

WHITE ORGANIC AGRO LIMITED

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WHITE ORGANIC AGRO LIMITED

Date- 29-03-2025

To,
Listing Department
BSE Limited
Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers,
Dalal Street, Fort
Mumbai- 400 001

Subject: Intimation Regarding Settlement Order from SEBI

Ref: Regulation 30 read with Sub-para 20 Para A of Part A of Schedule III of SEBI (LODR) Regulation 2015 and SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2023/123

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 30 read with Sub-para 20 Para A of Part A of Schedule III of SEBI Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirement (LODR) Regulation 2015, Mrs. Jigna Thakkar, (DIN.: 07279163) Director of the Company received a Settlement Order from SEBI dated 05th March, 2025. The said order has been issued in view of acceptance of the settlement terms and receipt of settlement amounts by SEBI such that the specified proceedings initiated against the applicant vide the Interim Order cum show caused notice issued by Securities & Exchange Board of India via its order No. WTM/ASB/CFID/CFID-SEC6/30323/2024-25 dated 06th May 2024 are disposed off in terms of SEBI regulations

The disclosure of the above Settlement order, as required under Para A of Part A of Schedule III of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 read with SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2023/123 dated July 13, 2023 is enclosed as Annexure-1.

Further, this is to inform you that the company received information regarding the said order via email dated 28th March, 2025. Copy of the Settlement Order is enclosed as Annexure-2.

This is for your Information and Records.

Yours Faithfully,

For, White Organic Agro Limited

Darshak Rupani Managing Director DIN: 03121939

<u> Annexure – 1</u>

Disclosure as per Regulation 30 read Para A of Part A of Schedule III of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Name of the authority	Securities & Exchange Board of India
2.	Nature and details of the action(s) taken, initiated or order(s) passed	Upon payment of the settlement amount, SEBI has issued a Settlement Order, thereby disposing of the Interim Order and Show Cause Notice dated May 6, 2024, against Mrs. Jigna Thakkar, Independent Director of the Company.
3.	Date of receipt of direction or order, including any ad-interim or interim orders, or any other communication from the authority	Order Received by the Director on 06 th March, 2025.
4.	Details of the violation(s)/contravention(s) committed or alleged to be committed	Order submitted is in the nature of settlement order disposing off the allegations made via interim order dated 06 th May, 2024 as detailed above.
5.	Impact on financial, operation or other activities of the listed entity, quantifiable in monetary terms to the extent possible.	The management does not foresee any material impact on the Financial / operation activities of the Company, as the said order settles allegations against the Independent Director of the Company

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA SETTLEMENT ORDER

Under Section15JB of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 read with Regulation 23(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Settlement Proceedings) Regulations, 2018

In respect of:

S.	Settlement	Name of the Applicant	PAN	Settlement Order
No.	application			no.
	no.			
1.	7931/2024	Dadhania Vivek	CCBPD5521J	SO/ANG/PD/2024-
		Gopalbhai	·	25/7931
2.	7932/2024	Nirajkumar K. Malaviya	CAKPM4097D	SO/ANG/PD/2024-
				25/7932
3.	7939/2024	Jigna V. Thakkar	AJNPT8592J	SO/ANG/PD/2024-
				25/7939
4.	7940/2024	Chandresh Jain	ADIPJ9389G	SO/ANG/PD/2024-
				25/7940
5.	7941/2024	Dharmesh Bhanushali	ACCPB6794J	SO/ANG/PD/2024-
				25/7941

In the matter of Add-Shop E-Retail Limited and White Organic Agro Limited

1. Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") received certain complaints during December 2021 and September 2023 against Add-Shop E-Retail Limited ("ASERL") and White Organic Agro Limited ("WOAL") inter alia alleging irregularities with respect to related party transactions, fake announcements regarding supply orders etc. SEBI initiated an investigation into the affairs of ASERL and WOAL for the period April 01, 2020 to March 31, 2023 to ascertain possible violations of provisions of SEBI Act, SEBI (Prohibition of Fraudulent and

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Unfair Trade Practices relating to Securities Market) Regulations, 2003 ("PFUTP Regulations") and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("LODR Regulations").

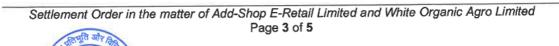
- 2. After conclusion of investigation, an Interim Order cum Show Cause Notice ("SCN") dated May 06, 2024 bearing reference number WTM/ASB/CFID/CFID-SEC6/30323/2024-25 was issued to various noticees, including Dadhania Vivek Gopalbhai (Noticee no. 8), Nirajkumar K. Malaviya (Noticee no. 10), Jigna V. Thakkar (Noticee no. 17), Chandresh Jain (Noticee no. 18) and Dharmesh Bhanushali (Noticee no. 19) (collectively referred to as "Applicants"), under sections 11(1), 11(4), 11(4A), 11B(1) and 11B(2) of the SEBI Act, 1992 read with Rule 4 of SEBI (Procedure for holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) Rules, 1995, wherein inter alia the following was alleged:
 - a. ASERL and WOAL misrepresented/ misstated their financial statements for the Financial Years (FYs) 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 through fictitious transactions.
 - b. ASERL falsified details of attendance of independent directors in audit committee meeting and Board meetings for FYs 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- 3. Vide the SCN, the Applicants were called upon to show cause as to why penalty should not be imposed on them under section 11(4A) and 11B(2) of the SEBI Act read with section 15HB of the SEBI Act for the alleged violation of the following provisions:

Name of the Applicant	Designation	Regulations allegedly violated
Dadhania	Audit committee	Regulation 18(3) read with Para A of
Vivek	member of ASERL	Part C of Schedule II of LODR
Gopalbhai		Regulations.
Nirajkumar K.	Company Secretary	Regulation 6(2)(a), (b), (c) of LODR
Malaviya	and Compliance Officer	Regulations.
	of ASERL	

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Name of the	Designation	Regulations allegedly violated	
Applicant		Regulation 4(1)(c), 18(2) and 34(3) read with clause (2)(b) and (3)(c) of part C of Schedule V of LODR Regulations read with section 27 of SEBI Act.	
Jigna V. Thakkar Chandresh Jain	Audit committee member of WOAL Audit committee Chairman of WOAL (from 29/09/2014 to 23/05/2022)	Regulation 18(3) read with Para A of Part C of Schedule II of LODR Regulations.	
Dharmesh Bhanushali	Audit committee Chairman of WOAL (from 28/05/2022 to present)		

- 4. While the proceedings were pending, the Applicants filed a common Settlement Application dated June 29, 2024 ("Settlement Application") in terms of the SEBI (Settlement Proceedings) Regulations, 2018 ("Settlement Regulations") wherein the Applicants proposed to SEBI to settle the instant proceedings, without admitting or denying the findings of fact and conclusions of law, through a settlement order.
- 5. Pursuant to the receipt of the Settlement Application, the authorised representatives of the Applicants had a meeting with the Internal Committee of SEBI on October 23, 2024. Thereafter, the Applicants proposed revised settlement terms vide emails dated October 24, 2024, October 28, 2024 and November 04, 2024 to settle the pending proceedings initiated against them.
- 6. The application was placed before the High Powered Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as "HPAC") in its meeting held on November 18, 2024,



which considered the facts of the case as well as the revised settlement terms proposed by the Applicants and recommended the case for settlement upon payment of settlement amounts mentioned below -

S. No.	Name of the Applicant	Settlement Amount
1.	Dadhania Vivek Gopalbhai	INR 13,65,000/- (Rupees Thirteen lakh sixty-five thousand only)
2.	Nirajkumar K. Malaviya	INR 40,95,000/- (Rupees Forty lakh nine-five thousand only)
3.	Jigna V. Thakkar	INR 13,65,000/- (Rupees Thirteen lakh sixty-five thousand only)
4.	Chandresh Jain	INR 13,65,000/- (Rupees Thirteen lakh sixty-five thousand only)
5.	Dharmesh Bhanushali	INR 13,65,000/- (Rupees Thirteen lakh sixty-five thousand only)

7. The Panel of Whole Time Members of SEBI accepted the recommendations of the HPAC on January 27, 2025. Subsequently, the Notices of Demand were issued to the Applicants on January 28, 2025. The Applicants informed that the aforesaid settlement amounts were remitted on the following dates as tabulated below.

S. No.	Name of the Applicant	Date of payment	
1.	Dadhania Vivek Gopalbhai	20/02/2025	
2.	Nirajkumar K. Malaviya	23/02/2025	
3.	Jigna V. Thakkar	07/02/2025	
4.	Chandresh Jain	20/02/2025	
5.	Dharmesh Bhanushali	17/02/2025	

8. SEBI has confirmed the receipt of the settlement amounts. In view of the acceptance of the settlement terms and receipt of above mentioned settlement amounts by SEBI, the specified proceedings initiated against the Applicants vide Interim Order cum Show Cause Notice dated May 06, 2024 are disposed of in





terms of Section 15JB read with Section 19 of the SEBI Act and Regulation 23(1) of the Settlement Regulations on the basis of aforesaid settlement terms.

- 9. The passing of this Settlement Order is, however, without prejudice to the right of SEBI under Regulations 28 and 31 of the Settlement Regulations to initiate any enforcement action against the Applicants, if:
 - (a) any representation made by the Applicant in the present settlement proceedings is subsequently found to be untrue;
 - (b) the Applicant has breached any of the clauses / conditions of undertakings / waivers filed during the present settlement proceedings; and
 - (c) there was a discrepancy while arriving at the settlement terms.
- 10. This Settlement Order shall come into force with immediate effect.

DATE: March <u>0</u>, 2025

11. In terms of Regulation 25 of the Settlement Regulations, a copy of this order shall be sent to the Applicants and shall also be published on the website of SEBI.

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ANANTH NARAYAN G.

WHOLE TIME MEMBER

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