

## In the

## Reserve Bank of India

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

Present

Dr. K Balu Chief General Manager

Date : August 10, 2018 C.A.806/2018

In the matter of

M/s.C1X Adtech Pvt Ltd.,

Purva Primus, 3rd Floor, No.236, Rajiv Gandhi Salai, Okkiyam, Thoraipakkam, Chennai-600 097

## (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 June 28, 2018 (received at Reserve Bank on July 5, 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 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 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 company was incorporated on June 16, 2014 under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 (Registration No. U72900TN2014PTC096170) and is engaged in business of writing, modifying, testing of computer program to meet the needs of a particular client excluding web-page designing. The applicant received foreign inward remittances from i) M/s C1X Inc., USA and

ii) Thirumalai Kumaran Ramamoorthy Mukundu, USA towards subscription to equity shares and reported the same to the Reserve Bank as detailed below:

SI. No.	Amount of Inward	Date of receipt	Reported to RBI on
	Remittance in Rs.		
1	1,21,620.00	01.10.2014	20.10.2014
2	8,34,625.00	24.10.2014	24.10.2014
3	6,14,300.00	28.11.2014	23.12.2014
4	39,86,603.00	19.09.2016	22.09.2016
5	66,38,881.29	04.11.2016	16.12.2016
6	33,40,822.11	22.11.2016	24.12.2016
7	39,28,428.00	13.02.2017	02.05.2017

The applicant reported receipt of remittances to the Reserve Bank on dates indicated above with delay ranging from two days to one month 19 days approximately beyond the prescribed period of 30 days in respect of the remittances at SI. Nos. 5 to 7. 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.



SI. No	No. of shares allotted	Face Value (in Rs.)	Amount (INR)	Date of allotment of shares	Reported to RBI on
1	9990	10	99,900.00	04.10.2014	16.10.2014
2	81701	10	14,70,618.00	18.12.2014	07.01.2015
3	46901	10	39,86,585.00	02.11.2016	12.11.2016
4	117408	10	99,79,680.00	02.01.2017	23.01.2017
5	46216	10	39,28,360.00	28.02.2017	18.12.2017

The applicant filed form FC-GPRs as indicated above with delay of eight months and 20 days approximately beyond the prescribed limit in respect of the allotment at Sl. No. 5. 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 advised about the contraventions vide memorandum dated February 8, 2018. The applicant has filed a compounding application dated June 28, 2018 wherein it has been declared 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 nil 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 it/him/her against 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.



- 5. The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing vide Reserve Bank's mail dated August 08, 2018 for further submission in person and/or producing additional documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant appeared for the personal hearing on August 10, 2018 during which Shri Anbalagan K, Director and Shri S Neeraj, Company Secretary represented the applicant. The authorized representatives of the applicant admitted the contravention 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 Reserve Bank 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.
- **6.** I have given my careful consideration to the documents on record and submissions made by 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 ₹ 1,39,08,131.40 with delay ranging from two days to one month 19 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 ₹ 39,28,360.00 with delay of eight months 20 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

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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 ₹23,060/- (Rupees twenty three thousand and sixty 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 ₹ 23,060/- (Rupees twenty three thousand and sixty 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 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 Tenth day of August, 2018.

Sd/-Dr. K Balu Chief General Manager