SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION OF SHARES AND TAKEOVERS) (SECOND AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2020

No. SEBI/LAD-NRO /GN/ 2020/19 — In exercise of the powers conferred under section 30 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (15 of 1992), the Board hereby makes the following Regulations to further amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011, namely:-

1. These regulations may be called the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020.

2. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

3. In the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011,-

   I. In regulation 10, the following new sub-regulation shall be inserted after sub-regulation (2A), namely –
“(2B) Any acquisition of shares or voting rights or control of the target company by way of preferential issue in compliance with regulation 164A of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 shall be exempt from the obligation to make an open offer under sub-regulation (1) of regulation 3 and regulation 4.

Explanation- The above exemption from open offer shall also apply to the target company with infrequently traded shares which is compliant with the provisions of sub-regulations (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) of regulation 164A of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018. The pricing of such infrequently traded shares shall be in terms of regulation 165 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018. ”

Sd/-

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Footnotes:

1. The SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011 were published in the Gazette of India on 23rd September, 2011 vide No. LAD-NRO/GN/2011 12/24/3018.

2. The SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011 were subsequently amended on:
   a) March 26, 2013 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2013 vide No. LAD-NRO/GN/2012 13/36/7368.


   e) May 5, 2015 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2015 vide No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/OIAE/GN/2015-16/004.

   f) August 14, 2015 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2015 vide No. SEBI/LAD NRO/GN/2015-16/009.
g) December 22, 2015 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2015 vide No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2015-16/026.

h) February 17, 2016 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2016 vide No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2015-16/035.

i) May 25, 2016 by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2016 vide No. SEBI/ LAD-NRO/GN/2016-17/002.


k) August 14, 2017 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2017 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2017-18/015.


m) September 11, 2018 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2018 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2018/33.

n) December 31, 2018 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2018 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO /GN/ 2018/55.

o) March 29, 2019 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO /GN/ 2019/06.

p) July 29, 2019 by SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2019 No. SEBI/LAD-NRO /GN/ 2019/27.