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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION OF SHARES AND TAKEOVERS) (SECOND AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2019

No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2019/27. – In exercise of the powers conferred under section 30 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (15 of 1992), the Board hereby makes the following Regulations to further amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011, namely:

1. These regulations may be called the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2019.
2. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
3. In the Securities and Exchange Board of (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011:
 - I. in regulation 10, after sub-regulation (1) and before sub-regulation (3), the following sub-regulation shall be inserted, namely, -

“(2A) An increase in the voting rights of any shareholder beyond the threshold limits stipulated in sub-regulations (1) and (2) of regulation 3, without the acquisition of control, pursuant to the conversion of equity shares with superior voting rights into ordinary equity shares, shall be exempted from the obligation to make an open offer under regulation 3.”

- II. in regulation 28, sub-regulation (3) shall be substituted by the following sub-regulation, namely, -

“(3) For the purposes of this Chapter, the term “encumbrance” shall include,-

- (a) any restriction on the free and marketable title to shares, by whatever name called, whether executed directly or indirectly;
- (b) pledge, lien, negative lien, non-disposal undertaking; or
- (c) any covenant, transaction, condition or arrangement in the nature of encumbrance, by whatever name called, whether executed directly or indirectly.”

- III. in regulation 31, after sub-regulation (3), the following sub-regulations shall be inserted, namely, -

“(4) The promoter of every target company shall declare on a yearly basis that he, along with persons acting in concert, has not made any encumbrance, directly or indirectly, other than those already disclosed during the financial year.

(5) The declaration required under sub-regulation (4) shall be made within seven working days from the end of each financial year to –

(a) every stock exchange where the shares of the target company are listed; and

(b) the audit committee of the target company.”

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

Footnotes:

1. The SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011 were published in the Gazette of India on 23rd September, 2011 vide No. LAD-NRO/GN/2011 12/24/30181.
2. The Principal Regulations were subsequently amended on:
 - (a) March 26, 2013 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2013 vide No. LAD-NRO/GN/2012 13/36/7368.
 - (b) October 8, 2013 by the SEBI (Listing of Specified Securities on Institutional Trading Platform) Regulations, 2013 vide No. LAD-NRO/GN/2013-14/28/6720.

- (c) May 23, 2014 by the SEBI (Payment of Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 vide Notification No. LAD-NRO/GN/2014-15/03/1089.
- (d) March 24, 2015 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 vide No. LAD-NRO/GN/2014-15/28/542.
- (e) May 5, 2015 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2015 vide No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/OIAE/GN/2015-16/004.
- (f) August 14, 2015 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2015 vide No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2015-16/009.
- (g) December 22, 2015 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2015 vide No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2015-16/026.
- (h) February 17, 2016 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2016 vide No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2015-16/035.
- (i) May 25, 2016 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2016 vide No. SEBI/ LAD-NRO/GN/2016-17/002.
- (j) March 6, 2017 by SEBI (Payment of Fees and Mode of Payment) (Amendment) Regulations, 2017 vide No. SEBI/LAD/NRO/GN/2016-17/037 read with notification dated March 29, 2017 vide No. SEBI/LAD/NRO/GN/2016-17/38.

- (k) August 14, 2017 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2017 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2017-18/015.
- (l) June 01, 2018 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2018/20.
- (m) September 11, 2018 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2018 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2018/33.
- (n) December 31, 2018 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2018 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO /GN/ 2018/55.
- (o) March 29, 2019 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO /GN/ 2019/06.
