



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

Present

Ms. M Rama Kumari
Deputy General Manager

Date: January 11, 2018
C.A. BGL 252/2017

In the matter of

M/s. Southern E-Commerce Solutions Private Limited
Flat # S-2, Exsultare, No. 38-A, Harlur Road
Shubh Enclave, Kasavanahalli Village
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 October 6, 2017, received in the office of Reserve Bank of India, Bengaluru, on October 11, 2017, 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 reporting receipt of foreign inward remittances towards subscription to equity, in terms of paragraph 9(1)(A) 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 Southern E-Commerce Solutions Private Limited, was incorporated on January 15, 2014, under the Companies Act, 2013. The activities undertaken by the company include business of e-commerce solutions, e-commerce platform for sale of



service apartment rooms, cloud solutions, web based services and all kinds of information technology enabled services. The applicant had received foreign inward remittances amounting to Rs. 30,16,102/- on six occasions from foreign investors, towards subscription to equity shares, as shown in the table below:

Sl. No	Name of the remitter/Investor	Date of receipt	Amount (INR)	Date of Reporting to RBI/AD
1	Kallely Sajen, USA	26-11-2014	6,582.00	02-03-2015
2	Kallely Sajen, USA	04-12-2014	5,24,142.00	02-03-2015
3	Kallely Sajen, USA	21-02-2015	4,85,378.00	03-03-2015
4	Rita Patel, UK	04-02-2015	5,00,000.00	01-04-2015
5	Rita Patel, UK	20-02-2015	5,00,000.00	01-04-2015
6	Baby Jhon Kusumulayam, UK	27-05-2015	10,00,000.00	12-08-2015
		TOTAL	30,16,102.00	

The applicant reported receipt of remittances to the Reserve Bank / Authorized Dealer Bank, with a delay ranging from ten days to two months and four days approximately, beyond the stipulated time of 30 days in respect of the remittances indicated above at Sr. Nos. 1, 2 and 4 to 6. 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 applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing, vide the Reserve Bank's letter FE.BG.FID (CEFA) No. 2562 /21.09.617/2017-18 dated January 5, 2018, for further submission in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant's authorized representatives, Shri Prem Kumar K, Director, and Shri Vivek Hegde, Company Secretary, who appeared for the personal hearing on January 10, 2018, admitted the contraventions as stated in paragraph 2 above, committed by the applicant, for which compounding has been sought. The representatives of the applicant requested that, as the contraventions were 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.

4. 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 provisions issued in terms of:

(a) Paragraph 9(1)(A) of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, due to delay in reporting of foreign inward remittances, received towards subscription to equity as detailed in paragraph 2 above. The contravention relates to an amount of **Rs. 25,30,724.00** and the period of delay ranges from ten days to two months and four days approximately.

5. It has been declared in the compounding application dated October 6, 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 January 08, 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.

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 contravention are to be compounded and I consider that an amount of **Rs. 11,000.00 (Rupees Eleven Thousand only)** will meet the ends of justice.

7. Accordingly, I compound the admitted contravention namely, contravention of Paragraph 9(1) (A) of Schedule I 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. 11,000.00 (Rupees Eleven Thousand 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 Eleventh day of January, 2018.

Sd/-

(M Rama Kumari)
Deputy General Manager