

### In the

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### Present

# Shri Rajendra Srivastava Assistant General Manager

Date: November 22, 2019 C.A.120/2019

In the matter of

## **GOH ESTATE PRIVATE LIMITED**

C/o Dipa Ray, HB-296/4, Sector-III, Salt Lake Kolkata, W.B 700091 (Applicant)

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

### Order

The applicant had filed a compounding application dated August 12, 2019 (received at Reserve Bank on August 14, 2019) for compounding of contraventions of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act,1999 (the FEMA) and the regulations issued thereunder. The contravention sought to be compounded for allotment of shares prior to the receipt of inflow to a person resident outside India in terms of Paragraph 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(R) dated November 07, 2017 (herein after referred to as Notification No.FEMA20(R)).

- 2. The relevant facts of the case are as follows. The applicant, GOH ESTATE PRIVATE LIMITED was incorporated on January 02, 2019 and is in the business of Management consultancy activities {NIC-2008: 70200}.
- 3. The company had received foreign inward remittances towards subscription to Memorandum of Association from Madhurita Jayaswal (UK), foreign investor, as given in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Allotment of shares/refund of excess share application money

S. No.	Name of Investor	Inflow (INR)	Date of inflow	Date of allotment of shares	Amount for which shares issued (INR)	Refund Amount (INR)	Date of refund	Issue of shares Prior to receipt of inflow (Days)
1	Madhurita Jayaswal	49,657.05	10-Jun-19	02-Mar-19	49,500.00	N.A	N.A	100

From the above table, it is observed that the company had received the inflow on June 10, 2019 but allotted shares on March 02, 2019 i.e. is 100 days prior to the receipt of inflow, which is a contravention to the provisions of Para 2 of Schedule 1 of Notification No. FEMA 20(R)/2000-RB dated November 7, 2017 and be subjected to compounding.

4. The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing, vide Reserve Bank's letter No.KOL.FED.FID.789/06.01.002/2019-20 dated November 18, 2019 for further submission in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of



the application. The applicant, however, did not appear for the hearing. Hence, the compounding order is being issued ex-parte.

- 5. It has been declared in the compounding application dated August 12, 2019 that the particulars given by the applicant in the application are true and correct to the best of their/his/her 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. 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.
- 6. I have given careful consideration to the documents on record. Accordingly, I hold that the applicant has contravened provisions of paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20(R) dated November 7, 2017. The contravention relates to an amount of INR 49500.
- 7. In terms of section 13 of the FEMA any person contravening any provision of the act shall be liable for a penalty upto thrice the sum of the contravention upon adjudication. However, considering the circumstances which led to the delay and other relevant facts of the case I am inclined to take a lenient view of the amount for which the contravention is to be compounded and I consider that an amount of Rs. 1,650 (Rupees One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty only) will meet the end of justice.
- 8. Accordingly, I compound the admitted contravention viz. Paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20(R) dated November 7, 2017 by the applicant on the facts discussed above in terms of the Foreign Exchange



(Compounding Proceeding) Rules, 2000 on payment of an amount Rs. 1,650 (Rupees One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty only) which is to be deposited by the applicant with the Reserve Bank of India, Kolkata by a demand draft in favor of Reserve Bank of India and payable at Kolkata within 15 days from the date of issue of the order. In case of failure to deposit the compounded amount within the above mentioned period, Rule 10 of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceeding) Rules, 2000 dated May 03, 2000 shall apply.

9. The application is disposed off accordingly.

Dated this Twenty Second day of November, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

Sd/-(Rajendra Srivastava) Assistant General Manager