



In the

**Reserve Bank of India**  
Foreign Exchange Department  
Fort Glacis, No.16, Rajaji Salai  
Chennai 600 001

Present

**P Ramesh**  
**Assistant General Manager**

Date: March 13, 2019  
**C.A.845/2018**

In the matter of

**M/s. Ppyrus India Pvt Ltd.**  
No.23/10, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Amaldas Heights  
Adyar Bridge Road  
Adyar, Chennai – 600 020

**(Applicant)**

In exercise of the powers under section 15 (1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the Regulations/Rules/Notifications/orders made there under, I pass the following

### **Order**

The applicant has filed a compounding application dated October 16, 2018 (received at Reserve Bank on October 29, 2018) for compounding of contraventions of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (the FEMA) and the regulations issued there under. The contraventions sought to be compounded are (i) delay in reporting of inflow of funds received from a person resident outside India for



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allotment of shares (ii) delay in submission of Form FC-GPR on allotment of shares to Reserve Bank and (iii) delay in refund of inward remittance received in terms of Paragraph 9 (1) A, Paragraph 9 (1) B and Paragraph 8 respectively, of Schedule I to Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India) Regulations, 2000 notified vide Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000 as then applicable (hereinafter referred to as Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB).

2. The relevant facts of the case are as follows: The applicant company was incorporated on April 29, 2015 under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (Registration No.U74900TN2015FTC100303) and is engaged in educational support services. The applicant received foreign inward remittances from M/s Littlemore Innovations Labs Pte Ltd, Singapore towards subscription to equity shares and reported the same to the Reserve Bank as detailed below:

Sl. No	Amount of Foreign Inward Remittance ₹	Date of receipt	Reported to RBI on
1	1,00,000.00	28.04.2016	22.09.2017
2	19,73,407.80	02.08.2016	30.08.2016
3	6,63,775.03	09.08.2016	30.08.2016
4	5,28,119.04	02.09.2016	08.12.2016
5	10,00,000.00	21.09.2016	22.09.2017
6	1,96,573.91	18.10.2016	08.12.2016
7	5,53,417.20	19.06.2017	04.07.2017

The applicant reported receipt of remittances to the Reserve Bank on dates indicated above with delay ranging from 20 days to one year three months 25 days approximately beyond the stipulated time of 30 days in respect of the remittance at Sl. No. 1, 4 & 6 Whereas, in terms of paragraph 9 (1) A of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, an Indian company issuing shares or convertible debentures in accordance with these Regulations should report to the Reserve Bank of India as per the prescribed procedure not later than 30 days from the date of receipt of the amount of consideration.



3. The company allotted equity shares and filed FC-GPRs as indicated below:

Sl. No.	No. of share allotted	Face Value ₹	Amount ₹	Date of allotment of shares	Reported to RBI on
1	9,999	10	99,990.00	28.04.2016	05.12.2017
2	52,743	10	26,37,150.00	24.10.2016	23.11.2016
3	14,493	10	7,24,650.00	28.12.2016	27.01.2017
4	8,385	10	5,53,410.00	17.08.2017	06.10.2017

The applicant filed the form FC-GPRs as indicated above with delay ranging from 19 days to one year six months seven days approximately beyond the stipulated time of 30 days in respect of the allotments at S.No 1 & 4. Whereas in terms of paragraph 9 (1) B of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, an Indian company issuing shares in accordance with these Regulations has to submit to Reserve Bank a report in Form FC-GPR along with documents prescribed therein within 30 days from the date of issue of shares to person resident outside India.

4. The company failed to allot shares and refunded one inward remittance received on September 21, 2016 as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Date of receipt	Amount (INR)	Date of Refund
1	21.09.2016	10,00,000.00	20.02.2019

The company refunded the amount as indicated above with delay of one year 11 months approximately beyond the stipulated time of 180 days with prior approval of Reserve Bank. Whereas in terms of paragraph 8 of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, read with AP (Dir Series) Circular No.20 dated December 14, 2007 the shares have to be issued/amount refunded within 180 days from the date of receipt of the inward remittance.

5. The applicant was advised about the contraventions vide memorandum dated May 07, 2018. The applicant has filed a compounding application dated October 16, 2018 wherein it has been declared in the compounding application that the particulars given by the applicant in the application are true and correct to the best of their



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knowledge and belief. It has been declared in the declaration furnished with the compounding application that the applicant was not under any enquiry/investigation/adjudication by any agency as on the date of the application and has, in this regard, not informed of initiation of any such enquiry/investigation/adjudication proceedings against it/him/her thereafter. Accordingly, the above contraventions which are being compounded in this Order are subject to the veracity of the above declarations made by the applicant and this order is without prejudice to any other action which may be taken by any authority under the extant laws if the said declarations are subsequently discovered to be false and/or incorrect

6. The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing vide Reserve Bank's mail dated March 5, 2019 for further submission in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant appeared for the personal hearing on March 08, 2019 during which Shri Abhishek Solanki, Finance Manager, represented the applicant. The authorized representative of the applicant admitted the contraventions as stated in paras 2 to 4 above for which compounding has been sought. During the personal hearing, it was submitted that the delays were unintentional. In view of the above, they requested Reserve Bank to take a lenient view in the matter. The application for compounding is, therefore, being considered on the basis of the averments made in the application as well as other documents and submissions made in this context by the applicant during the personal hearing.

7. I have given my careful consideration to the documents on record and submission made by the applicant in the compounding application and during the personal hearing. Accordingly, I hold that the applicant has contravened the following FEMA provisions issued in terms of:

- (a) Paragraph 9 (1) A of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB due to delay in reporting of receipt of inward remittances towards subscription of equity shares as detailed in paragraph 2 above. The contravention relates to an amount



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of ₹ **8,24,692.95** with duration of contravention ranging from 20 days to one year three months 25 days approximately;

(b) Paragraph 9 (1) B of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB due to delay in submission of Form FC-GPR to the Reserve Bank after issue of shares to persons resident outside India as detailed in paragraph 3 above. The contravention relates to an amount of ₹ **6,53,400.00** with the duration of contravention ranging from 19 days to one year six months seven days approximately; and

(c) Paragraph 8 of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB read with AP (Dir Series) Circular No.20 dated December 14, 2007 due to delay in refund of inward remittance received with prior approval of Reserve Bank as detailed in paragraph 4 above. The contravention relates to an amount of ₹**10,00,000.00** with the duration of contravention being one year 11 months approximately.

8. In terms of Section 13 of the FEMA, any person contravening any provision of the Act shall be liable to a penalty up to thrice the sum involved in such contravention upon adjudication. However, taking into account the relevant facts and circumstances of the case as stated in the foregoing paragraphs, I am persuaded to take a lenient view on the amount for which the contraventions are to be compounded and I consider that an amount

of ₹**73,570/-** (Rupees seventy three thousand five hundred and seventy only) will meet the ends of justice.

9. Accordingly, I compound the admitted contraventions namely, the contraventions of paragraphs 9 (1) A, 9 (1) B and 8 of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, by the applicant on the facts discussed above in terms of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000 on payment of an amount of ₹ **73,570/-** (Rupees seventy three thousand five hundred and seventy only) which shall be deposited by the applicant with the Reserve Bank of India, Foreign Exchange Department, Fort Glacis, No.16, Rajaji Salai, Chennai - 600 001 by a demand draft drawn in favour of the "Reserve Bank of India" and payable at Chennai within a period



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of **15 days** from the date of this order. In case of failure to deposit the compounded amount within the above mentioned period, Rule 10 of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000 dated May 3, 2000 shall apply.

The application is disposed accordingly.

Dated this thirteenth day of March 2019.

**Sd/-**  
**P Ramesh**  
**Assistant General Manager**