

January 11, 2024

The Secretary, Listing Department BSE Limited Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street, Mumbai - 400 001. Maharashtra, India. <u>Scrip Code</u>: **500470** The Manager, Listing Department National Stock Exchange of India Limited Exchange Plaza, 5th Floor, Plot No. C/1, G Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051. Maharashtra, India. Symbol: **TATASTEEL**

Dear Madam, Sirs,

Subject: Pronouncement of Order by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai Bench sanctioning the Scheme of Amalgamation amongst Tata Steel Limited and Tata Metaliks Limited and their respective shareholders

This is further to our disclosures dated September 22, 2022 and August 10, 2023, in connection with the Scheme of Amalgamation amongst Tata Steel Limited ('**Transferee Company / Company**') and Tata Metaliks Limited ('**Transferor Company**') and their respective shareholders ('**Scheme of Amalgamation**'), under the provisions of Sections 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Rules framed thereunder.

This is to inform you that the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai Bench ('**NCLT Mumbai**'), having jurisdiction over the Transferee Company, has today, i.e., January 11, 2024, pronounced the order sanctioning the aforesaid Scheme of Amalgamation ('**Order**').

Further, the Scheme of Amalgamation was approved and sanctioned by the National Company Law Tribunal, Kolkata Bench, having jurisdiction over the Transferor Company, vide its order dated December 21, 2023.

In view of the above, the Scheme of Amalgamation stands approved and sanctioned.

The copy of the Order as available on the website of NCLT Mumbai is enclosed.

This disclosure is being made in terms of Regulation 30 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended.

This is for your information & records.

Yours faithfully, Tata Steel Limited

Parvatheesam Kanchinadham Company Secretary & Chief Legal Officer (Corporate & Compliance)

Enclosed: Copy of the Order

TATA STEEL LIMITED



C.P.(CAA)/242/MB/2023 c/w C.A.(CAA)/137/MB/2023

In the matter of Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013

AND

In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation of

> ... Transferee Company/ Petitioner Company

... Transferor Company/ Non-Petitioner Company

Tata Steel Limited [CIN: L27100MH1907PLC000260] and Tata Metaliks Limited [CIN: L27310WB1990PLC050000]

Order pronounced on: 11.01.2024

Coram: Ms. Anu Jagmohan Singh Hon'ble Member (Technical)

Appearances: For the Petitioner

For the Regional Director

Mr. Kishore Vemulapalli Hon'ble Member (Judicial)

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Mr. Zal Andhyarujina, Ld. Sr. Counsel a/w Mr. Shashank Gautam, Mr. Vijay Purohit, Ms. Nikita Bangera, Mr. Pratik Jhaveri, Mr. Alok Gokhale, Ms. Saravna Vasanta, Ms. Ishani Khanwilkar and Mr. Karan Bhide i/b P&A Law Offices, Advocates.

Representative of the RD, WR, MCA (through VC).



<u>O R D E R</u>

- The Petitioner company filed this Petition under Sections 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, seeking sanction of the Scheme of Amalgamation of Tata Steel Limited ("Petitioner/Transferee Company") and Tata Metaliks Limited ("Non-Petitioner/Transferor Company") and their respective Shareholders.
- Heard the Ld. Senior Counsel for the Petitioner Company and the Officer from the office of the Regional Director, Western Region, Mumbai ("RD"). No objector has come before this Tribunal to oppose the Scheme nor has any party controverted any averments in the Petition.
- 3. The Petitioner states that the Transferor Company has its registered office in the State of West Bengal and has filed a separate Company Scheme Petition bearing No. 162/2023 before the National Company Law Tribunal, Kolkata Bench, which is reserved for orders by way of order dated November 16, 2023. Therefore, the Transferor Company is not a Petitioner herein.
- 4. The Ld. Sr. Counsel submits that the Transferor Company is a listed subsidiary of the Petitioner Company and that the Petitioner Company holds equity shares constituting 60.03% of the equity share capital of the Transferor Company.
- 5. The Ld. Sr. Counsel for the Petitioner Company submits that the Petitioner Company is engaged in the business of manufacturing steel and offers a



broad range of steel products including a portfolio of high value-added downstream products such as hot rolled, cold rolled and coated steel, rebars, wire rods, tubes and wires. The Petitioner Company also has a wellestablished distribution network.

- 6. The Ld. Sr. Counsel for the Petitioner Company submits that the Transferor Company is engaged, *inter alia*, in the business of manufacture and sale of pig iron and ductile iron pipes and its allied accessories in its manufacturing plant located at Kharagpur, West Bengal.
- 7. The Ld. Sr. Counsel for the Petitioner Company submits that the Scheme of Amalgamation provides for the amalgamation of the Transferor Company into and with the Petitioner Company, under Sections 230 to 232 and other relevant provisions of the Act, such that:
 - a. all the assets of the Transferor Company, shall become the property of the Petitioner Company, by virtue of the amalgamation;
 - b. all the liabilities of the Transferor Company, shall become the liabilities of the Petitioner Company, by virtue of the amalgamation;
 - c. transfer of the authorised share capital of the Transferor Company to the Petitioner Company as provided in Part III of the Scheme, and consequential increase in the authorised share capital of the Petitioner Company as provided in Part III of the Scheme;
 - d. cancellation of all the issued share capital of the Transferor Company which shall be affected as a part of the Scheme and not in accordance with Section 66



of the Act and issue of New Shares, as provided in Clause 15.2 of the Scheme, to the Eligible Members (as provided in the Scheme) (other than the Petitioner Company) as per the approved valuation report, in accordance with Part II of the Scheme; and

- e. dissolution of the Transferor Company, without being wound up.
- 8. The Petitioner states that the Board of Directors of the Petitioner Company and Transferor Company have approved the Scheme by passing their respective Board Resolutions dated 22.09.2022.
- 9. The Petitioner Company had held meeting of the Shareholders of the company on 10.08.2023 and the Chairman of the meeting had submitted his report wherein it is stated that the shareholders consented to the proposed scheme with more than 99% of majority of the votes. Same found satisfactory.

10. **Consideration**:

The Transferee Company will not be given any new shares for his holding in the Transferor Company. However, other shareholders of the Transferor company will be issued new shares of the Transferee Company in the following proportion:

79 fully paid up ordinary equity shares of Re. 1/- each of the Transferee Company, for every 10 fully paid up equity shares of Rs. 10/- each held in the Transferor Company.



11. Rationale:

The Ld. Sr. Counsel for the Petitioner Company submits that the benefits of the Scheme are that:

- a. The amalgamating companies believe that the resources of the merged entity can be pooled to unlock the opportunity for creating shareholder value.
- b. The amalgamating companies will be able to share best practices, crossfunctional learnings, and utilize each other's facilities in a more efficient manner.
- c. Marketing and distribution network of the amalgamating companies can be collaborated.
- 12. The Ld. Sr. Counsel further submits that the circumstances that have necessitated or justified the Scheme and the advantages thereof are *inter alia* as set out below:
 - (i) The Petitioner Company is one of the leading global steel companies, with over 100 (hundred) years of experience in the steel sector and is a pioneer of steel manufacturing in India. The Transferor Company, which is a subsidiary company of the Petitioner Company, is engaged, *inter alia*, in the business of manufacture and sale of pig iron and ductile iron pipes and its allied accessories in its manufacturing plant located at Kharagpur, West Bengal. The amalgamation will consolidate the Transferor Company into and with the Petitioner Company which will result in focused growth, operational efficiencies, and business synergies. In addition, resulting corporate holding structure will bring agility to the business ecosystem of the merged entity.
 - (ii) The Scheme would result in the following synergies:



- a. **Operational integration and better facility utilisation:** The proposed Scheme will provide an opportunity for reduction of operational costs through transfer of intermediary products between the amalgamating companies, better order loads, synergies from sales and production planning across the business.
- b. **Operational efficiencies:** Centralized sourcing would result in procurement synergies and reduction in stores/ spare through common inventory management. The proposed Scheme would also result in sharing of best practices, cross functional learnings, better utilisation of common facilities and greater efficiencies in debt and cash management.
- c. Simplified structure and management efficiency: In line with group level 5S strategy simplification, synergy, scale, sustainability, and speed proposed Scheme will simplify group holding structure, improve agility to enable quicker decision making, eliminate administrative duplications, consequently reducing administrative costs of maintaining separate entities.
- d. Faster execution of projects in pipeline: The growth projects of the Transferor Company will be fast tracked by leveraging the Petitioner Company's technical expertise and financial resources.
- e. **Rationalization of logistics cost:** Clubbing of shipments and rationalizing warehouse/stockyard would significantly reduce logistics and distribution costs for the merged entity.



- f. **Improving customer satisfaction and services:** The proposed Scheme would make it easier to address the needs of customers by providing them uniform product and service experience, on time supplies, and improved service levels thereby improving customer satisfaction. With common credit management, the customers are expected to be benefitted from the channel financing from the combined entity.
- g. Sharing of best practices in sustainability, safety, health and environment: Adoption of improved safety, environment and sustainability practices owing to a centralized committee at combined level to provide focused approach towards safety, environment and sustainability practices resulting in overall improvement. Further, overall technology maturity can be enhanced by the merged entity, through unfettered access to each other's information technology applications and systems.
- 13. The Ld. Sr. Counsel for the Petitioner Company submits that the Petition is filed in consonance with the order dated 14.06.2023, passed by this Tribunal in CA(CAA)/137/MB/2023.
- 14. The Ld. Sr. Counsel for the Petitioner Company further submits that the Petition was admitted by this Tribunal vide order dated September 04, 2023. The Petitioner Company has complied with all the requirements as per the directions in the order of this Bench such as issuing fresh notices indicating the date of hearing and final disposal upon the regulatory authorities, publication of notice of the date of final hearing of this matter in the prescribed newspapers and hosting of the notice along with a copy of the



Scheme on its website and has filed necessary Affidavit proving such compliance with this Tribunal. Additionally, the Petitioner Company has also issued fresh notices indicating the date of hearing and final disposal upon persons who have filed representations in response to notices published by the Petitioner Company. Moreover, the Petitioner Company undertakes to comply with the applicable statutory requirements, if any, as required under the Act and Rules made thereunder, as and when applicable.

- 15. The Counsel for the Petitioner Company further submits that the equity shares of the Petitioner Company and Transferor Company are listed on the BSE Limited ("**BSE**") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("**NSE**") (collectively "**Stock Exchanges**"). The Stock Exchanges vide their letters dated March 31, 2023, have respectively provided their 'Observation Letter' to the Petitioner Company and Transferor Company, to file the Scheme with this Tribunal, pursuant to which the Petitioner Company has approached this Tribunal seeking its sanction to the Scheme.
- 16. The Regional Director (Western Region), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Mumbai, has filed its report dated 27.10.2023 in respect of the Petitioner Company setting out his observations on the Scheme. In response to the observations made by the RD, the Petitioner Company has given necessary clarifications and undertakings by way of an affidavit dated 27.10.2023 and also served a copy of the affidavit upon the office of the RD. The observations made by the RD and the clarifications and undertakings given



Sr. No.	Para	Observations in the Report	Response of the Petitioner
1.	reference	That an anomination of the amount of	Company
1.	2 a)	That on examination of the report of	The observations are self-
		the Registrar of Companies,	explanatory and do not
		Mumbai dated 27.10.2023	require a response.
		(Annexed as Annexure A-1) for the	
		Petitioner Companies falls within	
		the jurisdiction of ROC, Mumbai. It	
		is submitted that no complaint	
		and/or representation regarding the	
		proposed scheme of Arrangement	
		has been received against the	
		Petitioner Companies. Further, the	
		Petitioner Companies has filed	
		Financial Statements up to	
		31.03.2023.	
		That the ROC Mumbai in his report	
	2 a) i.	dated 27.10.2023 has also stated	
		that No Inquiry, Inspection,	
		Investigations, Prosecutions, and	
		complaint under CA, 2013 have	
		been pending against the Petitioner	
		Companies.	
2.	2 a) ii. a)	a) As per provisions of section	The Petitioner Company
		232(3)(i) of the Companies Act,	shall comply with the

by the Petitioner Company are summarized in the table below:



		2013 where the transferor company	provisions of Section 232
		is dissolved, the fee, if any, paid by	(3) (i) of the Act and
		the transferor company on its	undertakes to pay
		authorized capital shall be set-off	necessary fees, if so
		against any fees payable by the	required in compliance
		transferee company on its	with applicable law.
		authorized capital subsequent to the	with applicable law.
		amalgamation. Therefore,	
		remaining fee, if any after setting-	
		off the fee already paid by the	
		transferor company on its	
		authorized capital, must be paid by	
		the transferee company on the	
		increased authorized capital	
		subsequent to the amalgamation.	
3.	2 a) ii. b)	Interest of the Creditors should be	The Scheme does not
		protected.	envisage or contain any
			corporate debt
			restructuring. The
			creditors of the Petitioner
			Company are being paid
			in the normal course of
			business as per the agreed
			terms and are not called
			upon to make any



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sacrifices, hence their
interests are not getting
affected in any way. It is
submitted that the assets
of the Petitioner Company
are in excess of and more
than sufficient to meet all
its external liabilities and
the Scheme will not
adversely affect the rights
and interest of any of its
creditors in any manner
whatsoever. It is further
submitted that pursuant
to the amalgamation of
the Transferor Company
with the Petitioner
Company, the debt
repayment capacity of the
Petitioner Company will
not be adversely affected
and that the post Scheme
net worth of the Applicant
Company will be positive



			(refer to Net Worth
			Certificate1 annexed at
			Exhibit 25 of the
			captioned Company
			Scheme Petition).
			Therefore, the Scheme and
			the amalgamation
			contemplated thereby will
			not adversely affect the
			interests of the creditors of
			the Petitioner Company.
4.	2 a) ii. c)	May be decided on its merits.	There is no specific
			observation and does not
			require a response.
5.	2 b)	Transferee company should	The Petitioner Company
		undertake to comply with the	shall comply with the
		provisions of section 232(3)(i) of	provisions of Section 232
		the Companies Act, 2013	(3) (i) of Act and
		through appropriate affirmation	undertakes to pay
		in respect of fees payable by	necessary fees, if so,
		Transferee Company for increase	required in compliance
		of share capital on account of	with applicable law.
		merger of transfer of companies.	
6.	2 c)	In compliance of Accounting	The Petitioner Company



	Standard-14 or IND-AS 103, as	being a listed entity, the
	may be applicable, the transferee	Indian Accounting
	company shall pass such	Standards (Ind AS), as
	accounting entries which are	notified under section 133
	necessary in connection with the	of the Act are applicable
	scheme to comply with other	to the Petitioner Company
	applicable Accounting Standards	and financials are being
	including AS-5 or IND AS-8 etc.	prepared in accordance
		with the IND AS. In
		compliance with the
		proviso of section 232(3)
		of the Act, a certificate
		from the statutory auditor
		has been obtained to
		certify that the proposed
		accounting treatment of
		the scheme is in
		compliance with the
		Indian Accounting
		Standards. In line with
		this, the Petitioner
		Company undertakes to
		pass such accounting
		entries in relation with the



			Scheme to comply with all
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			Accounting Standards
			(Ind AS).
7.	2 d)	The Hon'ble Tribunal may	The Scheme annexed to
		kindly direct the Petitioner	the Company Scheme
		Companies to file an affidavit to	Application No.
		the extent that the Scheme	CA(CAA)/137/2023 and
		enclosed to the Company	Company Scheme Petition
		Application and Company	No. CP(CAA)242/2023 are
		Petition are one and same and	one and the same and
		there is no discrepancy, or no	there is no discrepancy, or
		change is made.	change made to the
			Scheme.
	2 e)	The Petitioner Companies under	The Petitioner Company
		provisions of section 230(5) of	has served notices under
		the Companies Act 2013 have to	Section 230 (5) of the Act
		serve notices to concerned	to the concerned
		authorities which are likely to be	authorities, as directed by
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		affected by the Amalgamation or	this Hon'ble Tribunal vide
		affected by the Amalgamation or arrangement. Further, the	
		arrangement. Further, the	this Hon'ble Tribunal vide order dated June 14, 2023,
		arrangement. Further, the	this Hon'ble Tribunal vide order dated June 14, 2023,



	of the issues arising after giving effect to the scheme. The decision of such authorities shall be binding on the petitioner companies concerned.	filed its affidavit-of- service proving
9. 2 f)	As per Definition of the Scheme,	regard. The Petitioner Company
	"Appointed Date" means the opening of business on April 1, 2022, or such other date as determined by the Board of Directors of the Transferor Company and Transferee Company/ Applicant Company or directed/ allowed by the Competent Authority;	is in compliance with the requirements of Circular No. F. No. 7/12/209/CL-I dated August 21, 2019, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
	"Effective Date" means the dateor last of the dates on which thecertified copies of the order of theCompetentAuthoritysanctioning the Scheme are filedby the Transferor Company and	



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Transferee Company/ the Applicant Company with the Registrar of Companies, Kolkata and Registrar of Companies. Mumbai (whichever is later) after all the conditions and matters referred to in Clause 22 of the Scheme occur or have been fulfilled, obtained or waived, as applicable, in accordance with this scheme, and which filing may be a filling independent of the filing required to be made under Section 232(5) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 25(7) of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016. "Record Date" means the date to be mutually fixed by the Board of Directors of the Transferor

Company and the Transferee



		Company/ Applicant Company,	
		for the purpose of determining	
		the shareholders of the Transferor	
		Company to whom new shares	
		(as defined in the Scheme) would	
		be allotted pursuant to the	
		Scheme;	
		It is submitted that the	
		Petitioners may be asked to	
		comply with the requirements as	
		clarified vide circular no. F. No.	
		7/12/2019/CL-I dated 21.08.2019	
		issued by the Ministry of	
		Corporate Affairs.	
10.	2 g)	Petitioner Companies shall	The Petitioner Company
		undertake to comply with the	undertakes to comply
		directions of the Income Tax	with the directions of the
		Department & GST Department,	Income Tax Department &
		if any.	GST Department, if any,
			in accordance with
			applicable law.
11.	2 h)	Petitioner Companies shall	The Petitioner Company
		undertake to comply with the	undertakes to comply
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		directions of the concerned	with the directions of the
		, ,	
		sectoral Regulatory, if any.	concerned sectoral
			regulators, if any, in
			accordance with
			applicable law.
12.	2 i)	Petitioner/Transferor Companies	The Petitioner Company
		and Transferee Company shall	undertakes to comply
		undertake to comply with the	with the observations
		observations pointed out by NSE	made by the NSE and BSE
		& BSE vide their observation	vide their letters dated
		letter dated 31.03.2023 also	March 31, 2023, the SEBI
		comply with SEBI (Listing	(Listing, Obligation and
		Obligations and Disclosure	Disclosure Requirements)
		Requirements) Regulations, 2015	Regulations, 2016, and
		and Covenants of the Debenture	any other relevant
		Trust Deeds entered with the	regulations and circulars,
		Debenture Trustee(s) and any	as applicable. The
		other relevant regulations and	Petitioner Company also
		circulars.	undertakes to comply
			with the covenants in the
			Debenture Deeds entered
			into with Debenture
			Trustees.
13.	2 j)	Tata Metaliks Limited the	Under clause 22.1(f) of the



Petitioner Transferor Company Scheme, the Scheme is having their registered office at conditional and subject to Tata Centre, 10th Floor, 43 J. L. receipt of approval from Nehru Road, Kolkata 700 071, in the relevant benches of the State of West Bengal, hence this Hon'ble Tribunal Petitioner Companies shall under sections 230-232 of undertake to obtain approval the Act. from Hon'ble NCLT, West Bengal Bench."

- 17. Representative of the Regional Director (WR), Mumbai, appeared (through VC) on the date of hearing and submitted that above explanations and clarifications given by the Petitioner Company in rejoinder are satisfactory and has no objection in approving the Scheme.
- 18. The Counsel for the Petitioner Company submits that the Petitioner Company has received certain communications from three unsecured creditors, one shareholder, and from the Office of the Assistant Commissioner, Central Goods & Service Tax, Division-VII, Ghaziabad ("GST Authority") pursuant to the notices issued in compliance with the order dated June 14, 2023, passed by this Tribunal in Company Scheme Application No. CA(CAA)/137/MB/2023. The Petitioner Company has filed responses to the said communications by way of affidavits which are on record of this Tribunal. The GST Authority in its communication has requested that the Petitioner Company may be directed by this Tribunal to



follow the provisions of Section 18 ('Availability of credit in special circumstance'), Section 87 ('Liability in case of amalgamation or merger of companies') of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 r/w. Rule 41 ('Transfer of credit on sale, merger, amalgamation, lease or transfer of a business') of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017. The GST Authority has also referred to the Circular No. 133/03/2020-GST dated March 23, 2020, by Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs. The Counsel submits that the Petitioner Company is in compliance with and undertakes to comply with the referred GST relevant provisions to by the Authority.

- 19. The Income Tax Department will be at liberty to examine the aspect of any tax payable as a result of this scheme and in case it is found that the scheme ultimately results in tax avoidance under the provisions of Income Tax Act, it shall be open to the income tax authorities to take necessary action as possible under the Income Tax Law.
- 20. The approval of the Scheme will not affect the rights and contentions of all the Regulatory Authorities including Registrar of Companies and the same will remain open to take any action for non-compliance of the law and that such action, if taken would continue against the Transferee Company.
- 21. From the material on record and after perusing the clarifications and submissions of the Petitioner Company to the Report filed by the RD, the Scheme appears to be fair, reasonable and is not in violation to any provisions of law nor is contrary to public interest/policy.



- 22. Since all the requisite statutory compliances have been fulfilled, the Company Petition [CP(CAA)/242/MB/2023] filed by the Petitioner Company is made absolute in terms of the prayer clause (a) of the Company Scheme Petition, the Scheme is hereby **sanctioned** with respect to the Petition filed by the Petitioner/Transferee Company as the Petitioner is within the jurisdiction of this Bench. This Bench further orders that -
 - (i) The Appointed Date is fixed as 1st April, 2022.
 - (ii) It shall be binding on the Petitioner Company and the Transferor Company and all concerned including their respective Shareholders, Creditors and Employees.
 - (iii) The Petitioner Company is directed to file a copy of this Order along with a copy of the Scheme with the concerned Registrar of Companies, electronically along with E-Form INC-28 within 30 days from the date of issuance of the certified copy of the Order by the Registry / approval to the scheme by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
 - (iv) The Petitioner Companies to lodge a certified copy of this order and the Scheme duly authenticated by the Deputy Registrar or the Assistant Registrar, as the case may be, of this Tribunal, with the concerned Superintendent of Stamps, for the purpose of adjudication of stamp duty payable, if any, on the same within 60 days from the date of receipt of the certified copy of order.
 - (v) The Petitioner Companies shall comply with all the undertakings given by them.



- (vi) The Petitioner Companies shall take all consequential and statutory steps required under the provisions of the Act in pursuance of the Scheme.
- (vii) All concerned authorities shall act on a copy of this Order along with the Scheme duly authenticated by the Registrar of this Tribunal.
- (viii) Any person interested in the above matter shall be at liberty to apply to the Tribunal for any directions that may be necessary.
- 23. With the above directions, C.P.(CAA)/242/MB/2023 c/w CA(CAA)/137/MB/2023 is **allowed** and disposed-off. File to be consigned to records.

Sd/-

ANU JAGMOHAN SINGH Member (Technical)

Sd/-

KISHORE VEMULAPALLI Member (Judicial)

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