# KEY ISSUES IN FILING ROC RETURNS UNDER COMPANIES ACT, 2013

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### Outline of the presentation:-

- ➤ Annual Compliances
- ➤ Limit based Compliances
- ➤ Structure of Company Management
- ➤ Appointment of KMP / MD / WTD
- ➤ Mandatory Compliance to SSs
- ➤ Director's disqualification
- ➤ Striking-off & restoration of Company

## **ANNUAL COMPLIANCES**

1.	Form MBP-1	S. 184(1)	Every Director of the Company in IST  Meeting of the Board of Director in each  Financial Year will disclose his interest in other entities.  Fresh MBP-1 whenever there is change in
2.	Form DIR- 8	164(2) 143(3)(g)	his interest from the earlier given MBP-1.  Every Director of the Company in each
		- (-)(3)	Financial Year will file with the Company disclosure of non- disqualification.
3.	Annual Return	S.92	Form MGT-7  Company to file its AR within 60 days from the date of AGM.  Period- 1 <sup>st</sup> April to March 31 <sup>st</sup>

4.	ANNUAL REPORT TO BE FILED WITH ROC		E-form: AOC-4  Balance Sheet along with Statement of Profit and Loss Account and Directors' Report in this form. Attachment: Balance Sheet, Statement of Profit & Loss Account, Directors' Report, Auditors' Report, Cash Flow Statement and Notice of AGM.
5.	Certificate From CS		E form MGT-8  Paid up Capital 10 Crores / Turnover Rs. 50  crores  To be certified by a PCS.
6.	Directors' Report	134	TO BE SIGNED BY the "Chairperson" authorized by the Board, where he is not so authorized by at least TWO Directors one of whom shall be MD

7.	Adoption of Financial Statement & Director's Report	S. 179(3)	Adoption of Financial Statements and Director Report: Company to file MGT-14 along with copy of Board Resolution within 30 days of Board Meeting.
8.	Circulation of Annual Report	S. 136	Send to the Members of the Company approved Financial Statement (including consolidated Financial Statement), Cash Flow Statement, Directors' Report and Auditors' Report at least 21 clear days before the Annual General Meeting. (Except in case of AGM is called on Shorter Notice)
9.	Notice of AGM	101 & SS-II	Comply with Section 101 of Companies Act 2013 and Secretarial Standard – II.  E voting Facility – If more than 200 Members then give e-voting Facility.  Vinayak  7

10.	Sending	101 & SS	Notice of AGM to be sent to
	of Notice of AGM		
			All Directors, Members, <b>Statutory Auditor</b> . Secretarial Auditor, If any. Debenture Trustee, if any.
11.	Board Meetings	173 & SS-I	Minimum FOUR meetings every year
			Maximum gap between two meetings should not be more than 120 (One hundred twenty) days.
12.	Appoint- ment of Auditor	139	E-form ADT-1 Auditors to be appointed for FIVE years Shareholder to ratify every year- NO need to file ADT-1 every year
			Rotation: Listed/ UL-Pb 10 / Pvt-20 crore Capital Pb or Pvt – borrowings 50 crore  vinayak  8

12.		S. 203 & Rule 8A	Paid up share capital of Rs. 5 crore OR MORE required to appoint whole time Company Secretary.
	Appointment of KMP	S.203 & Rule 8	Every Listed company and Public company having paid up capital of Rs.10 crore shall appoint KMP
13.	Maintenance of Registers	S. 88	Maintain mandatory Registers: Register of Director, Director Shareholding, Members. Register of Loan, Guarantee, Investment made by the Company. Register of Contract with Related Parties
14.	Annual Return	S. 92	E form MGT-7 To be singed by PCS

# LIMIT BASED COMPLIANCES FOR PUBLIC COMPANIES:

S. No.	Section & Rules	Re	quired Compliance
1.	 Rule- 22 Chap. V	DPT- 3	Company if accept deposits during the year then it is required to file return of deposits within 30 days of end of financial year.
2.	196	MR-1	Return of appointment / re-appointment of Managing Director or Whole Time Director or Manager or KMP.
3.	149	DIR- 12	Appointment of Independent Director. L /UL-PB-Cap-100/T-300/B-200 crore
4.	149	DIR- 12	Appointment of Woman Director. Cap-100/ T-300 crore
5.	138	MGT-14 vinayak	Appointment of Internal Auditor. Listed/ Unlisted: Cap-50/ T-200 /B-100/Dep- 25 crore

6.	Secretarial Audit by PCS	S. 205-	Compulsory Secretarial Audit by PCS (MR-3):-  a) All Listed Companies  b) Every Public Company having;  Capital of Rs. 50 Crore / Turnover 250 crores
7.	Audit Committee	S. 177	Companies to Constitute AC Compulsorily:-  Capital 10 Crores Turnoever 100 Crores Borrowings 50 Crores

8.	Nomination & Remuneration Committee	Companies to Constitute NRC Compulsorily:- Capital 10 Crores Turnoever 100 Crores Borrowings 50 Crores
9.	Vigil Mechanism	Companies Accepting Deposits OR Borrowed money from banks / FIs – 50 Crores











# STRUCTURE OF COMPANY'S MANAGMENT

### Composition of Board S.149

#### Minimum No. of Directors:-

Public Company- 3 directors
Private Company- 2 directors
One Person Company- 1 director
Woman Director
Independent director

Maximum No. of directors restricted to 15 (can be increased by passing SR) [Not applicable to government companies]

### Number of Directorship- S.165

- A person may be director in maximum 20 companies at same time including any alternate directorship
- Maximum no. of directorships in public companies shall not exceed 10 [Not applicable to government companies]
- For reckoning the limit of public companies, directorship in private companies, that are either holding or subsidiary of a public company shall be included
- Members by special resolution may specify lesser no. of companies in which a person my act as director

# APPOINTMENT OF KMP / MD/WTD/MANAGER

# Key Managerial Personnel u/s 203(1) (2) & Rule 8

Board of every Listed company and Pb. company having Capital of Rs.10 crore or more shall appoint following as KMPs [defined in S.2(51)]:-

- ❖Mg. Director / CEO / Manager and in their absence WTD
- Company Secretary and
- **\***CFO

Every KMP shall be appointed by passing board resolution containing T & C

# Section 196- Appointment of MD / WTD / Manager (Applies to both Pb & Pvt Cos)

- -Cannot have MD and Manager at the same time
- -Maximum term of appointment / re-appointment of MD, WTD, Manager is **FIVE YEARS**
- -Reappointment not before one year of expiry of term
- -Minimum age 21 years and maximum age 70 years
- -Beyond 70, pass **special resolution** for appointment / reappointment

# Other disqualifications for MD / WTD / Manager:

- Undischarged insolvent / adjudged insolvent
- -Suspended payment to creditors or made composition with them
- -Convicted by court of offence and sentenced for more than 6 months

# Appointment of MD / WTD / Manager in Public companies:

- -Comply with provisions of Section 196, 197, Schedule V
- Appointment by board, subject to approval by members
- If terms of appointment in variance with Schedule V, Approval of Central Government required

-Form MR-1 to be filed within 60 days

# <u>Conditions of appointment in Schedule V – Part I: (In case of no profits or inadequate profits)</u>

- -Not sentenced to imprisonment / fine exceeding Rs.
   1,000 under listed statutes (Prevention of Money Laundering Act)
- -Not been detained under COFEPOSA
- -Completed 21 years and not attained 70 years
- -Managerial person in more than 1 company and draws remuneration from 1 or more companies within ceiling of Part II
- -Is resident of India

#### <u>Limits of remuneration – Section 197</u>

#### A. In case of company having profits:

- -Overall not to exceed 11% of net profits as per section 198
- -Central Govt approval to exceed 11% s.t. Schedule V Part II Section 1
- -To 1 MD or WTD or manager 5% of NP
- -More than 1 10% of NP
- -Other directors 1% if MD / WTD / Manager
- -3% in other cases

#### <u>Limits of remuneration – Section 197 contd...</u>

#### B. In case of inadequacy of profits:

-Remuneration as per Schedule V - Part II Section II

Effective Capital	Limit of Yearly remuneration
Negative or Less than 5 Crore	60 Lakhs
5-100 crores	84 Lakhs
100-250 crores	120 Lakhs
250 crores & above	120 Lakhs + 0.01% in excess of 250 crores

- -Above limits will be doubled if special resolution is passed
- If not, previous Central Govt approval

#### <u>Limits of remuneration – Section 197 contd...</u>

#### B. In case of inadequacy of profits:

- In special cases, Schedule V Part II Section III: -
- 1. Remuneration paid by another company
- 2. Twice the limits permissible under section II
  - a. Newly incorporated company up to 7 years
  - b. Sick company
  - c. Company of which resolution plan approved by NCLT under IBC 2016 (for 5 years)
- 3. Remuneration fixed by BIFR / CLB / NCLT
- 4. Company in SEZ s.t conditions

- Remuneration to <u>directors</u> may be paid as monthly payment or percentage of net profits or partly in both ways
- Remuneration to independent director sitting fees,
   reimbursement of expenses for attending meeting, profit
   related commission approved by members BUT NOT stock
   options
- -MD / WTD who receives commission from the company can receive remuneration or commission from holding company or subsidiary company, subject to disclosure in directors' report [section 197 (14)]

### Important points to note

# [pre – conditions to pay remuneration without CG approval]

Clause (ii) of third proviso in section II of part II of the Schedule V annexed to Companies Act 2013 provides as under:-

 the company has not made any default in repayment of any of its debts (including public deposits) or debentures or interest payable thereon for a continuous period of thirty days in the preceding financial year before the date of appointment of such managerial person

\_\_and in case of default, the company obtains prior approval from secured creditors for the proposed remuneration and the fact of such prior approval having been obtained is mentioned in the explanatory statement to the notice convening general meeting.

#### Contd...

 Clause (iii) of third proviso in section II of part II of the Schedule V annexed to Companies Act 2013 provides as under: -

"an ordinary resolution or a special resolution, as the case may be, has been passed for payment of remuneration as per the limits laid down in item (A) OR a special resolution has been passed for payment of remuneration as per item (B) at the general meeting of the company for a period not exceeding three years."

### Mandatory compliance with Secretarial Standards issued by ICSI

### Section 118(10) states that:-

Every company shall observe secretarial standards with respect to general meeting and board meetings specified by the ICSI and approved by CG.

SS-1 on Meeting of the Board of Directors;

**SS-2 on General Meetings** 

Effective from 01.07.2015 to 30.09.2017

Revised SS-I & SS-II – effective from 01.10.2017

### **Key Highlights to SS-I:**

- Exemption from Applicability to OPC & Sec 8 Companies
- Time, Place, Date & Day of meeting to be mentioned in Notice
- Any director can participate in the meeting through electronic means
- In case of the Meeting is conducted at a shorter Notice, the company may choose an expedient mode of sending Notice and Agenda
- Mode of attendance be recorded in minutes, attendance register be preserved for 8 years

### Contd....(SS-I)

- Consideration of any item other than those included in the Agenda with the consent of majority of the Directors present at the Meeting and ratification thereof by majority.
- Notice, agenda, draft minutes to be sent through by hand / by speed post / registered post / by electronic means
- Proof of sending Notices, agenda, notes and draft Minutes and its delivery shall be maintained by the company for such period as decided by the Board, which shall not be less than three years from the date of the Meeting.
- The Report of the Board of Directors shall include a statement on compliances of applicable Secretarial Standards.

# DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTOR U/S 164 (2) OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013

# Section 164(2) Disqualification for appointment as director:

No person who is or has been a director of a company which: -

- > a) has not filed financial statements or annual returns for any continuous period of three financial years;
- ▶ b) has failed to repay the deposits accepted by it or pay interest thereon or to redeem any debentures on the due date or pay interest due thereon or pay any dividend declared and such failure to pay or redeem continues for one year or more,

shall be eligible to be re-appointed as a director of that company or appointed in other company for a period of five years from the date on which the said company fails to do so.

### Vacation of Office u/s 167:-

#### Section 167 states that:

- (1) The office of a director shall become vacant in case—
- (a) he incurs any of the disqualifications specified in section 164;
- (b) he absents himself from all the meetings of the Board of Directors held during a period of twelve months with or without seeking leave of absence of the Board;

(d) he fails to disclose his interest in any contract or arrangement in which he is directly or indirectly interested, in contravention of the provisions of section 184

### Contd..

On a combined reading of both the section it could be inferred that the moment any person acquires any of the disqualification mentioned under section 164 he'll have to vacate his office under section 167 and he'll not be able to be re-appointed as Director under that Company and also not able to be appointed as Director in any other Company by virtue of Sec 164

## **Advisory Notice issued by MCA**

Directors disqualified under Section 164(2)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 and who are associated with struck off companies (S.248) are advised

- ➤ not to make any application for Name Availability(INC-1), Incorporation of Companies (INC-7/SPICe-INC-32/URC-1/INC-12).
- Forms filed by such Directors shall be rejected summarily by the Central Registration Centre (CRC).
- Further, attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 7(5) and 7(6) of the Act which, inter-alia, provides that furnishing of any false or incorrect particulars of any information or suppression of any material information shall attract punishment for fraud under Section 447.
- Attention is also drawn to the provisions of Section 448 and 449 which provide for punishment for false statement and punishment for false evidence respectively.

## **Addition of names of new directors:**

Regional Director (NR) issued advisory to concerned Registrar of Companies to accept following documents for addition of names of newly appointed directors in MCA database:-

- 1. Copy of Notice issued to call GM
- 2. Proof of Dispatch of notice
- 3. Attendance record of the General Meeting
- 4. Consent and undertaking by new directors
- 5. Minutes of meeting along with extract of resolution

## **STRIKE OFF of COMPANIES**

## WAYS TO CLOSE A COMPANY







STRIKE - OFF U/s 248 of CA 2013 WINDING – UP
UNDER
INSOLVENCY & BANKRUPTCY
CODE 2016

Companies Act, 2013

Chapter 18

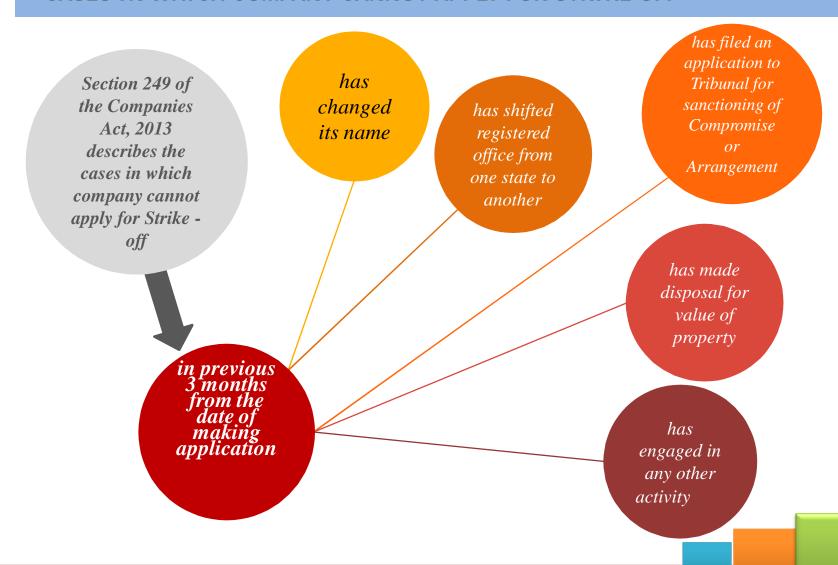
Section 248 -252

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR STRIKE-OFF**

•BY Registrar of Companies- Section 248(1) By the company – Section 248(2)

#### **STRIKE OFF**

#### CASES IN WHICH COMPANY CANNOT APPLY FOR STRIKE OFF



#### **STRIKE OFF**

## Sec 250 – From the Date of Publication of Notice of Strike off U/s 248 (5)

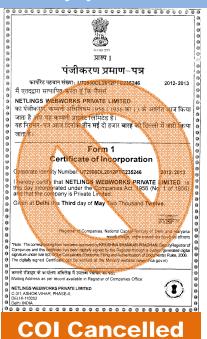












#### FRAUDULENT APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF NAME

As per Section 251 of the Companies Act, 2013, if fraudulent application is made for removal of name

To evade Company's liability

To deceive creditors



- ☐ Company will be liable to person who has incurred losses
- ☐ Punishable for fraud u/s 447
- ☐ Registrar of Companies will recommend Prosecution

## RESTORATION OF STRIKE OFF COMPANIES

#### RESTORATION

Person <u>aggrieved</u> by the order of ROC may file an <u>APPEAL/</u>
<u>APPLICATION</u> to Tribunal

Section 252 of the Companies Act 2013

- Company
- •Member
- •Creditors
- •Workman
- •Any other person including director

Within 3 years / 20 years from date of ROC order

If removal of name is not justified, Tribunal will order restoration of name of company

#### WHERE TO APPLY?

# APPEAL/ APPLICATION SHALL BE MADE TO THE

**HON'BLE TRIBUNAL\*** 

- •11 Benches
- Principal Bench at New Delhi

- NCLAT, Delhi
- Further Appeal
- With in 45 days

Supreme Court, Delhi

- Further Appeal
- With in 60 days

\*As per section 2 (90), "Tribunal" means the National Company L aw Tribunal constituted under Section 408 of Companies Act, 2013



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