



In the

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

Present

Shri P J Thomas
Regional Director, Karnataka and
Chief General Manager, Bengaluru

Date: January 16, 2019
C.A. BGL 324/2018

In the matter of

M/s Ecolibrium Energy Private Limited
F-101, Wilson Manor
13th Cross, Wilson Garden
Bengaluru - 560027
(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 September 05, 2018, received at this Office of the Reserve Bank of India, Bengaluru, on September 06, 2018, 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 submission of Form FC-GPRs to the Reserve Bank, after issue of shares to a person resident outside India, in terms of Paragraph 9(1)(B) 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 03, 2000, and as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB).



2. The relevant facts of the case are as follows: The applicant, M/s Ecolibrium Energy Private Limited, was incorporated on November 04, 2008, under the Companies Act, 1956, as per the Certificate of Incorporation issued by the Registrar of Companies, Karnataka. The company is engaged in the business of providing Energy Monitoring solutions to industrial and commercial users in India through a software application. The applicant had received funds towards share application money from foreign investors, namely, M/s International Finance Corporation, USA, and M/s Jones Lang Laselle Technology Services Pte Limited, Singapore, as shown below:

Table -1

Sl. No	Date of receipt	Amount (INR)	Date of Reporting to RBI/AD
1	23-04-2013	2,03,32,500.00	21-05-2013
2	23-04-2013	67,77,093.35	21-05-2013
3	07-05-2013	400.73	12-04-2016
4	31-07-2014	75,13,299.18	26-08-2014
5	31-07-2014	2,25,02,539.16	26-08-2014
6	31-07-2014	38,710.84	26-08-2014
7	26-08-2014	450.83	04-09-2014
8	15-06-2017	2,00,00,932.38	06-07-2017
	Total	7,71,65,926.47	

3. The applicant company allotted equity shares and filed Form FC-GPRs with Reserve Bank/AD Bank as indicated below:

Table-2

Sl. No.	Date of Allotment	Number of equity shares/ CCPS allotted	Amount (INR)	Date of reporting to RBI/AD Bank
1	08-05-2013	27 Equity & 2705909 CCPS	2,71,09,985.00	08-06-2013
2	09-09-2014	3000564 CCPS	3,00,05,640.00	05-11-2014
3	27-09-2014	4936 CCPS	49,360.00	05-11-2014



4	15-06-2017	10 Equity & 4319 CCPS	2,00,00,932.38	13-07-2017
	Total		7,71,65,917.38	

The applicant filed Form FC-GPRs, on allotment of shares, with the Bengaluru Regional Office of the Reserve Bank of India / Authorized Dealer Bank, with a delay ranging from one day to twenty seven days, beyond the prescribed period of 30 days, in respect of the allotments as indicated at serial numbers 1 to 3, in the Table – 2 above. Whereas, in terms of Paragraph 9(1)(B) of Schedule I to Notification No.FEMA 20/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000, an Indian company issuing shares in accordance with these Regulations, has to submit to Reserve Bank of India, a report in Form FC-GPR, along with documents prescribed therein, within 30 days from the date of issue of shares to persons resident outside India.

4. The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing, vide Reserve Bank's letter FE.BG.FID (CEFA) No.2278/22.09.409/2018-19 dated January 10, 2019, for further submission, in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant's authorized representatives, Ms. Purvi Maheshwari, CFO, and Ms. Ratnamala Hegde, Consultant, who appeared for the personal hearing on January 16, 2019, admitted the contravention as stated in Paragraph 3 above, committed by the applicant, for which compounding has been sought. During the personal hearing, it was submitted that the delay was not willful or with malafide intention, but was mainly due to inadvertence, and the same would not be repeated. In view of the above, they requested to take a lenient view 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 9(1)(B) of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, due to delay in submission of Form FC-GPRs 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 **₹5,71,64,985.00**, and the period of delay ranges from one day to twenty seven days.

6. It has been declared in the compounding application dated September 05, 2018, 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 September 05, 2018, 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 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.

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 **₹18,080.00 (Rupees Eighteen Thousand and Eighty only)**, will meet the ends of justice.

8. Accordingly, I compound the admitted contravention namely, contravention of Paragraph 9(1)(B) of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA



20/2000-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 **₹18,080.00 (Rupees Eighteen Thousand and Eighty 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 Sixteenth day of January, 2019.

Sd/-

(P J Thomas)
Regional Director, Karnataka and
Chief General Manager, Bengaluru