

## COMPETITION NEWS ALERT

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### Competition Commission of India (CCI) allows e-filing of complaints during lockdown due to COVID -19

In order to continue its primary role of a market watchdog, during the ongoing general lockdown due to COVID -19 pandemic, the Competition Commission of India (“CCI”) has decided to go fully digital. Vide a Public Notice issued on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020, the CCI has allowed parties to file both complaints/Information against anti-competitive conduct as well as merger filing electronically.

These measures adopted by CCI, with an objective to minimise personal contact, during the pandemic, cover the following aspects:

#### ❖ **Filing of information & Combination notices**

Information before the CCI under Section 19(1) of the Competition Act, 2002 alleging contravention of Section 3 (Anti-Competitive Agreements) or Section 4 (Abuse of Dominant Position) may be filed in electronic form at [atdregistry@cci.gov.in](mailto:atdregistry@cci.gov.in). Similarly, the respective forms notifying a combination may be filed at [comb.registry@cci.gov.in](mailto:comb.registry@cci.gov.in).

#### ❖ **Filing Fee**

The fees with respect to filing Information or Combination notices before the CCI shall be paid through Electronic Clearance Service by direct remittance to Competition Commission of India (Competition Fund)<sup>1</sup>. Soft Copies of proof of payment/confirmation of credit shall be attached and date of filing hard copies is to be notified in due course.

#### ❖ **Merger Pre-Filing Consultation**

Parties to a proposed combination may avail pre-filing consultation *via* video conferencing. The concerned parties may request for the same at [cci-consult@nic.in](mailto:cci-consult@nic.in), and

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thereafter, the combination registry will email a web-link which will be accessible to the parties from anywhere.

### ❖ Adjourments

Fresh dates will be issued by the CCI for matters which were listed for hearing as well as for compliances which were due in respect of pending cases before the Director General or the Commission up to 20.04.2020.

*For any further information/clarification, please feel free to write to:*

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