BEFORE THE SECURITIES APPELLATE TRIBUNAL MUMBAI

Appeal No. 20 of 2011

Date of Decision: 2.9.2011

T & R Welding Products (India) Ltd.

29, II Main Road,

Ambattur Industrial Estate.

Chennai – 600 058.

..... Appellant

Versus

1. Securities and Exchange Board of India

Plot No. C-4A, G Block,

Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E),

Mumbai – 400 051.

2. Madras Stock Exchange Limited

"Exchange Building" Post Box No.30,

Second Line Beach, Chennai 600 001,

Tamilnadu, India.

..... Respondents

Mr. Somasekhar Sundaresan, Advocate with Mr. Paras Parekh, Advocate for the

Appellant.

Dr. Poornima Advani, Advocate with Mr. Ajay Khaire, Advocate for Respondent no.1.

None for Respondent no.2.

CORAM: Justice N. K. Sodhi, Presiding Officer

P.K. Malhotra, Member

S. S. N. Moorthy, Member

Per: Justice N. K. Sodhi, Presiding Officer (Oral)

The appellant is a public limited company and its shares are listed only on the

Madras Stock Exchange which is now defunct. It is common ground between the parties

that the shares of the appellant company have not been traded for the last 7 years. The

appellant wants to get delisted and being a small company, made an application to the

respondent Board for granting exemption from certain provisions of voluntary delisting

procedure in terms of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Delisting of Equity

Shares) Regulations, 2009. This application has been rejected by the respondent Board

and the order has been communicated to the appellant by letter dated November 30, 2010

which has been impugned in the present appeal filed under section 15T of the Securities

and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992. We have perused the impugned communication

and find that it contains no reasons. Since every order passed by the respondent Board is appealable to this Tribunal under section 15T of the Act, it is in the fitness of things that the order should contain some reasons in support of the conclusion arrived at. In the absence of reasons, this Tribunal is handicapped in examining the merits of the decision taken by the Board. In this view of the matter, we set aside the impugned communication and remit the case to the respondent Board for passing a fresh order in accordance with law giving reasons in support of its conclusion. In case the appellant applies to the Board for a personal hearing, the same shall be granted to it before passing the fresh order.

The appeal is disposed of as above with no order as to costs.

Sd/-Justice N.K.Sodhi Presiding Officer

Sd/-P.K. Malhotra Member

Sd/-S.S.N. Moorthy Member

2.9.2011
Prepared and compared by