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By the end of March 2017, the Government of India operationalised the provisions of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 (IBC) relating to corporate insolvency. Most institutions part of the new eco system became functional and filing of insolvency applications started. The enactment of the IBC has finally paved way for introduction of the much-needed modern framework to deal with insolvency of corporate entities. IBC introduces significant legal and structural changes in the insolvency framework. The success or failure of the new law will depend on its effective implementation and creating world-class infrastructure for the new institutions established under it. In particular, it is critical that the insolvency professionals have the capacity to resolve complex insolvency cases in a timely and efficient manner. The industry has applauded the enactment of IBC but also expressed concerns about its implementation based on past experience. In sum, IBC offers many significant opportunities but also poses equally enormous challenges.

As a representative organ of Corporate India, ASSOCHAM stays in the forefront to help in implementation of policies and legislations aimed at fostering balanced economic, industrial and social development. ASSOCHAM is also committed to articulating the legitimate needs and interests of its members in that regard.

Recognizing the importance of IBC in the financial architecture of the country, ASSOCHAM has set up National Council on Insolvency & Bankruptcy under the chairmanship of Sumant Batra, a renowned global expert on insolvency and Past President of INSOL International, to sensitize the Corporate India about the principles of the IBC; share global best practices with them and obtain market feedback on regular basis.

The first major initiative by the Council is to hold an international conference that will offer learning from the experiences of countries with developed insolvency systems and institutions similar to those that are being set up under our law. IBC draws heavily from the UK model and best practices around the world. An international conference attended by international experts as speakers would offer many learning opportunities. It will also offer a great networking opportunity.

Supported by Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India and the UNCITRAL, the conference is being organised in partnership with INSOL India, the leading insolvency industry advocacy body and Society of Insolvency Practitioners of India – the newly set up think tank on insolvency. Insolvency Professional Agencies are also associated with the conference.

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TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

DAY ONE

Friday, 28 April 2017

Hotel The Ashok, New Delhi

08.45 am - 09.30 am

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

09.30 am - 10.45 am

OPENING SESSION

Welcome Address	: Sandeep Jajodia, President, ASSOCHAM
Conference Partner Address	: A.S. Chandhiok, President, INSOL India
Theme Address	: Sumant Batra, Chairman, National Council of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Launch of Sumant Batra's Book Corporate Insolvency – Law & Practice Release of Conference Knowledge Report
Global Perspective	: Adam Harris, President, INSOL International
Special Address	: Dr. M.S. Sahoo, Chairperson, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
Guest of Honour	: Hon'ble Justice A.K. Sikri, Judge, Supreme Court of India
Inaugural Address	: Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs, GOI
Vote of Thanks	: D.S. Rawat, Secretary General, ASSOCHAM

10.45 am - 11.15 am

NETWORKING TEA

11.15 am - 11.30 am

Presentation by Summit Partner

Siby Antony, MD & CEO, Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd.

11.30 am - 11.50 am

Eagle eye or inspector: What is regulator's message to the market

Dr. M.S. Sahoo, Chairperson, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India

11.50 am - 12.50 pm

Debtor in possession to creditor in control system: Preparing for the cultural shift

Susan Thomas, Faculty, IGIDR & Member of BLRC
Bahram N. Vakil, Founding Partner, AZB & Partners
Nikhil Shah, Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal (India)
Andy Charters, Director, Grant Thornton, UK
Abizer Diwanji, Partner, E&Y (Moderator)

12.50 pm - 01.50 pm

NETWORKING LUNCH

01.50 pm - 03.00 pm

The morning and the night before: Getting behind the wheel

Vivek Sibal, Managing Partner, Sibal & Co., Advocates
Mamta Binani, Immediate Past President, Institute of Company Secretaries of India
Neil Cooper, Past President, INSOL International and Senior Consultant, World Bank Group
Richard Fleming, MD & Head, Europe Restructuring Practice, Alvarez & Marsal
Nikhil Shah, Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal (India) (Moderator)

03.00 pm - 03.15 pm

NETWORKING TEA

03.15 pm - 04.15 pm

Creditors committee – will IBC drive the cultural shift in Indian banks?

Praveen Kumar Gupta, Managing Director, State Bank of India

Damini Marwah, General Counsel, Axis Bank

Patrick Ang, Deputy Managing Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Bhavik Damodar, Partner, KPMG

Shailen Shah, Director, KPMG (**Moderator**)

04.15 pm - 05.15 pm

NCLT and Courts – the levelers of the playing field

Hon'ble Justice A.K. Sikri, Judge, Supreme Court of India

Hon'ble Justice S.J. Mukhopadhaya, Chairman, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal

Hon'ble Justice M.M. Kumar, President, National Company Law Tribunal

A.S. Chandhiok, President, INSOL India (**Moderator**)

Day 1, Take away by Sumant Batra, Chairman, National Council of Insolvency and Bankruptcy & Managing Partner, Kesar Dass B. & Associates

DAY TWO

Saturday, 29 April 2017

Hotel The Ashok, New Delhi

09.30 am - 10.30 am

Will IBC be the game changer in improving access to finance and India's ease of doing business ranking?

Jennifer Barsky, Lead Operations Officer, World Bank Group

Arun Kumar Jagatramka, CMD, Gujarat NRE Coke Limited & Chairman, ASSOCHAM, National Council of Ease of Doing Business

Krishnava Dutt, Managing Partner, Argus Partners (**Moderator**)

Chief Guest of the Day Address : Sanjeev Sanyal, Principal Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Government of India

10.30 am - 10.50 am

Announcement of SIPI Task Force on Best Practices

(Joint initiative of SIPI, INSOL India & ASSOCHAM)

Sumant Batra, Chairman, Society of Insolvency Practitioners of India

A.S. Chandhiok, President, INSOL India

D.S. Rawat, Secretary General, ASSOCHAM

Pulkit Gupta, Chairman, SIPI Task Force

10.50 am - 11.15 pm

NETWORKING TEA

11.15 am - 12.30 pm

Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil

Adam Harris, President, INSOL International

Suman Saxena, Wholetime Member, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

Shyam Agrawal, President, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India

Virender Ganda, President, NCLT Bar Association

Sanjay Gupta, Vice President, The Institute of Cost Accountants of India

Sumant Batra, Chairman, National Council of Insolvency and Bankruptcy & Managing Partner, Kesar Dass B. & Associates (**Moderator**)

12.30 pm - 01.30 pm

Getting the toolkit out – putting the Information Memorandum and Resolution Plan in place

Alok Dhir, Founder & Managing Partner, Dhir & Dhir Associates

Nitin Jain, CEO, Global Asset & Wealth Management, Edelweiss Financial Services

Anurag Das, Managing Partner, Rain Tree Capital, Singapore

Dhinal Ashvin Bhai Shah, Director, Indian Institute of Insolvency Professional of ICAI
(Moderator)

01.30 pm - 02.30 pm

NETWORKING LUNCH

02.30 pm - 03.30 pm

Crossing borders without authority?

Dr. T.K. Viswanathan, Chairman, Bankruptcy Law Reforms Committee

Justice Kannan Ramesh, Judge, Supreme Court of Singapore

James H.M. Sprayregen, P.C., Partner, Restructuring Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Chicago

Neil Cooper, Past President, INSOL International and Senior Consultant, World Bank Group
(Moderator)

03.30 pm - 04.30 pm

Implementation Issues

Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge Supreme Court of India (Session Chairman)

Dr. M.S. Sahoo, Chairperson, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India

P. K. Malhotra, Former Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India

Sumant Batra, Managing Partner, Kesar Dass B. & Associates (Moderator)

04.30 pm - 04.45 pm

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Sumant Batra, Chairman, National Council of Insolvency and Bankruptcy & Managing
Partner, Kesar Dass B. & Associates

04.45 pm - 05.15 pm

NETWORKING TEA

SPEAKERS

Abizer Diwanji, Partner, Ernst & Young

Abizer is Head of Financial services segment and Partner in the Transactions advisory services of E&Y with specific responsibility for Restructuring and Due Diligence.

He leads the Financial Services Practice within EY (a group of 800 people and 27 partners), across Advisory, Tax and Deals business. Abizer was involved in the firm's efforts to set up small and payment banks, bank transformations, strategy, process improvements and internal controls. This involved managing relationships and helping execution teams. He heads the restructuring business across all verticals. This involves liaising with banks and corporates for debt realignment, debt raising and operational restructuring; hands on implementation and client related work.

Adam Harris, President, INSOL International

Adam Harris is a partner in Dispute Resolution Department, and is based at Cape Town office. He is the current President of INSOL International, the association representing over 10 000 members, active worldwide in the fields of restructuring and insolvency (bankruptcy). He also served for several years as a national councillor of the South African Restructuring and Insolvency Practitioners Association (SARIPA) and chaired the Law Society of South Africa's Insolvency Committee.

He holds BA, LLB and LLM degrees from the University of Cape Town.

Adam specializes in corporate restructuring, business rescue and insolvency-related matters.

Justice A.K. Sikri, Judge, Supreme Court of India

Justice A K Sikri did his B.Com (Hons.) from Shriram College of Commerce, Delhi University in the year 1974 and LL.B from Law Faculty, Delhi University in the year 1977. He was awarded Gold Medal for attaining first position in LL.B.; and awarded special prize for getting highest marks in Constitutional Law I & II.

He enrolled as an Advocate in July, 1977 with Bar Council of Delhi and started practicing in Delhi. As lawyer, he conducted cases of all types with specialization in Constitutional cases, Labour – Service Matters and Arbitration Matters. Was counsel for numerous Public Sector Undertakings, Educational Institutions, Banks & Financial Institutions and various Private Sector Corporations. He was also part-time lecturer in Campus Law Centre, Delhi University (1984-89); was Vice-President, Delhi High Court Bar Association during 1994-95; was member of the Governing Body of various colleges from time to time; and designated as Senior Advocate by Delhi High Court on 30th September, 1997.

He was appointed as Judge of High Court of Delhi w.e.f. 7th July, 1999; became the Acting Chief Justice of Delhi High Court w.e.f. 10th October, 2011 and was elevated as the Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court w.e.f. 23.9.2012. Justice Sikri was elevated to the Supreme Court of India on 12th April, 2013.

Has been conferred Doctorate of Laws, HonorisCausa, by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, in November 2013.

Alok Dhir, Founder & Managing Partner, Dhir & Dhir Associates

Alok Dhir is a chartered accountant and a renowned lawyer in practice since 1983. He established Dhir & Dhir Associates, a full service law firm in 1993. He specializes in Corporate & Financial Restructuring, Bankruptcy Laws, Mergers & Acquisitions and Takeovers, Banking Law, Real Estate etc. Besides this, he also specializes in private equity placements, structuring of transactions, turning around of financially unviable entities and issues related to Asset Reconstruction & Securitization.

He is a leading legal counsel and represents clients in various courts and tribunals.

He has been a Member of the National Company Law Tribunal Rules Formulating Committee and has also been co-opted as a member on National Committee on Dispute Resolution by CII. Apart from this, he is also appointed by Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) on the Panel of Experts for the subject relating to Corporate Rescue and Asset Reconstruction. He is also member of the Core-Group on Insolvency Laws of FICCI.

Andy Charters, Director, Grant Thornton, UK

Andy Charters is a Director of Advisory business, focusing on international restructuring and insolvency. His experience covers various European jurisdictions (most recently Greece and Cyprus), the US, Asia and the main offshore financial centres (such as Cayman Islands, the BVI and the Channel Islands). His sector experience covers financial services, oil and gas and shipping.

The work he is involved in often involves complex groups or capital structures, high levels of debt, or high profile businesses. Some recent projects include:

- BVI and English liquidations of Pioneer Freight Futures Company Limited, an Asian based derivative trader that has involved significant English High Court litigation regarding the ISDA Master Agreement and claims against a former director.
- Monitoring of the state-aid restructuring of National Bank of Greece, EurobankErgasias and Cooperative Central Bank, reporting to the EC, ECB and IMF on the banks' performance against restructuring plans and compliance with various other commitments made on receipt of state-aid bailouts.
- Advising a main market listed international oil and gas business on a contingency plan in support of a restructuring process
- Advising a secured creditor on possible enforcement options in respect of a major international energy group.

Anurag Das, Managing Partner, Rain Tree Capital, Singapore

Anurag specializes in global distressed and special situations investing, and has led secondary market and private investments across the capital structure of companies undergoing rescue, turnarounds, restructuring and liquidation. His experience since 1994 spans a range of industries, some of the most complex and large global insolvencies, and bankruptcy jurisdictions in North America, Europe and the Asia-Pacific.

Rain Tree Capital is currently focusing on rescue and distressed investments in India as its new insolvency regime takes shape, and local banks deal with a large non-performing asset burden. Rain Tree brings to bear its principals' expertise in insolvency resolution and restructuring, business turnarounds and management, and corporate finance and strategy, alongside extensive knowledge of India's past and new insolvency regimes.

Prior to founding Rain Tree, Anurag managed investments with some of the world's leading distressed specialists. He was a managing director at King Street Capital, a US\$20+ billion distressed/credit investor. He established the firm's Singapore office to lead its Asia-Pacific investments after working in the New York offices of King Street and Perry Capital. Earlier, he managed high yield, mezzanine, leveraged loan and distressed private equity investments with Bain Capital Credit, and with GE Capital in India and the US, where he also worked on corporate restructuring exercises.

Anurag received an MBA degree from Harvard Business School after working as a strategy consultant with Bain & Company in SE Asia and India. He earlier received a BA Honors in PPE from the University of Oxford where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and a B.Sc. Honors in Physics from the University of Delhi.

Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State in Finance and Corporate Affairs in Government of India

An Indian politician belonging to the Bharatiya Janata Party and former party Chief Whip in 16th Lok Sabha, Arjun Ram Meghwal is Union Minister of State in Finance and Corporate Affairs in Government of India. He has been elected to the 15th and 16th Lok Sabhas (terms of the lower house of the Parliament of India) from Bikaner constituency, Rajasthan.

He was awarded the Best Parliamentarian Award in 2013.

A former senior bureaucrat, he holds a Masters in Business Administration (M.B.A.) from the Philippines University.

Arun Kumar Jagatramka, CMD, Gujarat NRE Coke Limited & Chairman, ASSOCHAM, National Council of Ease of Doing Business

Arun Kumar is a Chartered Accountant with an all India 1st rank and gold medal. Under his guidance, Gujarat NRE Coke Ltd (GNCL) has emerged as one of the largest independent producers of metallurgical coke in India. He is a member of the India-Australia CEO's forum from the Indian side nominated by the Honourable Prime Minister of India. Arun had earlier served as the Honorary NSW 'Sydney Ambassador' to India, appointed by the Government of New South Wales, Australia. He is also an active member of prominent industry associations like CII, ASSOCHAM and FICCI.

Arun Kumar is the founder of Gujarat NRE – AMA Centre for National Integrity at Ahmedabad Management Association. He has recently been nominated as the Chairman of ASSOCHAM National Council on Ease of Doing Business. He is also the Chairman of the ASSOCHAM India-Australia Business Promotion Council. He has also been the Co-Chair of CII Western Region Governance Sub Committee for last two years in a row.

A.S. Chandhiok, President, INSOL India

A.S. Chandhiok is a distinguished lawyer of the country. A Senior Advocate practising in the Supreme Court and High Courts in India, he was president of Delhi High Court Bar Association six times. A former Additional Solicitor General of India, Amarjit is President of INSOL India, Vice- Chairman of Society of Insolvency Practitioners of India and Member, Advisory Committee of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India. He has been conferred many prestigious awards.

Bahram N. Vakil, Founding Partner, AZB & Partners

A Founding partner of AZB & Partners, Bahram Vakil is amongst India's foremost infrastructure and project finance attorneys. He is one of the few infrastructure lawyers in the country who has been involved in five of the eight fast track power projects and has been acknowledged as a leading banking and finance and project finance lawyer.

His professional memberships are in U.K. Sinha Committee – Working Group on Foreign Investment in India, SEBI Sub – Group on Regulatory Guidelines for Redeemable Non – Convertible Preference shares and Viswanathan Bankruptcy Law Reform Committee and played a key role in drafting the new Bankruptcy Code.

Bhavik Damodar, Partner and Head of Deal Strategy and Restructuring

Bhavik heads KPMG's Deal Strategy and Restructuring and also leads KPMG Transaction Services efforts in the Infrastructure Sector. Bhavik has extensive experience on working with domestic and international investors on their deals, including deals involving stressed assets and on a variety of post deal monitoring work. He has a deep understanding of the infrastructure, construction and capital goods sectors and issues associated with these sectors.

Damini Marwah, General Counsel, Axis Bank Limited

Damini has close to 20 years of experience and has worked extensively in project finance, corporate finance, structured finance and private equity. Damini also specializes in restructuring and turnaround of non-performing assets and brings a strong understanding of Indian regulatory and strategic matters.

D.S. Rawat, Secretary General, Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India

As Secretary General (CEO) of Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), D S Rawat is responsible and accountable for all the activities of the Chamber. He is nationally acclaimed for his irreplaceable contribution in providing leadership to the ASSOCHAM which helped the institution to position it as the country's Knowledge Chamber.

ASSOCHAM, India's premier apex chamber covers a membership of over 4.00 lakh companies and professionals across the country. It was established in 1920 by promoter chambers, representing all regions of India and acknowledged as the Chambers of Chambers. Mr. Rawat has traveled extensively both within and outside the country. He has supervised publications of a vast number of studies, periodicals, books etc. He has also received a honorary degree from the university of KEISIE International University, South Korea and has also many awards and appreciations for his excellence and professionalism.

Dhinal Ashvin Bhai Shah, Director, Indian Institute of Insolvency Professional of ICAI

Dhinal is a partner of Ernst & Young, Tax & Regulatory Services practice. He is a Chartered Accountant and Lawyer by qualification and has more than 25 years of experience in advising clients on taxation, exchange control and regulatory issues.

He has been extensively involved in advising Indian corporate and multinationals on issues relating to double tax treaties (PE exposures, optimizing tax credits etc), due diligence, transfer pricing, foreign tax systems implications, corporate tax and accounting standards including IFRS.

Dhinal is a Central Council Member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Executive Committee Member of International Fiscal Association, Director of IPA formed by ICAI and Chairman of Direct Tax committee of Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industries. He is also a member of different technical committees of the Institute. He has also addressed and presented papers at various seminars and conferences on international taxation, non resident taxation, transfer pricing, domestic taxation, Accounting Standards etc. He is also a regular contributor of articles to Institute and other professional journals. He has also co- authored book.

James H.M. Sprayregen, P.C., Partner, Restructuring Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Chicago

James H.M. Sprayregen is a Restructuring Partner in the Chicago and New York offices of Kirkland & Ellis LLP and serves on Kirkland's worldwide management committee. Mr. Sprayregen is recognized as one of the outstanding restructuring lawyers in the United States and around the world and has led some of the most complex Chapter 11 filings in recent history. Mr. Sprayregen has extensive experience representing major U.S. and international companies in restructurings out of court and in court around the globe. He has handled matters for clients in industries as varied as manufacturing, technology, transportation, energy, media, and real estate. He has extensive experience advising boards of directors, and generally representing debtors and creditors in complex workout, insolvency, restructuring, and bankruptcy planning matters worldwide.

Jennifer Barsky, Lead Operations Officer, World Bank Group

Justice Kannan Ramesh, Judge, High Court of Singapore

Justice Kannan Ramesh joined the Supreme Court in May 2015, and then as Judge of the High Court in April 2017.

He received his Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from the National University of Singapore in 1990. He was then admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor in Singapore in 1991, and appointed as Senior Counsel in 2012.

Mr Ramesh was Managing Partner of Messrs Tan KokQuan Partnership, where he specialised in dispute resolution, insolvency and restructuring, and international arbitration. He was also appointed as Board Member of the Singapore Aerospace Manufacturing Pte Ltd and M1 Limited. In the former, he had an added role as Executive Committee Member, while in the latter, he was Chairman of M1's Risk Committee, as well as Member of their Nominating and Audit Committees.

He is currently a Member of Singapore Academy of Law's Law Reform Committee, and New York's International Insolvency Institute (III). He is also part of the Arbitration and Conciliation working group in the latter.

Krishnava Dutt, Managing Partner, Argus Partner

KrishnavaSatyaki Dutt serves as Managing Partner of UdwadiaUdeshi and Argus Partners. He has experience encompassing the entire repertoire of corporate practice including mergers and acquisitions, private equity, banking and finance, projects and project finance. He retired from Amarchand Mangaldas as a Partner in June of 2009 to establish Argus Partners which was recognized by the International Financial Law Review and Asia Law as one of the notable Widen law firms in the corporate and M&A space. He joined Amarchand Mangaldas in 2005 and became the Partner in charge of the eastern operations of it in the year 2007. He has also closely worked with several venture capital and private equity funds and renowned banks and financial institutions. He has also worked closely with the Government of West Bengal in several transactions including its recent disinvestments of PSUs. He is the Legal Advisor to the Public Enterprises Department of Government of Orissa for its restructuring initiative of Government of Orissa undertakings. He serves as Independent Director of Various Organization.

Justice M.M. Kumar, President, National Company Law Tribunal

Justice M.M. Kumar (Retd.) has an illustrious academic and professional record. He qualified his LL.B from Punjabi University, Patiala in 1977 and was enrolled as an Advocate in the same year. He commenced his practice in the District Courts of Sangrur. He went to England in 1979 for higher studies and qualified for LL.M., from the University of Birmingham. After returning to India he joined the Chamber of Mr. Kuldip Singh, Bar-at- Law. (who was directly elevated from bar to Hon'ble Supreme Court). He was elected as Vice-President of the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association for 1991-92 and later appointed as Additional Advocate General (Punjab) from October 1995 to November 1996.

He was elevated as a Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court at Chandigarh on 02.07.2001; worked as Executive Chairman, Legal Services Authority and Chairman, Mediation Committee and held Mega Lok Adalats. He was appointed as Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court on 08.06.2012.

He is a visiting Professor of RGNLU, Patiala.

After retirement Justice Kumar conducted a number of commercial arbitrations which included the cases referred by Hon'ble the Supreme Court and the High Courts.

Justice Kumar then took over charge as Chairman, Company Law Board on 5th June 2015 and continued as such till 31st May 2016. He has now been appointed as the first President of National Company Law Tribunal on the abolition of Company Law Board on 1st June 2016.

Dr M.S. Sahoo, Chairperson, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India

Dr. M. S. Sahoo, an acclaimed thought leader in the area of securities markets and a distinguished public servant, currently serves as Chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India. He has served as a Member of the Competition Commission of India, Secretary of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Whole Time Member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India, Economic Adviser with the National Stock Exchange of India and held senior positions in Government of India as a Member of Indian Economic Service. He also had a brief, but eventful legal practice.

Dr. Sahoo has been a Member / Chairman of several committees set up by Ministry of Finance, SEBI, RBI, IRDAI, and WDRA. These include Chairman of the Committees (Sahoo Committee I, II and III) on Depository Receipts, Domestic and Overseas Capital Markets, and External Commercial Borrowing. He has assisted in development and refinement of the Indian Financial Code (IFC) recommended by the Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission (FSLRC). He has served on Boards of a few organisations, including Oriental Bank of Commerce, Management Development Institute, National Institute of Securities Markets, SEBI and CCI. Dr. Sahoo has post-graduation degrees in Economics, Law, Management and Company Secretaryship.

Mamta Binani, Immediate Past President, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India

Dr. Mamta Binani is the National Immediate Past President of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) for the year 2016. She is the second lady President of ICSI in the illustrious history of the Institute of 48 years. A commerce graduate and a Fellow Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Mamta has done LLB. She is practising as a Company Secretary for over 20 years now and is a registered Insolvency Professional. She is the first insolvency professional in the country, to be registered with the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India. She also serves as an Independent Director on few of the prestigious Boards and has served as the promoter director of the ICSI Insolvency Professionals Agency.

She has been conferred with the "Bharat Nirman Awards" in the year 2010 for "Excellence in Professional Services" and is the first Company Secretary to have received this prestigious award and also the KKMERS award for excellence in profession. She also received the "Tejaswini Award" in the year 2010. She was conferred with the 'Hello Kolkata' award for exemplary work in social sector. "Wah Zindagi" has featured a telefilm on her journey which is widely viewed in YouTube. She has been covered by the BBC world for a documentary on the usage of 'Ghee' and is the only practising company secretary to have been featured by Femina magazine in one of its coveted anniversary issue.

She has wide exposure to the global practices and she takes keen interest in corporate laws, insolvency laws, governance management, sustainability and CSR issues and leadership training.

She is the Vice President of the Kolkata National Company Law Tribunal Bar Association and is the Chairperson of the Merchant Chamber of Commerce-Corporate Law and Governance Committee and is a member of the Legal Committee of the Indian Chamber of Commerce.

She has been conferred with the 'Doctor of Excellence' Certificate in HonorisCausa in recognition for excellence in the field of Management, for outstanding performance and excellent contribution and undisputed commitment through their sustainable work which benefits country and society at large.

Neil Cooper, Past President, INSOL International and Senior Consultant, World Bank Group

Neil Cooper, Senior Consultant, World Bank Group has over 50 years of insolvency practice, undertaking all manner of assignments including multinational reorganizations, fraud investigations and insolvencies in Europe, Asia, Africa and North America. He is also involved in the following engagements:

- Partner in three major insolvency and accounting practices based in UK
- Senior consultant to the Investment Climate Advisory Services of World Bank Group
- Senior international consultant to European Bank for Reconstruction & Development
- Consultant to OECD
- Delegate to United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

Nikhil Shah, Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal (India)

Nikhil Shah is a Managing Director with Alvarez & Marsal and leads the turnaround & restructuring practice in India. He has played an integral role in several high profile turnarounds, performance improvement, distressed M&A and financial restructuring projects and brings more than 15 years serving public and privately owned companies.

He has led several complex engagements across a range of industries including steel, power, infrastructure, transportation, telecom, financial services, consumer electronics, chemicals, technology and textiles across North America and Asia. He has also authored several white papers on the stressed asset market including Outlook for Stressed Asset Market in India and Asset Reconstruction Companies: Small Steps on a Long Road Ahead. Mr. Shah has also advised the Bankruptcy Law Reform Committee and Joint Parliamentary Committee on drafting of the Indian Insolvency & Bankruptcy Act of 2016. He is currently serving the Ministry of Corporate Affairs on implementation of the new insolvency & bankruptcy code.

Nitin Jain, CEO, Global Asset & Wealth Management, Edelweiss Financial Services

Nitin Jain is CEO, Global Asset & Wealth Management at Edelweiss Group and co- heads the Global Asset & Wealth Management business, with over US\$ 6 Billion in assets. The business encompasses the entire range of asset management services including Alternative Funds, Mutual Funds, Asset Reconstruction, as well as Wealth Management. The Global Asset Management & Wealth Management Group at Edelweiss advises Investors, Financial Sponsors, Owner/ Promoters, Family Offices, on investments as well as financing and funding strategies across domestic and offshore markets. Edelweiss is one of India's leading diversified financial services conglomerates.

Nitin joined Edelweiss in 2004 and has extensive multi asset class investment experience across local and global markets. In his earlier role as the head of Retail Capital Markets he was instrumental in expanding the Retail Broking business across asset classes and products and subsequently built it into a business with over \$2bn of assets under management. He is also credited with the successful integration of Anagram Stock Broking Ltd.

Nitin has a B.Tech. degree from Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, with Post Graduation in Management from Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta.

Patrick Ang, Deputy Managing Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Patrick Ang is the Deputy Managing Partner of Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP, one of the largest law firms in Singapore and Southeast Asia. He is also the CEO of Rajah & Tann Asia - the firm's regional network of law firms in Southeast Asia - comprising more than 600 lawyers.

Patrick has over 25 years of experience handling both contentious and transactional cases. One of his areas of expertise is in corporate restructuring and insolvency, acting for financial institutions and companies in many major and publicised cases; these include Swiber Holdings, Swissco Holdings, EMS Energy, Rickmers Maritime Trust, Asia Pulp and Paper, Lehman Brothers Singapore, Nortel Networks and China Aviation Oil.

Patrick is an Independent Director on the Board of Singapore Deposit Insurance Corporation Limited and SMRT Corporation Ltd, Singapore's largest public transport company and TiongSeng Holdings Ltd. He was director of The Esplanade Company from 2009 to 2014.

Recent positions Patrick have held include Co-chairman of the G36 Committee of INSOL International, the largest international insolvency association based in London; Subject Co-ordinator at the Singapore Institute of Legal Education for Insolvency Law & Practice and Examiner at the Foreign Practitioners Examination for Insolvency Law.

Praveen Kumar Gupta, Managing Director, State Bank of India

Praveen Kumar Gupta has been the Managing Director of State Bank of India since November 2, 2015. He served as the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director at SBI Capital Markets Limited since June 22, 2015. He serves as Group Executive of Compliance & Risk at State Bank of India. He was Deputy Managing Director of State Bank of India since May, 2014 and served as its Chief Financial Officer. He has risen through the ranks in his uninterrupted 33-year stint with SBI. He served as the Chief Executive Officer and Head of SBI Bahrain Branch at State Bank of India until March 28, 2009 and served as Chief General Manager of Bhubaneswar. He joined the Bahrain Overseas Banking Unit of SBI in April 2004 and served as its General Manager. He served as Chief Executive Officer of SBI's Bahrain unit and also headed its operations in the Middle East and North Africa as Regional Chief. He has been a Director of Orissa State Finance Corp., since November 26, 2011 and State Bank of India since November 2, 2015.

P. K. Malhotra, Former Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India

P K Malhotra has more than 30 years experience in the field of law. He retired recently as Secretary in the Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India, New Delhi. Other important assignment held in the past include Chairman, Adjudicating Authority under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act; Judicial Member, Income-tax Appellate Tribunal; Legal Adviser to the Government of Guyana, South America (on foreign assignment); Member, COFEPOSA Preventive Detention Advisory Committee; Legal Adviser for the Ministry of Finance, Commerce, Communication & Information Technology, Railways, Labour, Personnel & Training and Cabinet Secretariat.

Richard Fleming, MD & Head, Europe restructuring practice, Alvarez & Marsal

Richard Fleming is a Managing Director with Alvarez & Marsal and leads its Restructuring practice in Europe.

Richard has more than 30 years of restructuring experience across a wide range of industries and has played an integral role in a number of high-profile stressed, distressed and insolvency cases in the public and private arena. He acted as the administrator of MF Global, the commodities brokerage firm, and Leeds United FC, and led the company-side restructuring of Southern Cross Plc, the largest nursing home operator in the U.K. at the time with 41,000 employees. This assignment involved complex stakeholder management issues and ultimately led to the consensual breakup of the group on a solvent basis.

He led the restructuring of JJB Sports Plc and Blacks Leisure Plc, breaking new ground by taking these privately listed companies through company voluntary arrangements without any share suspension, paving the way for subsequent equity raises. He has advised and acted as administrator to numerous retailers including Threshers, Peacocks and La Senza and led the restructurings of Fitness First and Travelodge, both of which generated a significant increase in value to financial and equity stakeholders.

Richard previously led KPMG's U.K. restructuring practice and the U.K. firm's entire advisory offering, serving on its U.K. board and global advisory board. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and New Zealand, and R3, and is a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner.

Justice S.J. Mukhopadhyaya, Chairman, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal

Justice Sudhansu Jyoti Mukhopadhyaya obtained his LL.B Degree in 1979 from Patna University. He enrolled as an Advocate on 18th May 1979 and practised at Patna and Ranchi Bench of Patna High Court in Constitutional, Service, Civil and Criminal matters. He was designated as Senior Advocate in February, 1993.

He was appointed as a Permanent Judge of the Patna High Court on 8th November, 1994. He became the Judge of the Jharkhand High Court w.e.f. 15th November 2000.

He functioned as Acting Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court from 26.8.2004 to 1.3.2005, 8.9.2005 to 3.12.2005 and 10.6.2006 to 28.8.2006. He was transferred to Madras High Court on 31.08.2006. He functioned as Acting Chief Justice of Madras High Court from 09.05.2008 to 18.05.2008.

Justice Mukhopadhyaya was elevated as a judge, Supreme Court of India on 31st September 2011 and retired on 15-03-2015 from Supreme Court of India. He was appointed as Chairperson of National Company Law Appellate Tribunal on 1st June 2016.

Sandeep Jajodia, CMD, Monnet Ispat & President ASSOCHAM

Sandeep Jajodia is a visionary whose commitment and passion have enabled the Monnet Group to emerge as the second-largest coal based sponge Iron Company in India.

Born in Kolkatta, Sandeep Jajodia showed his business spark at an early age by envisaging the potential and opportunities associated with the steel sector. Armed with rigorous training in critical aspects of marketing, strategy formation and international business, he started his career foraying into manufacturing by setting up the Monnet Group's first Ferro Alloy Unit in 1991 at a capital cost of Rs.1.7 Cr. Monnet Group has now grown to a 1.5 MTPA Integrated Steel Plant and 1050 MW Independent Power Plant with investment of more than Rs. 10000 Cr.

His comprehensive grasp of the intricacies of every aspect of the business has nurtured the Group from a ferro alloy manufacturer to a fully integrated primary steel player with interests in sponge iron, mining, ferro alloys steel and power generation. He has guided the Monnet to be part of the elite group of primary steel producers with the 1.5 MTPA integrated steel plant at Raigarh, Chhattisgarh. He has a clear business philosophy of adding value to existing business operations by leveraging its competitive edge acquired through backward and forward integration.

Sandeep Jajodia, besides being the driving force behind the growth of the Monnet Group, is also actively involved in other aspects relevant to industry and society. He has held prestigious positions such as President of ASSOCHAM and Chairman of Sponge Iron Manufacturers Association (SIMA). He is also committed to MIEL's CSR activities, promoting various programmes through the Monnet Foundation.

Sanjay Gupta, Vice President, The Institute of Cost Accountants of India

CMA Sanjay Gupta has been elected as Vice-President of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India for the year 2016-17. He is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India.

He has 17 years of impeccable professional standing and proven track record. He was elected to the Central Council for two consecutive terms (2011-15, 2015-19); was the Chairman of NIRC of the Institute in 2009-10; has been the Chairman of WTO and International Affairs Committee of Institute since 2011. He has also effectively contributed to the cause of the profession as a member of the Risk Management and Corporate Governance Committee, Finance Committee, Infrastructure & Information Technology Committee, Committee for Accounting Technicians, Committee for Advanced Studies, Committee for Members in Industry, IT Committee, Journal Committee, Direct Taxation Committee and many other committees in the past. He is also the Director of ICWAI Management Accounting Research Foundation.

Sanjay has around 18 years of experience in Telecom, Power & Aviation Sector in the fields of Costing, Regulatory, Revenue Assurance, mergers & amalgamations, Costing, Management Accounting, Budgeting, Forecasting and Systems Development. He has been an eloquent Speaker on various topics in Regional/National and International conferences organized by ICAI, NIRC, Chapters & other professional bodies like The Prince's Accounting for Sustainability Project (A4S), IFAC, GRI, TRAI, ASSOCHAM, FICCI, IUCN etc. CMA Sanjay Gupta has been actively involved as Speaker in the Management Colleges like IMT Ghaziabad, Symbiosis Bangalore, IITs & IIMs and has also been in the Committee for the Selection Interviews for the MBA Batches for various colleges. He is also the Partner of Sanjay Gupta & Associates, Cost Accountants.

Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge, Supreme Court of India

Sanjay Kishan Kaul is a judge of the Supreme Court of India. He assumed charge as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court on 26 July 2014. He was the Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court before and also worked as judge at Delhi High Court. Justice Kaul is a member of various prestigious institutions like Indian International Center, India Law Institute, India Habitat Center. He graduated in Economics (Hons) from St Stephens College, Delhi University in 1979 and later obtained LLB from Campus Law Centre, Delhi University in 1982. 2008 Judgement as Delhi HC Judge, where Kaul dismissed the charges levied against M F Hussain for his painting of a lady later termed as 'Bharat Mata', accusing him of obscenity. Upholding free speech and expression, Justice Kaul expressed agreement with Husain's contention that there was no deliberate intention on his part to hurt anybody's religious feeling as the figure actually represented an "anthropomorphic depiction of a nation" in the form of a distressed woman.

Sanjeev Sanyal, Principal Economic Advisor, Government of India

Sanjeev Sanyal is the Principal Economic Advisor to the Government of India. An internationally acclaimed economist and best-selling author, he spent two decades in the financial sector and was Global Strategist & Managing Director at Deutsche Bank till 2015. He was named Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2010. He is also a well known environmentalist and urban theorist. In 2007, he was awarded the Eisenhower Fellowship for his work on urban dynamics. He has been a Visiting Scholar at Oxford University, Adjunct Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore and a Senior Fellow of the World Wide Fund for Nature. He has also served in the Future City Sub-Committee of the Singapore government tasked with building a long-term vision for the city-state.

Sanjeev attended Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi and Oxford University where he was a Rhodes Scholar (1992-95). His best-selling books include Land of the Seven Rivers, The Indian Renaissance and The Ocean of Churn, all published by Penguin. In addition, he had published around 200 articles, columns and reports in leading national/international publications. He was given the inaugural International Indian Achievers Award for contributions to Literature in 2014. He has been a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, London and a Visiting Fellow of IDFC Institute, Mumbai.

Shailen Shah, Director, Deal Advisory, Restructuring, KPMG

Shailen is a Chartered Accountant and Law Graduate. He is a seasoned M&A and finance professional with over 15 years of work experience. He has been with KPMG Deal Advisory team for the past 10 years and earlier to KPMG, he was associated with PriceWaterhouseCoopers in their audit and M&A advisory division.

Shailen was member of the expert committee set up by Ministry of Corporate Affairs which provided inputs to the government on drafting rules and regulations for the implementation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. He was also member of the expert committee which provided inputs to the Bankruptcy Laws Reform Committee in India during the drafting the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016.

He also has significant M&A related experience having worked on over 75 transactions involving restructuring, wind downs, mergers, acquisitions, financing by large institutions, private equity investments across various industries with a special focus on Financial services. Shailen also has significant experience on restructuring and exit planning engagement. Shailen has been involved in the Lehman Brothers India liquidation process and is responsible for the overall supervision and execution of the assignment relating to administration of Lehman Brothers India Entities.

Shyam Agrawal, President, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India

CS (Dr.) Shyam Agrawal is the Central Council Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, for the term 2015-2018. A Fellow Member of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, he obtained his Masters of Law (LL.M.) and Ph.D (Law) on the topic "Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises- An analytical study of Law, Practice and Procedure". He was the Chairman, Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) of the ICSI for the year 2014. He was the Chairman, Jaipur Chapter of NIRC of The ICSI for the years 2009 & 2010. Shyam is a Practicing Company Secretary and is also associated with various social, economic and other organisations like: Rajasthan Tax Consultants' Association, Federation of Rajasthan Trade & Industry (FORTI), JCI International (Worldwide Federation of Young Leaders and Entrepreneurs), Institute of Directors, New Delhi, Lions Club Jaipur Professionals, etc. He was Member of Educational Advisory & other Discussion Panel of leading newspapers viz., Dainik Bhaskar, Rajasthan Patrika. Shyam is a regular faculty for seminars, study circle and several training programs of ICSI, a regular speaker at various Professional, Management & Educational bodies on various topics of corporate relevance especially on MSME and Entrepreneurship and participated in various Economic & Social Discussion, Workshops etc. His dynamism is regularly reported in the Print & Electronic Media on the topics related to social, professional, environmental, economy and other issues. He Initiated a Signature Campaign on most desirable issue "Save Water, Respect Nature and Global Warming" and initiated a Campaign on "Cast Your Vote". He has received accolades from many Social Organisations, Chambers and other Institutions for his distinguished contribution in the development of Society, Profession, Youth, Industry etc.

Siby Antony, MD & CEO, Edelweiss, Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd.

Siby Antony is the Managing Director & CEO of Edelweiss ARC. He was formerly (a) the chairman of the Empowered Group of the Corporate Debt Restructuring cell; (b) head of SASF (Stressed Assets Stabilization Fund) as an Executive Trustee; (c) the executive Director of IDBI (Industrial Development Bank of India); (d) nominated by IDBI on the Board of Directors of ARCIL and various other companies; and (e) a former member, Institutional Group constituted by GoI for studying various issues connected with the flow of investment in infrastructure sector. Siby Antony has a post graduate degree in economics from Madras University; and Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from Kerala University.

Suman Saxena, Wholtime Member, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

Suman Saxena is Whole Time Member, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India. She looks after Research and Regulation Wing comprising Corporate Insolvency, Corporate Liquidation, Individual Insolvency, Individual Bankruptcy, Research and Publications, Data Management and Dissemination and Advocacy. She looks after National Insolvency Programme, Continuing Professional Programme, and Knowledge Management and Partnership. Suman served as a member of the Indian Audit and Accounts Service for over 35 years. Her last assignment was Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General, where she oversaw three important sectors, namely, defence, communications and railways. She has also been the Director of National Academy of Audit and Accounts

Sumant Batra, Managing Partner & Head – Insolvency Practice, Kesar Dass B. & Associates

An insolvency lawyer of international repute, social commentator and thought leader, Sumant Batra is a multi-faceted person with accomplishments in diverse spheres. He is Past President of INSOL International and has held leadership positions in many prestigious multi-lateral, global and national organisations. As senior international consultant to the World Bank Group, IMF, OECD and other development institutions, he has worked extensively on policy matters in Africa, Eastern Europe, Middle East and South Asia. Rated as India's No. 1 insolvency lawyer by Legal 500 for many consecutive years, Sumant currently heads the insolvency and secured transactions practice at Kesar Dass B. & Associates, a leading Indian law firm co-founded by him in 1993.

Also a cultural champion, Sumant is the founder and architect of a number of innovative creative projects to promote Indian heritage, culture, art and literature. An avid collector, he is probably the largest collector of Indian cinema memorabilia and owns Chitrashala, a private museum of Indian vintage graphic art.

He is President, Society of Insolvency Practitioners of India, Chief Mentor, INSOL India and is also Chairman, ASSOCHAM National Council of Insolvency & Bankruptcy.

He has recently authored a book on corporate insolvency.

Susan Thomas, Faculty, IGIDR & Member of BLRC

T.K. Viswanathan, Chairman, Bankruptcy Law Reforms Committee

Former Union law secretary Padam Shri Dr. T K Viswanathan is the key architect of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, as Chairman of the Bankruptcy Law Reforms Committee, which produced the report in this regard. Prior to his retirement, he served as the Secretary General of the Lok Sabha Secretariat. A holder of a Masters Degree in Jurisprudence from Madras University, Dr. Viswanathan brings with him rich legal experience, having 5 been Professor at the Madras Law College and Member-Secretary in Law Commission of India from 2003 to 2006. He served as Secretary to the Union government from April 2000 to October 2003. He was Secretary, Legislative Department, from April 2006 to October 2009.

Virender Ganda, President, NCLT Bar Association

A Senior Advocate, Virender Ganda is a fellow member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and Institute of Cost Accountants of India. He was elected to Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India in the year 1999, and was the President of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India in the year 2000.

He has over 42 years of experience in corporate & civil litigation, corporate restructuring & arrangements, mergers, amalgamations, takeovers, economic & commercial laws, competition laws and consumer protection laws. He has been a representative member of core group of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and represented at the expert committees of Ministry of Company Affairs on recodification of the Companies Act. He has appeared before the House Committee of Parliament and presented suggestions for simplification and consolidation of the Companies Act. He has been a member of various committees appointed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India for Corporate Governance and Accounting Standards, and also on advisory board to the Securities and Exchange Board of India on primary and secondary securities markets.

He was also involved in public sector reform program in Madhya Pradesh and passenger transport system regulatory framework in Andhra Pradesh at the behest of Asian Development Bank, United Kingdom.

Vivek Sibal, Managing Partner, Sibal & Co., Advocates

Vivek Sibal is a lawyer based in New Delhi, India and specializes in commercial litigation. He has an excellent reputation for handling insolvency litigation cases. He has graduated from St. Stephens College and the Campus Law Centre, Delhi University. He had a very large and successful practice in the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction and in the Appellate Authority for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction for over 2 decades and is described by his peers and client's as an outstanding insolvency professional. He currently practices in the NCLT/NCLAT, Debt Recovery Tribunals and in the Delhi High Court. Though he primarily represents corporate debtors, he also represents banks and large creditors in special situations.

Vivek has acted in some of India's largest and most complex insolvency and restructuring cases. He has been ranked for several years in Chambers Asia Pacific and in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific as a top Insolvency Practitioner in India; and his firm "Sibal & Co." is a winner of the Indian Law Firm Awards presented by India Business Law Journal in the field of "Restructuring & Insolvency" for several years. Vivek sits on the Board of Governors of INSOL India. He was also the Co-Chair of the INSOL International's One Day Seminar on Cross-border Insolvency and Restructuring held at New Delhi on April 23rd, 2016.

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