



In the

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

Present

Arundhati Mech
Regional Director

Date: December 28, 2017
C.A.743/2017

In the matter of

M/s.SEI Sitara Pvt Ltd.
2nd Floor, Meridian House,
121/3, Manickam Avenue,
T T K Road, Alwarpet,
Chennai-600018

(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 November 28, 2017(received at Reserve Bank onNovember 28, 2017) for compounding of contraventions of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (the FEMA) and theregulations issued there under.The contraventionssought to be compounded are(i)



delay in reporting of inflow of funds received from a person resident outside India for allotment of shares, and(ii) delay in submission of Form FC-GPR on allotment of shares with Reserve Bank,in terms of Paragraph 9 (1) A and Paragraph 9 (1) B respectively, of Schedule I to ForeignExchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India) Regulations, 2000 notified, vide Notification No.FEMA 20/2000-RB datedMay 3, 2000.

2. The relevant facts of the case are as follows: The applicant company was incorporated onDecember 11, 2013under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 (Registration No. U40109TN2013FTC094121) and is engaged in business of Electric power generation using solar energy.The applicant received foreign inward remittancesfromM/s SunEdison Energy Holding (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., Singaporetowards subscription to equity shares and reported the same to the Reserve Bank as detailedbelow:

Sl. No.	Amount of Inward Remittance in Rs.	Date of receipt	Reported to RBI on
1	61.34	24.01.2014	19.02.2014
2	3,13,150.00	04.02.2014	18.02.2014
3	9,13,50,000.00	21.03.2014	03.04.2014
4	5,72,56,500.00	22.07.2014	05.08.2014
5	12,21,40,000.00	12.08.2014	20.08.2014
6	51,24,84,000.00	15.09.2014	24.09.2014
7	23,92,65,000.00	03.11.2014	19.11.2014
8	6,09,12,000.00	06.05.2015	26.08.2015

The applicant reported receipt of remittances to the Reserve Bank on dates indicated above with delay of two months 20 daysapproximately beyond the prescribed period of 30 daysin respect ofthe remittance at Sr. No.8.Whereas, in terms of paragraph 9 (1) A of Schedule I 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.



3. The company allotted equity shares and filed FC-GPRs as indicated below:

Sl. No	No. of shares allotted	Face Value (inRs.)	Amount (INR)	Date of allotment of shares	Reported to RBI on
1	10000	10	1,00,000	03.03.2014	12.03.2014
2	2920	10	2,13,160	21.03.2014	08.04.2014
3	1218000	10	9,13,50,000	23.05.2014	06.06.2014
4	763420	10	5,72,56,500	28.07.2014	11.08.2014
5	1628533	10	12,21,39,975	13.08.2014	18.09.2014
6	51248400	10	51,24,84,000	28.10.2014	26.11.2014
7	23926500	10	23,92,65,000	30.12.2014	29.01.2015
8	6091200	10	6,09,12,000	14.05.2015	03.11.2016

The applicant filed form FC-GPRs as indicated above with delay ranging from six days to one year four months 19 days approximately beyond the prescribed limit in respect of the allotments at Sr. Nos. 5 and 8. Whereas in terms of paragraph 9 (1) B of Schedule I 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 FC-GPR along with documents prescribed therein within 30 days from the date of issue of shares to person resident outside India.

4.The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing vide Reserve Bank's mail dated December 23, 2017 for further submission in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant appeared for the personal hearing on December 28, 2017 during which Shri Rajiblochan Sarangi, Retainer Company Secretary (Practicing Company Secretary) represented the applicant. The authorized representative of the applicant admitted the contraventions as stated in para 2 and 3 above committed by the applicant for which compounding has been sought. During the personal hearing, it was submitted that the delays were unintentional. In view of the above, they requested 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. It has been declared in the compounding application dated November 28, 2017 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 November 28, 2017 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. 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.

6. I have given my careful consideration to the documents on record and submissions made by the applicant in the compounding application and during the personal hearing. 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 due to delay in reporting of receipt of inward remittances towards subscription of equity shares as detailed in paragraph 2 above. The contravention relates to an amount of ₹ 6,09,12,000/- with the duration of contravention being two months 20 days approximately; and

(b) Paragraph 9 (1) B of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB due to delay in submission of Form FC-GPR to the Reserve Bank after issue of shares to persons resident outside India and the contravention relates to an amount of ₹ 18,30,51,975/- with the duration of contravention ranging from six days to one year four months 19 days approximately.

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 contraventions are to be compounded and I consider that an amount of **Rs. 1,11,500/-** (Rupees one lakh eleven thousand five hundred only) will meet the ends of justice.

8. Accordingly, I compound the admitted contraventions namely, the contraventions of paragraphs 9 (1) A and 9 (1) B of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-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 **Rs.1,11,500/-** (Rupees one lakh eleven thousand five hundred only) which shall be deposited by the applicant with the Reserve Bank of India, Foreign Exchange Department, Fort Glacis, No.16, Rajaji Salai, Chennai-600001 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 of accordingly.

Dated this Twenty eighth day of December, 2017.

Sd/-

Arundhati Mech
Regional Director