



PAKISTAN TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY
HEADQUARTERS, F-5/1, ISLAMABAD

**Enforcement Order under section 23 of the Pakistan Telecommunication
(Re-organization) Act, 1996 against Zahamit Tech (SMC -Private) Limited**

No. PTA/Finance/CVAS-Data/Defaulter / 1370/2013/128

Date of Show Cause Notice: 10th November, 2023
Venue of Hearing: PTA HQs, Islamabad
Date of Hearing: 7th May, 2024

Issue:

“Non- Submission of Annual Audited Accounts (AAAs) and non-payment of Annual License Fee (ALF) for the year ended 30th June, 2022”

EX-PARTE ORDER THE OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

1. Precisely stated facts of the case are that Zahamit Tech (SMC-Pvt) Limited (the “**licensee**”) was awarded a non-exclusive license No. DIR (L)/CVAS-999/PTA/2018 dated 1st January, 2019 (the “**license**”) by Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (the “**Authority**”), to establish, maintain and operate Data Class Value Added Services in licensed region, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the license.
2. The licensee is required to comply with the prevailing regulatory laws comprising the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act, 1996 (the “**Act**”), the Pakistan Telecommunication Rules, 2000, (the “**Rules**”) the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (Functions & Powers) Regulations, 2006 (the “**Regulations**”), Class Licensing and Registration Regulations, 2007 (the “**CL Regulations**”), and the terms and conditions of the license. As per license condition No.3 read with sub-regulation (1) of regulation 11 of the CL Regulations and sub-regulations (6) and (7) of regulation 23 of the Regulations, it is obligatory for the licensee to submit Annual Audited Accounts (AAAs) and pay Annual License Fee (ALF) within 120 days of the close of financial year.
3. The licensee vide its letters dated 7th October, 2022, 10th November, 2022, 7th April, 2023 and emails dated 30th May, 2023 & 13th September, 2023 was required to submit AAAs for the year ended 30th June, 2022 along with the payment of ALF for the aforesaid year including applicable late payment additional fee, however, the same has not been complied with.

4. Due to failure on the part of the licensee by submitting AAAs and making payment on account of ALF for the aforesaid year including applicable late payment additional fee till date of final payment, a Show Cause Notice (SCN) dated 10th November, 2023 under section 23 of the Act was issued wherein it was required to remedy the aforementioned contraventions by submitting AAAs and making payment of ALF for the year ended 30th June, 2022 including Late Payment Additional Fee for the year ended 30th June, 2022 within seven (07) days of the issuance of the SCN and also to explain in writing, within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the SCN as to why an enforcement order should not be passed under section 23 of the Act.

5. Before passing an enforcement order under sub-section (3) of Section 23 of the Act, the matter was fixed for hearing on 7th May, 2024. It is pertinent to mention here that the SCN and Hearing Notice (HN) were issued on the address as provided and maintained by the licensee with PTA. It has also been found that SCN and HN were delivered to the specified address maintained with PTA, however, the licensee failed to respond the SCN as well as to attend the hearing. Since the licensee neither replied to the SCN nor attended the hearing, hence, there is no option except to proceed *ex-parte* against the licensee as per available record.

6. After the examination of the available record, it is concluded that the licensee did not comply with the aforesaid applicable regulatory provisions.

7. **ORDER:**

7.1 Keeping in view the above-mentioned facts coupled with the available record, the Officers of the Authority hereby decide as under:

- a) The license is hereby suspended for a period of one month or till the licensee submits AAAs for the year ended 30th June, 2022 along with payment of ALF for the aforesaid year including late payment additional fee till the date of final payment to the Authority, whichever is earlier;
- b) In case of non-compliance of Para 7.1 (a) above, license No. DIR (L) / CVAS-999 / PTA / 2018 dated 1st January, 2019 of the licensee shall stand terminated upon expiration of one month after the date of issuance of this order without any further notice;

- c) All LDI, LL, TIP and Mobile licensees are directed to suspend immediately all telecommunication facilities extended to the licensee pursuant to the license till further orders of the Authority.

Erum Latif
Director General (Law & Regulations)

Abdul Batin Khan
Director General (Licensing)

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Director (Finance)

Muhammad Shafique
Director General (Enforcement)

Signed on 12th day of November, 2024 and comprises of (03) pages only.