BEFORE THE SECURITIES APPELLATE TRIBUNAL MUMBAI

Misc. Application No. 2 of 2010

And

Appeal No. 66 of 2009

Date of Decision: 7.1.2010

Action Financial Services Limited 31 Rajgir Chambers, 4th Floor, 12/14 Shahid Bhagat Singh Road, Fort, Mumbai- 400 023

..... Appellant

Versus

Securities and Exchange Board of India SEBI Bhavan, Plot No. C4-A, "G" Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai.

..... Respondent

Ms. Swathy Ramakrishnan, Advocate for Appellant.

Ms. Kersi Dastoor, Advocate for Respondent.

CORAM: Justice N.K. Sodhi, Presiding Officer

Samar Ray, Member

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

This appeal is directed against the order dated March 24, 2009 passed by the adjudicating officer imposing a monetary penalty of Rs. 2 lacs on the appellant for violating the code of conduct prescribed for the stock brokers. The appellant is a stock broker registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (for short the Board).

During the pendency of the appeal, the appellant filed an application for obtaining a consent order in terms of the circular dated April 20, 2007 and offered to pay a sum of Rs. 2 lacs towards the settlement charges, Rs. 40,000/- towards legal charges and interest thereon at the rate of 15% per annum. The matter was placed before the High Powered Committee set up for the purpose which after granting its approval had sent the case back to the Board. The consent terms were again considered by two whole time members of the Board and they, too, have accorded

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their approval subject to the approval being granted by this Tribunal. The appellant

then filed Miscellaneous Application 2 of 2010 before this Tribunal with a prayer that

the consent terms offered by the appellant be approved and the appeal be disposed off

in terms thereof.

We have heard the learned counsel for the parties and having regard to the

nature of the charge established, we are satisfied that the ends of justice would be

adequately met if the consent terms as offered by the appellant are accepted. We,

therefore, grant approval to the terms and dispose of the appeal in terms thereof. The

impugned order will stand modified accordingly. No costs.

Sd/-Justice N.K. Sodhi

Presiding Officer

Sd/-Samar Ray Member

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