

In the

Reserve Bank of India 10/3/8, Nrupathunga Road Bengaluru-560001

Present

Ms. M Ramakumari Deputy General Manager

Date: August 06, 2019 **C.A. BGL 410/2019**

In the matter of

M/s Ancolet India Private Limited No. 1329, 24th Main, HSR Layout, 2nd Sector Bengaluru – 560102

(Applicant)

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

ORDER

The applicant has filed a compounding application dated April 04, 2019, received at this office of Reserve Bank of India, Bengaluru, on April 05, 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 allotment of shares to persons resident outside India, prior to receipt of inward remittances, in terms of Paragraph 2 of Schedule I to Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India) Regulations, 2017 notified, vide Notification No. FEMA 20(R)/2017-RB dated November 07, 2017, and as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as Notification No. FEMA 20(R)/2017-RB).



2. The relevant facts of the case are as follows: The applicant, M/s Ancolet India Private Limited, was incorporated on March 21, 2018, under the Companies Act, 2013, as per the Certificate of Incorporation issued by the Deputy Registrar of Companies, Karnataka. The company is engaged in designing, development, customization, implementation, maintenance, testing, benchmarking and dealing in Computer Software and Solutions.

3. The company had allotted -

- (i) 1,00,000 equity shares worth ₹10,00,000.00, on March 21, 2018 to M/s. Ancolet Tech Pte Ltd, Singapore. However, the amount of consideration of ₹10,00,000.00, pertaining to the aforesaid share allotment was received after allotment of shares, on July 05, 2018.
- (ii) 1,50,000 equity shares worth ₹15,00,000.00, on October 05, 2018 to M/s. Ancolet Tech Pte Ltd, Singapore. However, the amount of consideration of ₹15,00,000.00, pertaining to the aforesaid share allotment was received after allotment of shares, on October 10, 2018.

Whereas, in terms of Paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20 (R)/2017- RB, dated November 07, 2017, capital instruments shall be issued to the person resident outside India making such investment within sixty days from the date of receipt of the consideration.

4. The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing, vide Reserve Bank's letter FE.BG.FID (CEFA) No. 386 /22.11.383/2019-20, dated August 01, 2019, for further submission in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant's authorized representatives, Mr. Prasanna Nagure, Company Secretary and Ms. Anupama, Authorised Representative, who appeared for the personal hearing on August 06, 2019, admitted the contravention as stated in paragraph 3 above, committed by the applicant, for which compounding has been sought. The representatives of the applicant requested that, as the contravention was not intentional or with a malafide intention and was mainly due to inadvertence, a lenient view may be



taken in disposal of the application. 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 personal hearing and thereafter.

- **5.** I have given my careful consideration to the documents on record and submission made by the applicant during the personal hearing. Accordingly, I hold that the applicant has contravened the following FEMA provision issued in terms of:
 - (a) Paragraph 2 of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20(R)/2000-RB, as the applicant allotted shares to the non-resident investor, prior to the receipt of amount of consideration as detailed in paragraph 3 above. The contravention relates to an amount of ₹25,00,000.00, and the period of contravention ranges from five days to three months and fourteen days.
- 6. It has been declared in the compounding application dated April 04, 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 undertaking dated April 04, 2019, furnished as part of 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 contravention which is being compounded in this order is 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.
- 7. 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 ₹62,500.00 (Rupees Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred only), will meet the ends of justice.

8. Accordingly, 1 compound the admitted contravention namely, contravention of Paragraph 2 of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20(R)/2017-RB, by the applicant, based on the facts discussed above in terms of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000, on payment of an amount of ₹62,500.00 (Rupees Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred only), which shall be deposited by the applicant with the Reserve Bank of India, Foreign Exchange Department, 2nd Floor, 10/3/8, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru – 560001, by a demand draft drawn in favour of the "Reserve Bank of India" and payable at Bengaluru, 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 of accordingly.

Dated this, the Sixth day of August 2019.

Sd/-

(M Ramakumari) Deputy General Manager