### CO/ISD/ 1268/294/2009

### BEFORE THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA, MUMBAI CONSENT ORDER

## ON THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY AMIT BUSINESS LTD.

### IN THE MATTER OF

# DEALINGS IN FUTURES AND OPTIONS CONTRACTS (CONSENT APPLICATION NO. 268/2007)

- 1. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had conducted investigations into the alleged irregular transactions of Amit Business Ltd., (PAN No. AACCA6091Q), (hereinafter referred to as the 'applicant') in the Futures & Options (F&O) segment of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) for the period February – March 2007. The investigations, prima facie, revealed that the applicant had violated Regulation 3 and 4(1) & (2) (a & b) of the SEBI (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices Relating to Securities Market) Regulations, 2003.
- 2. Pursuant to the investigations, SEBI initiated proceedings under sections 11B, 11(4) and 11D of the SEBI Act, 1992 and adjudication proceedings under Chapter VI A of the SEBI Act, 1992 against the applicant. SEBI issued an adinterim ex parte order dated June 18, 2007 directing the applicant, besides others, to cease and desist from indulging transactions in futures and options contracts in the manner found irregular. The adjudicating officer issued a show cause notice dated October 5, 2007.
- 3. While the above proceedings were in progress, the applicant proposed settlement of the said pending proceedings vide letters dated October 23, 2007 and June 18, 2009 through a consent order in terms of SEBI circular No. EFD/ED/Cir-1/2007 dated April 20, 2007. It proposed revised consent terms vide letter dated August 13, 2009. The High Powered Advisory Committee, constituted by SEBI, after deliberations, recommended the case for settlement on payment of Rs.7,50,000 (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand only) towards

settlement charges. SEBI accepted the said recommendations and communicated the same to the applicant vide letter dated October 9, 2009.

4. Accordingly, the applicant, without admitting or denying the charges, has remitted a sum of Rs.7,50,000 (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand only) towards settlement charges vide demand draft No. 555495 dated October 13, 2009 drawn on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., payable at Mumbai.

5. In view of the above, it is hereby ordered that this consent order disposes of the pending proceedings under sections 11B, 11 (4) of the SEBI Act, 1992 as well as the adjudication proceedings against the applicant in the matter of dealings in futures and options contracts.

6. This order is without prejudice to the right of SEBI to initiate enforcement actions, including reopening of the proceedings pending against the applicant, if:

 a. any representation made by the applicant in this consent proceeding is subsequently discovered to be untrue; or

b. the applicant breaches any of the consent terms or undertakings filed in this consent proceeding.

7. This consent order is passed on this day, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2009 and shall come into force with immediate effect.

M. S. SAHOO WHOLE TIME MEMBER

K. M. ABRAHAM WHOLE TIME MEMBER