SEBI, has carried out a series of changes which include, amending the requirement of disclosure of record date, and introducing that wholly owned subsidiaries of stock exchanges can administer and supervise investment advisers (IAs) registered with SEBI.

**Administration and supervision of IAs**

In view of the growing number of registered IAs, SEBI has vide Circular dated August 6, 2020 (available here) decided to recognize a wholly-owned subsidiary of stock exchanges (Stock Exchange WOS) to administer and supervise the IAs registered with SEBI. Under Regulation 14 of the SEBI (Investment Advisors) Regulations 2013, SEBI can recognize any body or body corporate for the purpose of regulating IAs and can, at the time of such recognition, delegate administration and supervision of IAs to such body or body corporate on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed. The stock exchanges desirous of obtaining the recognition for their Stock Exchange WOS and fulfilling the criteria as mentioned by SEBI, can submit the detailed proposal to SEBI within 30 days from August 6, 2020. The circular also provides for requisite systems to be set-up by stock exchanges and responsibilities of Stock Exchange WOS.

**Intimation of Record Date to the stock exchanges under LODR**

SEBI has amended Regulation 42 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 which deals with intimation of the record date to the stock exchange(s). As per the amendment, the record date will now be required to be intimated by the listed entity to all the stock exchange(s) where it is listed or where stock derivatives are available on the stock of the listed entity or where listed entity’s stock form part of an index on which derivatives are available. Aforementioned amendment has been made by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020 dated August 5, 2020 (available here).

We trust you will find this an interesting read. For any queries or comments on this update, please feel free to contact us at insights@elp-in.com

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