

In the

Reserve Bank of India Foreign Exchange Department Fort Glacis, Rajaji Salai Chennai 600 001

Present

Dr. K Balu Chief General Manager

Date : October 12, 2018 C.A. 820/2018

In the matter of

Shri R.Muthusankar

Manaswini, Aswini Street, Duraisamy Nagar, By pass Road, Madurai – 625016

(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 July 23, 2018 (received at Reserve Bank on August 02, 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 reporting the transfer of shares from non-resident to resident i.e., delay in submission of FC-TRS in terms of Regulation 10 B (2) read with Paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 of Notification No.



FEMA 20/2000-RB as amended vide AP (DIR) Series Circular No.63 dated April 22, 2009.

2. The relevant facts of the case are as follows: The applicant, an individual by name Shri R Muthusankar is a Director in the company M/s.Arkay Glenrock Pvt Ltd., a private limited company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 on March 03, 2000 with CIN U45309TN1999PTC041997.

3. The applicant bought back 7,50,000 equity shares of ₹10/- each at a premium of ₹11.33 from the Non Resident shareholder M/s Glenpost Ltd., UK . The applicant reported the transfer in form FC-TRS to the Authorised Dealer bank as detailed below:

No of Shares	Negotiated Price ₹	Amount Involved (INR)	Date of Transfer	Date of filing FC TRS with AD
750000	21.33	1,59,97,500.00	15.02.2010	09.01.2014

The applicant filed the form FC TRS on the date indicated above with delay of three years eight months 24 days approximately beyond the prescribed period of 60 days. Whereas in terms of Regulation 10 B (2) read with Paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 of Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB as amended vide A.P (DIR Series) Circular No.63 dated April 22, 2009, the form FC-TRS should be submitted to the AD Category – I bank within 60 days from the date of transfer. The onus of submission of the form FC-TRS within the given timeframe would be on the transferor / transferee, resident in India.

4. The applicant was advised about the contraventions vide memorandum dated June 13, 2018. The applicant has filed a compounding application dated July 23, 2018. It has been declared in the compounding application 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 July 23, 2018 furnished with the compounding application that the application that the application 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.

5. The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing vide Reserve Bank's mail dated October 05, 2018 for further submission in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant vide mail dated October 08, 2018 has informed that they would not be able to attend the personal hearing and has requested to accept his absence. The applicant, in the compounding application, had admitted the contraventions as stated in para 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 application as well as other documents and submissions made in this context by the applicant.

6. I have given my careful consideration to the documents on record and submission 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) Regulation 10 B (2) read with Paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 of Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB as amended vide A.P (DIR Series) Circular No.63 dated April 22, 2009 due to delay in filing form FC-TRS with the Authorised Dealer. The contravention relates to an amount of ₹ 1,59,97,500.00 and the duration of the contravention being three years eight months 24 days approximately;

7. In terms of Section 13 of the FEMA, if any person contravenes any provision of the Act, or contravenes any rule, regulation, notification, direction or order issued in exercise of the powers under this Act, or contravenes any condition subject to which an authorization is issued by the Reserve Bank, he, upon adjudication, shall be liable to a penalty up to thrice the sum involved in such contravention. However, considering the



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circumstances which led to the delay and other relevant facts of the case, I consider that an amount of **₹1,97,500/-** (Rupees one lakh ninety seven thousand and five hundred only) will meet the ends of justice.

8. Accordingly, I compound the admitted contravention namely, the contravention of Regulation 10 B (2) read with Paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 of Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB as amended vide A.P (DIR Series) Circular No.63 dated April 22, 2009 by the applicant on the facts discussed above in terms of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000 on payment of an amount of ₹ 1,97,500/- (Rupees one lakh ninety seven thousand and five hundred only) which shall be deposited by the applicant with the Reserve Bank of India, Foreign Exchange Department, 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 Twelfth day of October, 2018.

Sd/-Dr. K Balu Chief General Manager