

#### Office of Administrator (IFSCA)

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#### Agenda 34th Unit Approval Committee (UAC) (09.01.2025) at 11:00 AM

#### The agenda of the meeting has two parts:

- i. Part A Applications for setting up of a new unit in GIFT-SEZ
- ii. Part C -Applications from existing units

## i. Part A - Applications for setting up of a new unit in GIFT-SEZ

S.No.	Name of Unit	Type of Request
01	BAYCRUISE SHIPPING AND LEASING (IFSC) PRIVATE LIMITED	Ship Leasing Services
02	NOZOMI AMC INDIA IFSC PRIVATE LIMITED	Fund Management Entity
03	RAGHNALL INSURANCE BROKING & RISK MANAGEMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	Insurance Intermediary
04	SAT GLOBAL IFSC LLP	Broker-Dealer
05	WEALTH COMPANY ASSET MANAGEMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	Fund Management Entity

#### ii. Part C -Applications from existing units

S. No.	Name of Unit	Type of Request
01	Adroit Financial Services IFSC Private Limited	Decision on action under Rule 54 (2) or Section 16 (1) subsequent to LOA Renewal application
02	FS Ashika Ventures IFSC Private Limited:	Request for extension of time for submission of the executed registered lease deed (as per the provision of SEZ rule 18(2) (ii))

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03	HDFC Capital Fund of Funds -3 Scheme 2	Extension of time for submission of registered lease deed
04	Yugadi Capital	Lease Deed Registered with an 'expired LOA' - (violation of First proviso to Rule 18(2) of SEZ Rules)

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#### CASE No. 34-A-01 (FORM FA)

Name of the applicant:	BAYCRUISE SHIPPING LIMITED	AND LEASING	(IFSC) PRIVATE	
Application Dated/ Application No:	04/01/2025 / 112500000115			
Applied by- SEZ Online Portal / SWITS	SWIT			
Address (Regd. Office ):	NILA SPACES, UNIT C107, T 1 & T 4, BLOCK 11, GIFT CITY, GANDHINAGAR, GUJARAT, INDIA			
Office address (proposed):	NILA SPACES, UNIT C10 GANDHINAGAR, GUJAR		CK 11, GIFT CITY,	
Whether the Application is received in FORM FA?	Yes			
Details of PLOA:	The Co-Developer (NILA \$ 11-2024, has earmarked & c SEZ for the proposed project	onfirmed the required		
PAN:	AANCB0594L			
Type of firm:	Private Limited Company			
Name of the Promoter:	Directors (Mr./Mrs):			
(Proprietor/Partner/Director/Trustee)	<ol> <li>Jurgen Bailom</li> <li>Brijgopal Raghunath Jaju</li> </ol>			
Sector:	Ship Leasing Services			
Proposed items of services:	IFSC Unit will take vessel time charter agreement) to It outside GIFT City for the pexperience to passengers	ndian operating entity	or some other entities	
Investment (In lakh Rs.)	Indigenous	Import	Total	
1. Office Equipment such as Computers, Servers, office furniture	0	5.00	5.00	
Capital Contribution of IFSC Unit	Authorized	Subscribed	Paid Up Capital	
1. \$ in Thousand	1.17	1.17	1.17	
2. Rs in Lakhs	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Sources of funds:	Lease Income			
Area of land/office/premises (square m):	6.60			
Employment:	04 persons (2 men & 2 women).			
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#### CASE No. 34-A-02 (FORM FA)

Name of the applicant:	NOZOMI AMC INDIA IFSC PRIVATE LIMITED		
Application Dated/ Application No:	02/01/2025/ 112500000034		
Applied by-	SWIT		
SEZ Online Portal / SWITS			
Address (Regd. Office ):	SI M B009 SHILP INCUBAT		
	PLOT 11T 3 AND 11T 5 GIFT	CITY GUJARAT,	INDIA
Office address (proposed):	SI M B009 SHILP INCUBAT	ION CENTRE UN	IIT B FIRST FLOOR
	PLOT 11T 3 AND 11T 5 GIFT	CITY GUJARAT,	INDIA
Whether the Application is received	Yes		
in FORM FA?			
Details of PLOA:	The Co-Developer (SHILP	INFRAPROJECT	S PVT LTD) vide
	letter/PLOA dated 06-12-2024,	, has earmarked & c	confirmed the required
	premises/space in the SEZ for	the proposed project	et.
PAN:	AAKCN0670N		
Type of firm:	Private Limited Company		
Name of the Promoter:	<u>Directors (Mr./Mrs):</u>		
(Proprietor/Partner/Director/Trustee)		apil Ahuja	
	2. Mohit Ralhan		
Sector:	FME		
Proposed items of services:	To act as Registered Fund Management Entity Non-Retail		
Investment (In lakh Rs.)	Indigenous	Import	Total
1. Office Equipment such as	03.00	06.00	09.00
Computers, Servers, office			
furniture			
Capital Contribution of IFSC Unit	Authorized	Subscribed	Paid Up Capital
1. \$ in Thousand	518.07	518.07	518.07
2. Rs in Lakhs	430.00	430.00	430.00
Sources of funds:	Investors and Promoters		
Area of land/office/premises (square	09.29		
m):			
Employment:	02 persons (2 men).		
Jurisdiction of Customs	SO/GIFT-SEZ		

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#### CASE No. 34-A-03 (FORM FA)

Name of the applicant:	RAGHNALL INSURANCE BROKING & RISK MANAGEMENT PRIVATE LIMITED		MANAGEMENT
Application Dated/ Application No:	02/01/2025/ 112500000045		
Applied by-	SWIT		
SEZ Online Portal / SWITS			
Address (Regd. Office ):	3RD FLOOR PLOT NO	A 56 ROAD	NO1 MULGOAN
	INTERNATIONAL BY TUN	NGA HOTEL MU	LGOAN ANDHERI
	EAST, CHAKALA MIDC M	UMBAI MUMBA	I MAHARASHTRA,
	INDIA		
Office address (proposed):	UNIT NO. 150, HAVING 4 SI	EATS I.E. SEAT N	O. 1 TO 4, GROUND
	FLOOR PRAGYA ACCELER	ATOR II, BUILDIN	NG- 15B, BLOCK 15,
	ROAD NO-1C, ZONE -1, GI	FT SEZ, GIFT CIT	Y, GANDHINAGAR
	− 382355, GÜJARAT		
Whether the Application is received	Yes		
in FORM FA?			
Details of PLOA:	The Co-Developer (SAVVY REALTY CREATORS LLP) vide		
	letter/PLOA dated 24-12-2024, has earmarked & confirmed the required		
	premises/space in the SEZ for the proposed project.		
PAN:	AAGCR8519L		
Type of firm:	Private Limited Company		
Name of the Promoter:	Directors (Mr./Mrs):		
(Proprietor/Partner/Director/Trustee)	1. Yagnesh Ramesh Doshi		
-व्याकीकारण -	2. Amit Ramavtar Goel		
	3. Esha Kishore Bajaj		
Sector:	Insurance Intermediary		
Proposed items of services:	Insurance intermediation as an insurance broker under IFSCA Insurance		
	Intermediary Regulations 2021		
Investment (In lakh Rs.)	Indigenous	Import	Total
1. Office Equipment such as	00.00	04.00	04.00
Computers, Servers, office	1,014		
furniture	The state of the s		
<b>Capital Contribution of IFSC Unit</b>	Authorized	Subscribed	Paid Up Capital
1. \$ in Thousand	895.42	596.94	00.00
2. Rs in Lakhs	750.00	500.00	00.00
Sources of funds:	The source of funds will be fro	om the company fur	nds
Area of land/office/premises (square	09.00		
m):	tri n		
Employment:	04 persons (4 men).		
Jurisdiction of Customs	SO/GIFT-SEZ		

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#### CASE No. 34-A-04 (FORM FA)

Name of the applicant:	SAT GLOBAL IFSC LLP		
Application Dated/ Application No:	01/01/2025/ 112500000012	01/01/2025/ 112500000012	
Applied by-	SWIT	(	
SEZ Online Portal / SWITS			
Address (Regd. Office ):	OFFICE NO SI G 006 SHILP I	NCUBATION CEN	NTRE PLOT T3 AND
	T5 BLOCK 11 GIFT SEZ GIF	FT CITY GANDHI	NAGAR GUJARAT,
	INDIA		
Office address (proposed):	OFFICE NO SI G 006 SHILP I	NCUBATION CEN	NTRE PLOT T3 AND
	T5 BLOCK 11 GIFT SEZ GIF	FT CITY GANDHI	NAGAR GUJARAT,
	INDIA		
Whether the Application is received	Yes		
in FORM FA?			
Details of PLOA:	The Co-Developer (SHILP IN	VFRAPROJECTS I	PRIVATE LIMITED)
	vide letter/PLOA dated 10-06	-2024, has earmar	ked & confirmed the
	required premises/space in the	SEZ for the propos	sed project.
PAN:	AFJFS9319G		
Type of firm:	Limited Liability Partnership		
Name of the Promoter:	Partners (Mr./Mrs):		
(Proprietor/Partner/Director/Trustee)	1. ANIL KEDIA		
	2. GOPAL AGARWAL		
Sector:	Broker-Dealer		
Proposed items of services:	To carry on the activities of broker dealers as permissible under the		
	International Financial Services Centres Authority Capital Market		
	Intermediaries Regulations 2021 or as amended from time to time by		
	the IFSCA		
Investment (In lakh Rs.)	Indigenous	Import	Total
1. Office Equipment such as	00.00	20.00	20.00
Computers, Servers, office			
furniture			
<b>Capital Contribution of IFSC Unit</b>	Authorized	Subscribed	Paid Up Capital
1. \$ in Thousand	941.18	941.18	941.18
2. Rs in Lakhs	800.00	800.00	800.00
Sources of funds:	Owned		
	11.14		
Area of land/office/premises (square	11.14		
Area of land/office/premises (square m):  Employment:	11.14 03 persons (2 men & 1 woman		

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Jurisdiction of Customs	SO/GIFT-SEZ	

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#### CASE No. 34-A-05 (FORM FA)

Name of the applicant:	WEALTH COMPANY A LIMITED	SSET MANAGE	EMENT PRIVATE
Application Dated/ Application No:	03/01/2025 /112500000093		
Applied by- SEZ Online Portal / SWITS	SWIT		
Address (Regd. Office ):	PANTOMATH NUCLEUS ANDHERI EAST, MUMBAI,	,	II-VIHAR ROAD, , INDIA
Office address (proposed):	OFFICE NO. SI-G-B047, SHI & T5, BLOCK-11, GIFT S 382355, GUJARAT, INDIA		-
Whether the Application is received in FORM FA?	Yes		
Details of PLOA:	The Co-Developer (SHILP INFRAPROJECTS PVT LTD) vide letter/PLOA dated 24-12-2024, has earmarked & confirmed the required premises/space in the SEZ for the proposed project.		
PAN:	AAKCP1077F		
Type of firm:	Private Limited Company		
Name of the Promoter:	Directors (Mr./Mrs):		
(Proprietor/Partner/Director/Trustee)	MADHU LUNAWAT     NISHAD ANAND KHANOLKAR		
Sector:	FME		
Proposed items of services:	The Unit will be registered FM Financial Services Centre Regulations, 2022	' '	per the International und Management)
Investment (In lakh Rs.)	Indigenous	Import	Total
1. Office Equipment such as Computers, Servers, office furniture	0	20.00	20.00
<b>Capital Contribution of IFSC Unit</b>	Authorized	Subscribed	Paid Up Capital
1. \$ in Thousand	3.50	1.26	1.26
2. Rs in Lakhs	3.00	1.08	1.08
Sources of funds:	FROM PROMOTERS OR INV	VESTORS IN THE	FORM OF
Area of land/office/premises (square m):	4.64		
Employment:	14 persons (10 men & 4 women).		
Jurisdiction of Customs	SO/GIFT-SEZ		

<u>Brief Note</u>: The above proposal of the applicant company/entity is placed before the Approval Committee Under the Chairmanship of the Administrator (IFSCA) for decision in terms of Rule-18 of the SEZ Rules, 2006 as Amended

#### Part C -Applications from existing units

#### **CASE No. 34-C-01**

- 3.1 Sub: Adroit Financial Services IFSC Private Limited: Decision on action under Rule 54 (2) or Section 16 (1) subsequent to LOA Renewal application
- 3.1.1 Brief Summary of the Case
  - 3.1.1.1. LOA File No KASEZ/DCO/GIFT/SEZ/II/23/2018-19 dated 11.08.2018
  - **3.1.1.2. Date of commencement:** 27.02.2019
  - 3.1.1.3. LOA Expiry Date (First Block of five years): 26.02.2024 (LOA is Expired)
  - 3.1.1.4. Requested First LOA Renewal From: 27.02.2024
  - 3.1.1.5. Requested First LOA Renewal till: 26.02.2029
- **3.1.2.** Adroit Financial Services IFSC Private Limited has set up the IFSC Office at Unit No. 502, 5th-floor Signature Building, Block 13B, Road 1C, Zone 1, Gift SEZ, Gift City, District Gandhinagar 382355.

M/s. Adroit Financial Services IFSC Private Limited, vide their letter dated 07.08.2024, and SEZ Online Request ID 202400005242 dated 09.08.2024 has sought renewal of LOA. The Unit has submitted Form-F1 vide SEZ Online request response dated 09.12.2024.

#### 3.1.3. Authorized Operations:

# The Authorized Operations found in the LOA dated (F. No. KASEZ/DCO/GIFT SEZ/II/23/2018-19) in the physical file is as follows:

"To provide financial services as Capital Market Intermediary in IFSC in accordance with the SEBI (IFSC) Guidelines, 2015 such as Stock Broker, Merchant Banker, a banker to an issue, a trustee of trust deed, a registrars to an issue, a share transfer agent, an underwriter, an investment advisor, a portfolio manager, a depository participant, a custodian of securities, a foreign portfolio investor"

The Unit was directed to update the Authorized Operations in the "Item Details" tab as per IFSCA Regulations to which Unit has highlighted in their Cover letter:

"There are no changes to the Items of Manufacture/Service Activity for the renewed period under the ITEM DETAILS section. The existing details remain in compliance with the relevant IFSCA regulations, and the approval obtained by us."

#### 3.1.4. Status of APR filing:

The unit has filed the APR for the 05 Financial Years as follows:

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- i. F.Y. 2018-19 with LOA no. KASEZ/DCO/GIFT-SEZ/II/23/2018-19/785 (Full APR from April 01, 2018 to March 31, 2019)
- ii. F.Y. 2019-20 with LOA no. KASEZ/DCO/GIFT-SEZ/II/23/2018-19/785 (Full APR from Apr 01, 2019 to March 31, 2020) the same was filed in the SEZ Online portal vide Request ID 242100013330 dated 15.07.2021.
- F.Y. 2020-21 with LOA no. KASEZ/DCO/GIFT-SEZ/II/23/2018-19/785 (Full APR from April 01, 2020 to March 31, 2021)
- iv. F.Y. 2021-22 with LOA no. KASEZ/DCO/GIFT-SEZ/II/23/2018-19/785 (Full APR from April 01, 2021 to March 31, 2022)
- v. F.Y. 2022-23 with LOA no. KASEZ/DCO/GIFT-SEZ/II/23/2018-19/785 (Full APR from April 01, 2022 to March 31, 2023)
- vi. The unit has not submitted APR for F.Y. 2023-24.

#### 3.1.5. Compliance under Rule 19 (6A)

Unit has submitted the request for LOA Renewal vide letter dated 07.08.2024 and SEZ Online Request ID 202400005242 dated 09.08.2024, which is 164 days after the expiry of LOA i.e. 26.02.2024.

As per Rule 19 (6A) (1), the **Unit has to file a request for LOA renewal 2 months before the date of LOA expiry.** However, as per proviso to said Rule, the LOA Renewal request shall be decided by the DC, based on merits and circumstances of the reasonableness of the delay in cases where the application is not filed before said 2 months.

The Unit has responded to the deficiency raised in the SEZ Online request and submitted the reasons for the delay in filing LOA Renewal. In the SEZ Online request, the Unit has attached the cover letter highlighting the following reasons for the delay in submitting the request for LOA renewal:

"Due to under impression of the act we couldn't make renewal application before expiry of LOA. However, we will take care in future regarding all compliances and take the necessary steps to seek condonation for the delay."

#### 3.1.6. Compliance under Rule 19 (6B)

In terms of Rule 19 (6B), renewal of LOA shall take into account the following criteria:

3.1.6.1. Export performance - Under Rule 53A, the IFSC units have been exempted from achieving Positive NFE. However, the export data declared by the unit in their APRs filed is as follows.

F.Y.	Total value of Exports up to F.Y. (Rs. in lakh)
2018-19	3.91

2019-20	69.26	
2020-21	0.00	
2021-22	0.00	
2022-23	0.00	
2023-24	Not submitted	

3.1.6.2 Further, during the UAC the IFSCA Supervision team informed that the entity has not submitted Quarterly Reports for any quarter and that for non-submission of Quarterly Reports the entity has been sent caution email advising them to submit the reports, which remained unanswered till date.

#### 3.1.7. Observations:

The non-compliances from the Unit's side noticed are as follows.

- 1. The Unit has submitted the APR of F.Y. 2019-20 on SEZ Online portal. However, the Unit has not submitted the APRs for F.Y. 2018-19, F.Y. 2020-21, F.Y. 2021-22, F.Y. 2022-23 neither in SEZ Online portal nor in physical form. In fact, these were submitted to the office of Administrator (IFSCA) only vide email dated 11.12.2024. The unit has not submitted APR for the F.Y. 2023-24. In this regard it is noted that that the APR should be submitted for a F.Y. by the 30<sup>th</sup> September of the succeeding F.Y. and the unit has not submitted APR for 04 F.Y. within the stipulated timeline.
- 2. As per the APRs of the 03 F.Y. (F.Y. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23) of the Unit, the total export reported by the Unit is NIL. Thus, it is seen that the entity has not done any operations for 03 consecutive F.Y. and the APR for the final F.Y. is yet to be submitted.
- 3. The Unit has submitted the request for LOA Renewal 164 days after the expiry of LOA, whereas they should have submitted the same 02 months before the expiry of LOA as per Rule 19 (6A) of SEZ Rules.
- 4. As per information submitted by the IFSCA Supervision team, the Unit has not submitted Quarterly Reporting for any quarter and the Unit has not responded to the Caution email of the IFSCA Supervision team.
- 5. In view of the above observations, the Administrator (IFSCA) has directed the unit to appear before the Unit Approval Committee (UAC) to explain the non-compliance and provide justification as to why, given its past conduct, the renewal of its Letter of Approval (LoA) should be considered. Considering the multiple and persistent non-compliance by the unit, the UAC may, if warranted, decide on penal action under Rule 54(2) of the SEZ Rules, 2006, or recommend the cancellation of the LoA under Section 16(1) of the SEZ Act, 2005.

## Remarks from 31st UAC:

i) When the application was taken up during the meeting, it was noted that the authorization for the entity's representative to appear before the UAC had not yet been submitted. On questioning the same,

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- the representative for the entity submitted the authorization letter immediately and the meeting proceeded after verification of the authority of the person appearing for the entity.
- ii) The UAC noted the observations made in the above para (Para 3.1.7). The UAC registered its utter displeasure that the unit has been non-compliant continuously since the very beginning for both i.e., the compliances related to SEZ Act/rules and also the IFSCA Act and regulations.
- iii) The Unit informed the UAC that they have not been operational in any F.Y. as the exchange did not have products for trading. However, the representative from IFSCA Supervision team stated that there are various similar Broker-dealer entities who have been functional and have been trading regularly in the exchanges.
- iv) While noting continuous non-compliances, the UAC observed that cancellation of LOA may be resorted only as a last resort and in rare cases only and decided to review the case in further detail, after which further course of action under the provisions of Rule 54(2) of the SEZ Rules, 2006 may be decided.
- v) The UAC also advised the **Office of the Administrator (IFSCA) to share the case details** for further examination and deliberation on the matter in the subsequent UAC.
- vi) UAC also decided that if required, the unit shall be called to the UAC meeting when the matter will be taken up for deliberation/decision.

<u>Decision of 31<sup>st</sup> UAC</u>: The Approval Committee after deliberation deferred the request with the above remarks.

#### Updates for 34th UAC:

As recorded in the 31st UAC meeting, the matter concerning M/s. Adroit Financial Services IFSC Private Limited is being submitted before the UAC for further discussion and deliberation on the course of action under Rule 54(2) or Section 16(1), following the LOA Renewal application.

#### CASE No. 34-C-02

- 3.2 Sub: FS Ashika Ventures IFSC Private Limited: Request for extension of time for submission of the executed registered lease deed (as per the provision of SEZ rule 18(2) (ii))
- 3.2.1 Brief Summary of the Case (Deferred case from 28th UAC -CASE No. 28-C-03)
  - 3.3.1.1. LOA File No GIFT/SEZ/DCO/II/2023-24 Dated: 13.10.2023
  - 3.3.1.2. Date of expiry of validity of Original LOA: 12.10.2024 (LoA is Expired)
- 3.2.2. FS Ashika Ventures IFSC Private Limited has set up the IFSC Office at Unit No, FF-20, Seat No. 1-4, FF Floor, Pragya Accelerator, Block-15 T, Road 11 Zone 1, Processing Area GIFT SEZ, Gandhinagar-382355. The unit was supposed to submit the lease deed as per the rule, this must be done within 6 months of issuance of the LOA (i.e.- 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024). But FS Ashika Ventures IFSC Private Limited has not submitted the lease deed till date.

While processing the SEZ Online Request ID 192400002981 for granting LOA Extension till 30.06.2025, the Office of the Administrator (IFSCA) called the Unit to the UAC with the following comments:

"The Unit shall submit the copy of registered lease deed which shall be merged with existing documents already submitted by the Unit on SEZ Online portal and same shall be uploaded on SEZ Online portal. Unit may also be called to the UAC for non-submission of Lease Deed."

# 3.2.3 Reason for Delay in Submission of Registered Lease Deed: (From-FS Ashika Ventures IFSC Private Limited)

"[...] We are currently in the process of obtaining all necessary approvals for our Fund. Unfortunately, there have been delays in the commencement of operations due to the time taken to secure the IFSC approval (Certificate of Registration) for the Fund Management Entity (we obtained it in April 2024, more than 6 month after LOA issuance).

We kindly request your assistance and cooperation in extending the validity of our LOA."

#### 3.2.4. Rule 18(2)(ii) of SEZ Rules applicable in this case is as under:

"a copy of the registered Lease Deed shall be furnished to the Development Commissioner concerned within six months from the issuance of the Letter of Approval and failure to do so, the Approval Committee may take action to withdraw the Letter of Approval after giving an opportunity of being heard".

<u>Decision of 28<sup>th</sup> UAC</u>: The Approval Committee after deliberation deferred the request with the below remarks

# Remarks from 28th UAC:

- 1. The applicant informed that they are in the process of executing the lease deed; however, the delay is attributed to procedural issues on the part of the Co-developer, though they are uncertain about the exact cause. The UAC noted the submission and advised the applicant to send a detailed email to the Office of the Administrator (IFSCA) outlining the chronology of events.
- 2. The UAC further recommended the applicant, to have an in-person meeting with the Office of the Administrator (IFSCA) to give clarity on the challenges, and to enable the Office of the Administrator (IFSCA) to take an appropriate course of action.

#### Updates for 34th UAC:

- i) The Unit has shared the following details with the office of the Administrator (IFSCA) vide email dated 28.11.2024:
  - "Since July 2024 we have paid all the invoices for the rent but were not able to sign the Lease Deed due to the following reasons:
  - We were in need to update our preceding address to the new one because it was not possible to sign the Lease Deed without updated Master Data. We finally updated the address in August/September after experiencing technical glitches of the relevant portals and business of our authorized persons;
  - Unfortunately, since that time we haven't received any timely responses from Pragva team on the next steps which led us to the current situation;
  - We do not want to blame someone for this situation but multiple small reasons caused all these delays.

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- Currently, we are in the position to quickly close this matter (hopefully, by the end of this year) but requesting a more lengthy time frame in case of any unexpected delays.

Hopefully, that will clarify the reasons of our request for extension.

Our representative will visit tomorrow the IFSCA office and provide a thorough explanation in person."

- ii) It is further submitted that the Unit mentioned in the email that one representative will visit the Office of the Administrator (IFSCA), but no representative has visited the Office.
- 3.2.5. The unit has not submitted a Lease Deed till date. In view of Rule 18(2)(ii) of the SEZ Rules, 2006, the Approval Committee may like to decide on the delay in the submission of the lease deed by this unit and grant a further extension, as requested by the Unit.

#### **CASE No. 34-C-03**

3.3 Sub: HDFC Capital Fund of Funds -3 Scheme 2: Request for extension of time for submission of the executed registered lease deed (as per the provision of SEZ rule 18(2) (ii)).

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- 3.3.1. Brief Summary of the Case
  - 3.3.1.1. LOA File No IFSCA-SEZ/3/2024 -SEZ Dated: 02.04.2024
  - 3.3.1.2. Validity of Original LOA: 01.04.2025
- 3.3.2. HDFC Capital Fund of Funds -3 Scheme 2 has set up Office Unit No. GA-21, Seat No. 1 to 4, Ground Floor, Pragya Accelerator, Block-15, Zone -1, Road No. -11, Processing Area GIFT SEZ, GIFT City, Gandhinagar-382355. The unit was supposed to submit the lease deed as per the rule, this must be done within 6 months of issuance of the LOA (i.e.- 01st October 2024). However, the Unit has not submitted the Lease deed till date.
- 3.3.3. Reason for Delay in Submission of Registered Lease Deed: (From HDFC Capital Fund of Funds -3 Scheme 2)

"We, HDFC Capital Fund of Funds- 3 Scheme 2 ('Fund') refer to the Letter of Approval granted on 2 April 2024(Ref. No. F.No. IFSCA - SEZ/3/2024 - SEZ) (attached).

In this regard, we submit that there is a delay in finalising the lease deed and submitting the same to your goodself within 6 months of the date of Letter of approval i.e., by 1 October 2024. The delay is because the Fundis yet to commence its operations in GIFT SEZ and is still in the process of raising the funds from investors and executing the investor related documents.

We kindly request your approval for an extension till 31 December 2024 to submit the lease deed."

3.3.4. Rule 18(2)(ii) of SEZ Rules applicable in this case is as under:

"a copy of the registered Lease Deed shall be furnished to the Development Commissioner concerned within six months from the issuance of the Letter of Approval and failure to do so, the Approval Committee may take action to withdraw the Letter of Approval after giving an opportunity of being heard".

- 3.3.5. In view of the above the unit has submitted the following documents:
  - i. Letter of Approval (LoA)
- 3.3.6. In view of Rule 18(2)(ii) of the SEZ Rules, 2006, the Approval Committee may like to decide on the delay in the submission of the lease deed by this unit.

#### **CASE No. 34-C-04**

- 3.4 Sub: Yugadi Capital: Lease Deed Registered with an 'expired LOA' (violation of First proviso to Rule 18(2) of SEZ Rules)
- 3.4.1. Brief Summary of the Case: (Deferred case from 31st UAC -CASE No. 31-C-10)
  - 3.10.1.1. LOA File No GIFT/SEZ/DCO/II/77/2023-24 Dated: 13.09.2023
  - 3.10.1.2. Date of validity of Original LOA: 12.09.2024 (LOA is Expired).
- **3.4.2.** Yugadi Capital has set up the IFSC Unit at Unit No. GB 16, Seat No. 1-4, GF Floor, Pragya Accelerator, Block 15, Road 11, Zone- 1, Processing Area in GIFT Multi-Services-Special Economic Zone Gandhinagar-382355. The entity M/s. Yugadi Capital submitted Free Form-Others request for commencement vide SEZ Online ID 422400285053 on 11.09.2024. From the Lease Deed submitted by the entity, it is noticed that the Supplemental Lease Deed was registered on 19.11.2024 whereas the physical LOA was issued on 13.09.2023. The LOA in the SEZ Online portal was generated on 19.10.2023, effective from 13.09.2023. The LOA has expired on 12.09.2024 and the entity has not applied for any LOA extension since the expiry of said LOA.
- 3.4.3. First proviso to Rule 18(2) of SEZ Rules states the following:

"Provided that the Developer shall enter into a lease agreement and give possession of the space in the Special Economic Zone to the entrepreneur only after the issuance of Letter of Approval by the Development Commissioner:"

3.4.4. Thus, it is found that the execution of the Lease Deed on 19.11.2024 based on an expired/invalid LOA is in gross violation of the first proviso to Rule 18 (2). In this regard, the deficiency was raised on 04.12.2024 in the portal stating the following:

"It is observed that the Supplementary Lease Deed was executed on 19.11.2024 whereas the LOA had expired on 12.09.2024 itself.

#### The first proviso to Rule 18 (2) states:

"Provided that the Developer shall enter into a lease agreement and give possession of the space in the Special Economic Zone to the entrepreneur only after the issuance of Letter of Approval by the Development Commissioner:"

# It is clear that Lease Deed can be executed only on a valid LOA.

Unit may submit their explanation on this matter."

- 3.4.5. The unit is yet to submit their response in this matter in the SEZ Online portal.
- **3.4.6.** Since the matter pertains to execution of Lease Deed by the Co-Developer based on an expired/invalid LOA, an email was also sent to the DC office regarding the matter, so that action, if warranted, may be taken at their end.

### 3.4.7. Rule 54(2) of SEZ Rules, 2006:

"In case the Approval Committee comes to the conclusion that a Unit has not achieved positive Net Foreign Exchange Earning [or stipulated Value Addition as specified in rule 53] or failed to abide by any of the terms and conditions of the Letter of Approval or Bond-cum-Legal Undertaking, without prejudice to the action that may be taken under any other law for the time being in force, the said Unit shall be liable for penal action under the provisions of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992"

# 3.4.8. Decision and Remarks of the 31st UAC Meeting:

Remarks from 31<sup>st</sup> UAC: The UAC advised the Co-developer and the unit to submit a written chronology of events to the Office of the Administrator (IFSCA), providing additional details if any. Thereafter, the unit may be called to a subsequent UAC meeting for further deliberation to determine whether any action is warranted under Rule 54(2) of the SEZ Rules.

Decision of 31st UAC: The Approval Committee after deliberation deferred the request with the above remarks.

# **Updates for 34th UAC:**

- 1) The Unit vide email dated 30.12.2024 (Letter dated 30.12.2024) submitted the following to the office of the Administrator (IFSCA):
  - i. Carpediem Advisors Private Limited (IFSC Branch) is the entity that has launched funds under the FM Regulations and shall launch future funds, if any, as well.
  - ii. The lease rentals are paid by the FME unit only and not by any of the Funds.
  - iii. Following the registration of the lease deed of the FME, the Unit has applied for DCP application for Yugadi Capital. Subsequently, on 22nd October 2024, a query was raised, stating that a lease deed for Yugadi Capital was a mandatory requirement.
  - iv. In response to the above query the Unit executed a supplemental lease deed on 19th November 2024 for Yugadi Capital, which served as an addendum to the original agreement, for the limited purpose of including Yugadi Capital as party to the original lease deed dated 4th September 2024. The rest of the terms of the original lease deed remain unchanged.
  - v. The supplemental lease deed is to be read along with the original lease deed and thus, becomes part of the original lease deed executed on 4th September 2024 (i.e., before expiry of the LOA).

Agenda for the 34th meeting of the Approval Committee for GIFT-Multiservice-SEZ under the Chairmanship of Administrator (IFSCA) to be held on January 09, 2025, at 11:00 AM, at IFSCA HQ, GIFT-SEZ, Gandhinagar, through hybrid mode, i.e., in-person as well as video conferencing mode.

- vi. Along with the above considerations the Unit has requested the committee to consider the original lease deed dated 4th September 2024 in conjunction with the supplemental Deed executed on 19th November 2024
- 2) As recorded in the 31st UAC meeting, the matter concerning M/s. Yugadi Capital is being submitted before the UAC for further discussion and deliberation and to decide whether any action is warranted under Rule 54 (2) of SEZ Rules.
  - The applications will be taken up sequentially in the order that they appear on the agenda. The applicants who wish to appear through VC mode shall join the meeting link as per the below timings. In case an applicant is not present in the meeting during their turn, they will be taken up only at the end of the meeting.

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01	34-A-01	Time to join the VC link
02	34-A-02	10:50 AM
03	34-A-03	10:50 AM
-04-	34-A-04	10:50 AM
05	34-A-05	11:00 AM
06	34-C-01	11:00 AM
07		11:00 AM
08	34-C-02	11:00 AM
	34-C-03	11:10 AM
09	34-C-04	11:10 AM

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