

National Stock Exchange of India

Circular

Department: Investigation	
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To All NSE Members

Sub: SAT Order in the matter of Aptech limited

This is with reference to NSE circular no. NSE/INVG/55815 dated February 28, 2023, referring to SEBI order no. WTM/SM/IVD/ID13/24252/2022-23 dated February 28, 2023

The Hon'ble Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) vide its order dated March 16, 2023, had inter-alia stated that, the appellant to deposit the disgorgement amount of Rs. 49 lacs and penalty amount of Rs. 15 lacs within three weeks from today. If the said amount is deposited, the effect and operation of the order in so far as it relates to the debarment shall remain stayed during the pendency of the appeal. The amount so deposited will be subject to the result of the appeal.

Further, SEBI vide email dated March 21, 2023 confirmed that the requisite amount has been deposited by the entity Lashit Sanghvi (PAN-AAHPS6774J) with SEBI and further directed to comply with the aforesaid SAT order dated March 16, 2023.

The detailed order is available on SAT website (<http://www.sat.gov.in>).

Further, the consolidated list of such entities is available on the Exchange website <http://www.nseindia.com> home page under "Home Regulation-Members-Action against Members-Regulatory Actions".

Members are advised to take note of the above and ensure compliance.

In case of any further queries, members are requested to contact the following officials:

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**For and on behalf of
National Stock Exchange of India Limited**

**Sandesh Sawant
Senior Manager**

ANNEXURE: - SAT Order in the matter of Aptech limited

BEFORE THE SECURITIES APPELLATE TRIBUNAL
MUMBAI

Date : 16.03.2023

**Misc. Application No. 318 of 2023
And
Misc. Application No. 319 of 2023
And
Appeal No. 257 of 2023**

Mr. Lashit Sanghvi

..... Appellant

Versus

Securities and Exchange Board of India

... Respondent

Mr. Janak Dwarkadas, Senior Advocate with Mr. Somasekhar Sundaresan, Ms. Shruti Rajan, Mr. Vivek Shah, Ms. Yugandhara Khanwilkar, Ms. Drishti Kapadia, Advocates i/b Trilegal for the Appellant.

Mr. Pradeep Sancheti, Senior Advocate with Ms. Nidhi Singh, Ms. Deepti Mohan, Mr. Niket Dalal, Ms. Hubab Sayeed, Ms. Purvi Jain, Advocates i/b Viddhi Partners for the Respondent.

ORDER :

1. We have heard the learned senior counsel for the parties. Let a reply be filed by the respondent within three weeks from today. Rejoinder may be filed within three weeks thereafter. The matter would be listed for admission and for final disposal on May 16, 2023.
2. The issue relates to insider trading. One of the questions which arises for consideration is, whether the burden of proof has been discharged by SEBI or whether the burden or the onus is required to

be discharged by the appellant to the extent that he had access of the UPSI. Further, the issue whether the appellant, being closely associated with Rakesh Jhunjhunwala would come within the parameters of the definition of “a connected person” under Regulation 2(1)(g) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 or “insider” under the Regulation 2(1)(g)(ii) of the PIT Regulations.

3. In view of the aforesaid, we direct the appellant to deposit the disgorgement amount of Rs. 49 lacs and penalty amount of Rs. 15 lacs within three weeks from today. If the said amount is deposited, the effect and operation of the order in so far as it relates to the debarment shall remain stayed during the pendency of the appeal. The amount so deposited will be subject to the result of the appeal.

4. This order will be digitally signed by the Private Secretary on behalf of the bench and all concerned parties are directed to act on the digitally signed copy of this order. Certified copy of this order is also available from the Registry on payment of usual charges.

Justice Tarun Agarwala
Presiding Officer

Ms. Meera Swarup
Technical Member

16.03.2023
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