

#### In the

### Reserve Bank of India

Foreign Exchange Department Fort Glacis, No.16, Rajaji Salai Chennai 600 001

Present

# B Sarangi Deputy General Manager

Date : February 13, 2018 C.A.752/2017

In the matter of

## M/s. Dion Lion Saumabaan Distributors Pvt Ltd.,

New No.23, Old No.10/1, Devanathan Street, Mandavelipakkam, Chennai- 600028

### (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 December 14, 2017 (received at Reserve Bank on December 28, 2017) for compounding of contraventions of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (the FEMA) and the regulations issued there under. The contraventions sought 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 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 3, 2000.

2. The relevant facts of the case are as follows: The applicant company was incorporated on May 05, 2015 under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 (Registration No. U52609TN2015PTC100358) and is engaged in business of wholesale trade of intoxicants like wines and liquors. The applicant received foreign inward remittances from Mr. Arvind R Sharma, USA towards subscription to equity shares and reported the same to the Reserve Bank as detailed below:

SI. No.	Amount of Inward Remittance in Rs.	Date of receipt	Reported to RBI on
1	3,36,350.00	14.12.2016	23.01.2017
2	2,71,560.00	25.01.2017	05.04.2017
3	2,28,585.00	15.03.2017	06.07.2017
4	1,92,120.00	05.05.2017	17.06.2017
5	1,93,230.00	30.06.2017	04.10.2017
6	2,57,440.00	04.07.2017	04.10.2017
7	2,55,240.00	18.08.2017	24.08.2017

The applicant reported receipt of remittances to the Reserve Bank on dates indicated above with delay ranging from nine days to two months 21 days approximately beyond the prescribed period of 30 days in respect of the remittances at SI. Nos. 1 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 company allotted equity shares and filed FC-GPRs as indicated below:

SI. No	No. of shares allotted	Face Value (in Rs.)	Amount (INR)	Date of allotment of shares	Reported to RBI on
1	33635	10	3,36,350	13.02.2017	26.05.2017
2	50014	10	5,00,140	31.05.2017	26.06.2017
3	89803	10	8,98,030	29.09.2017	27.10.2017





The applicant filed form FC-GPR as indicated above with delay of two months 13 days approximately beyond the prescribed limit in respect of the allotment at SI. No.1. 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 February 08, 2018 for further submission in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant vide letter dated February 09, 2018 chose not to appear for the personal hearing for any further submission in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant, in the compounding application, had admitted the contraventions as stated in para 2 and 3 above for which compounding has been sought. It had been submitted that the delay was unintentional. The application for compounding is, therefore, being considered on the basis of the averments made in the applicant.
- 5. It has been declared in the compounding application dated December 14, 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 03, 2018 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. 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. 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 ₹ 14,79,285/- with the duration of contravention ranging from nine days to two months 21 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 ₹ 3,36,350/- with the duration of contravention being two months 13 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 ₹ 21,250/- (Rupees twenty one thousand two hundred and fifty 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 ₹ 21,250/- (Rupees twenty one thousand two hundred and fifty only) which shall be deposited by the applicant with the Reserve Bank of India, Foreign Exchange Department, Fort Glacis, No.16, Rajaji Salai, Chennai 600 001 by a demand draft



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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 Thirteenth day of February, 2018.

Sd/-

B Sarangi Deputy General Manager