

Insolvency proceedings begin against BluSmart

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THE NATIONAL COMPANY Law Tribunal (NCLT) has initiated insolvency proceedings against ride-hailing platform BluSmart Mobility on a plea by financial creditor Catalyst Trusteeship for a loan default of ₹1.3 crore.

BluSmart suspended operations in April amid growing financial stress following allegations of loan diversion and corporate governance lapses by the promoters of its parent company, Gensol Engineering. In April, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) barred Gensol promoters Anmol Singh Jaggi and Puneet Singh Jaggi from the securities markets and from holding any key position in the company.

In a ruling on July 28, the tribunal's Ahmedabad bench comprising judicial member Shammi Khan and technical member Sanjeev Kumar ordered the commencement of the corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP), appointed NPV Insolvency Professionals as the interim resolution professional (IRP), and directed it to take charge of BluSmart's assets within seven days. It also imposed a morato-

Gensol Engineering seeks bids for leasing 4,000 EVs

GENSOL ENGINEERING HAS invited bids for leasing nearly 4,000 pre-owned electric vehicles (EVs) at a fixed monthly rental.

Currently undergoing a corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP), Gensol Engineering stated in an advertisement that these EVs are available for lease in Delhi-NCR and Bengaluru.

These electric vehicles were originally leased out to BluSmart Mobility, which

suspended operations in April. Following BluSmart's operational troubles triggered by allegations of loan diversion and corporate governance lapses by Gensol promoters, several players in the EV cab market are expected to express interest in acquiring the fleet.

Companies such as Evera Cabs, Uber Electric, and Everest Fleet may consider bidding for the Gensol fleet.

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rium under Section 14 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), prohibiting the initiation or continuation of any legal proceedings against BluSmart, or the transfer or sale of any company assets.

NPV will issue a public announcement within three days of the order to invite

claims from creditors. NPV managing director Ritesh Adatiya told FE, "We estimate the number of claims against BluSmart to go up significantly. We have a 40-member team working on the insolvency process."

"As Gensol is the affiliate entity of BluSmart, we are working in tandem with Keshav Khaneja, the IRP for Gensol, to ensure a smooth insolvency process," he said.

