

# **ROC Adjudication Orders**

#### FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

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#### M/s. Sri Subhalakshmi Infra Private Limited

- CIN: U45208TN2012PTC088837
- Last Known Address: 5/12H, First Floor, Mount Ponnamallee Road, Nandambakkam, Chennai 600089
  - Status: 'Missing in Action!'

## KEY SECTIONS





SECTION 12 - EVERY COMPANY MUST HAVE A REGISTERED OFFICE.

SECTION 454 - POWERS FOR ADJUDICATION OF PENALTIES.

# The Mystery of the Missing Office





Returned Notices: 'No such company exists!'

Non-compliance Duration: 1217 days! (That's over three years—someone really needed to check their mail.)

## **INQUIRY**



Section 206(4) – Power to carry out Inquiry

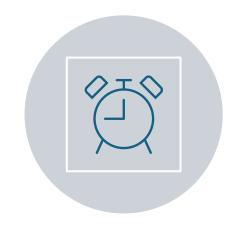
The Registrar can initiate Inquiry if:

- a) Business carried on for fraudulent/unlawful purposes
  - b) Non-compliance with the Companies Act provisions
    - c) Investor grievances not addressed

# The Adjudication Notice







AN OFFICIAL NOTICE WAS SENT TO THE COMPANY AND DIRECTORS.

HEARING DATE: 08.04.2024

ATTENDANCE: NONE.

## The Penalty Math







TOTAL DAYS OF DEFAULT: 1217 DAYS

DAILY PENALTY: RS. 1000

MAXIMUM PENALTY: RS. 100,000 (THANK GOODNESS FOR CAPS!)



# The Penalty Imposed



For the Company: Rs. 100,000



For Each Director: Rs. 100,000



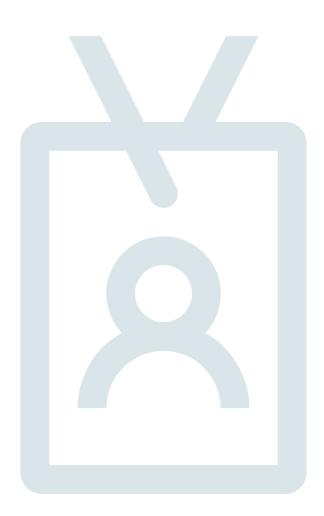
Total: Rs. 300,000 (Looks like they might need to start a 'penalty jar'!)





## The Path to Redemption

- What Needs to Happen Now?
- Mission: Find a registered office that actually exists!
- Proof Needed: Submit proof of maintenance within 15 days.



#### TAKEAWAY

 Stay compliant, and avoid becoming the next 'missing office' story!

## M/s. Jyothy Consumer Products Limited

When a company secretary goes missing... the legal drama unfolds

## KEY SECTIONS

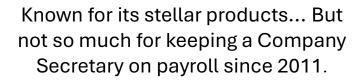




SECTION 203 – APPOINTMENT OF KMP

SECTION 454 - POWERS FOR ADJUDICATION OF PENALTIES.







The issue?



Not having a full-time Company Secretary when the law requires one.

#### SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Our compliance detectives (aka Adjudicating Officer) sent a Show Cause Notice asking, "Hey, where's your Company Secretary?"

#### Plot twist!

We've been amalgamated since 2013 into Jyothy Labs Ltd. That secretary drama? Not our problem anymore!"

#### Evidence



Amalgamation confirmed by the Hon'ble High Court, Bombay in 2013 - Form 21



#### Final Order

- No penalty imposed
- Key Takeaway: If you're going to forget to hire a Company Secretary, make sure you have a solid merger plan in your back pocket!

#### M/s. Shreekrishna Biotech Limited

The Case of the Forgotten Annual Return

## KEY SECTIONS





**SECTION 92- ANNUAL RETURN** 

SECTION 454 - POWERS FOR ADJUDICATION OF PENALTIES



Skipping out on filing their Annual Return for FY 2018-19. It's been 331 days, and still, no filing!

#### PROVISION

Companies must file their Annual returns within 60 days of the AGM or the date the AGM should have been held.

Failing to do so?

There's a penalty of Rs. 50,000, with an additional Rs. 100 per day for continued default, subject to maximum of 5 lacs.



# DIRECTOR'S ESCAPE PLAN

- Mr. Kiran Dilip Thakore, an Additional Director, claimed he had resigned.
- However, his resignation wasn't approved or recorded in MCA-11



# Penalty

- Penalty for Company: Rs. 83,100
- Penalty for Director (Kiran Dilip Thakore): Rs. 83,100

## Takeaway

Paperwork may be boring, but it's way better than paying Rs. 1,66,200 in fines!

#### Lakshya Powertech Limited

CIN: U74900GJ2012PLC071278

Location: Ahmedabad, Gujarat

(Where the sun shines bright, but signatures go missing!)

### KEY SECTIONS





SECTION 134-FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SECTION 454 - POWERS FOR ADJUDICATION OF PENALTIES.

## Error in Filing



31 Oct. 2022

Unsigned financials submitted on 31 October 2022.



31 July 2024

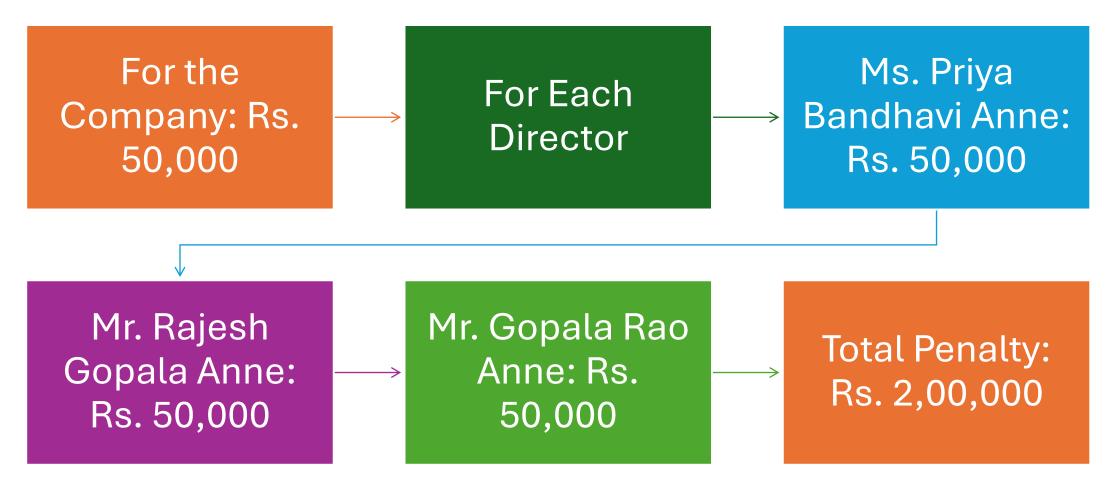
Hearing Scheduled: 31 July 2024 – but no one showed up!

Show Cause Notice Issued: 23 July 2024 – the letter everyone hoped would get lost in the mail!



23 July 2024

#### PENALTY



#### TAKEAWAY

A classic case of "I thought you signed it!"

# STEELSMITH CONTINENTAL MANUFACIURING PRIVATE LIMITED

• File On Time, Every Time!

## KEY SECTIONS





SECTION 64-NOTICE TO BE GIVEN TO REGISTRAR FOR ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL.

SECTION 454 - POWERS FOR ADJUDICATION OF PENALTIES.

## Delay in filing





THE COMPANY TOOK **669 DAYS** TO FILE THE NECESSARY SH-7.

THE REASON CITED WAS "TECHNICAL ISSUES,"
WHICH SOUNDS SUSPICIOUSLY LIKE, "MY DOG
ATE MY HOMEWORK."

#### TIMELINE

**Board Meeting** Company files **ROC** instructs January 17, Hearing date; Deadline to file E-form SH-7; resolves to E-form SH-7 resubmission 2024: Fresh Ecompany redeem (30 days from rejected on July with delay form SH-7 filed; acknowledges 1,70,000 resolution). 17, 2023. application. approved on delay preference April 30, 2024. shares. 2 July 2022 15 Apr. 2023 30 Apr. 2024 14 Aug. 2024 2 June 2022 29 Jan. 2024

## Penalty

"Where any company fails to comply with the provisions of sub-section (1) such company and every officer who is in default shall be liable to a penalty of **five hundred rupees** for each day during which such default continues, subject to a maximum **of five lakh rupees** in case of a company and **one lakh rupees** in case of an officer who is in default"

# Penalty imposed

Total penalties: ₹3,34,500 for the company and ₹1,00,000 for the Managing Director (Mr. Krishnakant Haridas Popat)

## **TAKEAWAY**

Don't let compliance become a marathon.

## MAZHIL NIDHI LIMITED

Proof That Missing Forms Can Cost You Big

## KEY SECTIONS





SECTION 117- FILING OF THE RESOLUTION TO ROC WITHIN 30 DAYS

SECTION 179(3)- SPECIFIC POWER BY THE BOARD THROUGH RESOLUTION (G) TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# TIMELINE

#### Financial Year 2018-19:

**1.Board Meeting Date:** 30.06.2019

2. Due Date for Filing MGT-14:

30.07.2019

3. Status: Form MGT-14 Not Filed

#### Financial Year 2019-20:

**1.Board Meeting Date:** 04.12.2020

2. Due Date for Filing MGT-14:

03.01.2021

3. Status: Form MGT-14 Not Filed



#### PENALTY

If a company fails to file, the required documents within the specified time:

#### **Penalty for the Company:**

₹10,000 plus ₹100 for each day of continuing failure, subject to a maximum of ₹2,00,000.

#### **Penalty for Officers in Default:**

₹10,000 plus ₹100 for each day of continuing failure, subject to a maximum of ₹50,000.

## PENALTY

#### Financial Year 2018-19:



**Total Penalty:** ₹2,40,600

Company: ₹1,90,600

Director: ₹50,000

#### Financial Year 2019-20:



**Total Penalty:** ₹2,80,200

Company: ₹1,38,300

Directors: ₹50,000

## **TAKEAWAY**

Think of compliance as your insurance policy against fines—better safe than sorry

## M/s. Bold and Beauty House Private Limited

They say beauty is timeless, but compliance? That's a different story

## **KEY PROVISIONS**





SECTION 137-FILING OF FINANCIALS WITHIN 30DAYS OF HOLDING AGM

SECTION 454-ADJUDICATION OF PENALTIES

## NON-COMPLIANCE







Initial penalty: ₹10,000

Continuing default: ₹100 per day, with a maximum of ₹2,00,000 for the company.

If non-compliance continues, directors face a penalty of ₹10,000 and ₹100 per day (max ₹50,000).



## **INQUIRY**

#### **Trigger for Inquiry:**

• Conducted under Section 206 of the Companies Act, 2013 due to failure to file necessary documents.

#### Findings:

- Company has not filed its financial statements from FY 2018-19 onwards.
- Directors failed to respond to notices—leading to an ex-parte decision.



Company: ₹5,48,600

Directors (2): ₹4,73,400

**Grand Total:** ₹10,22,000

# TAKEAWAY

Consider this a wake-up call: beauty needs maintenance, and so does your company's compliance!"

# Ashapuram Nidhi Limited

Oops! You Forgot the DIN?

## **KEY PROVISIONS**





SECTION 158- OBLIGATION TO INDICATE DIRECTOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Section 172- PUNISHMENT



## **Contentions**

DIN temporarily misplaced, not intentionally omitted



- 1. DIN disclosed in FY 2017-18 financial statements
- 2. DIN prominently featured in FY 2018-19 reports

#### **PENALTY**



The company and every officer of the company who is in default shall be liable to a penalty of **fifty thousand rupees**, and in case of continuing failure, with a further penalty of **five hundred rupees** for each day during which such failure continues, subject to a maximum of **three lakh rupees** in case of a company and **one lakh rupees** in case of an officer who is in default.

## **PENALTY**



4 Directors = Rs  $50,000 \times 4 = Rs 2,00,000$ 

## Takeaway

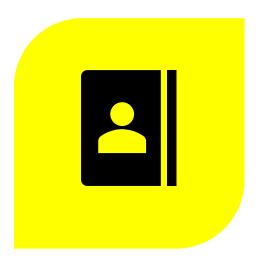
Skipping the DIN is like forgetting to invite the guest of honor to the party. The report just doesn't feel complete without it!



# Mijo Nidhi Limited

The Notorious Form PAS-3 Saga

## **KEY SECTION**



Rule 12(2) of the Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014

#### Details of the Case

ROC discovers the missing 'occupation' detail in PAS-3.
Show Cause Notice? Sent.
Response? None. Hearing notice?



Company: Rs. 10,000

Director: Rs. 10,000

No bribes accepted, just Rs. 20,000 for forgetting that little 'occupation' detail!"



## Takeaway

Remember, in the world of corporate compliance, forgetting to mention a few occupations can cost you more than a bad haircut!





## **THANK YOU**

Tarun Satya

