. Binoy J. Kattadiyil(Managing Director, ICSI IIP) moderated the session. The workshop was attended bymore than80 IPs whosequeries were addressed bymembers of the panel.

## **NEWS UPDATE**

> Jet Airways: CoC decides to extend deadline for bids to March 10

The deadline for submitting the bids for Jet Airways, which is undergoing insolvency process, ended on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, and the CoC has decided to extend the deadlineto 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 keeping in view interest expressed by a team from Far East Asia Development Fund of Russia (along with Enso Group). The Insolvency Professional in this case is Ashish Chhawchharia.

To Read More:-

https://www.livemint.com/companies/news/jet-airways-committee-of-creditorsdecides-to-extend-deadline-for-bids-to-10-march-11582042071318.htmll

> After Resolution of Big Steel cases , banks expect low recoveries from IBC

Having resolved big-ticket insolvency cases like those of Essar Steel and Bhushan Steel, bankers are now looking at a recovery rate of not more than 20-30 per cent.

Till December 2019, realisation by financial creditors under the 190 resolution plans is Rs 1.52 trillion, or 43.14 per cent, while claims worth Rs 3.51 trillion were admitted, according to the data from the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India.

To Read More:-

https://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/after-resolution-ofbig-steel-cases-banks-expect-low-recoveries-from-ibc-120022000629 1.html

Bhushan Power Acquisition: JSW Steel likely to pay Rs.19,700 Cr by March 15

On Monday, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) had permitted JSW Steel to acquire the bankrupt company and granted it immunity from prosecution by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

JSW Steel is all set to wrap up one of the long-drawn and high profile insolvency resolution cases, as it is likely to pay Rs 19,700 crore to acquire the bankrupt Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd by March 15. To Read More:- https://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/bhushan-poweracquisition-jsw-steel-likely-to-pay-rs-19-700-cr-by-march-15-120022000777 1.html

| LIST (   | LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE RECENTLY UNDERGONE RESOLUTION |            |               |  |  |  |  |
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| S.<br>No | Case Title  | Bench      | Date of Order |  |  |  |  |
| 1.       | In the matter of Noble<br>Explochem Ltd                   | Mumbai     | 22.01.2020    |  |  |  |  |
| 2.       | <i>In the matter of SRS<br/>Meditech Limited</i>          | Chandigarh | 28.01.2020    |  |  |  |  |
| 3.       | <i>In the matter of Govind Rubber Limited</i>             | Mumbai     | 31.01.2020    |  |  |  |  |
| 4.       | <i>In the matter of Sitarganj Fibers Ltd.</i>             | Allahabad  | 07.02.2020    |  |  |  |  |

# LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE RECENTLY UNDERGONE LIQUIDATION

| S.<br>No | Case Title   | Bench                     | Date of Order |
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| 1.       | <i>In the matter of Petron Engineering Construction Ltd.</i>       | Mumbai (Special)<br>Bench | 23.01.2020    |
| 2.       | <i>In the matter of Shri Narsing<br/>Dev Sugar Private Limited</i> | Allahabad                 | 23.01.2020    |
| 3.       | <i>In the matter of Global Syntex (Bhilawara) Ltd.</i>             | Jaipur                    | 24.01.2020    |
| 4.       | <i>In the matter of Jai Bhole Nath Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.</i>       | Chandigarh                | 27.01.2020    |

| 5. | <i>In the matter of Shree Vaishno Devi Mills Private Ltd.</i> | Chennai   | 27.01.2020 |
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| 6. | <i>In the matter of Yash Smelter Pvt. Ltd.</i>                | Kolkata   | 27.01.2020 |
| 7. | <i>In the matter of Seitz India Pvt. Ltd.</i>                 | New Delhi | 28.01.2020 |
| 8. | <i>In the matter of Speciality Polymers Pvt. Ltd.</i>         | Mumbai    | 29.01.2020 |
| 9. | <i>In the matter of Maximum Agency Pvt. Ltd.</i>              | Kolkata   | 31.01.2020 |

# **BRIEF OF JUDGEMENTS**

|                               | ase<br>etails   | Date of<br>Order | Courts           | Brief   | Case link   |
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| a<br>Li<br>V<br>Pa<br>al<br>V | laharashtr<br>Seamless<br>td. (MSL)<br>admanabh<br>n<br>enkatesh<br>nd others | 22.01.2020       | Supreme<br>Court | The Hon'ble Apex Court<br>was deciding on the<br>legality of an order of<br>the NCLAT wherein the<br>resolution applicant<br>(MSL) was directed to<br>modify the resolution<br>Plan on the ground that<br>it was below the<br>liquidation value and<br>that it was<br>discriminatory to the<br>operational creditors.<br>The Resolution<br>Applicant also sought<br>withdrawal under<br>Section 12A citing<br>financial difficulties.<br>Hon'ble Supreme Court<br>observed that,<br>"No provision in the<br>Code or Regulations | https://ibbi<br>.gov.in//up<br>loads/order<br>/55e89c43<br>6edcc6a95f<br>8fe35cd9d<br>28197.pdf |

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|                                       |  |            |       | "The exit route<br>prescribed in Section<br>12-A is not applicable<br>to a Resolution<br>Applicant. The<br>procedure envisaged in<br>the said provision only<br>applies to applicants<br>invoking Sections 7, 9<br>and 10 of the code. In<br>this case, having<br>appealed against the<br>NCLAT order with the<br>object of implementing<br>the resolution plan,<br>MSL cannot be<br>permitted to take a<br>contrary stand in an<br>application filed in<br>connection with the<br>very same appeal."<br>Hon'ble Supreme Court<br>dissolved the interim<br>orders and disposed off<br>connected applications. |   |
|                                       | Navin<br>Raheja Vs.<br>Shilpa Jain<br>and Others | 22.01.2020 | NCLAT | In the present matter,<br>the question that arose<br>for consideration was<br>whether the 'Corporate<br>Debtor' can be held to<br>have committed<br>default, if apartment/<br>flat/ premises is<br>otherwise ready but<br>offer of possession was<br>delayed due to the<br>reasons beyond the<br>control of 'Corporate<br>Debtor' such as<br>absence of clearance by<br>the Competent<br>Authorities/   | <u>.gov.in//up</u><br><u>loads/order</u><br>/e234f5a3d<br>f0cb9e1f13<br>b590fb585 |

| observed that,<br>"46. Apart from the fact<br>that the 'Corporate<br>Debtor' has offered the<br>possession of flat on<br>15th November, 2016<br>and obtained<br>completion certificate<br>immediate thereafter.  |
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| that the 'Corporate<br>Debtor' has offered the<br>possession of flat on<br>15th November, 2016<br>and obtained<br>completion certificate   |
| Therefore, delay in<br>granting approval by<br>the Competent<br>Authority cannot be<br>taken into<br>consideration to hold<br>that the 'Corporate<br>Debtor' defaulted in<br>delivering the<br>possession. The<br>Adjudicating Authority<br>failed to appreciate the<br>fact and also ignored<br>the decision of the<br>Hon'ble Supreme Court<br>though rendered prior<br>to the admission of the<br>application which is<br>binding on all the<br>Court(s) and<br>Tribunal(s).<br>55. If the delay is not<br>due to the 'Corporate<br>Debtor' but force<br>majeure, as noticed<br>above, it cannot be<br>alleged that the<br>'Corporate Debtor'<br>defaulted in delivering<br>the possession."<br>The appeal was thus<br>allowed. |
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| 3. | S.A.              | 22.01.2020 | NCLAT | The issue that arose for                    | https://ncl      |
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| ٦. | S.A.<br>Pharmache | 22.01.2020 | NCLAT |   |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | consideration was that                      | at.nic.in/Us     |
|    | m Pvt. Ltd.       |            |       | the Operational                             | eradmin/up       |
|    | Vs. Alok          |            |       | Creditors supplied                          | load/38242       |
|    | Industries        |            |       | goods during the CIRP                       | <u>56395e29a</u> |
|    | Ltd. & Ors        |            |       | to keep the Company                         | <u>004cdd53.</u> |
|    |                   |            |       | as a going concern. It                      | <u>pdf</u>       |
|    |                   |            |       | was after the approval                      |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | of the Resolution Plan                      |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | that for the first time                     |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | that the Appellant(s)                       |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | came to know a sum                          |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | had been set aside for                      |                  |
|    |                   |            |       |   |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | payment of CIRP and thereafter on the basis |                  |
|    |                   |            |       |   |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | of verbal information, it                   |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | had an apprehension                         |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | that the amounts due                        |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | against the goods                           |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | supplied during the                         |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | CIRP period, 'Interim                       |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | Resolution Professional'                    |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | cost would not be paid                      |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | to him and in fact the                      |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | payments made against                       |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | Pre-CIRP invoices                           |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | would be set-off                            |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | against the same.                           |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | Hon'ble NCLAT                               |                  |
|    |                   |            |       |   |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | observed that,                              |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | "After the plan has                         |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | reached finality, it is                     |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | binding on all the                          |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | stakeholders including                      |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | the 'Operational                            |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | Creditors', 'Financial                      |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | Creditors' and others.                      |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | How the distribution is                     |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | to be made on the                           |                  |
|    |                   |            |       |   |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | basis of the approved                       |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | plan is for the                             |                  |
|    |                   |            |       | Monitoring Committee                        |                  |

| the application u/s 7 of |
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| IBC has been filed on    |
| 27.08.2018 i.e. after    |
| about 5 years and 5      |
| months from the date     |
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| of accrual of cause of   |
| action.                  |
| The facts of the case    |
| suggest that the         |
| account was declared     |
| NPA on 31.03.2013.       |
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| Thereafter, the          |
| Respondent exercised     |
| his remedy under the     |
| existing law within the  |
| prescribed limit i.e. on |
| 18.1.2014 demand         |
| notice under Section     |
| 13(2) of SARFEASI Act    |
| was issued to the        |
| corporate debtor and     |
| thereafter the           |
| respondent actually      |
| prosecuted the           |
| application under the    |
| SARFEASI Act and         |
| ultimately he has got    |
| the possession order on  |
| 11.5.2017 issued by      |
| the District Magistrate, |
| Hooghly. In the          |
| meanwhile the            |
|                          |
| appellant/corporate      |
| debtor has filed the     |
| Writ Petition under      |
| Article 226 before the   |
| Hon'ble Kolkata High     |
| Court on 19.12.2014      |
| and on 24.7.2017 the     |
| Hon'ble High Court of    |
| Kolkata ordered not to   |
| proceed under            |
| SARFEASI Act.            |
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|   |            |       | Thereafter, the<br>Respondent has filed<br>the application under<br>Section 7 of I&B Code<br>on 27.08.2018.   |  |
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|   |            |       | Hon'ble NCLAT held<br>that,<br>"10. We have carefully<br>examined the issue of<br>limitation. The<br>Respondent has<br>bonafidely prosecuted<br>within limitation period<br>under SARFEASI Act.<br>Therefore, the<br>Respondent is entitled<br>for the exclusion of<br>time period under<br>Section 14(2) of<br>Limitation Act i.e. the<br>period of 3 years and 6<br>months. After exclusion<br>of this period the<br>application filed under<br>Section 7 of I&B Code<br>is within limitation<br>period." |  |
| 5 Mrs. Anuja<br>• Beri Vs. I.E.<br>Trading<br>Company<br>Pvt. Ltd. &<br>Ors | 28.01.2020 | NCLAT | Hon'bleNCLATdismissed the appeal.The CoC in its 3rdmeeting held on 20thOctober,2018recommendedliquidation of the CD.This was done with100% voting shareafter taking intoconsideration that theCD did not have anyemployees or businessoperations for last   | at.nic.in/Us<br>eradmin/up<br>load/12315 |

| more than 5 years and<br>there is no operating<br>revenue. NCLT, New<br>Delhi Bench- IV<br>accepted the<br>application of the<br>Resolution Professional<br>and ordered for<br>liquidation of the CD.  |
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| The present appeal by<br>the Appellant is that<br>they are eligible to<br>submit an arrangement<br>/ compromise in terms<br>of provisions of Section<br>230 and 232 of the<br>Companies Act.   |
| Hon'ble NCLAT held that,   |
| "It is well settled by<br>now that even at the<br>liquidation stage<br>recourse can be had to<br>provisions of Section<br>230 and 232 of the<br>Companies Act, 2013<br>for an arrangement /<br>compromise which may<br>save / protect the<br>'Corporate Debtor' and<br>turn it around as a<br>Commercially viable<br>Company. If the<br>Appellant is eligible, he<br>will be entitled to float<br>proposal for such<br>arrangement /<br>compromise." |
| Since the liquidator<br>submitted that the<br>Appellant is eligible for  |

|   |            |       | submitting a plan,<br>NCLAT advised the<br>Appellant to submit a<br>compromise/arrangeme<br>nt plan within<br>timelines.<br>Hon'ble NCLAT<br>disposed off the appeal.  |   |
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| 6. Kundan<br>Care<br>Products<br>Ltd v. Mr.<br>Surya<br>Kanta<br>Satapathy<br>& Ors | 30.01.2020 | NCLAT | In the present matter,<br>the resolution plan<br>submitted by Fortis<br>Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. was<br>approved by the<br>Adjudicating Authority.<br>The appeal was raised<br>by another Resolution<br>Applicant on the<br>contention that the<br>evaluation process was<br>conducted by the<br>'Resolution<br>Professional' in a<br>closed, non transparent<br>manner without<br>affording an<br>opportunity of hearing<br>to the Appellant.<br>Hon'ble NCLAT<br>observed that,<br>"9. It is a settled law<br>that the 'Resolution<br>Applicant' has no right<br>for renegotiation or<br>further negotiation.<br>After submission of the<br>'Resolution Plan', if it is<br>found in order and in<br>accordance with<br>Section 30(2), it is | at.nic.in/Us<br>eradmin/up<br>load/99288<br>30555e33d<br>cef899e1.p |

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|  |   |       | required to be placed<br>before the 'Committee<br>of Creditors. The<br>process of evaluation is<br>guided by the said<br>criteria as set out in the<br>'Request for Resolution<br>Plan'. If the evaluation<br>criteria suggest that<br>only top three<br>'Resolution Applicants'<br>should be negotiated,<br>the Appellant who<br>ranked 6th among the<br>'Resolution Applicants'<br>cannot have any right<br>to participate for re-<br>negotiation over the<br>decision of the<br>'Committee of<br>Creditors'."<br>Hon'ble NCLAT<br>concluded that the<br>resolution plan can only<br>be challenged under<br>the grounds laid down<br>in Section 61(3) of the<br>Code and thus<br>dismissed the appeal. |   |
| 7. Vijay Pal<br>Garg & Ors.<br>Vs. Pooja<br>Bahry<br>(Liquidator<br>in the<br>matter of<br>Gee Ispat<br>Private<br>Limited |   | NCLAT | The contentions that<br>were raised were that<br>since Section 210(2) of<br>the Companies Act is<br>invoked, for the<br>purpose of exercise of<br>jurisdiction as per<br>Section 210(2) of the<br>Companies Act, 2013,<br>the meaning of term<br>'Court' or the 'Tribunal'   | at.nic.in/Us<br>eradmin/up<br>load/93291<br>20515e394 |

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| 8. Maharas<br>a S<br>Electricit<br>Transmis<br>n Comp<br>Limited<br>(MSETCL<br>Vs. Sri<br>Private<br>Limited | tate<br>ty<br>ssio<br>bany | io<br>ny | The contention of the<br>Appellant was that in<br>the<br>approved<br>Resolution Plan there is<br>an arbitrary provision<br>of<br>ending<br>the<br>agreement between the<br>Appellant<br>and<br>the<br>Corporate Debtor which<br>was<br>against<br>the<br>provisions of Electricity<br>Act, 2003<br>Act, 2003<br>and<br>Electricity Regulatory<br>Commission Act, 1998.<br>The contention was<br>that<br>Maharashtra<br>Electricity Regulatory<br>Commission is the only<br>and appropriate forum<br>to adjudicate matters<br>pertaining<br>Energy<br>Agreements<br>including termination of<br>the Agreement.Hon'bleNCLAT<br>relied<br>on<br>Section 238 of the<br>Code and the Supreme<br>Court judgment in the<br> | .gov.in//up<br>loads/order<br>/8e999998<br>5da156a08<br>0eb63f741 |

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|  |            |       | this count. There is no<br>substance in the<br>Appeal."<br>Hon'ble NCLAT<br>dismissed the appeal.  |   |
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| Sh G<br>Eswara Rao<br>Vs.<br>Stressed<br>Assets<br>Stabilisation<br>Fund | 07.02.2020 | NCLAT | An application under<br>Section 7 of the Code<br>was filed by Stressed<br>Assets Stabilisation<br>Fund, the Adjudicating<br>Authority by impugned<br>order dated 01.10.2019<br>initiated CIRP against<br>Saritha Synthetics and<br>Industries Ltd.<br>(Corporate Debtor).<br>The Appellant Mr. G<br>Eswara Rao,<br>Shareholder, Director<br>challenged the order on<br>the ground that<br>Application under<br>Section 7 of the Code<br>was barred by<br>limitation.<br>The question raised<br>was whether the order<br>of Decree passed by<br>the DRT-I, Hyderabad<br>on 17.08.2018 can be<br>taken into<br>consideration to hold<br>that application under<br>Section 7 of the Code is<br>within period of three<br>years as prescribed<br>under Article 137 of<br>Limitation. | .gov.in//up<br>loads/order<br>/cd6e643f6<br>ba549bf93 |

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|  |      | Hon'ble NCLAT stated       |  |
|  |      | that,                      |  |
|  |      | <i>"24. In the present</i> |  |
|  |      | case, the 'Corporate       |  |
|  |      | Debtor' defaulted to       |  |
|  |      | pay prior to 2004, due     |  |
|  |      | to which O.A. No.193 of    |  |
|  |      | 2004 was filed by          |  |
|  |      | Respondent ('Financial     |  |
|  |      | Creditor'). A Decree       |  |
|  |      | passed by the Debts        |  |
|  |      | Recovery Tribunal or       |  |
|  |      | any suit cannot shift      |  |
|  |      | forward the date of        |  |
|  |      | default. On the other      |  |
|  |      | hand, the judgment         |  |
|  |      | and Decree passed by       |  |
|  |      | Debts Recovery             |  |
|  |      | Tribunal on 17th           |  |
|  |      | August, 2018, only         |  |
|  |      | suggests that debt         |  |
|  |      | become due and             |  |
|  |      | payable. It does not       |  |
|  |      | shifting forward the       |  |
|  |      | date of default as         |  |
|  |      | Decree has to be           |  |
|  |      | executed within a          |  |
|  |      | specified period. It is    |  |
|  |      | not that after             |  |
|  |      | passing of judgment        |  |
|  |      | or Decree, the             |  |
|  |      | default takes place        |  |
|  |      | immediately, as            |  |
|  |      | recovery is permissible,   |  |
|  |      | all the debts in terms of  |  |
|  |      | judgment and Decree        |  |
|  |      | dated 17th August,         |  |
|  |      | 2018 with pendent          |  |
|  |      | lite and future interest   |  |
|  |      | at the rate of 12% per     |  |
|  |      | annum could have been      |  |
|  |      | executed only through      |  |

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|    |   |            |                          | an execution case.   |   |
|    |   |            |                          | in absence of any<br>acknowledgement<br>under Section 18 of the<br>Limitation Act, 1963,<br>the date of default/<br>NPA was prior to 2004<br>and does not shift<br>forward, therefore, the<br>period of limitation for<br>moving application<br>under Section 7 of the<br>I&B Code was for three<br>years, if counted, to be<br>completed in the year<br>2007. As date of<br>passing of Decree is not<br>the date of default, we<br>hold that the<br>application under<br>Section 7 of the I&B<br>Code was barred by<br>limitation, though the<br>claim may not be<br>barred."<br>Hon'ble NCLAT allowed<br>the appeal. |   |
| 10 | SBI v.<br>Videocon<br>Industries<br>Limited and<br>Ors. | 12.02.2020 | NCLT,<br>Mumbai<br>Bench | AA had allowed for<br>consolidation of CIRP of<br>13 companies in the<br>Videocon Group. The<br>prayer was for a<br>direction to the<br>Resolution Professional<br>of the Corporate<br>Debtor, Videocon<br>Industries Ltd to<br>consider and treat all<br>assets, properties<br>(tangible and  | https://ima<br>ges.assetty<br>pe.com/bar<br>andbench/<br>2020-<br>02/89ba6cf<br>a-aea8-<br>4f0d-8a98-<br>a8f638784<br>3a5/State<br>Bank of In<br>dia MA 23<br>85 of 202 |

| intangible), rights, 0 in CP I<br>claims, and benefits of<br>the foreign oil & gas<br>subsidiaries as assets<br>and properties of<br>Videocon Industries<br>Ltd. for the purpose of<br>the CIRP.<br>NCLT relied on the 13<br>parameters laid down<br>in its order dated<br>08.08.2019 to  |
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| commondirectors,<br>commoncommonassets,<br>commoninter-dependence,<br>interlacingof finance,<br>poolingpoolingof resources,<br>co-existenceco-existencefor<br>survival,<br>Intricate link<br>ofofsubsidiaries,<br>intertwined<br>accounts,<br>Inter-looping<br>of debts,<br>SinglenessSinglenessof<br>economics of units and<br>common<br>financial<br>creditors.Hon'ble NCLT held that<br>sincethese<br>13<br>parameters<br>are<br>met<br>and<br>satisfied,<br>the<br>assets<br>are<br>to be<br>considered assets of a<br>single economic entity<br>for effective resolution.<br>It held that, |

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