

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

COMPANY SCHEME PETITION NO. 287 OF 2015.

CONNECTED WITH

COMPANY SUMMONS FOR DIRECTION NO. 138 OF 2015.

CAPITAL FIRST INVESTMENT ADVISORY LIMITED

....Petitioner/ Transferor Company

AND

COMPANY SCHEME PETITION NO. 288 OF 2015.

CONNECTED WITH

COMPANY SUMMONS FOR DIRECTION NO. 139 OF 2015.

CAPITAL FIRST HOME FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED

....Petitioner/ Transferee Company

In the matter of the Companies Act, 1 of 1956
and other relevant provision of the Companies
Act, 2013;

AND

In the matter of Sections 391 to 394 of the
Companies Act, 1956 and other relevant
provision of the Companies Act, 2013;

AND

In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation of
CAPITAL FIRST INVESTMENT ADVISORY
LIMITED, the Transferor Company with CAPITAL
FIRST HOME FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED, the
Transferee Company.

Called for hearing

Mr. Rajesh Shah i/b Rajesh Shah & Co., Advocate for the Petitioners in all Petitions.

Mr. P.S Jetly i/b Mr. A.A. Ansari for Regional Director in both the Petitions.

Mr. S. Ramakantha, Official Liquidator, present in CSP No. 208 of 2015.

CORAM: S. C. Gupte, J.

DATE: 31st July, 2015

PC:

1. Heard Learned Counsel for the parties. No objector has come before the court to oppose the Scheme and nor any party has controverted any averments made in the Petitions.

2. The sanction of the Court is sought to a Scheme of Amalgamation of CAPITAL FIRST INVESTMENT ADVISORY LIMITED, the Petitioner Company with CAPITAL FIRST HOME FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED, the Transferee Company, under Sections 391 to 394 of the Companies Act, 1956.

3. The Learned Counsel for the Petitioners states that the Transferor Company has been carrying on the business as of providing investment advisory services and the Transferee Company has been carrying on the business of housing finance. The proposed scheme of Amalgamation will have the benefit that the amalgamation will lead to greater integration and financial strength and flexibility for the amalgamated entity, which would result in maximizing overall shareholder value, and will improve the position of the combined entity and that the Amalgamation of the Transferor Company with the Transferee Company will also provide an opportunity to build a stronger sustainable business and that the merged entity will also have sufficient funds required for meeting its long term capital needs as provided for in the scheme and that the Scheme of amalgamation will result in cost saving

4. Learned Counsel for the Petitioners further states that the Board of Directors of the Petitioner Companies have approved the said Scheme of Amalgamation by passing Board Resolutions which are annexed to the respective Company Scheme Petitions.

5. The Learned Counsel for the Petitioners further states that, Petitioner Companies have complied with all the directions passed in the respective Company Summons for Directions and that the respective Company Scheme Petitions have been filed in consonance with the orders passed in respective Company Summons for Directions.

6. The Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the Petitioners have stated that the Petitioner Companies have complied with all requirements as per directions of this Court and they have filed necessary affidavit of compliance in the Court. Moreover, the Petitioner Companies undertake to comply with all statutory requirements if any, as required under the Companies Act, 1956 / 2013 and rules made there under whichever is applicable. The said undertaking is accepted.

7. The Official Liquidator has filed his report on 23rd day of June, 2015 in Company Scheme Petition No. 287 of 2015 stating that the affairs of the Transferor Company have been conducted in a proper manner and that the Transferor Company may be ordered to be dissolved.

8. The Regional Director has filed an Affidavit on 23rd day of July, 2015 stating therein, save and except as stated in paragraph 6, it appears that the Scheme is not prejudicial to the interest of shareholders and public. In paragraph 6 of the said Affidavit, the Regional Director has stated that:-

“6. That the Deponents further submits that,

(a) The Transferee Company is a Housing finance Company registered with National Housing Bank. Hence, Transferee Company may be directed to file a copy of the Scheme along with the copy of this Hon'ble High Court's Order with the National Housing Bank within 30 days from the date of approval of the Scheme by this Hon'ble High Court.

(b) That the Deponent further submits that, the tax issue if any arising out of this scheme shall be subject to final decision of Income Tax Authority and approval of the scheme by Hon'ble High court may not deter the Income Tax Authority to scrutinize the tax returns filed by the petitioner company

after giving effect to the amalgamation, The decision of the Income Tax Authority is binding on the petitioner company.

8. So far as the observation in paragraph 6 (a) of the Affidavit of Regional Director is concerned, the Petitioner /Transferee Company through its counsel undertakes that the Transferee Company will file a copy of the Scheme along with the copy of this Hon'ble High Court's Order with the National Housing Bank within 30 days from the date of approval of the Scheme by this Hon'ble High Court.
9. So far as the observation in paragraph 6(b) of the Affidavit of Regional Director is concerned, the Learned Counsel for the Petitioner Companies submit that the Petitioner Companies are bound to comply with all applicable provisions of Income Tax Act and all tax issues arising out of the Scheme will be met and answered in accordance with law.
10. The Learned Counsel for Regional Director on instructions of Mr. M. Chandana Muthu, Joint Director Legal in the office of the Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Western Region, Mumbai states that they are satisfied with the undertakings given by the Petitioners. The above undertakings is accepted.
11. From the material on record, the Scheme appears to be fair and reasonable and is not violative of any provisions of law and is not contrary to public policy.

13. Since all the requisite statutory compliances have been fulfilled, Company Scheme Petition No. 287 of 2015 is made absolute in terms of prayers clause (a),(b) and (d) and 288 of 2015 is made absolute in terms of prayer clauses (a) and (c).

14. The Petitioner Companies to file a copy of this order and the Scheme duly authenticated by the Company Registrar, High Court (O.S.), Bombay, with the concerned Superintendent of Stamps, for the purpose of adjudication of stamp duty payable, if any, on the same within 60 days from the date of the Order.

15. Petitioners are directed to file a certified copy of order along with a copy of the Scheme of Amalgamation with the concerned Registrar of Companies, electronically, along with E Form INC- 28 in addition to physical copy as per the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 1956/2013 whichever is applicable.

16. The Petitioner Companies to pay costs of Rs.10,000/- each to the Regional Director, Western Region, Mumbai and the Petitioner in the Company Scheme Petition No. 287 of 2015 to pay costs of Rs.10,000/- to the Official Liquidator, High Court, Bombay. Cost to be paid within four weeks from the date of the Order.

17. Filing and issuance of the drawn up order is dispensed with.

18. All concerned regulatory authorities to act on a copy of this order along with Scheme duly authenticated by the Company Registrar, High Court (O. S.), Bombay.

(S. C. Gupte, J.)