

In the

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

Present

Shri. P J Thomas Regional Director

Date: June 01, 2018 **C.A. BGL 284/2018**

In the matter of

M/s Enzen Global Solutions Private Limited
No.90, Hosur Road, Madiwala
Bengaluru - 560068
(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 January 18, 2018, received at this Office of the Reserve Bank of India, Bengaluru, on January 19, 2018, 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 receipt of foreign inward remittances towards subscription to equity, and (ii) delay in submission of Form FC-GPRs to the Reserve Bank, after issue of shares to a person resident outside India, in terms of paragraphs 9(1)(A) and 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 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: M/s Enzen Global Solutions Private Limited, was incorporated on March 31, 2006, under the Companies Act, 1956, as per the certificate of incorporation issued by the Registrar of Companies, Karnataka. The company is engaged in the business of collection and distribution of electric energy to households, industrial, commercial and other users; water collection, treatment and supply; computer consultancy and computer facilities management activities. The applicant had received funds towards share application money from foreign investors, namely, Mr. H L M Van De Ven Raheja Sunkist, Ms. Smrithi Gopinathan, USA, Mr. Shankar Ramachandran, USA, Mr. C K Padma Kumar, Dubai, M/s Monsoon India Inflection Fund Limited, Mauritius, M/s Monsoon India Inflection Fund 2 Limited, Mauritius, and M/s DAOF III Utility Holdings Limited, British Virgin Island, as shown below:

Table -1

Sr. No.	Date of Receipt	Total Amount (INR)	Date of Reporting to RBI / AD Bank
1	27-09-2006	75,00,000.00	10-07-2007
2	29-03-2007	64,50,000.00	28-06-2007
3	29-03-2007	14,89,020.00	12-07-2007
4	02-02-2007	17,94,792.00	28-06-2007
5	29-01-2007	12,00,000.00	10-07-2007
6	30-03-2007	5,208.00	28-06-2007
7	23-04-2007	21,38,260.00	28-06-2007
8	03-05-2007	66,27,420.00	28-06-2007
9	03-05-2007	5,00,760.00	28-06-2007
10	10-05-2007	75,96,900.00	28-06-2007
11	11-05-2007	26,16,480.00	28-06-2007
12	21-07-2006	100,00,000.00	21-08-2006
13	12-09-2007	493,33,300.00	14-12-2007
14	11-01-2008	370,00,000.00	28-01-2008
15	12-09-2007	986,66,700.00	14-12-2007
16	11-01-2008	740,00,000.00	25-01-2008



	Total	41,81,87,400.00	
19	01-07-2014	51,300.00	06-08-2014
18	10-04-2008	741,44,840.00	25-04-2008
17	10-04-2008	370,72,420.00	25-04-2008

The applicant reported receipt of remittances to the Reserve Bank / Authorized Dealer Bank with a delay ranging from one day to eight months and thirteen days approximately, beyond the stipulated period of 30 days, in respect of remittances as indicated at serial numbers 1 to 13, 15 and 19 in the Table-1 above. 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.

The applicant, had earlier applied for compounding of contravention for delay in reporting of inward remittance of Rs.49,99,922.00, received from the non-resident investor, Mr. C K Padma Kumar on June 01, 2006. The applicant has been compounded vide Reserve Bank's order No. C.A.201/2007 dated June 05, 2008, for contravention of Paragraph 9(1)(A) of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB dated May 03, 2000.

3. The company allotted shares and filed Form FC-GPRs with Reserve Bank/AD Bank as indicated below:

Table-2

SI. No.	Date of Allotment	Amount (INR)	Date of reporting to RBI/AD Bank
1	31-03-2007	154,38,750.00	28-12-2007
2	31-03-2007	30,00,000.00	28-12-2007
3	25-05-2007	194,36,500.00	28-12-2007
4	28-11-2007	150,00,000.00	28-12-2007
5	25-01-2008	863,33,300.00	12-02-2008



	Total	42,29,26,550.00	
9	08-07-2014	51,300.00	12-08-2014
8	09-05-2008	740,00,000.00	02-06-2008
7	09-05-2008	370,00,000.00	02-06-2008
6	25-01-2008	1726,66,700.00	12-02-2008

The applicant filed the Form FC-GPRs, on allotment of shares, with the Bengaluru Regional Office of the Reserve Bank of India / Authorized Dealer Bank, with a delay ranging from five days to seven months and twenty eight days approximately, beyond the prescribed period of 30 days, in respect of the allotments as indicated at serial numbers 1 to 3 and 9 in the Table - 2 above. Whereas, in terms of Paragraph 9(1)(B) of Schedule I to Notification No.FEMA 20/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000, an Indian company issuing shares in accordance with these Regulations, has to submit to Reserve Bank of India, a report in Form FC-GPR, along with documents prescribed therein, within 30 days from the date of issue of shares to persons resident outside India.

4. The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing, vide Reserve Bank's letter No.FE.BG.FID (CEFA) No.4528/22.06.367/2017-18 dated May 23, 2018, for further submission, in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant's authorized representatives, Ms. Supriya V, Company Secretary and Mr. Vishaal Wadhwani, Senior Manager - Corporate Finance, who appeared for the personal hearing on June 01, 2018, admitted the contraventions as stated in Paragraphs 2 and 3 above, committed by the applicant, for which compounding has been sought. During the personal hearing, it was submitted that the delay was not wilful or with malafide intention, but was mainly due to inadvertence, and the same would not be repeated. In view of the above, they requested to take a lenient view 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 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.19,59,70,140.00**, and the period of delay ranges from one day to eight months and thirteen days approximately; and
 - (b) Paragraph 9(1)(B) of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, due to delay in submission of Form FC-GPRs to the Reserve Bank, after issue of shares to persons resident outside India as detailed in paragraph 3 above. The contravention relates to an amount of **Rs.3,79,26,550.00**, and the period of delay ranges from five days to seven months and twenty eight days approximately.
- 6. It has been declared in the compounding application dated January 18, 2018, 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 undertaking dated January 18, 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.
- 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.1,49,280.00 (Rupees One Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty only), will meet the ends of justice.

8. Accordingly. compound admitted contraventions 1 the namely, contraventions of Paragraphs 9(1)(A) and 9(1)(B) of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, by the applicant, based on the facts discussed above, in terms of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000, on payment of an amount of Rs.1,49,280.00 (Rupees One Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty 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 First day of June, 2018.

Sd/-

(P J Thomas) Regional Director