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Subject: Adjudication Proceedings in respect of RITESH KUMAR GUPTA, [PAN: AJGPG0068H] in the matter of dealings in Illiquid Stock Options at BSE: Show Cause Notice under Rule 4(1) of the SEBI (Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties by Adjudicating Officer) Rules, 1995

1. Securities and Exchange Board of India (hereinafter, referred to as "SEBI") has initiated adjudication proceedings in respect of RITESH KUMAR GUPTA (hereinafter also referred to as "Noticee"), bearing PAN – AJGPG0068H for allegedly violating Regulations 3(a),(b),(c),(d) and 4(1), 4(2)(a) of SEBI (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trading Practices related to Securities Markets) Regulations, 2003 (hereinafter, referred to as "PFUTP Regulations, 2003"), in the matter of trading in illiquid stock options on the Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd. ("BSE").
2. The undersigned has been appointed as Adjudicating Officer, vide order dated September 20, 2021, to enquire into and adjudge under Section 15 I r/w Section 15HA of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as the "SEBI Act"), the alleged violations by the Noticee. A copy of the communiqué dated September 27, 2021 appointing the undersigned as Adjudicating Officer is placed at Annexure A.
3. As part of ongoing surveillance, SEBI came across large scale reversal of trades in Stock Options segment of the BSE. Subsequently, SEBI conducted an investigation into the trading activity in illiquid Stock Options at BSE (hereinafter, referred to as "investigation") for the period between April 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as "Investigation Period").



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4. Pursuant to investigation, it was observed that during the investigation period, a total of 2,91,744 trades comprising 81.41% of all the trades executed in BSE Stock Options Segment were trades which involved reversal of buy and sell positions by the clients and counterparties in a contract. The reversal trades involved squaring off transactions, but with significant difference in the sell value and buy value of the transactions. The aforesaid reversal trades allegedly resulted into generation of artificial volumes.
5. The Noticee was one of the entities which indulged in reversal trades which allegedly created false and misleading appearance of trading, generating artificial volumes in the Stock Options Segment of BSE during the investigation period. The Noticee is alleged to have engaged in 1 reversal trades in one unique contract, which led to generation of alleged artificial volume of 800000 units. These trades of the Noticee involved reversal with the same counterparty on the same day, but at different prices. Details of the trades of Noticee in Stock Options segment of BSE during the investigation period are given in **Annexure B** and details of all the reversal trades of the Noticee in Stock Option Segment of BSE during investigation period are given in **Annexure C**.
6. The trades entered by the Noticee were reversed on the same day with same counterparty at a substantial price difference without any basis for significant change in the contract price which indicates that these trades are artificial and non- genuine in nature.
7. A summary of dealings of Noticee in the One Stock Options contract in which the said Noticee allegedly executed reversal trade during the investigation period, is as follows: -

Summary of dealings in contract wherein the Noticee executed reversal trade

S. No.	Contract Name	Avg. Buy Rate (Rs.)	Total Buy Volume (no. of units)	Avg. Sell Rate (Rs.)	Total Sell Volume (no. of units)	% of Artificial Volume generated by Noticee in the contract to Noticee's Total Volume in the Contract	% of Artificial Volume generated by Noticee in the contract to Total Volume in the Contract
1	IFCI15JAN34.00PEW4	0.05	400000	0.8	400000	100%	100%

Note: "Unit" refers to lot size in contract multiplied by number of contracts traded.





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8. The abovementioned reversal trades and volumes are illustrated through the dealings of Noticee in the one contract viz during the investigation period, as follows:
- (a) During the investigation period, 2 trades for 800000 units were executed by the Noticee in the said contract on 19/01/2015.
 - (b) While dealing in the said contract on 19/01/2015, at 14:31:17 hrs the Noticee entered into a buy trade with the counterparty Shalibhadra Investments, for 400000 units at Rs. 0.05 per unit. At 13:44:12 hrs the Noticee entered into a sell trade with the same counterparty for 400000 units at Rs. 0.8 per unit.
 - (c) The Noticee's two trades while dealing in the abovementioned contract during the investigation period allegedly generated artificial volume of 800000 units, which constituted 100% of total market volume in the said contract during this period.
9. In view of the foregoing, it is alleged that Noticee, by indulging in execution of non-genuine reversal of trades in Stock Options with same entity on the same day, created false and misleading appearance of trading in stock options and therefore allegedly violated Regulation 3(a),(b),(c),(d), 4(1), 4(2)(a) of PFUTP Regulations, 2003.
10. The aforesaid alleged violation, if established, makes the Noticee liable for monetary penalty under section 15HA of the SEBI Act.
11. You are, therefore, called upon to show cause as to why an inquiry should not be held against you in terms of Rule 4 of the SEBI (Procedure for holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties by Adjudicating Officer) Rules, 1995 (hereinafter referred as "Adjudication Rules") read with section 15 I of the SEBI Act, and why penalty should not be imposed under section 15HA of the SEBI Act.
12. Your reply, if any, should reach the undersigned or through email at lambers@sebi.gov.in and viralp@sebi.gov.in within 21 days from the date of receipt of this Notice, failing which it shall be presumed that you have no reply to submit and the matter would be further proceeded with on the basis of the evidence available on record in terms of sub-rule (7) of Rule 4 of the Adjudication Rules. You may also indicate whether you desire a personal hearing in the matter.





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13. Further, you are required to keep the undersigned informed about the change in your correspondence address, if any, till the conclusion of the proceedings. You are also required to submit a photocopy of your PAN card and contact details viz. Telephone numbers / Fax numbers / e-mail IDs and details of contact persons for records.

Lamber Singh
Adjudicating Officer

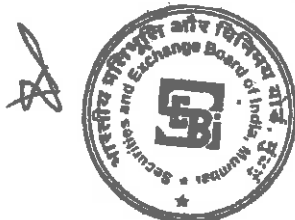


Enclosures: Documents relied upon are as follows: -

Annexure	Copy of relevant documents enclosed with this SCN	No. of pages
A	Communique dated September 27, 2021 appointing Adjudicating Officer	1
B	Integrated trade log of all trades of Noticee in Stock Option segment of BSE during the investigation period i.e., April 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015	1
C	Integrated trade log of all reversal trades of Noticee in Stock Option segment of BSE during the investigation period	1

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Order communicating appointment of Adjudicating Officer

1. Whereas, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has conducted examination into the trading in options on individual stocks listed on Bombay Stock Exchange for possible violation of the provisions of the securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as the 'SEBI Act') and various Rules and Regulations made there under,
2. Whereas, the Competent Authority is *prima facie* of the view that there are grounds to adjudicate upon the alleged violations of provisions of Regulations 3(a), (b), (c), (d) and Regulations 4(1), 4(2)(a) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to Securities Market) Regulations 2003 by certain entities.
3. The Competent Authority has, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 19 of the SEBI Act read with Section 15 I(1) of the SEBI Act and Rule 3 of securities and Exchange Board of India (Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) Rules, 1995 ("hereinafter referred as the 'SEBI Rules') read with section 19 of the SEBI Act, vide Order dated September 20, 2021, appointed certain Division Chiefs as Adjudicating Officers to enquire into and adjudge under Section 15HA SEBI Act, the alleged violations by the entities.
4. The list of the entities against whom adjudication is approved and the names of the respective Adjudicating Officers who are appointed to adjudicate against these entities is enclosed as Annexure.
5. The said proceedings of appointment are hereby being communicated to the Adjudicating Officers who shall conduct the Adjudication Proceedings in the manner specified under Rule 4 of the of the SEBI Rules read with sub-section (1) and (2) of Section 15 I of SEBI Act.



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6. The Adjudicating Officers shall enquire into and adjudicate upon the alleged violation as stated above and if the Adjudicating Officers are satisfied that the entities have become liable for penalty, may impose penalty, as they think fit, in terms of Rule 5 of the SEBI Rules and provisions of Sections 15HA of the SEBI Act.

Dated at Mumbai, this 27th day September 2021.



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BHAVANA RAVIKUMAR

GENERAL MANAGER

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

S. No.	Case ID	Case Name	PAN Number	Entity Name	AO Name

2194	210016468	ISO at BSE-RITESH KUMAR GUPTA	AJGPG0068H	RITESH KUMAR GUPTA	Lamber Singh
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Annexure B

TRADE DATE	19/01/2015	19/01/2015
SCRIPCODE	870114	870114
PANNO	ANIP582725	ANIP582725
CLIENTNAME	SHALINADRA INVESTMENTS	SHALINADRA INVESTMENTS
CP_PANNO	ANIP582725	ANIP582725
CP_CLIENTNAME	RITESH KUMAR GUPTA	SHALINADRA INVESTMENTS
ORDER_NO	1421648237203004001	1421648237203004003
CP_ORDER_NO	1421648237203004000	1421648237203004002
TRADEID		17234
ORDER_TIME	13:44:12.002338	14:31:17.789668
CP_ORDER_TIME	13:42:00.846542	14:31:16.929428
TRADE_TIME	13:44:12.002338	14:31:17.789668
ORDER_LMTIME	13:44:12.002338	14:31:17.789668
CP_ORDER_LMTIME	13:42:00.846542	14:31:16.929428
TRADE_RATE	0.8	0.05
LTP_RATE		-0.75
LTP_PERCENT		-93.75
TRADE_VALUE	13920000.0	13620000.0
ORDER_RATE	0.8	0.05
CP_ORDER_RATE	0.8	0.05
ORDER_LMRATE	0.8	0.05
CP_ORDER_LMRATE	0.8	0.05
ORDER_LTP	0.8	0.05
CP_ORDER_LTP		0.8
TRADED_QTY	400000	400000
ORDER_QTY	400000	400000
CP_ORDER_QTY	400000	400000
ORDER_AVLQTY	400000	400000
CP_ORDER_AVLQTY	400000	400000
ORDER_LMQTY	400000	400000
CP_ORDER_LMQTY	400000	400000
MEMBER_NO	990	5155
MEMBER_NAME	THE CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE LTD	LALIT KUMAR TULSHYAN
OLD_CLIENT		
MODIFIED_CLIENT	M0866S524	AN26
CP_MEMBER_NO	5155	990
CP_MEMBER_NAME	LALIT KUMAR TULSHYAN	THE CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE LTD.
CP_OLD_CLIENT		
CP_MODIFIED_CLIENT	AN26	M0866S524
TERMINALID	221	1
USER_NAME	SWAPAN DUTTA	UTSAV TULSHYAN
LOCATION_ADDRESS	41 JAWAHAR LAL NEHRU ROAD, 2ND FLOOR KOLKATA WEST BENGAL 700071	6 LYONS RANGE GATE NO-1 1ST FLOOR KOLKATA WEST BENGAL 700001
CP_TERMINALID	1	221
CP_USER_NAME	UTSAV TULSHYAN	SWAPAN DUTTA
CP_LOCATION_ADDRESS	6 LYONS RANGE GATE NO-1 1ST FLOOR KOLKATA WEST BENGAL 700001	41 JAWAHAR LAL NEHRU ROAD, 2ND FLOOR KOLKATA WEST BENGAL 700071
ORDER_AUD	A	A
CP_ORDER_AUD	A	A
ORDER_TYPE	L	L
CP_ORDER_TYPE	L	L
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STOCKPRICE	CI15JAN34.00PEW3	ICI15JAN34.00PEW3
EXPIRY DATE	2015-01-22	2015-01-22
STOCKPRICE	3400.00	3400.00
SEISS	ECB	ECB
MKT_TYPE	N	N
ISIN_NO		
RQTY	400000	400000



Annexure C

clnt_pan	scripname	buy_qu antity	buy_val ue	avg_ buy_ rate	sell_qt y	sell_valu e	avg_s ell_ra te	non_g en_tr nx_en tity_c ontrct	total_t rd_ent ity_co ntrct	total_ no_of trade s_of_t he_cnt rct	art_vol _gen_e ntity_in _the_cn trct	total_v ol_gen _by_en tity_in _the_c ntrct	total_vol _in_the_ contract	prcnt_of _non_ge n_trds_e ntity_tot al_trds_l n_cntrct _entity	prcnt_ of_no_ _gen_ _trds_ entity _total _trds_ in_cnt rct	prcnt_ of_art_ vol_ge n_entit y_cntrc t_total _vol_g en_by_ entity_ in_cntr ct	prcnt_o f_art_v ol_gen_ of_gen_ entity_c ntrct_to tal_vol_ in_cntrc t
AJGPG0068H	IFCI15JAN34.00PEW4	400000	20000	0.05	400000	320000	0.8	2	2	2	800000	800000	800000	100	100	100	100



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