

In the

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Foreign Exchange Department Secretariat Road Saifabad, Hyderabad 500 004

Present

Shri C Nageswara Rao Deputy General Manager

Date: September 26, 2019 C.A. HYD 436

In the matter of

M/s. Chrysalis Hospitality Private Limited 6-3-248/1/1/A, 5th floor, Bhaskar Plaza, Road No.1, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad – 500 034

(Applicant)

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section 1 of Section 15 of Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the Regulations/ Rules/ Notifications/ Orders made there under, I pass the following

Order

The applicant has filed the compounding application dated May 30, 2019 received by us on June 26, 2019 for compounding of contraventions of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) and the regulations issued thereunder. The contraventions sought to be compounded are (i) delay in reporting of receipt of foreign inward remittances towards subscription of equity, (ii) delay in submission of Form FCGPR to the Reserve Bank after issue of shares to a person resident outside India and (iii) delay in filing the Annual Return in respect of the Foreign Liabilities and Assets (FLA Return), in terms of Paragraph 9(1)(A),



Paragraph 9(1)(B), Paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 1 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 3rd May 2000 as then applicable (herein after referred to as Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB) and Regulation 13.1(3) of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20(R)/2017-RB dated November 07, 2017 as amended from time to time.

- 2. The relevant facts of the case are as follows:
- a) The applicant is a resident company incorporated as Private Limited Company under the Companies Act, 1956 on December 11, 2013 (CIN: U74900TG2013PTC091601). The applicant is engaged in the business of "Establishing cafeterias, fast-food restaurants and other food preparation in market stalls".
- b) The applicant had received foreign inward remittance from a foreign investor as indicated below:

S.No	Name of remitter	Amount (INR)	Date of Receipt	Date of reporting
1	Madhusudhan Rao Kadari	25,00,000	28.12.2013	12.06.2014

The applicant reported receipt of remittance towards share subscription amounting to ₹25,00,000/- to the Regional Office of Reserve Bank of India, which was reported with a delay of 4 months 15 days approximately as indicated above. Whereas in terms of Paragraph 9(1)(A) of Schedule 1 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.

c) The applicant allotted equity shares and filed form FC-GPRs as indicated below:



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S.No	Name of investor	Date of allotment of shares	No. of Shares allotted		Date of reporting
1	Madhusudhan Rao Kadari	25.06.2014	2,50,000	25,00,000	29.04.2019

The applicant filed form FCGPR for the allotment of shares amounting to ₹ 25,00,000/- as indicated above which was reported with a delay of 4 years 9 months 4 days approximately beyond the prescribed limit. Whereas in terms of Paragraph 9(1)(B) of Schedule 1 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 FCGPR along with documents prescribed therein within 30 days from the date of issue of shares to person resident outside India.

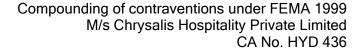
g) The company has delayed in filing FLA Return (Foreign Liabilities and Assets) as indicated below. Here the period of contravention ranges from 4 years 2 months 1 day to 1 year 2 months 1 day approximately.

SI	Particulars	Financial	Due date of filing	Date of actual filing
No		year	the return	
1	FLA Return	2014-15	15.07.2015	16.09.2019
2	FLA Return	2015-16	15.07.2016	16.09.2019
3	FLA Return	2016-17	15.07.2017	16.09.2019
4	FLA Return	2017-18	15.07.2018	16.09.2019

Whereas in terms of Paragraph 9(2) of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB dated May 03, 2000 as then applicable and Regulation 13.1(3) of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20(R)/2017-RB dated November 07, 2017 as amended from time to time, "All Indian companies which have received Foreign Direct Investment in the previous year(s) including the current year shall submit to the Reserve Bank of India, on or before the 15th day of July of each year, [a report titled 'Annual Return on Foreign Liabilities and Assets' (FLA) as specified by the Reserve Bank from time to time].



- 3. (a) The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing vide Reserve Bank's letter No. HY.FE.FID/ 705 /14.66.003/2019-20 dated September 18, 2019 for further submission in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application.
- (b) The applicant vide e-mail dated September 19, 2019 stated that they are foregoing appearing for the personal hearing and requested that the compounding application may be disposed off on the basis of merits in terms of the facts/submission made therein along with the compounding application. The application for compounding is, therefore, being considered on the basis of the averments made in the application.
- 4. I have given my careful consideration to the documents on record. 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 for delay in reporting the receipt of consideration towards issue of shares amounting to ₹25,00,000/- and the period of contravention is 4 months 15 days approximately.
- (b) Paragraph 9(1)(B) of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB for delay in submission of Form FC-GPR to Reserve Bank of India after issue of shares to persons resident outside India and the contravention relates to an amount of ₹ 25,00,000/- and the period of contravention is 4 years 9 months 4 days approximately.
- (c) Paragraph 9(2) of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB and Regulation 13.1(3) of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20(R)/2017-RB for delay in filing of Annual Return on Foreign Liabilities and Assets to Reserve Bank of India for four financial years viz, 2014-15 to 2017-18 with delays ranging from 4 years 2 months 1 day to 1 year 2 months 1 day approximately.
- 5. It has been declared in the compounding application dated May 30, 2019, that the particulars given by the applicant in the application are true and correct to the





best of their knowledge and belief. It has been declared in the declaration dated May 30, 2019 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 thereafter. It has further been declared that the applicant has not filed any appeal under section 17 or section 19 of FEMA 1999. Accordingly, the above contraventions which are being compounded under 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. 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 contravention is to be compounded and I consider that an amount of ₹ 73,125/- (Rupees Seventy Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five Only) will meet the ends of justice.
- 7. Accordingly, I compound the admitted contraventions, namely, the contraventions of Paragraph 9(1)(A), Paragraph 9(1)(B), Paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB and Regulation 13.1(3) of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20(R)/2017-RB by the applicant on the facts discussed above in terms of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000 on payment of an amount ₹ 73,125/- (Rupees Seventy Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five Only) which shall be deposited by the applicant with the Reserve Bank of India, Foreign Exchange Department, 1st Floor, Saifabad, Hyderabad 500004 by a demand draft drawn in favour of the "Reserve Bank of India" and payable at Hyderabad within a period of 15 days from the date of this



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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 of accordingly. Dated this 26th day of September 2019.

Sd/-

(C Nageswara Rao) Deputy General Manager