THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINE THE INSTITUTE OF COMPANY SECRETARIES OF INDIA IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT OF PROFESSIONAL OR OTHER MISCONDUCT UNDER THE COMPANY SECRETARIES ACT, 1980

DC/492/2019

Order reserved on: 30th August, 2019 Order issued on: 30th August, 2019

M/s. Titanium Industries India Private Limited
Through Shri Vasanth Kulai Kini (Managing Director)

....Complainant

Vs.

Shri Pramod Shantilal Shah, FCS-334, CP-3804

.....Respondent

CORAM:

Shri Deepak Kumar Khaitan, Presiding Officer Shri Manish Gupta, Member Shri Ashok Kumar Dixit, Member

Present:

Shri Vikash Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Director, Disciplinary Directorate

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. A Complaint dated 19th June, 2019 in Form-'I' has been filed by M/S Titanium Industries India Private Limited through Shri Vasanth Kulai Kini (Managing Director) (hereinafter referred to as 'the Complainant') against Shri Pramod Shantilal Shah, FCS-334, CP-3804, (hereinafter referred to as 'the Respondent') under Section 21 of the Company Secretaries Act, 1980, (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') read with sub-rule (1) of Rule 3 of the Company Secretaries (Procedure of Investigations of Professional and Other Misconduct and Conduct of Cases) Rules, 2007, (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules').
- 2. The Complainant has inter-alia alleged that the Respondent has filed eForm AOC-4 at MCA portal vide SRN G274355452 in which Audited Accounts of M/s Indo-American Chambers of Commerce is signed by Shri Vasanth Kulai Kini on 12th November, 2016, have wrongly been shown as 21st September, 2016 and at three places alleged date has been struck off by some unknown person.
- 3. The Respondent in his written statement dated 20th July, 2019 has interalia stated that he has not certified the impugned eForm AOC-4 of M/s Indo-American Chamber of Commerce for financial year 2015-16, hence, the complaint has no substance and should be dismissed and

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the Respondent reserves his right to lead evidence in support of his submission, right to cross examine the Respondent and right to be heard in person and through his counsel in case the matter is enquired further.

- 4. The Complainant in his rejoinder dated 8th August, 2019 has inter alia stated that the impugned eForm AOC-4 has been certified by CA Rakesh Prahladrai Parik ICAI Membership-114462, which has been uploaded by the Respondent on MCA portal through his account at MCA portal.
- 5. It is evident from the rejoinder of the Complainant that the impugned eForm AOC-4 has been certified by Chartered Accountant which has been filed by the Respondent through his account on MCA portal.
- 6. The Board of Discipline in its meeting held on 30th August 2019 considered the prima-facie opinion dated 22nd August, 2019 of the Director (Discipline) that the Respondent is not guilty of Professional or other Misconduct under the Company Secretaries Act, 1980 for the allegations made in the Complaint as the Respondent has not certified the impugned form eForm AOC-4.
- 7. The Board of Discipline after considering the materials on record, prima-facie opinion of the Director (Discipline), all the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of issues involved and given the totality of the circumstances of the case agreed with the prima-facie opinion of the Director (Discipline), that the Respondent cannot be held Guilty of Professional or other misconduct under the Company Secretaries Act, 1980 for the allegation made in the Complaint as the Respondent has not certified the impugned form AOC-4.

Accordingly, the Complaint is closed and stands disposed-off.

Member

Member

Presiding Officer