MERGERS AND DEMERGERS



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Preparation and Filing of Petitions with NCLT

Application & Documentation



Dispensation of Meetings

- Convening of Meetings/ Appointment of Chairperson
 - Notice of the Meeting to Creditors/Members

Preparation and Filing of Petitions with NCLT

- Notice to Statutory Authorities
- Disclosures in Notice
- Chairperson Report
- Filing of Petition

Practical aspects with the Application

- 1. Deferred Tax Liability Balance sheet
- 2. Provisions in the Balance sheet
- 3. Date of Conducting the Meeting/ Trade Creditors
- 4. Quorum Voting by proxy -
- 5. Physical Meeting / Postal Ballot sec 230 (4)
- 6. Chairperson of the Meeting
- 7. Advertisement of place, date and venue of the meeting
- 8. Prayer

Applicable Laws

- Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder
- Foreign exchange Management Act, 1999
- 3. Depositories Act, 1996
- 4. Competition Act, 2002
- 5. LODR
- State Stamp Act
- Income Tax Act, 1961

- 9. Land allotment agreement with Government agencies.
- 10. RBI Guidelines/ Regulations
- 11. MCA Circulars
- 12. SEBI Circular dated 10th March, 2017

Critical aspects in Structuring, Drafting of Scheme

- 1. Enabling clause in MOA
- 2. Unision of Objects
- 3. Rationale of the Scheme/ Benefits/Objectives/Purpose
- Appointed Date (appointed date shall be effective date Sec 232 (6) of Companies Act, 2013).
- 3. Valuation and Swap Ratio
- 4. Stamp Duty on Wholly owned Subsidiaries.
- Stamp Duty on Demergers.

- 7. Change of Name
- 8. Authorized Capital
- 9. Amendment of object clause of the Transferee Company as part of the Scheme
- 10. Shifting of Registered office as part of the Scheme
- 11. Issue of preference shares, Debentures, Shares with DVR as part of the Scheme
- 12. Conversion of company as part of the Scheme
- 13. Variation of rights of the preference shareholders compliance with the provisions of sec 48.- Sec 230 (7)

1. Scheme may include:

- ➤ Buy Back Compliance of section 68 Section 230 (10)
- > Takeover Section 230 (11)
- Reduction of Capital
- 2. Transferee Company can be a foreign Company Sec 234 (2)

For Listed Companies

- Compliance of SEBI Circular dated 10th March, 2017 & Regulation 37 of LODR.
- Prior approval of the Stock Exchanges
- Listing and Delisting

Drafting of the Scheme

- Preamble
- Description of Companies
- Rationale, scope, Purpose of the Scheme
- Operation of the Scheme
- Definitions, Appointed date, Amalgamating Undertaking
- Share Capital
- Transfer of Amalgamating undertaking
- Validity of existing resolutions, etc. in respect of the prior acts

Drafting of the Scheme

- Compliance with Section 2(1B) of the Income Tax Act, 1961
- Contract, Deeds and other instruments
- Legal Proceedings
- Saving of concluded transactions
- Staff, workmen and employees
- Clubbing of Authorised Share Capital
- Re-organisation of Share Capital

- Conduct of business by transferor company till effective date
- Consideration by the Transferee Company
- Accounting treatment
- Dissolution of the Transferor Companies
- Impact of the Scheme on creditors
- Dividends
- Filing of applications / petitions with NCLT

- Modification of Scheme
- Conditions / Approvals / sanctions to which the Scheme is subject to
- Effect of non-receipt of approvals
- Severability
- Costs, charges, etc.

STAMP DUTY ASPECTS OF MERGERS AND DEMERGER

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- Stamp Duty Payable on a Tribunal Order Sanctioning Amalgamation
- a) Hindustan Lever Vs. State of Maharashtra (2004) order of the Court is an instrument
- b) Madhu Intra Limited V. Registrar of Co. [2005] Transfer by operation of Law No stamp duty if not included in state Stamp Act.

- Order of Supreme Court in Tata Oil Mills Company Ltd (TOMCO) and HLL Merger
- Article 20d of Schedule 1A of Indian Stamp Act as applicable in A.P. and Telangana
- Landmark decision of Bombay High Court in Li Taka Pharmaceuticals v. State of Maharashtra (1996)

 Amalgamation between Holding and Subsidiary Companies — Exemption from payment of Stamp Duty

TAXATION ASPECTS OF MERGERS AND DEMERGERS

Taxation Aspects

- Exemption from Capital Gains Tax [Sec. 47(vi)]
- Exemption from Capital Gains Tax in case of International Restructuring [Sec. 47(via)]
 - □At least 25% of the shareholders of the amalgamating foreign company continue to remain shareholders of the amalgamated foreign company, and
 - □Such transfer does not attract tax on capital gains in the country, in which the amalgamating company is incorporated

Taxation Aspects

- Exemption from Capital Gains Tax in case of International Restructuring [Sec. 47(viab)]
- Carry Forward and Set Off of Accumulated loss and unabsorbed depreciation of the amalgamating company [Sec. 72A]

Taxation Aspects

- Exemption from Capital Gains Tax [Sec 47(vii)] capital gains arising from the transfer of shares by a shareholder of the amalgamating companies are exempt if:
 - ■The transfer is made in consideration of the allotment to him of shares in the amalgamated company; and
 - Amalgamated company is an Indian company.

Representation before NCLT

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