

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN Insurance Division

#### [Karachi]

### Before Nasreen Rashid, Executive Director (Insurance)

In the matter of

# M/s. Platinum Insurance Company Limited

Date of Show Cause Notice

September 10, 2009

Date of Hearing

December 14, 2009

Attended by

(1) Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer

(2) Mr. S. Shamim Akhter, Legal Advisor

Date of Order

January 14, 2010

## ORDER

(Under Section 492 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984)

This order shall dispose of the proceedings initiated against M/s. Platinum Insurance Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") and its Chief Executive and directors under the provisions of Section 492 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 ("the Ordinance") for making misstatements of various nature in the Annual Audited Accounts for the year ended December 31, 2008.

2. WHEREAS, Section 492 of the Ordinance provides that:

"Whoever in any return, report, certificate, balance sheet, profit and loss account, income and expenditure account, prospectus, offer of shares, books of accounts, application, information or explanation required by or for the purposes of any of the provisions of this Ordinance or pursuant to an order or direction given under this Ordinance makes a statement which is false or incorrect in any material particular, or omits any material fact knowing it to be material, shall be punishable with fine not exceeding five hundred thousand rupees."

3. AND WHEREAS, the relevant facts for disposal of this case, briefly stated, are that during the examination of Annual Audited Accounts of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2008 (the Accounts) it was noticed that in the notes to the said accounts the accounting period was wrongly stated as December 31, 2007. Beside this, in the Note # 1 of the said Accounts, it has been stated that the Company is only listed in Karachi Stock Exchange, however the Company was also listed in Lahore Stock Exchange which was not disclosed.



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- 6. A Show Cause Notice dated September 10, 2009 under Sub-Section 492 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 was served to the Chief Executive and Directors of the Company, calling upon them to explain as to why appropriate action may not be taken against the Company under the law for the aforesaid contravention.
- 7. The Company's CEO sought an extension of 15 Days for submitting a reply or appearing in person, which was accepted by the Insurance Division i.e. up to October 10, 2009. On October 12, 2009, the Legal Advisor of the Company, Mr. S. Shamim Akhter of S. Akhter & Co. requested a further extension of 15 Days, to enable them to study the case thoroughly.
- 8. In order to provide an opportunity to the Chief Executive and Directors of the Company or their authorized representatives for appearing in person to explain the circumstances which have lead to non-compliance with the said provision of the Ordinance, a hearing in this matter was scheduled on November 13, 2009 and a hearing notice was sent to the Chief Executive, Directors and Legal Advisor of the Company on November 06, 2009. The Company again requested to adjourn the hearing vide their letter of November 11, 2009. In this regard, another hearing notice was sent on December 07, 2009 to the Legal Advisor of the Company, directing them to appear before the Executive Director Insurance on December 14, 2009.
- 9. The said hearing was attended by the CEO, Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed, and Mr. S. Shamim Akhter, the Legal Advisor of the Company, wherein they accepted the non-compliances but argued that the non compliance was not intentional. It was mere ignorance of the law.
- 10. Based on the facts of the case and the findings of the inspection team as mentioned in para 2 of this Order, the default of Section 492 of the Ordinance is established and the Company was made liable for fine under aforesaid Section of the Ordinance. I, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 492 of the Ordinance, impose a fine of only Rs. 100,000/- (Rupees One hundred thousand only) on the Company.
- 11. *M/s. Platinum Insurance Company Limited* are hereby directed to deposit the aforesaid fine of Rs.100,000/- (Rupees One Hundred Thousand only) in the designated bank account maintained in the name of Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan with MCB Bank Limited within thirty (30) days from the receipt of this Order and furnish receipted vouchers issued in the name of Commission for information and record.

(Nasreen Rashid) Executive Director

SC: Order Platinum 492 of CO1984