Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) Portal

SEBI has issued a Circular **SEBI/HO/OIAE/OIAE_IAD-1/P/CIR/2023/131** dated July 31, 2023, to streamline the existing dispute resolution mechanism in the Indian securities market by establishing a common **Online Dispute Resolution Portal** which harnesses online conciliation and online arbitration for resolution of disputes.

Disputes between <u>Investors/Clients and Listed companies</u>, including their <u>Registrar and Share</u> <u>Transfer Agents (RTAs)</u> will be resolved in accordance with this circular.

- 1. Shareholders are required to first take up their grievance with the RTA/Listed Entity.
- 2. Shareholders are required to provide requisite set of documents along with Investor Service Request (ISR) forms and complete formalities of KYC Updation, etc. with RTA/ Depository Participant as suggested to resolve their query.
- 3. If the grievance is not redressed satisfactorily, the same can be <u>raised through SEBI SCORES Portal</u>.
- 4. <u>After exhausting all aforesaid options</u>, if the dispute remains unresolved, <u>dispute resolution through</u> the ODR Portal can be taken up.
- 5. Clients/Investors/Holders on account of nominations or transmission may also refer any unresolved issue of any service requests / service-related complaints for resolution on the ODR portal.

Follow below steps to resolve dispute through the SMART ODR Portal -

- 1. Register on SMART ODR Portal: Click on "Create Account" to register on the platform.
- 2. File a New Dispute: Click on "File New Dispute" to begin.
- 3. Select Intermediary: Select the "Intermediary" against whom you wish to file dispute.
- 4. **Select Category:** Select the relevant "Categories" for your dispute.
- 5. Enter Dispute Details: Fill details of the dispute and attach relevant files or documents.
- 6. **Track Resolution Progress:** Once your dispute is filed, you can track progress under the Dispute Timeline.

NOTE -

- The aforesaid SEBI circular is available here.
- Dispute Resolution Mechanism link for Investors: https://smartodr.in/login