



**IN THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL
DIVISION BENCH (COURT- I) CHENNAI**

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HELD ON **02.07.2026** THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE

**CORAM: HON'BLE SHRI. SANJIV JAIN, MEMBER (JUDICIAL)
HON'BLE SHRI VENKATARAMAN SUBRAMANIAM, MEMBER (TECHNICAL)**

Application No	:	CA(CAA)/103(CHE)2025
Petition No	:	CP(CAA)/24(CHE)/2026
Name of Petitioner	:	
&		India Radiators Ltd
Name of Respondent	:	
Section	:	230-232 of CA, 2013

ORDER

506. CP(CAA)/24(CHE)/2026

Present: Ms. B.Chandra, Ld. PCS for the Petitioner.

Vide separate order pronounced in the open Court, the Scheme is approved.

File be consigned to records.

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**[VENKATARAMAN SUBRAMANIAM]
MEMBER (TECHNICAL)**

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**[SANJIV JAIN]
MEMBER (JUDICIAL)**

Date: 02.07.2026



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DIVISION BENCH - I, CHENNAI**

CP (CAA) / 24 (CHE) / 2026

In

CA (CAA) / 103 (CHE) / 2025

(Filed under Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013)

In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation between India Radiators Limited (Transferor Company) and Mercantile Ventures Limited (Transferee Company) and their respective Shareholders and Creditors and their respective Shareholders

INDIA RADIATORS LIMITED,
CIN: L27209TN1949PLC000963,
Having its Registered Office at,
No. 88, Mount Road,
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032

... 1st Petitioner / Transferor Company

With

MERCANTILE VENTURES LIMITED,
CIN: L65191TN1985PLC037309,
Having its Registered Office at,
No. 88, Mount Road,
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032

... 2nd Petitioner / Transferee Company

Order Pronounced on 02nd July 2026

CORAM

SANJIV JAIN, MEMBER (JUDICIAL)

VENKATARAMAN SUBRAMANIAM, MEMBER (TECHNICAL)

Present: -

<i>For Petitioner</i>	<i>: Mr. B Chandra, Advocates</i>
<i>For Income Tax Depar.</i>	<i>: Mr. Raj Jhabakh, Advocate</i>
<i>For Official Liquidator</i>	<i>: Mr. B. Palani, appeared on behalf of OL</i>
<i>For Reginal Director</i>	<i>: Mr. Avinash Krishnan Ravi, Advocate</i>



ORDER
(Hearing Conducted though Hybrid Mode)

1. This Joint Company Petition has been filed by **INDIA RADIATORS LIMITED** (*hereinafter referred as 1st Petitioner Company / Transferor Company*), and **MERCANTILE VENTURES LIMITED** (*hereinafter referred as 2nd Petitioner Company / Transferee Company*) under section 230-232 of the Companies Act, 2013, and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016 (for brevity 'the Rules') for approval of the Scheme of Amalgamation (*hereinafter referred to as the 'SCHEME'*) proposed between the Petitioners Company. The Scheme is appended as "**Annexure – 3**" at Page Nos. 192-219 of the Petition typeset.

2. **1ST MOTION APPLICATION**

2.1 The Petitioner Companies had filed First Motion Application vide CA (CAA) / 103 (CHE) / 2025 and sought directions for Dispensation/ Convening the meeting of its Members/ Shareholders and Creditors regarding approval of the proposed Scheme, which is extracted as follows:

	Equity Shareholders	Preference Shareholders	Secured Creditors	Unsecured Creditors
Transferor Company	Convene Meeting	Dispense With	NA	Dispense With
Transferee Company	Convene Meeting	NA	NA	Convene Meeting



2.2 Based on the submissions, this Tribunal vide Order dated 02.02.2026 ordered to dispense of the meetings of Preference Shareholders and Unsecured Creditors of Transferor Company, and to convene the meetings of Equity Shareholders of both Companies and Unsecured Creditors of Transferee Company. The same is reproduced as follows:

II. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN AND SCRUTINIZER IN BRIEF Meeting details						
Report of Chairman filed before Tribunal: Date 17-03-2026 & Sr. No. 3305118041452025						
PARTICULARS	TRANSFEROR COMPANY MEETING DATE	QUORUM		% OF PERSON PRESENT & VOTING		NAME OF CHAIRPERSON & SCRUTINIZER
		NO. OF PERSONS PRESENT AND VOTING	TOTAL % OF VOTING IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF SHARES/CREDIT	FAVOUR	AGAINST	
Equity Shareholders	13-03-2026	35	47.13%	100%	NIL	K Gaurav kumar Chairperson A U Maithreyi Scrutinizer
Preference Shareholders	Dispensed with					
Secured Creditors	Not applicable					
Unsecured Trade Creditors	Dispensed with					
Unsecured Loan Creditors	Not applicable					
Others (if any)	None of Public shareholders voted against the resolution as per SEBI Circular					

Transferee Company						
PARTICULARS	TRANSFEREE COMPANY MEETING DATE	QUORUM		% OF PERSON PRESENT & VOTING		NAME OF CHAIRPERSON & SCRUTINIZER
		NO. OF PERSONS PRESENT AND VOTING	TOTAL % OF VOTING IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF SHARES/CREDIT	FAVOUR	AGAINST	
Equity Shareholders	13-03-2026	62	89.96%	99.997	.00003	K Gaurav kumar Chairperson A U Maithreyi Scrutinizer
Preference Shareholders	Not applicable					
Secured Creditors	Not applicable					
Unsecured Trade Creditors	13-03-2026	14	78.45	100%	-	K Gaurav kumar Chairperson A U Maithreyi Scrutinizer
Unsecured Loan Creditors						
Others (if any)	99.9993% of public shareholders who voted for the meeting voted for the resolution as per SEBI Circular					



2.3. Subsequently, the second motion petition was filed before this Tribunal by the Petitioner Company on 21.03.2026 for sanction of the Scheme of Arrangement (Amalgamation) by this Tribunal.

3. SCHEME SUMMARY

The Scheme provides for the Arrangement between **INDIA RADIATORS LIMITED** With **MERCANTILE VENTURES LIMITED** their respective Shareholders and Creditors. Both the Petitioner Companies come under the jurisdiction of this Tribunal.

4. RATIONALE OF THE SCHEME

The rationale and benefits of the Scheme are briefed in Clause C of the Part A of the Scheme as follows,

RATIONALE FOR THE SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION:

“a) By this amalgamation, it is expected that the administrative and operational costs will be considerably reduced and the Transferee Company will be able to operate and run the business/operations more effectively and economically resulting in better turnover and profits.

b) It is expected that the proposed Scheme of Amalgamation will benefit the Transferee Company in the usual economies of a centralized and a large company including elimination of duplication of work, reduction in overheads, better and more productive utilization of human and other resource and enhancement of overall business efficiency and will bring in synergies for the Transferee Company post amalgamation. It will help



the Transferee Company to use the combined managerial and operating strength, to build a wider capital and financial base and to promote and secure overall growth of the business, thereby it will make available to the Transferee Company, the benefit of technical and marketing expertise of both the companies.

c) The said Scheme of Amalgamation will contribute in fulfilling and furthering the objects of these companies. It will strengthen, consolidate and stabilize the business of these companies and will facilitate further expansion and growth of their business.

d) The Transferee Company will have the benefit of the combined assets, cash flows and man-power of both the companies. These combined resources will enhance its capability to expand and improve its efficiency of operations."

It is stated that the Board of Directors of both the Petitioner Companies have proposed the Scheme of Amalgamation. This Scheme provides for various other matters consequential or otherwise integrally connected herewith.

5. In the second motion Petition filed by the Petitioner Companies, this Tribunal vide order dated 01.04.2026 directed the Petitioner Companies to issue notice to the Statutory / Regulatory Authorities concerned and to issue paper publication.

6. In compliance with the said directions issued by this Tribunal, the Petitioner Companies effected paper publications in "***Business Standard***" in English (All India Edition) and "***Dina Thanthi***" in Tamil (Tamil Nadu Edition) on 10.04.2026.

7. The notices were also served to

- (i) Regional Director, Southern Region, Chennai,
- (ii) Official Liquidator,



(iii) Income Tax Department and other regulators.

It is also seen that notices have been also served to

S.No	Statutory authorities	Date of Notice
1.	Regional Director, Southern Region, Chennai	06.04.2026
2.	Registrar of Companies, Chennai	06.04.2026
3.	Income Tax Department	06.04.2026
4.	Official Liquidator	06.04.2026

Pursuant to the service of notice of the petition, the following statutory authorities have responded.

8. STATUTORY / REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

8.1. REGIONAL DIRECTOR

8.1.1. The Regional Director (RD), Southern Region to whom the notice was served, has filed its report on 01.06.2026 and has expressed its 'Observations'. The same are as follows,

Para	Observations
4	As per Clause 4 of Part A of the Scheme, "Appointed Date" means 1 st January 2025, or such other date as may be fixed or approved by the Tribunal or such other competent authority.



5	As per Clause 5 of Part II of the Scheme, all permanent employees (including deputed employees) of the Transferor Company, shall become employees of the Transferee Company on such date as if they were in continuous service without any break or interruption in service, and in lieu of such terms and conditions in relation to employment and remuneration not being less favourable than those on which they are engaged or employed by the Transferor Company, become the employees of the Transferee Company as and from the Appointed Date. The scheme also provides that the Transferee Company undertakes to continue to abide by any agreement/ settlement, if any, validly entered into by the Transferor Company with any union/employee of the Transferor Company recognized by the Transferor Company.
6	Clause 8 of Part II of the Scheme provides that upon this Scheme becoming effective and in consideration of the transfer and vesting of the Transferor Company in the Transferee Company in terms of this Scheme, the Transferee Company shall subject to the provisions of the Scheme and without any further application or deed, issue and allot Equity Shares to shareholders, administrators, legal representatives, determined as on Record Date, whose name is recorded in the register of members of Transferor Company in the following proportion: <i>"10 (Ten) equity shares of the transferee Company with the face value of INR 10/- each fully paid up for every 36 (Thirty-Six) equity shares of the transferor Company with a face value of INR 10/- each fully paid up."</i>



8	Clause 10.1 Part II of the scheme provides that, upon the Scheme becoming effective, the Transferor Company and the Transferee Company being under common control, the Amalgamation of the Transferor Company with the Transferee Company shall be accounted by the Transferee Company as per the "Pooling of interest Method provided under Appendix C of Ind AS 103, 'Business Combinations' notified under Section 133 of the Act. Clause 10.2 Part II of the scheme provides that, upon the scheme coming into effect, all the assets and liabilities of the Transferor Company shall be transferred to and vested in the Transferee Company and shall be recorded at their respective book values. Clause 10.3 Part II of the scheme provides that, upon the scheme coming into effect, the difference between the amount recorded as share capital issued by Transferee Company (Securities issued will be recorded at their nominal value) and the amount of share capital of the Transferor Company shall be transferred to capital reserve of the Transferee Company.
9	Clause 13.1 Part II of the scheme provides that, upon the effectiveness of this Scheme, the Transferor Company shall be dissolved without winding up, and the Board of Directors and any committees thereof of the Transferor Company shall without any further act, instrument or deed stands dissolved.
11	The ROC Chennai vide report dated 04.05.2026 stated that the petitioner Companies have filed financial statements and Annual Returns up to 31.03.2025. It is further stated that No Inquiry/ Inspection/ Investigation/ Complaint/ Prosecution is pending.



	It is observed from the audited Balance Sheet year ended 31.03.2025 of Transferor and Transferee company, there are no undisputable dues and statutory dues pending with the Transferor company As per the Independent Auditor's report of the Transferee company, the company has disclosed the impact of pending litigations on its financial position vide No.31. In the Transferee Company, the independent auditor has reported vide para iii (c) of Annexure B that in respect of loans and advances in the nature of loans, wherever the schedule of repayment of principal and payment of interest is stipulated by the company, the repayments are regular except for Rs.3,32.77 lakhs where the repayment for interest and principal is not as stipulated by the company. The company has provided Rs.337.16 Lakhs as Expected Credit Loss in respect of such loans. It is also stated that the Transferor and Transferee companies have filed BEN 2.
12	The Petitioner Companies may be directed to undertake to comply with the provisions of Section 240 of the Companies Act, 2013 and provisions of Section 232(3)(i) of the Companies Act, 2013.

8.1.2 It is submitted by the RD that the petition may be disposed of on merits after considering the submissions made in para 11 and 12.

Response to the RD Report:

8.1.3 The Petitioners have filed response to the RD Report dated 10.06.2026. The response to the report of the RD is tabulated hereunder:



Para	Observations
1 to 9	It is stated the observations made from Paras 1 to 9 are the details of the scheme, which are factual in nature. So, there have no remarks for the same.
10	It is stated that this para is an affirmation given by Registrar of Companies and no adverse remarks have been made by ROC in its report.
12	The petitioner companies hereby declare and undertake to comply with the provisions of Section 240 of the Companies Act, 2013 and provisions of Section 232(3)(i) of the Companies Act, 2013

8.2. INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT

8.2.1 The Income Tax Department to whom the notice was served has filed its report on 13.04.2026 and has expressed its 'Observations' as follows:

8.2.2 The requirement to send notice to the concerned department is a procedural requirement and as such does not impact the right of the Department to proceed in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961. It is prayed that this Tribunal may take the objections on record without prejudice to the rights of the Department to take all appropriate proceedings under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 to protect the interest of the government including the right to reopen the assessment. Therefore, by way of filing of this memo and the report, the Income Tax Department shall not have deemed to waive its rights to undertake all proceedings under the Income Tax Act, 1961.



8.2.3 Reliance is placed on the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Marshall Sons & Co India Ltd Vs Income Tax Officer (AIR 1997SC1763 & MANU/SC/0407/1997)*. It is stated that the Income Tax Department reserves its right to proceed against the Petitioner Companies through independent proceedings under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and pass orders in accordance with law. The relevant para 17 of the Judgement is extracted as under:

"17. We, however, make it clear that we have not expressed any opinion on the plea of the learned Counsel for the Revenue that the amalgamation itself is a device designed to evade the taxes legitimately payable by the subsidiary company. If the Income Tax authorities think that, they are entitled to raise this question in the proceedings under the Income Tax Act, it is open to them to do so by way of a separate proceeding according to law."

(emphasis supplied)

8.2.4 It is stated that in line with the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Income Tax Department reserves its right to proceed against the Petitioner Companies through independent proceedings under the provisions of the Income Tax. It is reiterated that filing of the present memo shall not in any manner amount to waiving its rights to proceed against the Petitioner Companies and pass orders in accordance with law.

8.2.5 It is stated that the office has no objections to the proposed scheme of amalgamation, subject to the condition that all existing and future tax liabilities of the amalgamating company shall be borne by the amalgamated company in



accordance with Section 170 of Income Tax Act. The letter to this effect is reproduced as under:



Office of Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax -
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Room No. 428, Income Tax Office - रूम 428, आयकरकार्यालय
Mahatma Gandhi Road, - महात्मागाँधीरोड
Nungambakkam, Chennai – 60034 – नुंगम्बाक्कम, चेन्नई – 600034
Ph: 044-28338639 / Email: Chennai.dcit.c4.1@incometax.gov.in

Corp. Cir-4(1)/NOC/AAICM6095N/2026-27

Date: 10.04.2026

To

Senior Standing Counsel

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Dr. Radhakrishanan Salai, Mylapore

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Sub: No Objection Certificate in the case of M/s. Mercantile Ventures Limited

PAN: AAICM6095N – Reg.

Please refer to the above.

The office has No Objection to the proposed scheme of amalgamation, subject to the condition that all existing and future tax liabilities of the amalgamating company shall be borne by the amalgamated company in accordance with Section 170 of Income Tax Act.

It is further submitted that the approval of the scheme shall not prejudice or affect any pending or future proceedings under the Income Tax Act.

The above report pertains only to Mercantile Ventures Limited, PAN: AAICM6095N.

Veesa Ratna Raju, IRS
Deputy Commissioner of Income-tax
Corporate Circle-4(1), Chennai

8.3. OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR

8.3.1 The Official Liquidator to whom the notice was served, has filed its report on 23.04.2026 and has expressed its 'Observations' to the Scheme as follows:



Para	Observations
3(i)	The clauses 1.h and 5.1 of Part I (Definitions) of the Scheme seeks to protect all permanent employees of the Transferor Company only if they are in service as on effective date, and hence, this Tribunal may be pleased to direct the companies to submit an undertaking to this Tribunal to the effect that there would be no retrenchment of any employee who were in service as on Appointed Date (01.01.2025) as well except in the event of their resignation on their own before the Effective Date.
3(ii)	The record date as defined in clause 1.m of Part I (Definitions) of the scheme does not provide for fixing the record date mutually by the respective board of directors of both transferor company and transferee company. In this regard, this Tribunal may direct the companies to submit an undertaking that it would be fixed mutually and they would fix the record date immediately after sanction of the scheme and before the effective date / dissolution date or subject to the SEBI guidelines since Transferee Company is a listed company.
3(iii)	The clause 14.3 provides for auto modification of content of the scheme, post its sanction by this Tribunal, it is submitted that such auto modification of the content of the scheme to be in compliance with Income Tax Law etc., without the previous approval / sanction of this Tribunal will be in violation of section 231(1)(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 as every modification of the content of the Scheme requires approval by this Tribunal. Hence, this Tribunal may be pleased to direct the Transferor and Transferee Companies to delete / modify the 14.3 of the scheme by way of amendment to the scheme proposed, so as to ensure that no such auto amendment / modification of the Scheme takes place, post its sanction by this Tribunal or to submit an undertaking to this Tribunal to the effect that such auto modification of the content of the scheme will not be implemented without prior approval of this Tribunal.



3(iv)	Clause 8.2 of the scheme, states that the inter-se investments as existed on Effective Date are proposed to get cancelled as per scheme. It is submitted that the inter se investments as existed as on appointed date only will get cancelled and not any subsequent transactions, as the same would be considered as transactions of the transferee alone, upon sanction of the scheme. Hence the clause 8.2 of the scheme need amendment to provide for cancellation of inter se investments as on appointed date only or to submit an undertaking to this Tribunal to the effect that inter se investments as existed as on appointed date only will get cancelled.
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8.3.2 It is stated that the Official Liquidator is of the opinion that the affairs of the Transferor Company appear to have not been conducted in a manner prejudicial to the interest of its members or to public interest subject to representation in para 3 above.

8.3.3 The Official Liquidator has sought to take on record the report. He has also sought to fix the remuneration payable to the Auditor who has investigated into the affairs of Transferor Company.

Response to the OL Report:

8.3.5 The Petitioners have filed response to the OL Report dated 05.05.2026. The response to the report of the OL is tabulated hereunder:

Para	Observations
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1	In the affidavit submitted by the petitioner companies, it is stated that the transferee company undertakes to that the staff, workmen and employees of the Transferor Company in permanent service on the Appointed Date and they shall become the staff, workmen and employees of the Transferee Company on such date without any break or interruption in service and on the terms and conditions and not in any way less favourable to them than those subsisting with reference to the Transferor Company as the case may be on the said date.
2	The companies undertake that the record date would be fixed after approval of the Board of both the transferor Company and the transferee Company.
3	The companies undertake that the Board of the Transferee Company will not undertake any modification to the Scheme without the prior approval of this Tribunal.
4	The companies undertake that the inter-se investments as on the appointed date only would get cancelled as any further transactions will be considered as transactions on behalf of the Transferee Company only.

9. ACCOUNTING TREATMENT

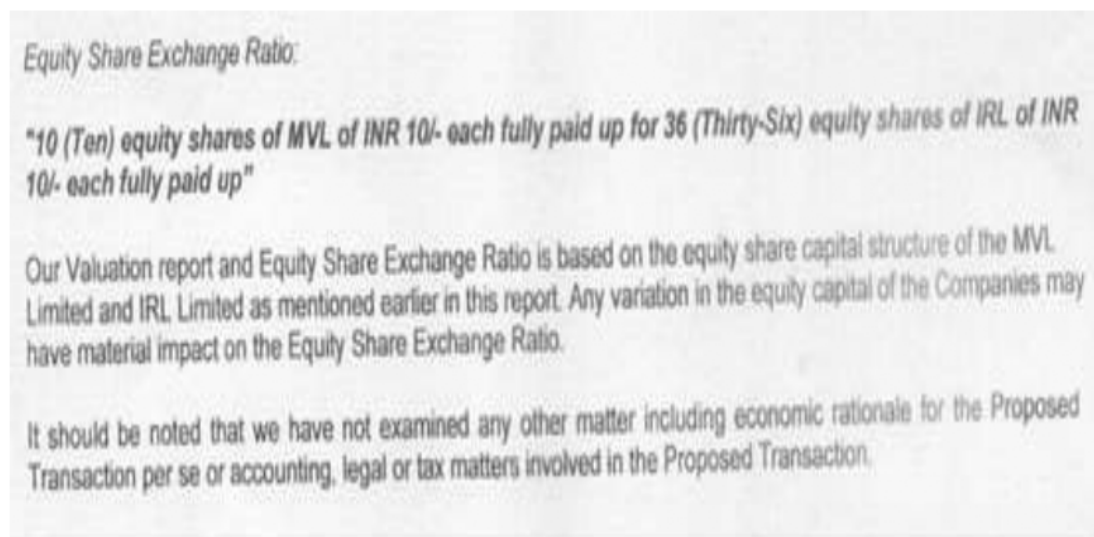
The Petitioners have stated that the Statutory Auditors have examined the Scheme and certified that the Accounting Treatment contained in the proposed Scheme of Arrangement is compliant with the Applicable Indian Accounting Standards. The Certificate issued by the Statutory Auditors certifying the



Accounting Treatment of the Petitioner Companies are placed at *Annexure 8* of the typed set.

10. VALUATION

The Petitioner Company has filed Valuation Report obtained from two Registered Valuer, namely, Kalyanam Bhaskar and V. G. Hareesh. The valuation report dated 31.03.2025 is placed as *Annexure 5* of the Petition typeset. The Valuation Approach and the Share Entitlement Ratio Analysis of the Independent Valuer is extracted hereunder for reference,





G. VALUATION APPROACH

1. We have used International Valuation Standards as well as ICAI Valuation Standards.
2. We have framed our Valuation Basis and Approach, considering both the companies as a going concern entity, and have done the valuation exercise on the principle of Arm's Length Basis.
3. Since MVL & IRL are public limited companies and frequently traded / untraded companies, we have used all the valuation approaches and given rationale weightages for these approaches.
4. While using MARKET APPROACH using SEBI PRICING METHOD, we have taken A. Average of the volume weighted average price (VWAP) of the equity shares of MVL quoted in the BSE during 90 days preceding the relevant date i.e. 31st March 2025 and B. Average of the volume weighted average price (VWAP) of the equity shares of MVL quoted on BSE during 10 days preceding the relevant date i.e. 31st March 2025.
5. We have used all three approaches and methodologies for arriving at Fair Valuation
 - a. Cost Approach – Book Value – NAV Method.
 - b. Market Approach – Comparable Price / Book Value Multiples.
 - c. Market Approach – Market Price Method.

RATIO BASIS OF EQUITY SHARE EXCHANGE RATIO

The Scheme contemplates amalgamation of IRL with and into MVL. Arriving at the Equity Share Exchange Ratio for the Proposed Transaction would require determining the value of equity shares of the Companies on a relative basis. These values are to be determined independently, but on a relative basis for the Companies, without considering the effect of the Proposed Transaction(s).

The valuation approach adopted by RVKB and RVVGH is given in Annexure 1A and 1B respectively (Annexure 1A and 1B together referred to as Annexures).

The determination of a Equity Share Exchange Ratio / Valuation is not a precise science and the conclusions arrived at in many cases will, of necessity, be subjective and dependent on the exercise of individual judgement. This concept is also recognized in judicial decisions. There is, therefore, no indisputable single Equity Share Exchange Ratio/ equity value estimate. While we have provided our recommendation of the Equity Share Exchange Ratio based on the information available to us and within the scope and constraints of our engagement, others may have a different opinion as to the Share Exchange Ratio. The final responsibility for the determination of the Equity Share Exchange Ratio at which the Proposed Transaction shall take place will be with the Board of Directors of the respective Companies who should take into account other factors such as their own assessment of the Proposed Transaction and input of other advisors.

We have independently applied approaches/methods discussed in the Annexures, as considered appropriate, and arrived at the value per share of the Companies. To arrive at the consensus on the Equity Share Exchange Ratio for the Proposed Transaction, suitable minor adjustments / rounding off have been done.

As per the scheme, the equity shares/ Preference Shares of the Transferor Company held by the Transferee Company, if any, on the Effective Date, such equity/ preference shares held by the Transferee Company in the Transferor Company shall stand cancelled without any further act or deed and consequentially there shall be no allotment of New Equity/ Preference Shares for such shareholding and to that extent the Transferee Company is required to issue less number of shares. As regards the preference shares of the Transferor Company held by the Transferee Company or vice versa on the Effective Date such shares shall stand cancelled and the Transferee Company shall have no claims in respect of arrears of dividend.





11. OBSERVATIONS OF THIS TRIBUNAL:

11.1 REGIONAL DIRECTOR:

11.1.1 This tribunal observes that no objections have been raised by the RD in his report.

11.1.2 With respect to the Appointed Date of the Scheme, it is noted that Clause 4 stipulates the Appointed Date as 01.01.2025. The application in CA(CAA)/103(CHE)/2025 came to be filed before this Tribunal on 11.12.2025.

11.1.3 As per MCA General Circular No. 09/2019, if the chosen appointed date precedes the date of filing the application for the Scheme with the NCLT by more than one year, the specific justification for doing so must be adequately disclosed in the Scheme. The same is extracted as follows:

“c) where the 'appointed date' is chosen as a specific calendar date, it may precede the date of filing of the application for scheme of merger/amalgamation in NCLT. However, if the 'appointed date' is significantly ante-dated beyond a year from the date of filing, the justification for the same would have to be specifically brought out in the scheme and it should not be against public interest.”

11.1.4 Here, the Appointed Date falls within one year from the date of filing the application under Section 230 of the Companies Act, 2013.

11.1.5 Hence, the Appointed Date shall remain as 01.01.2025, as specified in **Clause 1(c) of the Scheme.**

11.1.6 It is also noted that the petitioner have furnished an undertaking to the observation made in Para 12 to comply with the provisions of Section 240 and Section 232(3)(i) of the Companies Act, 2013.



11.2 OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR:

11.2.1 This Tribunal now analyses the objections raised by the Official Liquidator (hereinafter, OL) and the submissions made by the Petitioner.

11.2.2 Employee Protection Undertaking

This tribunal observes that the OL seeks an undertaking for the protection of employees as envisaged in Clause 1.h and 5.1 of Part I of the Scheme. In compliance with the same, the petitioner companies have filed an affidavit undertaking the protection.

11.2.3 Record Date

The OL has made an observation seeking the petitioners to undertake that they will mutually fix the Record date immediately after the sanction of the scheme. It is observed that the Petitioners have undertaken that the Record Date shall be fixed mutually and immediately after the sanction of the Scheme and prior to the dissolution of the Transferor Company.

11.2.4 Auto Modification of scheme without prior consent of tribunal:

It is stated that Clause 14.3 of the scheme provides for auto modification of content of the scheme in case it is found to be violation of Section 2(1B) and Section 47 of the Income Tax, 1961, post its sanction by this Tribunal. Hence, it is submitted that such auto modification of the content of the scheme without the



sanction of this Tribunal will be in violation of section 231(1)(b) of the Companies Act, 2013. The petitioners in their undertaking have stated that the Transferee Company shall not undertake any modification without the prior approval of the tribunal. In view of the said undertaking, the objection does not survive and no further directions are required in this regard.

11.2.5 Cancellation of Inter-se Investments

It is stated by the OL that Clause 8.2 of the scheme provides that inter-se investments as existed on Effective Date are to be cancelled on appointed date. It is submitted by the petitioners in their affidavit that the inter-se investments as on appointed date only would get cancelled as any further transactions will be considered as transactions on behalf of Transferee Company. In view of the said undertaking, the objection does not survive and no further directions are required in this regard.

11.3 DEPARTMENT OF INCOME TAX

11.3.1 In Company Petition CAA-284/ND/2018 vide Order dated 12.11.2018, the NCLT New Delhi has made the following observations with regard to the right of the IT Department in the Scheme of Amalgamation,

“taking into consideration the clauses contained in the Scheme in relation to liability to tax and also as insisted upon by the Income Tax and in terms of the decision in RE:



Vodafone Essar Gujarat Limited v. Department of Income Tax (2013)353 ITR 222 (Guj) and the same being also affirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and as reported in (2016) 66 taxmann.com.374(SC) from which it is seen that at the time of declining the SLPs filed by the revenue, however stating to the following effect vide its order dated April 15,2015 that the Department is entitled to take out appropriate proceedings for recovery of any statutory dues from the transferor or transferee or any other person who is liable for payment of such tax dues, the said protection be afforded is granted. With the above observations, the petition stands allowed and the scheme of amalgamation is sanctioned."

11.3.2 Hence, the Income tax Department is at liberty to undertake appropriate recovery proceedings in accordance with law.

12. After analysing the Scheme in detail, this Tribunal is of the view that the Scheme as contemplated amongst the Petitioner Companies seems beneficial to the Companies and will not be in any way detrimental to the interest of the shareholders of the Companies. In the absence of any other objections having been placed on record, this Tribunal sanctions the Scheme as well as the prayer made therein.

13. Notwithstanding the above, if there is any deficiency found or, violation committed qua any enactment, statutory rule or regulation, the sanction granted by this Tribunal will not come in the way of action being taken, albeit, in accordance with law, against the concerned persons, directors and officials of the petitioners.



14. While approving the Scheme as above, it is clarified that this order should not be construed as an order in any way granting exemption from payment of stamp duty, taxes or any other charges, if any, payment is due or required in accordance with law or in respect to any permission/compliance with any other requirement which may be specifically required under any law.

15. This Tribunal is of the view that the scheme as contemplated by the Petitioner companies seems to be *prima facie* not, in any way detrimental to the interest of the members of the Companies. In view of the absence of any material objections from any statutory authorities and since all the requisite statutory compliances have been fulfilled, this Tribunal sanctions the Scheme of Amalgamation as well as the prayer made therein.

16. Notwithstanding the above, if there is any deficiency found or, the violation committed qua any enactment, statutory rule or regulation, the sanction granted by this Tribunal will not come in the way of action being taken, albeit, in accordance with the law, against the concerned persons, directors and officials of the petitioners.

17. While approving the Scheme as above, it is clarified that this order should not be construed as an order in any way granting exemption from payment of stamp duty, taxes or any other charges, if any, payment is due or required in accordance with law or in respect to any permission/ compliance with any other requirement which may be specifically required under any law.



18. THIS TRIBUNAL DO FURTHER ORDER

- (i) That the entire business and undertaking of the Transferor Company shall, under the provisions of Section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013, without further act or deed, be transferred to and vest in or be deemed to have been transferred and vested in the Transferee Company.
- (ii) That all the assets of the Transferor Company shall be transferred to the Transferee Company, without further deed or instrument of conveyance and accordingly the same become the property of the Transferee Company.
- (iii) That all the debts, liabilities, duties and obligations of the Transferor Company shall be transferred to the Transferee Company and accordingly the same become the liabilities and duties of the Transferee Company.
- (iv) That the Transferee Company do without further application allot to such members of the Transferor Company, as have not given such notice of dissent, as is required by *Clause 13 of the SCHEME* herein the shares in the Transferee Company to which they are entitled under the said Scheme.
- (v) That the Appointed date for the Scheme shall be **01.01.2025** as mentioned in Clause 1(C) of the Scheme.
- (vi) That all proceedings now pending by or against the Transferor Companies be continued by or against the Transferee Company.
- (vii) That all the employees of the Transferor Company in service from the Appointed Date till the date on which the Scheme finally takes effect, shall become the employees of the Transferee Company without any break or interruption in their service.



(viii) That the Transferee Company shall file the revised Memorandum and Articles of Association with the Registrar of Companies and further make the requisite payments of the differential fee (if any) for the enhancement of authorized capital of the Transferee Company after setting off the fees paid by the Transferor Company.

(ix) That the Transferor Company and the Transferee Company, shall within thirty days of the date of receipt of this order cause a certified copy of this order to be delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration. That as per *Clause 16(iii)* of the Scheme, on such certified copy being so delivered, the Transferor Company shall be dissolved without the process of winding up and the Registrar of Companies shall place all documents relating to the Transferor Company registered with him on the file kept by him in relation to the Transferee Company and the files relating to the said company shall be consolidated accordingly.

(x) That any person interested shall be at liberty to apply to the Tribunal in the above matter for any directions that may be necessary.

19. The Scheme is **approved** subject to the directions issued above.

20. Company Petition *CP(CAA)/24(CHE)2026 in CA(CAA)/103(CHE)2025* accordingly, stands **disposed of** on the aforementioned terms.

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VENKATARAMAN SUBRAMANIAM
MEMBER (TECHNICAL)

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SANJIV JAIN
MEMBER (JUDICIAL)