

PAKISTAN TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS, F-5/1 ISLAMABAD

Order of the Officers of the Authority under section 23 of the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act, 1996 against Winson (Pvt.) Ltd. due to Non Submission of Annual Audited Accounts and Non Payment of Annual License Fee for the years ended 30th June 2010 and 2011

No. PTA/Finance/ Finance/ DCNS/Defaulters/1088/2010/1

Date of Issuance of Show Cause Notice: 2nd October, 2012 Venue of Hearing: PTA HQs, Islamabad Date of Hearing: 5th August, 2014

12th August, 2014

The Hearing Panel:

Dr. Mohammed Saleem: Director General (Finance)

Ali Asghar: Director General (Law & Regulations)

Rizwan Ahmed Hyderi: Director General (Licensing)

The Issue:

"Non-Submission of Annual Audited Accounts and Non-Payment of Annual License Fee for the year(s) ended 30 June, 2010 and 2011"

DECISION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

1. BRIEF FACTS:

- 1.1 Winson (Pvt.) Ltd. (the "licensee") was awarded a non-exclusive License No. DIR (C)/L/PTA/585/2003 dated 8th September, 2004 (the "license") by Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (the "Authority"), to establish, maintain and operate Vehicle Tracking Services in Pakistan, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the license.
- 1.2 The licensee under the license condition No. 3 of the license read with regulation 11 of Class Licensing and Registration Regulations 2007 and regulation 23 of the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (Functions & Powers) Regulations 2006 was obliged to submit Annual Audited Financial Statements and Summary of Accounts (AAAs) within three months and to pay Annual License Fee (ALF) within 120 days of the close of Financial Year.

- 1.3 The licensee vide letters dated 22nd Sep., 2010, 28th April, 2011 and 10th October, 2011 was required to submit Annual Audited Accounts (AAAs) along with Annual License Fee for the year ended 30th June, 2010 and 2011 but in vain.
- 1.4 Due to failure to abide by terms and conditions of license, relevant regulations and direction issued for submission of AAAs and payment for the year ended 2010 and 2011, a Show Cause Notice (SCN) dated 2nd October, 2012 under section 23 of the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act, 1996 (the "Act") was issued to the licensee. As per SCN, the licensee was required to remedy the aforementioned contravention by submitting AAAs along with ALF for the year ended 30th June 2010 and 2011 including late payment additional fee @ 2% per month or part thereof within seven days of the issuance of SCN. In addition, the licensee was also directed to explain in writing within 30 days of the issuance of SCN as to why the license should not be suspended, terminated or any other enforcement order should not be passed against the licensee under section 23 of the Act. The licensee did not remedy the contravention within the stipulated time as given in the SCN.
- 1.5 As per available record, the licensee vide letter dated 10th October, 2012 requested to extension of time for submission of requisite documents. In addition, the licensee vide letter dated 15th October, 2012 submitted that the company is willing to pay both the Annual Licensing Fee and the penalty mentioned on the SCN. However, due to some inconveniences, as mentioned in the its letter dated 15th October, 2012, requested for extra time to enable to comply with the same.
- 1.6. Before passing an Order under sub-section 3 of section 23 of the Act, the licensee was given opportunities of hearing on 5th August, 2014 and 12th August, 2014. It would be pertinent to mention here that SCN and hearing notices were served at the address as provided and maintained by the licensee with the Authority as per regulation 46 of the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (Functions & Powers) Regulations, 2006 but received back undelivered. In such circumstances the hearing panel has no option except to proceed *ex-parte* against the licensee as per available record.
- 1.6 After examination of the record, it is concluded that the licensee did not pay any heed to observe and comply with the terms and conditions of license with respect to submission of AAAs for the year ended 30 June 2010 and payment of ALF for the years ended 30 June 2010 & 2011.

2. Order

- 2.1. Keeping in view the above mentioned facts coupled with the available record, the hearing panel hereby decides as under:
 - (a) The license of Winson (Pvt.) Ltd. is hereby <u>SUSPENDED</u> for a period of one month or till submission of Annual Audited Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2011 along with payment of Annual License Fee for the years ended on 30th June, 2010 & 2011 including late payment additional fee @ 2% per month on the outstanding amount for each month or part thereof, whichever is earlier.

- (b). In case of non-compliance of Para 2.1 (a) above, license No. DIR (C)/L/PTA/585/2003 dated 8th September, 2004 0 the license shall stand <u>TERMINATED</u> without any further notice and recovery proceedings under section 30 of the Act shall be initiated by the Authority against the company i.e., Winson (Pvt.) Ltd. for recovery of all payable dues as arrear of land revenue. While in case of submission of Annual Audit Accounts along with payments as per para 2.1 (a) the license shall be restored.
- (c.) All LDI, LL and Mobile licensees are directed to suspend immediately all telecommunication facilities extended to the licensee pursuant to the license till further orders.

Dr. Muhammad Saleem Director General (Finance)	
Ali Asghar Director General (Law & Regulations)	Rizwan Ahmed Hyderi Director General (Wireless Licensing)

This order is issued under delegated powers of the Authority and signed on 30th day of October, 2014 and comprises 03 pages only.