Activity of Centre for Competition Law and Policy, NLU, Jodhpur.

(Lecture By Mr Yaman Verma, Senior Associate, Amarchand

Mangaldas Firm, New Delhi titled "Merger Review in India: Issues

and Challenges" at National Law University Jodhpur

11th April 2015 (Saturday), NLUJ Auditorium

Lecture by Mr Yaman Verma (Senior Associate, Amarchand Mangaldas, New Delhi.

Date: 11th April, 2015, between 11 am to 1 pm.

Venue: Auditorium, National Law University, Jodhpur.

Members present: Dr. Souvik Chatterji (Executive Director, Centre for Competition Law and Policy), Learned Academicians of NLU, Jodhpur, undergraduate IVth Semester, Xth Semester students, LLM Corporate Law students.

Mr. Yaman Verma from Amarchand and Mangaldas law firm, was welcomed by Dr. Souvik Chatterji, Executive Director, Centre for Competition Law and Policy and the Committee members of Competition Law Cirque.

Mr. Yaman Verma is a distinguished alumnus of NLS Bangalore and

He began his interaction by explaining the ambit of CCI's merger control powers. He further spoke about the various thresholds under the Act for notifying the CCI about a merger, statutory exemptions to notification, the government exemptions to notification, intra group acquisitions and mergers, forms requirements, Review process and timelines along with some key evolving issues. Besides he also discussed the cases of Aditya Birla-Pantaloons, Tesco-Trent case and Thomas Cook- ZFCL case.

Yaman Verma joined Amarchand Mangaldas in August 2010 and is a Senior Associate in the Firm's Competition Law Practice. He graduated from National Law School of India University, Bang alore in 2010. During his time at Amarchand Mangaldas, he has worked on several cartel and abuse of dominance cases, as well as merger control cases. He has assisted in obtaining merger control clearances from the CCI for several large transactions, including Microsoft's acquisition of Nokia's global devices and services business and Mitsui Corporation's acquisition of Arch Pharmalabs (the first notification in the Pharmaceutical sector in India). He has also represented clients like Microsoft, Coal India, and Jindal Steel in enforcement cases before the CCI, the COMPAT and the Supreme Court.

Before joining Amarchand Mangaldas, Yaman interned with the Competition Commission of India in February-March, 2010 and published a paper titled "Cartels and Leniency Across Borders: Best Practices and Lessons for New Competition Regimes

Many questions were raised by students from the IV semester and LLM courses. The questions ranged from the working of the CCI to the practical execution of CCI's various rules and regulations. The lecture was insightful and streamlined which gave a practical perspective into the working of CCI in the area of merger control.

The lecture is sure to help students who plan to build a career in the field of Competition Law.

Dr Souvik Chatterji (Executive Director, Centre for Competition Law and Policy)

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