

## **BEFORE THE** COMPETITION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

## FIRST PHASE REVIEW

## DE-MERGER/RESTRUCTURING OF M/S. SEFAM (PRIVATE) LIMITED AND M/S. EAST GATE INDUSTRIES (PRIVATE) LIMITED.

CASE: 1241/Merger-CCP/2021

Commission

.Mr. Mujtaba Ahmad Lodhi Member

Member

## ORDER

- 1. On 19th November, 2021 the Competition Commission of Pakistan ("Commission") received a pre-merger application ("Application") of a proposed acquisition pursuant to Section 11 of the Competition Act, 2010 ("Act") read with Regulation 6 of the Competition (Merger Control) Regulations, 2016 ("Merger Regulations") whereby, M/s. Sefam (Private) Limited ("Sefam" or "Party 1") and M/s. East Gate Industries (Private) Limited ("EGI" or "Party 2") (collectively as "Merger Parties"), intends to go through internal restructuring in accordance with Scheme of Arrangement ("Agreement"). All requisite information/documentation pertaining to the application was completed on 17th December. 2021.
- 2. The Commission has examined the Application as well as all the documents attached therewith, the market scenario, and made its observations on the basis of an independent research/investigation in the relevant market. The Phase I competition assessment of the intended transaction has resulted in the following findings:
  - i. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
    - a. For Party 1: Manufacturing and retailing of embroidered cloth and plain cloth through its outlets.
    - b. For Party 2: Buying, manufacturing, selling, importing, exporting, and wholesale of all types of textile related products in any part of the world.

  - iii. The relevant product market in this case have been identified as "Apparel-Manufacturing, Marketing and Selling" and the relevant geographic market is "Pakistan".
  - iv. As per the Application, market share of the Party 1 can be estimated to % and nil for Party 2 as presently it is non-operational.
  - v. The transaction relates to restructuring whereas, shareholders for the merger parties are the same. Therefore, market position will remain unchanged after the transaction.
- 3. In conclusion, the proposed transaction does not meet the presumption of dominance as determined under Section (2) (1) (e) read with section 3 of the Act. The proposed transaction is hereby authorized under Section 31 (1) (d) (i) of the Act.

4. It is so ordered.

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(Mr. Mujtaba Ahmad Lodhi)

Member

(Ms. Shaista Bano)

Member

Islamabad the Docember 21st, 2021.