

M&A Lab

January 04, 2012

PATNI PLAYS TO IGATE'S TUNES

A year back, Patni Computer Systems ("Patni") was a prominent listed Indian company generating annual revenues to the tune of USD 701.7 million and now, Patni is all set to get itself delisted from the bourses and 'go private'. Almost immediately on the announcement of the voluntary delisting of the shares of Patni, a frantic market reaction could be sensed. The stock price jumped 22% from INR 372.30 on the date of announcement to INR 452.80 within two days, on the Bombay Stock Exchange. Stock Exchanges were flooded with 'buy-orders' for Patni shares and there was a phenomenal rise in trading volume from nominal 72,500 shares traded, a day before the announcement to 20,00,000 shares after that. Amidst, such market volatility, we endeavor to discover how Patni's fate turned topsy-turvy in the last one year.

It is no surprise that it is the USD 1.22 billion worth acquisition of Patni by iGATE that has motivated Patni to bid goodbye to its 'public life' and find comfort in being a private company. All thanks to the entrepreneurship skills of Mr. Phaneesh Murthy, CEO of iGATE Global Solutions Limited, who has recently been awarded the Outstanding Entrepreneurship Award, 2011 by Enterprise Asia. It was his masterstroke to cement iGate's acquisition of Patni, a company that is 2.5 times the size of iGate. Rarely does such a role reversal happen in the Indian M&A landscape.

On January 10, 2011, iGate and its affiliates executed definitive agreements with the promoters and certain other shareholders of Patni to acquire 61.29% of the issued and paid up equity share capital of Patni. Consequently, iGate and its affiliates had to make a mandatory open offer to the public shareholders of Patni under the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeover Regulations, 1997 to additionally acquire a minimum of 20% of the issued and paid up equity share capital of Patni. iGate did not pay any non-compete fees to the selling promoters of Patni. The transaction was funded through a combination of balance sheet cash, debt and fresh equity issuance. The Deal has been reported to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and Securities and Exchange Board of India.

In this M&A Lab, we make a deeper probe into the Patni - iGate deal, a billion dollar transaction which elevates the combined entity to the coveted league of billion-dollar Indian IT companies, in terms of revenues. As always, we seek to analyze the legal, regulatory, tax, financing and few other commercial dimensions of this deal.

For a detailed analysis of the commercial, legal, regulatory and tax considerations and to access the M&A Lab, please [click here](#).

Nishith Desai Associates is pleased to present a detailed analysis of the latest legal developments and trends. The M&A Lab is our initiative to provide you in-depth, incisive and a detailed research based analysis of the latest M&A deals with a view to sharing and inviting views and counter-views. We will be happy to have your views / comments on our initiative. Please read the disclaimer carefully.

— Arun Scaria, Sahil Shah, [Nishchal Joshipura](#) & Siddharth Shah
You can direct your queries or comments to Team M&A

DISCLAIMER

The contents of this hotline should not be construed as legal opinion. View detailed disclaimer.

This Hotline provides general information existing at the time of preparation. The Hotline is intended as a news update and Nishith Desai Associates neither assumes nor accepts any responsibility for any loss arising to any person acting or refraining from acting as a result of any material contained in this Hotline. It is recommended that professional advice be taken based on the specific facts and circumstances. This Hotline does not substitute the need to refer to the original pronouncements.

This is not a Spam mail. You have received this mail because you have either requested for it or someone must have suggested your name. Since India has no anti-spamming law, we refer to the US directive, which states that a mail cannot be considered Spam if it contains the sender's contact information, which this mail does. In case this mail doesn't concern you, please unsubscribe from mailing list.

Research Papers

New Age of Franchising

June 20, 2025

Life Sciences 2025

June 11, 2025

The Tour d'Horizon of Data Law Implications of Digital Twins

May 29, 2025

Research Articles

2025 Watchlist: Life Sciences Sector India

April 04, 2025

Re-Evaluating Press Note 3 Of 2020: Should India's Land Borders Still Define Foreign Investment Boundaries?

February 04, 2025

INDIA 2025: The Emerging Powerhouse for Private Equity and M&A Deals

January 15, 2025

Audio

CCI's Deal Value Test

February 22, 2025

Securities Market Regulator's Continued Quest Against "Unfiltered" Financial Advice

December 18, 2024

Digital Lending - Part 1 - What's New with NBFC P2Ps

November 19, 2024

NDA Connect

Connect with us at events, conferences and seminars.

NDA Hotline

[Click here to view Hotline archives.](#)

Video

Vyapak Desai speaking on the danger of deepfakes | Legally Speaking with Tarun Nangia | NewsX

April 01, 2025

**SIAC 2025 Rules: Key changes &
Implications**

February 18, 2025