

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: March 23, 2017 C.A.619/2016

In the matter of

M/s. Meeturpro E Ventures Pvt Ltd.,

No.3, Apex Plaza, 6th Floor, Nungambakkam High Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600034

(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 09, 2016 (received at Reserve Bank on December 16, 2016) 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



submission of Form FC-GPR on allotment of shares with Reserve Bank in terms of Paragraph 9 (1) B 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 October 13, 2014 under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 (Registration No. U74900TN2014PTC097660) and is engaged in Business of Tax consultancy. The applicant received foreign inward remittances from M/s.Meeturpro E Ventures Pte Ltd., Singapore towards subscription to equity shares and reported the same to the Reserve Bank.

SI. No.	No. of shares allotted	Face Value (in Rs.)	Amount (INR)	Date of allotment of shares	Reported to RBI on
1	49930	10	4,99,300	31.03.2015	02.07.2015
2	27800	10	13,90,000	20.07.2015	30.09.2015
3	25200	10	12,60,000	21.09.2015	04.11.2015

3. The company allotted equity shares and filed FC-GPRs as given below:

The applicant filed form FC-GPRs as indicated above with delay ranging from 14 days to two months three days approximately beyond the prescribed limit in respect of the allotments. 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 March 16, 2017 for further submission in person and/or producing



documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant appeared for the personal hearing on

March 21, 2017 during which Shri Sundara Rajan T K, Director represented the applicant. The authorized representative of the applicant admitted the contravention as stated in para 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 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 application as well as other documents and submissions made in this context by the applicant during personal hearing.

5. I have given my careful consideration to the documents on record and submission made by the applicant in the compounding application and the personal hearing. Accordingly, I hold that the applicant has contravened the following FEMA provisions issued in terms of:

(a) 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 ₹ 31,49,300/- and the duration of contravention ranging from 14 days to two months three days approximately.

6. 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 ₹ 10,875/- (Rupees ten thousand eight hundred and seventy five only) will meet the ends of justice.



7. Accordingly, I compound the admitted contraventions namely, the contravention of paragraphs 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 ₹ 10,875/-(Rupees ten thousand eight hundred and seventy five 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 shall apply.

The application is disposed of accordingly.

Dated this Twenty Third day of March, 2017.

Sd/-

B.Sarangi Deputy General Manager