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Solcar Energy Ltd, a privately owned company headquartered in Ahmedabad, is a leading provider of solar energy solutions in both the retail and corporate sectors. Established in 2010, the company has established a strong presence in urban areas and now aims to expand its operations into rural segments across Gujarat. With India's growing solar industry and Gujarat's favourable conditions for solar power generation, Solcar Energy sees significant growth potential in the market.

Solcar Energy has been profitable for the past six years, demonstrating a consistent net worth of Rs. 10 crore in each of the preceding three years. Additionally, the company boasts net tangible assets worth Rs. 4 crore. Despite its success, Solcar Energy requires additional funds amounting to Rs. 45 crores to finance its expansion plans. However, the company faces challenges in obtaining bank loans due to collateral requirements, leading it to consider alternative financing options, such as an initial public offering (IPO).

India's solar industry has experienced rapid growth, with the country's solar installed capacity reaching 31.101 GW as of September 2019. Moreover, Gujarat has emerged as a leader in solar power generation, benefiting from its high solar power potential, availability of vacant land, and robust infrastructure. These factors present lucrative opportunities for Solcar Energy to capitalize on the growing demand for solar energy solutions.

In light of its expansion plans and the need for additional funds, Solcar Energy proposes to come out with an IPO. By going public, the company aims to raise Rs. 45 crores to finance its expansion projects and capitalize on emerging opportunities in the solar energy market. However, Solcar Energy must navigate the complexities of the IPO process, including regulatory compliance, investor scrutiny, and market volatility.

While an IPO offers access to capital markets and increased visibility, it also entails several challenges and considerations for Solcar Energy. These include the cost and complexity of regulatory compliance, dilution of ownership and control, increased scrutiny from investors and regulators, and market volatility. Furthermore, the company must carefully assess investor appetite, pricing strategies, and timing to ensure a successful IPO.

Solcar Energy Ltd stands at a pivotal juncture in its journey, poised for expansion and growth in India's dynamic solar energy industry. With a strong track record of profitability and a robust pipeline of projects, the company is well-positioned to capitalize on emerging opportunities. However, the decision to pursue an IPO represents a strategic choice that requires careful consideration of the associated risks and benefits. By leveraging its strengths and navigating the IPO process effectively, Solcar Energy can unlock new avenues for growth and create value for its stakeholders.

You are appointed as a lead merchant banker for this IPO.
In relation to this situation, answer the following questions. You may make relevant assumptions to support your answer.

- Considering the case facts, is the company eligible to come out with an IPO? Critically evaluate the conditions for eligibility norms for making an IPO.
- Management of the company has no idea about the activities involved at various stages in an IPO. Kindly discuss with the management about the pre- issue obligations involved in an IPO.
- Please guide the management of the company about the pros and cons of making an IPO
- What information would you need to draft the prospectus for an IPO?