

In the

Reserve Bank of India

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

Present

R Kesavan Chief General Manager

Date: July 13, 2017 C.A.654/2016

In the matter of M/s. Alfanar Engineering Services India Pvt Ltd.

K.G.Galaxy, F 36. 2nd Floor, 2nd Avenue, Anna Nagar East, Chennai- 600102

(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 March 20, 2017 (received at Reserve Bank on March 24, 2017) 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



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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.

2. The relevant facts of the case are as follows: The applicant company was incorporated on May 31, 2006 under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 (Registration No. U72200TN2006PTC060045) and is engaged in Business of data processing activities including report writing. The applicant received foreign inward remittances from

(i) M/s.Alfanar Co. Ltd., Saudi Arabia (ii) Shri Hisham Al Multaq, Saudi Arabia towards subscription to equity shares and reported the same to the Reserve Bank as below:

SI. No.	Amount of Inward Remittance in Rs.	Date of receipt	Reported to RBI on
1	98,17,501.23	06.09.2006	22.02.2011
2	35,66,349.58	31.10.2006	22.02.2011
3	59,40,938.80	24.11.2006	22.02.2011
4	25,00,000.00	22.02.2007	22.02.2011
5	81,75,210.39	14.03.2007	22.02.2011

The applicant reported receipt of remittances to the Reserve Bank on dates indicated above with delay ranging from three years 10 months eight days to four years four months 16 days approximately beyond the prescribed period of 30 days in respect of 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-GPRs as indicated below:

SI. No.	No. of shares allotted	Face Value (in Rs.)	Amount (INR)	Date of allotment of shares	Reported to RBI on
1	1000	100	1,00,000	25.11.2006	22.02.2011
2	298999	100	2,98,99,900	30.05.2007	22.02.2011

The applicant filed form FC-GPRs as indicated above with delay ranging from three years seven months 23 days to four years one month 28 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 July 10, 2017 for further submission in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant did not appear for the personal hearing on the due date i.e. July 13, 2017. The applicant, in the compounding application, had admitted the contravention as stated in para 2 and 3 above for which compounding has been sought. It had been submitted that the delays were 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.
- **5.** 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) 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 ₹ 3,00,00,000/- with the duration of contravention ranging from three



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years 10 months eight days to four years four months 16 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 ₹ 2,99,99,900/- with the duration of contravention ranging from three years seven months 23 days to four years one month 28 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 ₹ 3,15,665/- (Rupees three lakh fifteen thousand six hundred and sixty five only) will meet the ends of justice..
- 7. 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 ₹ 3,15,665/- (Rupees three lakh fifteen thousand six hundred and sixty 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 dated May 3, 2000 shall apply.

The application is disposed of accordingly.

Dated this Thirteenth day of July, 2017.



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Sd/-

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