



In the

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

Present

K Dhamodhiran
Assistant General Manager

Date: July 19, 2019
C.A.904/2019

In the matter of

M/s. Blend-Pro Chemicals India Pvt Ltd.
24/22, Bhaktavatchalam Street
West Mambalam
Chennai- 600 033

(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 April 04, 2019 (received at Reserve Bank on April 24, 2019) for compounding of contraventions of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (the FEMA) and the regulations issued there under. The contravention sought to be compounded is delay in refund of receipt of consideration in terms of Paragraph 2(3) of Schedule I to Foreign Exchange Management



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(Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India) Regulations, 2017 notified vide Notification No. FEMA 20R/2017-RB dated November 07, 2017 and as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as Notification No. FEMA 20R/2017-RB).

2. The relevant facts of the case are as follows: The applicant company was incorporated on July 16, 2018 under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (Registration No. U24100TN2018FTC123707) and is engaged in the business of manufacture of other cement & plaster n.e.c. The applicant received two foreign inward remittances of ₹11,19,200.00 and ₹7,00,00,000.00 on 28.08.2018 from M/s. Blend-Pro Commercial Properties Inc, U.S.A., towards subscription to equity and CCPS shares respectively. Against the above remittances the company allotted shares for ₹10,00,000.00 and ₹7,00,00,000.00 on 28.08.2018 and 30.08.2018 respectively and filed the FC GPRs with Reserve Bank.

3. The company refunded the balance amount after allotment of shares as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Date of receipt	Amount (₹)	Date of refund
1	28.08.2018	1,19,200.00	10.04.2019

The company refunded the receipt of consideration with a delay of five months approximately beyond the stipulated time. Whereas in terms of paragraph 2(3) of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20(R)/2017-RB, if capital instruments are not issued within sixty days from the date of receipt of the consideration the same shall be refunded to the person concerned by outward remittance within fifteen days from the date of completion of 60 days.

4. The applicant was advised about the contravention vide memorandum dated March 12, 2019. The applicant has filed a compounding application dated April 04, 2019 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 knowledge and belief. It has been declared in the declaration that the applicant was not under any



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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 contravention which is 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.

5. The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing vide Reserve Bank's mail dated July 17, 2019 for further submission in person and/or producing additional documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant appeared for the personal hearing scheduled on July 19, 2019 during which Shri Hari Babu P, Company Secretary, represented the applicant. The authorized representative of the applicant admitted the contravention as stated in para 3 above for which compounding has been sought. During the personal hearing, it was submitted that the delay was unintentional. In view of the above, the applicant 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.

6. 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 provision issued in terms of:

- a)** Paragraph 2(3) of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20(R)/2017-RB due to delay in refund of receipt of consideration. The contravention relates to an amount of ₹1,19,200.00 with the duration of contravention being five months approximately.

7. In terms of Section 13 of the FEMA, 1999, 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



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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 **₹50,596/-** (Rupees fifty thousand five hundred and ninety six only) will meet the ends of justice.

8. Accordingly, I compound the admitted contravention namely, the contravention of paragraph 2(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 of **₹50,596/-** (Rupees fifty thousand five hundred and ninety six 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 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 nineteenth day of July, 2019.

Sd/-

K Dhamodhiran

Assistant General Manager