



In the

Reserve Bank of India
Foreign Exchange Department
Fort Glacis, No.16, Rajaji Salai
Chennai 600 001

Present

N Mohana
General Manager

Date : April 03, 2017
C.A.606/2016

In the matter of

M/s. Ducen IT Pvt Ltd.,
(formerly Sryas Software Pvt Ltd.)
Old No.9, New No.23, Sir Madhavan Nair Road,
Mahalingapuram,
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 November 14, 2016 (received at Reserve Bank on November 17, 2016) 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 (ii) delay in submission of Form FC-GPR on allotment of shares with Reserve Bank and (iii) delay in allotment of shares in terms of Paragraph 9 (1) A, Paragraph 9 (1) B and Paragraph 8 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 February 22, 2005 under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 (Registration No. U72200TN2005PTC055449) and is engaged in Business of providing software support and maintenance to the clients. The applicant received foreign inward remittances from M/s.Sryas Inc., United States of America towards subscription to equity shares and reported the same to the Reserve Bank as below:

Sl. No	Amount of Foreign Inward Remittance (in Rs.)	Date of receipt	Reported to RBI on
1	4,42,917.75	28.02.2005	11.03.2011
2	48,59,652.00	14.02.2006	11.03.2011
3	22,30,277.00	09.03.2006	11.03.2011

The applicant reported receipt of remittances to the Reserve Bank on dates indicated above and with delay ranging from four years 11 months two days to five years 11 months 11 days approximately beyond the stipulated time of 30 days in respect of the remittances. 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.



3. The company allotted equity shares and filed FC-GPR as indicated below:

Sl. No.	No. of shares/CCPs allotted	Face Value (in Rs.)	Amount (INR)	Date of allotment of shares	Reported to RBI on
1	44291	10	4,42,910	17.03.2005	21.07.2016
2	14297	10	70,89,882	20.11.2009	11.03.2011

The applicant filed the form FC-GPR as indicated above with delay ranging from one year two months 22 days to 11 years three months four days approximately beyond the prescribed limit of 30 days 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 company has allotted 14297 shares of ₹ 10/- each at a premium of ₹395.90 on 20.11.2009 against 2 remittances as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Date of receipt	Amount (INR)	Date of allotment of shares
1	14.02.2006	48,59,652	20.11.2009
2	09.03.2006	22,30,230	20.11.2009

The company allotted the shares with delay of one year 11 months and 22 days beyond the prescribed period of 180 days without prior approval of Reserve Bank. Whereas in terms of paragraph 8 of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, read with AP (Dir Series) Circular No.20 dated December 14, 2007 the shares have to be issued/amount refunded within 180 days from the date of receipt of the inward remittance.

5. The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing vide Reserve Bank's mail dated March 17, 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 22, 2017 during which Shri Sriram Venkatraman, Senior Manager (Finance) and Shri N. Rajagopalan, Chartered Accountant represented the applicant. The authorized representatives of the applicant admitted the contraventions as stated in para 2 to 4 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.

6. I have given my careful consideration to the documents on record and submission 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 ₹ 75,32,846.75 and the duration ranging from four years 11 months two days to five years 11 months 11 days approximately;
- (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. The contravention relates to an amount of ₹ 75,32,792/- and the duration of contravention ranging from one year two months 22 days to 11 years three months four days approximately; and
- (c)** Paragraph 8 of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB due to delay in allotment of shares without prior approval of Reserve Bank. The contravention relates to an amount of ₹ 70,89,882/- and the duration of contravention being one year 11 months 22 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 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 ₹ 1,62,099/- (Rupees one lakh sixty two thousand and ninety nine only) will meet the ends of justice.

8. Accordingly, I compound the admitted contraventions namely, the contraventions of paragraphs 9 (1) A, 9 (1) B and 8 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 ₹ 1,62,099/- (Rupees one lakh sixty two thousand and ninety nine 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 Third day of April, 2017.

Sd/-

**N Mohana
General Manager**