

#### In the

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

Present

# R Kesavan Chief General Manager

Date: December 20, 2017 C.A.738/2017

In the matter of

#### M/s.Smiley Monroe Rubber & Allied Products (India) Pvt Ltd.

4/2C, Begappalli Road, Anumepalli, Agrahara, Hosur, Krishnagiri- 635126

### (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 14, 2017(received at Reserve Bank onNovember 17, 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 onMay 15, 2012under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 (Registration No. U25190TZ2012FTC018259) and is engaged in business of manufacture of rubber conveyor or transmission belts or belting. The applicant received foreign inward remittances from M/s Smiley Monroe Holdings Ltd., United Kingdom towards subscription to equity shares and reported the same to the Reserve Bank as below:

SI. No.	Amount of Inward Remittance in Rs.	Date of receipt	Reported to RBI on
1	32,09,831.46	04.02.2013	06.07.2016
2	99,99,831.46	18.07.2013	17.03.2015

The applicant reported receipt of remittances to the Reserve Bank on dates indicated above with delay ranging from one year six months 29 days to three years four months two daysapproximately beyond the prescribed period of 30 daysin respect of the remittances. 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.

<b>3</b> . The company allotted equity shares and filed FC-GPRs as indicated below:
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SI. No	No. of shares allotted	Face Value (inRs.)	Amount (INR)	Date of allotment of shares	Reported to RBI on
1	303380	10	32,09,828	01.07.2013	05.08.2016
2	943380	10	99,99,828	06.01.2014	03.08.2016

The applicant filed form FC-GPRs as indicated above with delay ranging from two years five months 27 days to three years four daysapproximately beyond the prescribed limit



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in respect of the allotments. 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 18, 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 20, 2017 during which Shri VivekAnandan S J, Chartered Accountant and Shri KiranChougule, Company Secretaryrepresented the applicant. The authorized representatives 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 applicant during the personal hearing.

**5.** I have given my careful consideration to the documents on record and submissions madeby 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 ₹ 1,32,09,662.92 with the duration of contravention ranging from one year six months 29 days to three years four months two daysapproximately;and
- (b) Paragraph 9 (1) B of Schedule 1 to Notification No.FEMA 20/2000-RB due to delay in submission of Form FC-GPRto the Reserve Bank after issue of shares to persons resident outside India and the contravention relates to an amount of ₹



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1,32,09,656/- with the duration of contraventionranging from two years five months 27 days to three years four daysapproximately.

**6.**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. **64,810/-** (Rupees sixty four thousand eight hundred and ten only) will meet the ends of justice.

**7.** Accordingly, I compound the admitted contraventions namely, the contraventions of paragraphs 9 (1) A and9 (1) Bof Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB,by the applicant on the factsdiscussed above in terms of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000 on payment of an amount of Rs.**64,810/**-(Rupees sixty four thousand eight hundred and ten only)which shall be deposited by the applicant with the Reserve Bank of India, Foreign Exchange Department, Fort Glacis, No.16, RajajiSalai, 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 thedate 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 Twentieth day of December, 2017.

Sd/-

R Kesavan Chief General Manager