



In the

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

Present

Shri Gopal B Terdal
Assistant General Manager

Date: May 24, 2018
C.A. BGL 279/2018

In the matter of

M/s Mintm Mediatech Private Limited
602, Block 13, Sun City, Sarjapur
Outer Ring Road, Ibbalur
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 December 26, 2017, received at this office of Reserve Bank of India, Bengaluru, on January 09, 2018, 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 refund of share application money to the foreign investors, persons resident outside India, beyond 180 days of receipt of the inward remittances, in terms of paragraph 8 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 Mintm Mediatech Private Limited, was originally incorporated as M/s Mintm Loyalty Services Private Limited on March 21, 2012, under the Companies Act, 1956. Subsequently, the name of the company has been changed to M/s Mintm Mediatech Private Limited with effect from August 26, 2016, under the Companies Act, 2013, as per the certificate of incorporation issued by the Registrar of Companies, Karnataka. The company is engaged in the business of advertising.

3. The company had received an inward remittance of Rs.6,04,260.88 on April 30, 2016, from the non-resident investor, M/s Paragon Global LLC, USA, and allotted one equity share and 121 Compulsorily Convertible Preference shares for total consideration of **Rs.6,00,240.00**. The excess share application money of **Rs.4,020.88**, was refunded to the investor with a delay beyond the stipulated period, on September 13, 2017, with prior approval from Reserve Bank of India, vide their letter FE.BG.FID.No.586/21.09.994/2017-18 dated September 07, 2017. Whereas, in terms of paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to Notification No.FEMA20/2000-RB, read with A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No.20 dated December 14, 2007, if the shares are not issued within 180 days from the date of receipt of the inward remittance, the amount of consideration so received shall be refunded to the person concerned, provided the Reserve Bank may, on an application made to it and for sufficient reasons permit to refund the amount of consideration received towards issue of security.

4. The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing, vide the Reserve Bank's letter FE.BG.FID (CEFA) No. 4155 /22.09.994/2017-18 dated May 02, 2018, for further submission in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant's authorized representative, Mr. Srinivasa Shenoy, Director, who appeared for the personal hearing on May 04, 2018, admitted the contraventions as stated in paragraph 3 above, committed by the applicant, for which compounding has been sought. The representative 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.

5. 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 8 of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, as the applicant refunded the share application money to the non-resident investor with a delay beyond the stipulated period of 180 days from the date of receipt of amount of consideration as detailed in paragraph 3 above. The contravention relates to an amount of **Rs.4020.88** and the period of contravention is ten months and seventeen days approximately.

6. It has been declared in the compounding application dated December 26, 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, 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.



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 contravention are to be compounded and I consider that an amount of **Rs. 350.00 (Rupees Three Hundred and Fifty only)** will meet the ends of justice.

8. Accordingly, I compound the admitted contraventions namely, contravention of Paragraph 8 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. 350.00 (Rupees Three Hundred and Fifty 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 Twenty Fourth day of May 2018.

Sd/-

(Gopal B Terdal)
Assistant General Manager