

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 07, 2017 C.A.648/2016

In the matter of **M/s. Vishay Precision Transducers India Pvt Ltd.** Oz-22, Sipcot High-Tech Industrial Growth Centre,

SEZ, Oragadam, Sriperumbudur Taluk,

Kancheepuram 602105

(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 February 24, 2017 (received at Reserve Bank on February 28, 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 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



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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 December 29, 2009 under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 (Registration No. U31400TN2009PTC074055) and is engaged in business of manufacture of other measuring equipments. The applicant received foreign inward remittances from (i) M/s Vishay Precision Asia Investments Pte Ltd., Singapore (ii) M/s.Vishay Advanced Technologies Ltd, Israel 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	3,72,70,602.00	08.02.2010	11.02.2010
2	66,46,449.00	18.10.2010	11.01.2011
3	4,53,19,773.40	08.02.2011	10.03.2011
4	1,56,41,079.70	07.04.2011	14.07.2011
5	2,45,66,910.00	04.11.2011	01.02.2012
6	5,15,09,382.00	07.12.2011	25.10.2012
7	5,33,19,360.00	30.12.2011	01.11.2012
8	11,11,99,055.00	14.06.2012	27.06.2012
9	2,88,64,711.00	17.06.2013	12.07.2013
10	7,11,95,703.00	17.06.2013	12.07.2013
11	6,16,19,692.00	05.11.2013	29.11.2013
12	18,29,02,500.00	07.06.2016	27.06.2016

The applicant reported receipt of remittances to the Reserve Bank on dates indicated above with delay ranging from one month 24 days to nine months 18 days approximately beyond the prescribed period of 30 days in respect of remittances recorded at Sr.Nos.1 and 4 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.



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

SI. No.	No. of shares allotted	Face Value	Amount (INR)	Date of allotment of	Reported to RBI on
		(in Rs.)		shares	
1	3727060	10	3,72,70,600	11.02.2010	19.05.2010
2	664645	10	66,46,450	15.12.2010	15.02.2011
3	4531977	10	4,53,19,770	07.03.2011	30.03.2011
4	1564108	10	1,56,41,080	08.04.2011	18.04.2011
5	2456691	10	2,45,66,910	10.11.2011	01.03.2012
6	10482874	10	10,48,28,740	12.04.2012	08.05.2012
7	11119905	10	11,11,99,050	12.10.2012	07.11.2012
8	10006041	10	10,00,60,410	26.08.2013	18.09.2013
9	6161969	10	6,16,19,690	02.12.2013	20.02.2014
10	18290250	10	18,29,02,500	15.06.2016	19.07.2016

The applicant filed form FC-GPRs as indicated above with delay ranging from four days to two months 20 days approximately beyond the prescribed limit in respect of the allotments at Sr. Nos. 1,2,5,9 and 10. 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 05, 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 July 07, 2017 during which Shri C Gopalakrishna, Director and Shri Nrusingha Charan Behera, Company Secretary of the company represented the applicant. The authorized representatives of the applicant admitted the contraventions 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 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



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application as well as other documents and submissions made in this context by the applicant during the personal hearing.

- **5.** I have given my careful consideration to the documents on record and submission made by the applicant 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 ₹ 15,16,83,180.70 with the duration of contravention ranging from one month 24 days to nine months 18 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 ₹ 31,30,06,150/- with the duration of contravention ranging from four days to two months 20 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 ₹ 1,67,250/- (Rupees one lakh sixty seven thousand two hundred and fifty 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



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₹ 1,67,250/- (Rupees one lakh sixty seven thousand two hundred and fifty 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 Seventh day of July, 2017.

Sd/-

R Kesavan Chief General Manager