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18th November, 2010

The Assistant Passport Officer (Policy)
Regional Passport Office,
Manish Commercial Centre,
216 – A, Dr. Annie Besant Road,
Worli, Mumbai – 400 030

Fax No.:24935275

Re :- Personal hearing dated 18th November 2010 at the Regional Passport Office.

Sir,

- 1) We wish to record here the strong objection to the manner in which the hearing before the Passport Office is being conducted. The notice dated 15th October 2010 issued to our client was addressed by the Assistant Passport Officer (Policy). This letter calls upon our client to respond to the Assistant Passport Officer (Policy). On subsequent communications and notices of the personal hearings have been issued by the Assistant Passport Officer (Policy) and our client has been asked to appear before him.
- 2) The Counsel instructed by us and the Advocate Assistant who visited the Passport Office for the hearing were surprised to note that the hearing took place in the office of the Regional Passport Office. The Assistant Passport Officer (Policy) was present at this hearing. When an objection was raised that the Assistant Passport Officer (Policy) was acting under the pretext and instruction of the Regional Passport Officer and that the Regional Passport Officer could not participate in this hearing since he was not the

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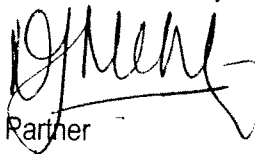
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adjudicating authority, the Advocates present were informed that he was the head of Regional Passport Office in Mumbai and therefore could do so.

- 3) On a request made by the Advocates that this objection be recorded and decision be passed on the objection, the hearing has been adjourned for a short while to enable the Regional Passport Officer and the Assistant Passport Officer (Policy) to join deliberate upon submission made.
- 4) Whilst this deliberation is going on, we are addressing this communication to you to record the complete violation of principle of natural justice and miscarriage of justice.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,
For Wadia Ghandy & Co


Partner