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➤ McLeod may avoid insolvency process for 2nd time

Debt-laden bulk tea producer McLeod Russel is likely to avoid insolvency proceedings for the second time as the Khaitans, the erstwhile promoters, are planning to go ahead with an out-of-court settlement with financial creditor IL&FS Infrastructure Debt Fund. According to sources, an application has been submitted to the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) seeking approval for the out-of-court settlement with IL&FS Infrastructure Debt Fund (IIDF). The appellate tribunal is scheduled to hear the case on May 12.

Aditya Khaitan, the erstwhile chairman & managing director of McLeod Russel India, was not available for comment. Earlier, Khaitan had filed an appeal with the NCLAT against the National Company Law Tribunal's ruling admitting the Williamson Magor group firm to a corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP).

On February 10, the Kolkata bench of the NCLT admitted IL&FS Infrastructure Debt Fund's insolvency petition for initiating CIRP against the country's largest tea producer.

IL&FS Infra Asset Management Limited (IIAML), an asset management company, manages IL&FS Infrastructure Debt Fund (IIDF). IIDF, a financial creditor to McLeod, had filed the petition under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code against the company for a default in payment of ₹347.47 crore as on November 12, 2019.

Source: Financial Express

Read Full news at: <https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/mcleod-may-avoid-insolvency-process-for-2nd-time/3080886/>

➤ **NCLT admits Go First's plea for voluntary insolvency, appoints IRP**

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Wednesday admitted Go First's plea for voluntary insolvency and initiate a corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP). It appointed Abhilash Lal as the insolvency resolution professional and asked him to keep the company as a going concern.

It has also granted Go First protection under a moratorium from recovery by lessors and creditors. The banks will not be able to recover their dues during the insolvency process.

The suspended board of directors has been asked to cooperate with the IRP. NCLT has also asked Go First to not retrench any employee. This is the first time an Indian airline has voluntarily sought bankruptcy protection to renegotiate its contracts and debts. The unprecedented move could complicate repossession efforts by lessors, which have in recent days filed requests with India's aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), for the return of about 40 Go First planes over missed rental payments.

Source: Business Standard

Read Full news at: https://www.business-standard.com/companies/news/nclt-admits-go-first-s-plea-for-voluntary-insolvency-appoints-irp-123051000390_1.html

➤ **SC says NCLAT right to reject Appu Hotels' resolution plan**

The Supreme Court has ruled an appellate bankruptcy tribunal was right in rejecting Appu Hotels' resolution plan even as 87.3% of verified financial creditors approved the offer given by M K Rajagopal, the founder of MGM Healthcare.

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) rejected Rajagopal's Rs 423-crore plan on the grounds that it was revised after a majority of lenders voted on it, but the revised plan was not put before lenders for a vote. Secondly, the resolution applicant was ineligible under Section 29 (A) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code — a rule which bars defaulters from acquiring companies.

Source: The Economic Times

Read Full news at: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/services/hotels/-restaurants/sc-says-nclat-right-to-reject-appu-hotels-resolution-plan/articleshow/100082230.cms?from=mdr>

