

Creditor SRF takes Birla Tyres to NCLT

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Kolkata: The Kolkata bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has ordered initiation of proceedings against BK Birla group company Birla Tyres, admitting a petition of SRF Ltd, an operational creditor of the tyre maker.

The application filed by SRF, under Section 9 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, for initiating the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) against Birla Tyres, the corporate debtor, is admitted, said the NCLT Kolkata bench in its order dated May 5. SRF's advocate Iram Hassan told **TOI**: "SRF has an outstanding dues of over Rs 15 crore from Birla Tyres as the company supplied nylon tyre cords. The company filed the insolvency petition against Birla Tyres for default of making the payment."

In its order, the tribunal said, "Seikh Abdul Salam is appointed as interim resolution professional of the company to carry out the functions as per the IBC and during the CIRP period, the management of the company will vest in the IRP."

When contacted, P Radhakrishnan, CEO and wholetime director of the BK Birla group flagship, Kesoram Industries, said, "We have already filed the demerger scheme for radial tyres. This move by an operational creditor will derailed the entire process."