## ADJ/72/RD (SR)/2019-20

## BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR (SOUTHERN REGION) MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS, CHENNAI IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2016 SECTION 454(7) OF COMPANIES ACT 2013

## IN THE MATTER OF M/s. GLORRITUS PHARMACEUTICALS PRIVATE LIMITED

- M/s. Glorritus Pharmaceuticals Private Limited, No. 05/1096 A12, Shams Building, Palace Road, East Nadakkavu, Calicut, Kozhikode, Kerala – 673 006.
- 2. Shri. Kuyil Veedu Chandran

.....Applicants/Appellants

Date of hearing

18.11.2020

Present

Shri. Shoban M Padmanabhan, Advocate

## **ORDER**

This is an appeal filed under Section 454 (5) of the Companies Act, 2013 by the above Applicants in Form ADJ vide SRN No. R47220421, dated 24.07.2020 against the Adjudication Order No. ROC/S-454/10A/84/2020 dated 13.01.2020 under Section 454 (3) passed by the Registrar of Companies, Kerala for default in compliance with the requirements of Section 10A of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Adjudication of Penalties) Rules, 2014.

- 2. The subject Company was incorporated on 02.01.2019. E-form INC-20A should have been filed within a period of 180 days from the date of incorporation as required under sub-clause (a) of sub-Section (1) of Section 10A of the Companies Act, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as the Act, 2013) and had filed the said form belatedly with a delay of 106 days on 15.10.2019. The Registrar of Companies, Kerala examined the said default and passed the Adjudication Order No. ROC/S-454/10A/84/2020 dated 13.01.2020 (impugned Order) under Section 454 (3) & (4) of the Act, 2013 for the delay of 106 days in filing the Form INC-20A under Section 10A(2) of the Act, 2013 read with Rule 23A of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the Rules, 2014) and imposed a penalty of Rs. 50,000/- upon the Company and Rs. 1,00,000/- upon the Director in default viz. Shri. Kuyil Veedu Chandran, being the maximum penalty.
- 3. The Appellant while filing the appeal contended that the company is a startup company and not started its business. The penalty imposed on company and director will bring it to the edge of shut down and debt and was not an intentional default.



- 4. An opportunity of being heard was given to the Appellants on 18.11.2020. The Authorized Representative Shri. Shobhan M Padmanabhan, Advocate appeared for the Appellants while reiterating the grounds taken in the appeal had stated that the company is a startup company and had delayed in filing Form INC-20A by 106 days and hence sought condonation.
- 5. Though there is a default committed, there is a ground in interfering with the impugned adjudication order of the Registrar of Companies to the extent of reducing the quantum of penalty. Accordingly, the penalties imposed are reduced to 50 % for both i.e. from Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 25,000/- on the Company and from Rs. 1,00,000/- to Rs. 50,000/- for the Director. The Appellants shall pay the penalty in 30 days.

Dated at Chennai this the 19th day of November, 2020.



(Dr. K. THIRUMALAIMUTHU) REGIONAL DIRECTOR (SR)

To

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   East Nadakkavu, Calicut, Kozhikode, Kerala 673 006.
- 2. Shri. Kuyil Veedu Chandran
- 3. The Registrar of Companies, Kerala.
- 4. The Officer in Charge, e-Gov. Cell, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, A-Wing, Shastri Bhavan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi -110 001- with a request to upload this Order on the website of the Ministry. Mail sent to Shri Vivek Meena, Asst. Director (vivek.meena@gov.in) and Shri B. Srikumar, Deputy Director, (srikumar.b@gov.in)