## **ORDER SHEET**

## IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

J.C.M. No.21 of 2018

DATE

ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE

For hearing of Main Petition

## 12.12.2018.

Mr. Hassan Ali Mandviwala, Advocate for Petitioners.

Mr. Saad Abbasi, Advocate for SECP.

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This is a Petition for merger of Petitioner No.1 into Petitioner No.2 and has been filed under Section 279 to 282 and 285(8) of the Companies Act 2017. The Petitioner No.1 was incorporated on 31.03.2015 and is engaged in the business of manufacturing, formulation and repacking of drugs for import, export, sale and distribution. The Petitioner No.2 was also incorporated on 31.03.2015. The Petitioner No.2 is engaged in the business of import, marketing and sale of consumer healthcare products. Now the petitioners are desirous of merging Petitioner No.1 into Petitioner No.2 and the Scheme of Arrangement for such purposes has been annexed with this Petition as Annexure "A", wherein, the Share Exchange Swap Ratio as well as allotment of Shares of Petitioner No.2 to Petitioner No.1 has been mentioned so as to make the scheme of arrangement binding with Petitioners and the Shareholders of the Petitioners No.1 and 2 along with other persons.

The Petitioners are desirous to restructure and merge, by way of amalgamation, with the object of better and more economic reasons to run the same business. The Petitioners have agreed and entered into an agreement being the Scheme of Arrangement (Annexure "A") for merger and amalgamation which

has been duly approved by the respective Board of Directors of the Petitioners and such resolutions have been placed on record.

The Scheme of Arrangement, attached as Annexure "A" to this petition gives full particulars as to the benefits of the merger / amalgamation, the purpose for the same, the consequences of the arrangement, the effective date of the merger / amalgamation, consideration and related matters, the effect on the employees of the Petitioner Nos.1 and 2 and general provisions with respect to the arrangement. It also provides the number of shares of Petitioner No.2 to be allotted respectively to shareholders of Petitioner No.1 on the basis of evaluation and SWAP ratio. Such Scheme of Arrangement is part and parcel of the petition. By seeking sanction of the Scheme of Arrangement through this Petition under the Companies Act, as above, the intention is to obtain approval of the terms, whereby, the entire undertaking and business, inclusive of all assets, properties, rights, liabilities, obligations and dues of Petitioner No.1, as more specifically stated in the Scheme of Arrangement, will be transferred to, stand vested and assumed by petitioner No.2, whereas, Petitioner No.2 will continue as a going "GLAXOSMITHKLINE **CONSUMER** concern under the name of HEALTHCARE PAKISTAN LIMITED" and petitioner No.1 at the same time shall stand dissolved.

On 14.09.2018 on an application (CMA No.306/2018) on behalf of the Petitioners under Rule 55 of the Companies (Court) Rules, 1997, read with Section 151 CPC, the Court had permitted to convene separate meeting(s) of the members of the petitioners under Section 279(2) of the Companies Act, 2017 after publishing a notice in newspapers, and also inviting creditors, whereas, further directions were given for advertisement of the main Petition for publishing in terms of Rule 76 read with Rule 19 of the Companies (Court) Rules, 1997 and notice was also ordered to Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan. It appears that all requisite formalities have been completed as publication has been

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made in daily "THE NEWS" and "JANG" dated 27.9.2018, whereas, report has

been furnished by the Chairman in respect of convening of the meetings and the

approval of the scheme. Comments were filed by SECP and certain objections

were raised to which necessary response has been filed, before SECP, whereby,

all objections have been complied with and today learned Counsel for SECP has

given its consent as well. A proper notice has also been published in the Gazette

of Pakistan dated 31.10.2018.

In view of such position, since all formalities have been completed

whereas, no objections have been received from any quarter, there appears to be

no impediment in granting this Petition which is accordingly allowed as prayed.

For further proceedings and necessary fulfilment of the requirements under the

Companies Act, 2017, the Petitioner may approach SECP accordingly.

JUDGE

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