

BEFORE THE COMPETITION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

FIRST PHASE REVIEW

IN THE MATTER OF ACQUISITION OF % SHAREHOLDING BY H.E. NASSER ABDULLA HUSSAIN LOOTAH OF M/S. SUMMIT BANK LIMITED.

CASE: 1298/Merger-CCP/2022

Commission

Ms. Rahat Kaunain Hassan

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ORDER

- 1. On 06th June, 2022 the Competition Commission of Pakistan ("Commission") received a pre-merger application ("Application") pursuant to Section 11 of the Competition Act, 2010 ("Act") read with Regulation 6 of the Competition (Merger Control) Regulations, 2016 ("Merger Regulations") from M/s. Summit Bank Limited ("Target" or "SBL"), concerning the proposed acquisition of % shareholding of the Target by H.E. Nasser Abdulla Hussain Lootah ("Acquirer" or "H.E. Lootah"), in accordance with the Share Subscription Agreement ("Agreement"). Last information/documentation pertaining to the Application was completed on 08th February, 2023.
- 2. The Commission has examined the Application as well as all the documents attached therewith and the information provided by the concerned undertaking(s). The Phase I competition assessment of the intended transaction has revealed the following facts:
 - i. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - a. For the Acquirer: Individual who is a resident of the United Arab Emirates and current shareholder of the Target with % shareholding.
 - b. For the Target: engaged in Islamic and Commercial banking.
 - ii. As per the Application, the transaction under consideration is the acquisition of new ordinary shares (% shareholding) of the Target by the Acquirer. The total estimated amount under consideration to be paid for shares is PKR
 - iii. The relevant markets in this case have been identified as "Commercial and Islamic Banking Services" and the relevant geographic market is "Pakistan".
 - iv. The Acquirer's presence in the relevant market of Pakistan is through the Target. Through the proposed transaction, the Acquirer will increase its stake in the Target from % to %. However, Post-transaction market share of the Target is likely to remain unchanged at % in Islamic banking and % in Commercial Banking.
- 3. The proposed transaction does not meet the presumption of dominance as determined under Section 2(1)(e) read with Section 3 of the Act. Hence, it is hereby authorized under Section 31(1)(d)(i) of the Act.
- 4. In the subject transaction, matters which may fall outside the scope of the Commission's purview, remain subject to applicable laws.
- 5. It is so ordered.

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