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To,
The Additional. Commissioner,
Anti Aviation, Service Tax
Central Excise, Customs & Service Tax
Commissionerate II
Hyderabad.

Date: 13.09.2010

Respected Sir

Sub: Gentle follow up on our earlier letter – Reg
Ref: Our letter dated 16.08.2010.

The above referred letter was filed in your office and was duly acknowledge on 16.08.10. In that letter, we had communicated our understanding with respect to the liability of service tax under the category "Construction of Complex Service".

We request you to kindly confirm if our understanding therein is correct or otherwise so that appropriate decision can be taken at our end as to whether service tax has to be collected and paid.

Requesting to revert on this at the earliest as per convenience on this issue.

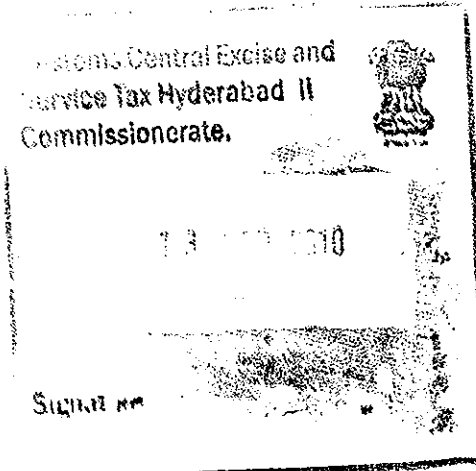
Thanking You.

Yours Truly

For MODI VENTURES,



Authorised Signatory.



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O/C

To,
The Additional Commissioner,
Group III, Hyderabad – II Commissionerate,
L.B. Stadium Road,
Basheerbagh,
Hyderabad – 500004.

Date: 16.08.2010.

Dear Sir,

Sub.: Intimation regarding payment of service tax from 01.07.2010 - Reg.
Ref.: STC No. AAJFM0646DST001.

1. With reference to above, we would like to inform that we are Builders/Developers of Residential Apartments. We wish to recall our letter no. Nil dated 12.03.2009 where in, we had informed that we would not be liable for service tax and accordingly we had stopped remitting the payment of service tax also.
2. The reason for termination of payment of service was as under
 - a. Single Agreement: since the transaction involved is sale of immovable property (stamp duty has been suffered) service tax would not be payable in view of the Gauhati High Court in case of Magus Construction (P) Ltd., (2008 (11) S.T.R. 225 (Gau.)) and circular no. 108/02/2009-ST dated 29.0.2009.
 - b. Sale deed & construction agreement: For the consideration relating to Sale Deed the stand same as mentioned for single agreement would be applied. In case of construction, since the construction is for the customer for his personal use, the same has been excluded in the definition of the Residential Complex, which was also clarified vide Circular no. 108/02/2009-ST dated 29.01.2009.
 - c. Customer was not reimbursing the service tax, since the same was not liable based on the above view.
3. Now we understand that, recently there are amendments vide the Finance Act, 2010 r/w recent circulars and notifications issued in this regard. The essence of the amendment is that if we receive any amount/advance prior to taking completion certificate, then we would be liable for service tax under "Construction of Residential Complex Service", whereas if the entire consideration is received post obtaining completion certificate, then the same would be totally excluded from the service tax.

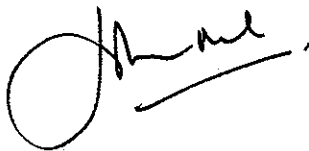
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4. We understand that such explanation inserted is not constitutionally valid for the reason that this intends to tax transfer of immovable property by applying the Doctrine of Pith and substance. Transfer of immovable property has been governed by List II of the seventh Schedule to Indian Constitution, which is exclusively state subject and union cannot levy tax on the same. Interim stay by the Bombay High Court has also been granted in this regard.
5. Further we understand, since the taxable object in the instant case is "Residential Complex", which excludes personal use of the customer. Therefore insertion of this explanation in the taxable service definition does not dilute our view taken in our earlier letter. Further to illustrate this with an example in construction of a single independent house and advance is taken prior to completion certificate would not be liable for service tax even w.e.f. 01.07.2010. Similarly the personal use complex would also be not liable for service tax.
6. However if we intend not litigating on the above ground, we understand that such amendment is prospective and applicable only from 01.07.2010 for the reasons mentioned below.
 - a. Since there is no specific retrospective provision in Finance Act 2010 as provided for the explanation inserted for "Commercial Coaching & training Center Service".
 - b. The explanation was inserted to enhance the scope of the existing service and hence the same can be only prospectively and ~~not~~ retrospectively. This view is also supported by a recent decision of Supreme Court in case of Union of India v. Martin Lottery Agencies Ltd. (2009) 20 STT 203(SC).
 - c. Circular F.No.334/03/2010-TRU dated 01.07.2010 clarifies that this service came into effect only after 01.07.2010 and further the receipts received prior to such date was not liable for service tax as the same was specifically exempted.
7. Hence the transactions and receipts prior to 01.07.2010 are not liable to service tax at all. In the instant case the taxable event is "Construction of Complex" and for such construction of complete if the consideration has been received in advance/ installments before the completion certificate then the same is deemed to be taxable service. Therefore the construction (taxable event) performed prior to 01.07.2010 would not be taxable.



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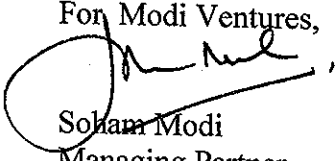
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8. Based on the above explanation, we have approached our customer, whether they are willing to reimburse service tax. Most of the customers expressed their willingness to pay service tax if at all they are liable from 01.07.2010 at 2.575% for the amounts payable by them after this date.
9. Hence we would be paying only in respect of amounts received after 01.07.2010. We would be paying service tax at the rate of 2.575% (i.e., on 25% of value @ 10.3%). We have obtained occupancy certificates for Phase I on 8.6.07, 23.9.08, 3.11.08 & 26.12.08. Phase II F & G blocks service tax shall be paid. We understand this exemption would not be eligible subject to following condition.
 - a. Not availing the CENVAT credit
 - b. Not availing exemption under notification 12/2003-ST as amended.
 - c. Not only completion and finishing services in relation to residential complex.
 - d. Value of goods and materials supplied or provided or used for providing the taxable service by the service provider should be included in the value.
 - e. Cost of land has not been separately recovered from the buyer by the builder or his representative.
10. In our case we have satisfied all the conditions above and hence we would be paying service tax on the amount received after 01.07.2010.
11. We had earlier classified ourselves under works contract service as per the advice of the Additional Commissioner under works contract service upto Dec 2008 later the payment was stopped in view of exclusion for personal use. Now our customer are willing to pay service tax at 2.575% levied under 'Residential Complex Service' hence we intend to pay the same accordingly as long as the same is reimbursed by the customer.
12. We hope all our understanding is corrected and we would be glad to provide you with any further information that may be required in this regard. We request you to kindly confirm the same so that we can start collecting and making the payment of service tax.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Thank You,
Yours Faithfully,
For Modi Ventures,

Soham Modi
Managing Partner.

CC to AC/DC, Asst. Commissioner (A.E).

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Customs Central Excise and
Service Tax Hyderabad II
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Set of papers.*

To,
Mr. R.L. Ramesh,
Asst. Commissioner, Service Tax
Office of the Commissioner of Custom,
Central Excise & Service Tax,
Hyderabad -II, Commissionerate,
Shakar Bhavan, Basheerbagh,
Hyderabad.

Date: 27.01.2010.

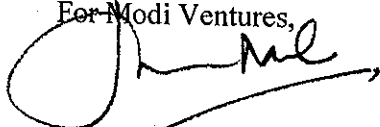
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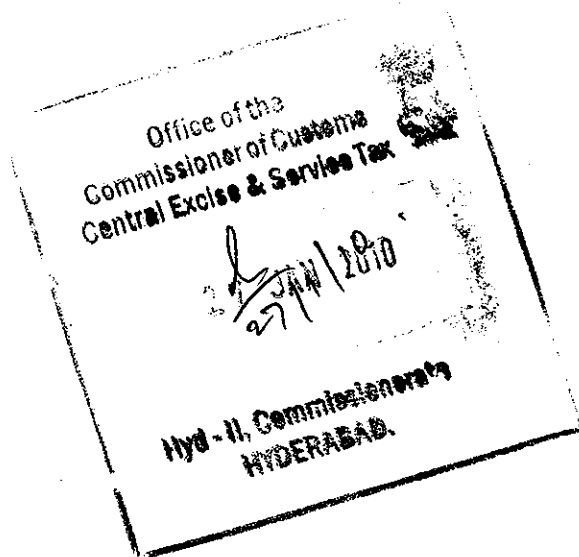
Ref.: Your summons dated 13.1.2010 vide letter no. HQST No.: 58/09 AE -IV
4.1.2010 for personal appearance at 11 am on 27.01.2010.

Mr. Shankar Reddy, DGM- Administration has unexpectedly taken leave today for personal reasons. He is aware of all the matters regarding service tax. I request you to grant us another date for a personal hearing. However, I am sending you a representation along with the copy of all documents requested for along with this letter.

Thank You.

Yours sincerely,
For Modi Ventures,


Soham Modi,
Managing Partner



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Asst. Commissioner, Service Tax
Office of the Commissioner of Customs,
Central Excise & Service Tax,
Hyderabad -II, Commissionerate,
Shakar Bhavan, Basheerbagh,
Hyderabad.

Date: 25.01.2010.

Dear Sir,

Ref.: Your summons dated 13.1.2010 vide letter no. HQST No.: 58/09 AE -IV for personal appearance at 11 am on 27.01.2010.

We have received your summons dated 13.1.10 requesting for documents pertaining to the financial year 2005 – till date. Please note that all the documents requested for have already been provided to the service tax department vide our letters dated 18.1.2010 and 30.11.2009 (copy enclosed).

Please find enclosed scanned copies of following document on a CD as requested by you.

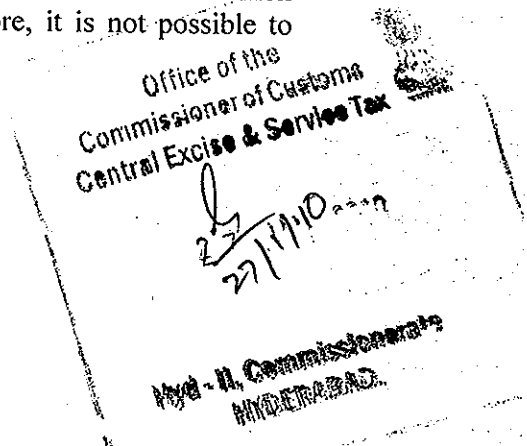
- Bank statements from 1.4.2005 till 31.12.2009.
- Copies of all sale deeds and construction contracts.
- Books of accounts from 1.4.2005 till 31.03.2009.
- Un audited books of accounts from 1.4.2009 till 31.12.2009.

We are unable to meet your request for providing a month wise statement of amounts received towards sale deed, construction contract, etc., for comparison with the balance sheet as we are not sure as to how to make such a statement. It is not possible to distinguish payments received from customers towards sale deed, construction agreement, VAT, stamp duty and other charges, etc., as payments are received from customers on an adhoc basis. In our books of accounts, we are debiting these costs periodically as and when due to the customer account. Payment received from them are credited to their accounts. Therefore, the ledger copy of each individual customer needs to be looked into to determine the details of payments towards sale consideration, VAT, registration charges, etc. Ledger copies of every customer is enclosed in the CD.

Further, several customers have paid us advances towards purchase of flats / villas wherein no sale deed has been executed in their favour. The amounts are received towards tentative booking subject to cancellation and refund. On later dates which may vary from customer to customer sale deed (in some cases construction agreement) is executed in favour of the customer. Therefore, it is not possible to make a month wise detailed statement as requested by you.

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Further, we are not to certain about our liability under service tax rules and the method of computation to be adopted for payment of service tax. We are unsure about the section under which we are liable to pay service tax i.e., under works contract or under residential complex services. In light of circular 108/2/2009 we believe that we do not fall under the ambit of service tax.

However, please find enclosed a month wise statement of receipts from customers. Please note that this statement does not bifurcate payments received towards sale deed, construction contract, finishing and completion services, VAT, service tax, stamp duty and registration charges, etc. Further it does not distinguish payments received towards sales made for phases/blocks/residential units completed prior to the notification of service tax u/s. 65(105)(zzzh) or 65(105)(zzzza). Therefore, it may be difficult to compute service tax liability based on the monthly receipts statement.

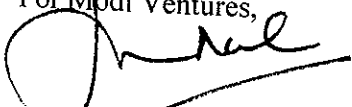
We request you to please clarify the ambiguity in the application of service tax and the method for computation of service tax liability. Please clarify the following:

- a. Whether we are liable to pay service tax under works contract or residential complex services.
- b. Can we exclude residential units whose construction was completed before respective date of notification.
- c. Can we exclude payments made towards sale deed, VAT, service tax, stamp duty and registration charges, etc., and calculate service tax liability only on value of construction contract.
- d. Can we exclude construction contracts executed prior to date of notification.

We await your advise on the above issues so that we can prepare a month wise statement as requested by you. Please write to us if any further details or information is required.

Thank You.

Yours sincerely,
For Modi Ventures,



Soham Modi,
Managing Partner

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To,
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Office of the Commissioner of Custom,
Central Excise & service Tax,
Hyderabad -II, Commissionerate,
Shakar Bhavan, Basheerbagh,
Hyderabad.

Date: 20.01.2010.

Dear Sir,

Sub.: Request for furnishing of certain information.

Ref.: Notice for furnishing of furnishing of certain information, vide letter no. HQST
No. 58 /2009 AE IV 4.1.2010.

We have received your notice dated 04.01.2010 requesting for documents pertaining to the financial year 2005 - till date. Please note that balance sheet, profit and loss statement and IT returns for those years have already been submitted to your office a few weeks ago. We have also given details of sale deeds, construction agreements and service tax paid vide our letter dated 29.12.09. Balance sheets, profit & loss statement, etc., have not been finalized for the financial year 2009-10 and therefore can not be produced.

Please find enclosed scanned copies of following document on a CD as requested by you.

- Bank statements from 1.4.2005 till 30.09.2009.
- Copies of all sale deeds and construction contracts.
- Books of accounts from 1.4.2005 till 31.03.2009.

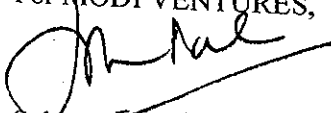
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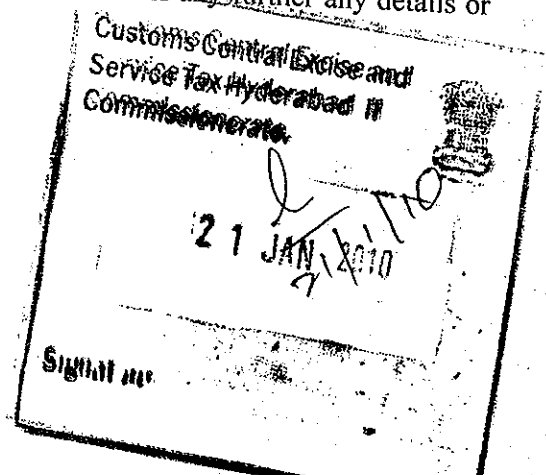
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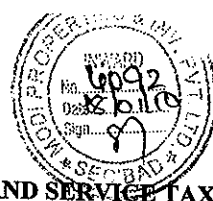
We have given all the above information on a CD which can be easily browsed in place of hard copies as the total no. of pages exceeds 20,000. Please write to us if any further any details or information is required.

Thank You.

Yours sincerely,
For MODI VENTURES,


Soham Modi,
Managing Partner





OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, CENTRAL EXCISE AND SERVICE TAX
HYDERABAD II COMMISSIONERATE : 3rd FLOOR (Annexe) :: SHAKKAR BHAWAN
L.B.STADIUM ROAD : BASHEERBAGH:: HYDERABAD-500 004.

S U M M O N S

(Under Section 14 of the Central Excise Act.1944 made applicable to Service Tax under Section 83 of Finance Act, 1994)

HQST No: 58/09- AE- IV

Date: 13.1.2010

To
M/s Modi Ventures,
5-4-187/3&4, 2nd Floor,
Soham Mansion, MG Road,
Secunderabad

Whereas an investigation against you about Non payment/evasion of Service Tax/ contravention of Provisions of Finance Act, 1994 and Rules made there under is being inquired by me.

And whereas I have reasons to believe that you are in possession of facts or/and documents and things, which are relevant to the above inquiry.

You are hereby summoned under Section 14 of the Central Excise Act., 1944 as made applicable to Service Tax matters under Section 83 of the Finance Act, 1994 to appear before me in person/authorised agent on **27.1.2010 at 11.00 hours** in my office situated at **3rd Floor (Annexe), Shakkar Bhawan, L.B.Stadium Road, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad-500 004** to give evidence truthfully on such matters concerning the enquiry as you may be asked and to produce the documents and things mentioned in the schedule below for my examination.

If you fail to comply with this summons and intentionally avoid to attend, to give evidence and to produce the documents and things, without a lawful excuse, you will be liable to be punished under the provisions of section 174 & 175 of the Indian Penal Code.

S C H E D U L E

To give a Statement of facts and furnish the following documents

1. Copies of Ledgers & Bank Statements of receipts towards construction and finishing & Completion services from 16-6-2005 to 31-12-2009.
2. A statement of monthly receipts separately towards sale deed, construction and finishing & completion services from 16-6-2005 to 31-12-2009 and comparison to the balance sheets.
3. A statement of monthwise value and payment details of Service tax, Education cess and S&HEd. Cess

Given under my hand and seal of office today the 13th of January, 2010.

(R.L.RAMESH RAM)
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
SERVICE TAX

NOTE: Under clause 3 of Sec. 14 of Central Excise Act, 1944, the above inquiry is deemed to be 'Judicial proceedings' within the meaning of Sec.193 and Sec. 228 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 according to which giving intentional false statement in any stage of proceedings punishable under Sec193 and intentional insult or interruption to public servant sitting in any stage of proceedings punishable under Sec. 228 of IPC, 1860.

Recd
27/01/09

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOSM, CENTRAL EXCISE & SERVICE TAX
HYDERABAD-II COMMISSIONERATE, SHAKAR BHAVAN, BASHEERBAGH, HYDERABAD – 500004.**

HQ.ST No. 58/09 -AE. *EV*

Date *4* -1-2010

To
M/s *Modi Ventures*

Soham Mansion,
MGRoad,
Secunderabad – 500 003.

Gentleman,

Sub: Service tax – Request for furnishing of certain information – Reg.
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Please refer to this office letter of dated *27.10.09* *15/2001/ST/2/E* reminder dated *6.11.09* and
time to time requests for submission of information.

Despite of several requests, the copies of bank statements, all the sale deeds, agreements, sale ledgers etc., have not been received as yet. Therefore, it is once again requested to submit all the pending information and documents / record, along with an worksheet furnishing the month-wise details of receipts (by cash / by cheque / in kind) towards sale, construction and finishing works separately during the last five financial years.

Matter may please be treated as most urgent.

[Signature]
SUPERINTENDENT (AE)
Service Tax (AE - Group VI)

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To,
The Asst. Commissioner,
Service Tax: Anti Evasion,
O/o. Commissioner of Central Excise and Service Tax,
Hyderabad II Commissionerate,
Hyderabad.

29/12/09
Date: 29/12.2009

Dear Sir / Madam,

Sub.: Statement of amounts received against sales made.

Ref.: 1. Notice for furnishing of records by the department, letter no. HQST No. /09 AE IV dated 6.11.09.

2. Our representation dated 18.11.2009

Mr. Shankar Reddy – Manger Admin had met you personally to discuss the details of documents to be produced as requested in reference 1 above. You have clarified that, at the moment a statement showing details of sale deeds executed along with construction contract executed pertaining to those sale deeds with details of receipts is required by the department. Details of service tax paid upto date should also be furnished.

Accordingly please find enclosed the following documents:

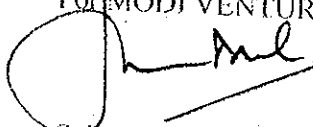
1. Statement of sale deeds executed.
2. Statement of construction contract pertaining to those sale deeds and the amounts received against the said construction contracts.
3. Details of service tax paid.
4. Copies of sale deed and construction contract of 3 customers.

Balance sheets, trial balance and bank statements can be produced upon request. Copies of ST3 returns and challans can also be produced upon request. Please write to us if any further information and documents are required.

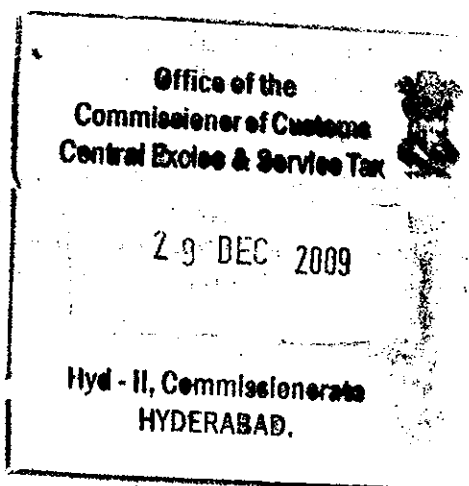
We have been regularly paying service tax to the department until the circular no. 108/2/2008 was issued. Because of the circular and its ambiguous wording, our customers have refused to pay service tax. In light of the above, we request you to not to take any coercive action for payment of service without issuing a show cause notice as provided in law and giving us an opportunity for a hearing in the said matter.

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To,
The Asst. Commissioner,
Service Tax: Anti Evasion,
O/o. Commissioner of Central Excise and Service Tax,
Hyderabad II Commissionerate,
Hyderabad.

Date: 18.11.2009

Dear Sir / Madam,

Sub.: Request for time for providing required information

Ref.: 1. Your notice bearing no. WCS/125 dated 2.1.09

2. Our letter dated 13.03.2009

3. Notice for furnishing of records by the department, letter no. HQST No. 15/2009 ST
AE. dated 27.1.09.

5. Our letter dated 2.07.2009.

5. Notice for furnishing of records by the department, letter no. HQST No. 58/2009 AEIV
dated 6.11.09.

We have received your notice on 7.11.09. You have requested for details like service tax paid challans, ST3 return copies, bank statements, balance sheet, etc., for the period 2005 to 2009. Please note that you have requested for the same details for the period 2005 to 31.12.2008 vide reference 5 above. These details were furnished to the department over several visits. The same has also been stated in our letter dated 12.3.09 (reference 4).

Vide our letters addressed to the service tax department (Reference 2 & 4) we have clearly and in detail given reasons for non-applicability of service tax to our business in lieu of circular no. 108/2/2009 - ST dated 21.1.09. We have also requested for withdrawal of service tax registration.

Till date the department has not replied to our detailed representation or issued any show cause notice. Instead you have requested for details, most of which have been given to you on an earlier date.

As the information requested by you in reference 1 above is voluminous, we request you to grant us 15 days time to provide the information.

We further request you to please reply to our detailed representations regarding non-applicability of service tax to our operations. Infact, on an earlier date in our meeting with Mrs. Manjula, Deputy Commissioner of Service Tax, she had assured us that builders will not be pressurized to pay service tax until clarification on circular no. 108/2/2009 is received from CBEC. She had promised to write to CBEC seeking clarification in the matter. We have not heard from her or the department since then.

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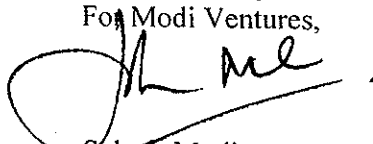
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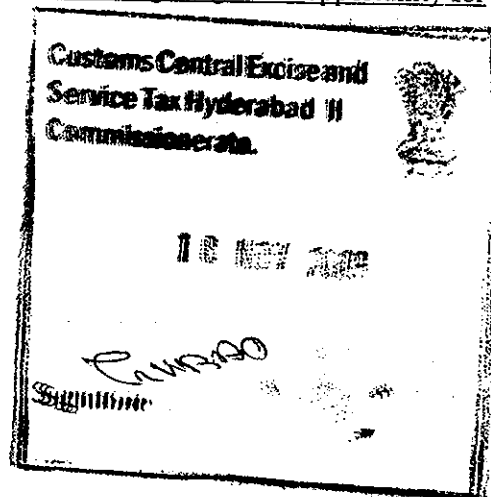
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Phone : 23231481
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HQST No: 58/09 AE IV

Date: 6 .11. 2009

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5-4-187/3&4, 2nd floor,
Soham Mansion,
M.G.Road,
Secunderabad 500 003

Sir,

Sub:- Service tax – Request for furnishing certain information reg.

Please refer to this office letter HQST No. 15/2009 ST AE, dated 27.01.2009, on the above subject.

2. Information as called for in the above cited letter is still pending receipt from your office. You are therefore once again requested to furnish the following information immediately.

- 1) Balance sheets for the years 2004-05 to 2008-09 and trial balance for the period From 4/09 to 9/09.
- 2) Bank statements for the preceeding five years from 2004-05 to 2008-09.
- 3) Project wise details of income of sale deeds and agreements received.
- 4) Copies of the sale deeds and agreements entered with the purchasers for the above period and respective ledgers
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Please treat this as most urgent.

Yours faithfully,

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Date: 02.07.2009.

To,
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To,
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Service Tax: Anti Evasion,
Office of The Commissioner of Customs,
Central Excise & Service Tax,
Hyderabad II Commissionerate,
Hyderabad , A.P.

Date: 12.03.2009

- Ref.: 1. Your summon dated 27.1.09 bearing no. HQST No. 15/2009ST AE.
2. Circular No. 108/02/2009 issued by the Central Board of Excise and Customs dated 29.01.2009.
3. Clarification issued by The Joint Commissioner, Service Tax on 28.02.2009

Dear Sir,

Mr. Shankar Reddy – Admin Manager has produced the relevant documents requested by you in reference 1 from time to time, as per your request, over the last several weeks. Mr. Shankar Reddy has also explained in detail the method adopted for computing service tax. In any case, please find enclosed the copy of challans showing proof of payment of service tax along with copies of ST3 returns filed for the period 1.06.2006 to 31.12.08. Please write to us if any further clarification are required


You are aware that there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding the applicability and method of computation for payment of service tax by builders. We have paid service tax on advances received from purchasers as per our understanding of applicability of service tax, after regular consultation with our counsel and also in consultation with the Excise Department. The Excise Department had issued clarification regarding applicability of service tax (Reference 3 above) and we have been following the same. Upto date service tax payments have been made upto 31.12.08.

Vide circular given in reference 2, The Central Board of Excise and Customs has clarified that the builders, promoters and developers are not liable for payment of service tax under the circumstances mentioned in the said circular. We are developing flats/independent houses by providing our own design, planning and construction and the prospective purchaser is purchasing units in our projects by way of an agreement of sale. Therefore, as per circular given in reference 2, we are not liable for payment of service tax.

Under the circumstances we request you to please drop any proceedings as mentioned in your summons (Reference 1). Further, we wish to withdraw our service tax registration. We request you to please do the needful. We are willing to provide any further details or documents that you may require.

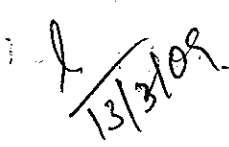
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Yours sincerely,
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Soham Modi.

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SERVICE TAX ::HYDERABAD II COMMISSIONERATE:: SHAKAR BHAVAN
L.B.STADIUM ROAD:: BASHEERBAGH:: HYDERABAD-500 004.

S U M M O N S

(Under Section 14 of the Central Excise Act.1944 made applicable to Service Tax
under Section 83 of Finance Act, 1994)

HQST NO.15/2009 ST AE

Date: 27.01.2009.

To

M/s. Modi Ventures,
5-4-183/3 & 4,
Soham Mansion,
MG Road, Secunderabad.

Whereas an investigation against you about non-payment/evasion of
Service Tax/contravention of the provisions of Finance Act, 1994 and Rules made
there under is being inquired by me /under my orders.

And whereas I have reasons to believe that you are in possession of facts
or/and documents and things which are relevant to the above inquiry.

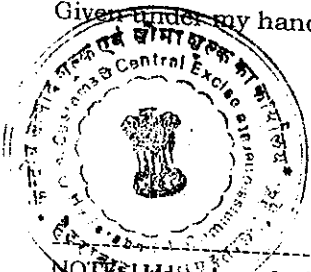
You are hereby summoned under Section 14 of the Central Excise Act.,
1944 made applicable to Service Tax matters under Section 83 of the Finance Act,
1994 to appear before me in person on the **9th day of February, 2009 at 11.30**
Hrs in my office situated at III Floor, Shakkar Bhavan in the office of the
Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise, L.B. Stadium Road, Basheerbagh,
Hyderabad -500 004 to give evidence truthfully on such matters concerning the
enquiry as you may be asked and to produce the documents and things mentioned in
the schedule below:

If you fail to comply with this summons and intentionally avoid to attend
or to give evidence and to produce the documents and things, without a lawful excuse,
you will be liable to be punished under the provisions of section 174 & 175 of the
Indian Penal Code. **Penal provisions are applicable under Section 77 of the**
Finance Act, 1994 for delay in submission of documents/information within
stipulated date/time specified above.

SCHEDULE

1. Details of works carried out / amounts received towards rendering taxable services
for the period from 16.06.2005 to 31.12.2008.
2. Details of Bank statements for the relevant period.
3. Balance Sheets for the years 2005-06, 2006-07 & 2007-08.
4. Details of service Tax payments, if any, made for the relevant period.
5. Copies of GAR Challans and ST-3 returns filed, if any, for the relevant period.

Given under my hand and seal of office today the, 27th day of January, 2009.



(R.L.RAMESH RAM)
Assistant Commissioner
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NOTES Under clause 3 of Sec 14 of Central Excise Act, 1944, the above inquiry is deemed to be 'Judicial
proceedings' within the meaning of Sec193 and Sec 228 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 according to which
giving intentional false statement in any stage of proceedings punishable under Sec193 and intentional
insult or interruption to public servant sitting in any stage of proceedings punishable under Sec228 of
IPC, 1860.



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BY SPEED POST

Dated:02-01-2009

To
M/s
MODI VENTURES,
5-4-187/3 & 4, SOHAM MANSION,
M.G.ROAD, SECUNDRABAD HO,
Hyderabad 500003

Gentlemen,

Sub:-Service Tax-Payment of Service Tax and filling of Service Tax
Returns under Section 76 of the Finance Act, 1994 - Reg.

Ref: Your registration No: AAJFM0646DST001

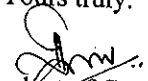
With reference to the above, you are requested to furnish the returns in form ST-3 to be filed on half yearly basis. The half yearly return for April to September has to be filed on or before 25th October and second half year return for October to March has to be filed on or before 25th April.

Therefore you are requested to file the return upto the period ending 30-9-2008 along with original copies of TR6 Challans. **Hence, please take note that the said returns along with late fee of Rs.2000/- for each non filed return** and the same may be filed within seven days from the receipt of this letter failing which action will be initiated as per law.

Delay in depositing tax attracts interest @ 13% per annum. In addition, it, also attracts a penalty per day of delay or 2% per month of the Tax liability, which ever is higher. This penalty could be upto the amount of Service Tax payable.

This letter is issued without prejudice to any other action that may be initiated against you under the Finance Act, 1994 and the rules made here under or any other law for the time being force in India.

Yours truly.


Superintendent of Central Excise
Service Tax, Group-X

Statement of Shri A. Shankar Reddy, S/o Late A. Sathi Reddy, Age: 49 years, Deputy General Manager (Administration) of M/s Modi Properties and Investments (P) Ltd given under section 14 of Central Excise Act, 1944 as made applicable to Service Tax Under Section 83 of Finance Act, 1994 before the Superintendent of Service Tax, Anti-Evasion, Hyderabad-II Commissionerate, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad on 1st February 2010.

My personal details are as above. I am appearing before you on behalf of M/s Modi Ventures to give my truthful statement in respect of the affairs of the said company, in response to your summons dated 13.1.2010 issued on the company. In this connection I submit that I am authorised to represent before the Service Tax authorities in connection with assessment proceedings for the Financial Years 2004-05 to 2009-10 (till December 2009) and to produce any documents and information connected herewith. I have been explained with the provisions of Section 14 of Central Excise Act, 1944 as made applicable to Service Tax under section 83 of Finance Act, 1994 according to which these are deemed judicial proceedings within the meaning of section 193 and 228 of Indian Penal Code, 1860. I have been explained that giving false statement or fabricating evidence is an offence punishable under section 193 of Indian Penal Code and obstructing the officers sitting in these proceedings is an offence punishable under section 228 of Indian Penal Code. Having understood the above provisions of law and knowing my responsibilities and implication of law, I depose this statement to the best of my knowledge and as per the information provided by company to me.

Q 1) Please tell briefly about yourself ?

A) I am Deputy General Manager (Administration) of M/s Modi Properties and Investments (P) Ltd and am authorized to represent our group company M/s Modi Ventures, before Service Tax authorities in connection with Service Tax matters and to give Statement.

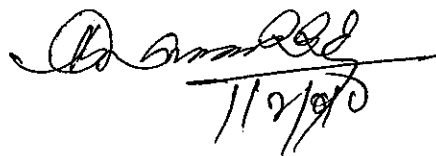
Q 2) You are aware that without submission of documents and information like month wise details of receipts, liability of tax and interest cannot be arrived at as the rate of tax and classification during the subject period changed. Then, why you have not submitted all the documents and information as called for therein the summons dated 13.1.2010?

A) We have already submitted the balance sheets, some ST3 return copies and plot-wise receipts details towards sale deed and agreement of construction since inception to October 2009. Book of accounts, Bank statements, Customer documents and unaudited book of accounts upto December, 2009 were provided in CD. The sample copies of agreement of construction and sale deed, monthwise receipts statement are also provided. Trial balance sheet for this financial year upto December, 2009, remaining copies of the ST3 returns filed , and plot-wise receipts details towards sale deed and agreement of construction for the months Nov & Dec 2009 will be submitted at the earliest.

Q 3) When was the business operations started by M/s Modi Ventures.? What are the activities undertaken by the said company?

A) Our business was started in 2004 as a Partnership firm. The activities undertaken by the company are providing services of construction of Residential Complexes. We purchased the land under sale deed. On that we constructed the residential complexes. Initially, we collect the amounts against booking form/agreement of sale. At the time of registration of the property, the amount received till then will be allocated towards Sale Deed and Agreement of construction. Therefore, service tax on amounts received against Agreement of construction portion up to registration was remitted immediately after the date of agreement. The service tax on remaining portion of the amounts towards Agreement of construction is paid on receipt basis.

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Agreement of sale constitutes the total amount of the land / semi finished flat with undivided share of land and the value of construction. The sale deed constitutes a condition to go for construction with the builder. Accordingly, the construction agreement will also be entered immediately on the same date of sale deed. All the process is in the way of sale of the constructed unit as per the agreement of sale but possession was given in two phases one is land / semi finished flat with undivided share of land and other one is completed unit. This is commonly adopted procedure as required for getting loans from the banks.

Q4.) Is the entire land on which construction has been took place registered in the name of M/s Modi Ventures? If not, state the details of agreement between the land owners and M/s Modi Ventures.

A) We are having single project under this concern since inception, namely 1) Gulmohar Gardens. We are the owners of the land by virtue of sale deeds.

Q5) When did you receive the first payments for service and when did you start providing the services of construction?

First booking amount was received in Jan., 2006, and the construction was also started in the same month.

Q 6) Have you taken registration under Service Tax and paying Service Tax?

A) We have been registered with Service Tax Department under Construction of residential complex service in 2006 and works contract services in 2008 and paying Service Tax on the total taxable services rendered by us w.e.f Oct 2006.

Q 7) Did you pay the tax along with interest on the receipts towards construction services from 16-6-2005 till the date of payment of tax?

A) All the tax has been remitted in advance, considering the first receipt as tax as per actual completion of work though the partial amounts are receivable by the date of payment of tax. We have already submitted consolidated receipts towards the services from our customers.

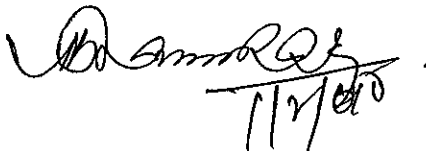
Q8.)How did you reclassified and converted the services of construction into works contract services?

A) Till 31.5.2007 we were remitting service tax under construction of residential complex service. From 01.06.2007, we started paying service tax under Works Contract Service for all the agreements of construction including those agreements done prior to 1.6.2007 and tax on first amount was paid under construction of residential complex service. As the service i.e., construction is ongoing and our services are appropriately classifiable under works contract, we started paying the service tax accordingly on receipts for the works done after 1-6-2007. Details of the same shall be provided soon.

Q.9)Why there is a difference in the receipts shown in the balance sheet, actual receipts shown in your worksheet and the receipts shown in the ST3 returns?

A) Net receipt from customers shown in the balance sheet doesn't directly reflect the actual receipts from customers towards construction service. However, the same can be arrived at by making certain calculations and the working sheet shall be provided. Our worksheet of receipts covers the period up to Dec., 2009 whereas the ST3 returns show the receipts up to Dec. 2008 only. We have not shown the receipts in ST3 returns from Jan 2009 onwards as we found our services are not taxable and as our customers stopped payment of service tax. Moreover, we paid excess tax about Rs. 20 Lakhs till Dec 2008 due to erroneous calculation.

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Q. 10) Do you say that the difference of total receipts up to Dec., 2009 shown in your worksheet and the total of values shown in ST3 returns filed, pertains to the months starting from 1/2009 to 12/2009 on which tax has not been paid?

A) Yes.

Q.11) Why did you stop payment of service tax from 1-1-2009 and also not submitted the returns?

A) Our customers have stopped payment of service tax from January, 2009 onwards in the light of the CBEC Circular No.108/2009/ST dt.29.01.2009. We already submitted our letter for cancellation of service tax registration as we believe our services are not taxable. In this regard we didn't receive any communication from the department. As we applied for cancellation we stopped submission of returns. Copy of our letter for cancellation is submitted.

Q 12) As per the statute and as clarified in the circular mentioned above, tax is not leviable on the sale value only i.e., the value mentioned in the sale deed, and only the complex built by a person for his personal use as residence engaging any person to design, plan and construct was excluded from the definition of residential complex. Therefore, why the service tax should not be demanded in your case where you provided the services of the construction of residential complex to residential units i.e., the part of the residential complex of your customers?


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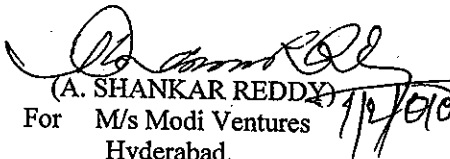
Q 13) Do you want to say anything more?

A) The word used in the exclusion is 'complex' not the 'residential complex'. A complex may also have single residential unit. Therefore, it is understood by us and our customers, services to a residential unit / complex which is a part of a residential complex, falls under the exclusion clause in the definition of residential complex.

The above statement is given by me voluntarily without being under any pressure, threat or coercion. All the above information was given by me as per the records produced before me by the company and to the best of my knowledge. On my request, one of the officers typed the statement on the computer available in your office. I have gone through the hard copy of the statement which is true, correct and is as dictated by me.

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SUPERINTENDENT
SERVICE TAX
ANTI EVASION (GR. VI)


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HYDERABAD II COMMISSIONERATE
3RD FLOOR (Annexe) :: SHAKKAR BHAWAN
L.B. STADIUM ROAD :: BASHEERBAGH :: HYDERABAD - 500 004

HQST No: 58/09 AE IV

Date: 6 .11. 2009

To
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Soham Mansion,
M.G.Road,
Secunderabad 500 003

Sir,

Sub:- Service tax – Request for furnishing certain information reg.

Please refer to this office letter HQST No. 15/2009 ST AE, dated 27.01.2009, on the above subject.

2: Information as called for in the above cited letter is still pending receipt from your office. You are therefore once again requested to furnish the following information immediately.

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(R.L. RAMESH RAM)
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Sub:-Service Tax-Payment of Service Tax and filing of Service Tax
Returns under Section 70 of the Finance Act, 1994 - Reg.

Ref: Your registration No: AAJFM0646DST001

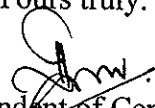
With reference to the above, you are requested to furnish the returns in form ST-3 to be filed on half yearly basis. The half yearly return for April to September has to be filed on or before 25th October and second half year return for October to March has to be filed on or before 25th April.

Therefore you are requested to file the return upto the period ending 30-9-2008 along with original copies of TR6 Challans. **Hence, please take note that the said returns along with late fee of Rs.2000/-for each non filed return** and the same may be filed within seven days from the receipt of this letter failing which action will be initiated as per law.

Delay in depositing tax attracts interest @ 13% per annum. In addition, it, also attracts a penalty per day of delay or 2% per month of the Tax liability, which ever is higher. This penalty could be upto the amount of Service Tax payable.

This letter is issued without prejudice to any other action that may be initiated against you under the Finance Act, 1994 and the rules made here under or any other law for the time being force in India.

Yours truly.


Superintendent of Central Excise
Service Tax, Group-X

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To,
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Asst. Commissioner, Service Tax
Office of the Commissioner of Custom,
Central Excise & Service Tax,
Hyderabad -II, Commissionerate,
Shakar Bhavan, Basheerbagh,
Hyderabad.

Date: 25.01.2010.

Dear Sir,

Ref.: Your summons dated 13.1.2010 vide letter no. HQST No.: 58/09 AE -IV for personal appearance at 11 am on 27.01.2010.

We have received your summons dated 13.1.10 requesting for documents pertaining to the financial year 2005 - till date. Please note that all the documents requested for have already been provided to the service tax department vide our letters dated 18.1.2010 and 30.11.2009 (copy enclosed).

Please find enclosed scanned copies of following document on a CD as requested by you.

- a. Bank statements from 1.4.2005 till 31.12.2009.
- b. Copies of all sale deeds and construction contracts.
- c. Books of accounts from 1.4.2005 till 31.03.2009.
- d. Un audited books of accounts from 1.4.2009 till 31.12.2009.

We are unable to meet your request for providing a month wise statement of amounts received towards sale deed, construction contract, etc., for comparison with the balance sheet as we are not sure as to how to make such a statement. It is not possible to distinguish payments received from customers towards sale deed, construction agreement, VAT, stamp duty and other charges, etc., as payments are received from customers on an adhoc basis. In our books of accounts, we are debiting these costs periodically as and when due to the customer account. Payment received from them are credited to their accounts. Therefore, the ledger copy of each individual customer needs to be looked into to determine the details of payments towards sale consideration, VAT, registration charges, etc. Ledger copies of every customer is enclosed in the CD.

Further, several customers have paid us advances towards purchase of flats / villas wherein no sale deed has been executed in their favour. The amounts are received towards tentative booking subject to cancellation and refund. On later dates which may vary from customer to customer sale deed (in some cases construction agreement) is executed in favour of the customer. Therefore, it is not possible to make a month wise detailed statement as requested by you.

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Further, we are not to certain about our liability under service tax rules and the method of computation to be adopted for payment of service tax. We are unsure about the section under which we are liable to pay service tax i.e., under works contract or under residential complex services. In light of circular 108/2/2009 we believe that we do not fall under the ambit of service tax.

However, please find enclosed a month wise statement of receipts from customers. Please note that this statement does not bifurcate payments received towards sale deed, construction contract, finishing and completion services, VAT, service tax, stamp duty and registration charges, etc. Further it does not distinguish payments received towards sales made for phases/blocks/residential units completed prior to the notification of service tax u/s. 65(105)(zzzh) or 65(105)(zzzza). Therefore, it may be difficult to compute service tax liability based on the monthly receipts statement.

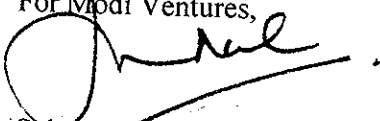
We request you to please clarify the ambiguity in the application of service tax and the method for computation of service tax liability. Please clarify the following:

- a. Whether we are liable to pay service tax under works contract or residential complex services.
- b. Can we exclude residential units whose construction was completed before respective date of notification.
- c. Can we exclude payments made towards sale deed, VAT, service tax, stamp duty and registration charges, etc., and calculate service tax liability only on value of construction contract.
- d. Can we exclude construction contracts executed prior to date of notification.

We await your advise on the above issues so that we can prepare a month wise statement as requested by you. Please write to us if any further details or information is required.

Thank You.

Yours sincerely,
For Modi Ventures,



Soham Modi,
Managing Partner

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To,
The Asst. Commissioner,
Service Tax: Anti Evasion,
O/o. Commissioner of Central Excise and Service Tax,
Hyderabad II Commissionerate,
Hyderabad.

29/12/09
Date: 29/12.2009

Dear Sir / Madam,

Sub.: Statement of amounts received against sales made.

Ref.: 1. Notice for furnishing of records by the department, letter no. HQST No. /09 AE IV dated 6.11.09.

2. Our representation dated 18.11.2009

Mr. Shankar Reddy -- Manger Admin had met you personally to discuss the details of documents to be produced as requested in reference 1 above. You have clarified that, at the moment a statement showing details of sale deeds executed along with construction contract executed pertaining to those sale deeds with details of receipts is required by the department. Details of service tax paid upto date should also be furnished.

Accordingly please find enclosed the following documents:

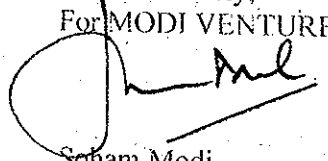
1. Statement of sale deeds executed.
2. Statement of construction contract pertaining to those sale deeds and the amounts received against the said construction contracts.
3. Details of service tax paid.
4. Copies of sale deed and construction contract of 3 customers.

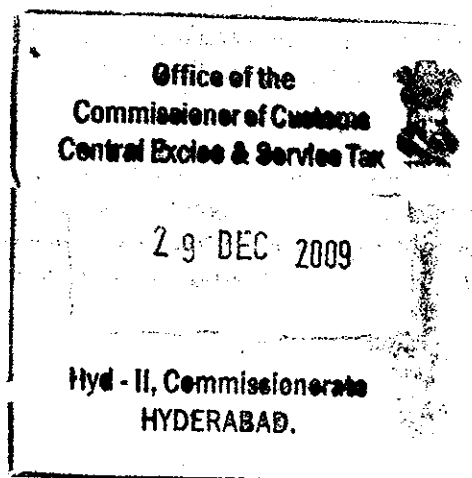
Balance sheets, trial balance and bank statements can be produced upon request. Copies of ST3 returns and challans can also be produced upon request. Please write to us if any further information and documents are required.

We have been regularly paying service tax to the department until the circular no. 108/2/2008 was issued. Because of the circular and its ambiguous wording, our customers have refused to pay service tax. In light of the above, we request you to not to take any coercive action for payment of service without issuing a show cause notice as provided in law and giving us an opportunity for a hearing in the said matter.

Thank You.

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To,
The Asst. Commissioner,
Service Tax: Anti Evasion,
O/o. Commissioner of Central Excise and Service Tax,
Hyderabad II Commissionerate,
Hyderabad.

Date: 18.11.2009

Dear Sir / Madam,

Sub.: Request for time for providing required information
Ref.: 1. Your notice bearing no. WCS/125 dated 2.1.09
2. Our letter dated 13.03.2009
3. Notice for furnishing of records by the department, letter no. HQST No. 15/2009 ST
AE. dated 27.1.09.
5. Our letter dated 2.07.2009.
5. Notice for furnishing of records by the department, letter no. HQST No. 58/2009 AEIV
dated 6.11.09.

We have received your notice on 7.11.09. You have requested for details like service tax paid challans, ST3 return copies, bank statements, balance sheet, etc., for the period 2005 to 2009. Please note that you have requested for the same details for the period 2005 to 31.12.2008 vide reference 5 above. These details were furnished to the department over several visits. The same has also been stated in our letter dated 12.3.09 (reference 4).

Vide our letters addressed to the service tax department (Reference 2 & 4) we have clearly and in detail given reasons for non-applicability of service tax to our business in lieu of circular no. 108/2/2009 – ST dated 21.1.09. We have also requested for withdrawal of service tax registration.

Till date the department has not replied to our detailed representation or issued any show cause notice. Instead you have requested for details, most of which have been given to you on an earlier date.

As the information requested by you in reference 1 above is voluminous, we request you to grant us 15 days time to provide the information.

We further request you to please reply to our detailed representations regarding non-applicability of service tax to our operations. Infact, on an earlier date in our meeting with Mrs. Manjula, Deputy Commissioner of Service Tax, she had assured us that builders will not be pressurized to pay service tax until clarification on circular no. 108/2/2009 is received from CBEC. She had promised to write to CBEC seeking clarification in the matter. We have not heard from her or the department since then.

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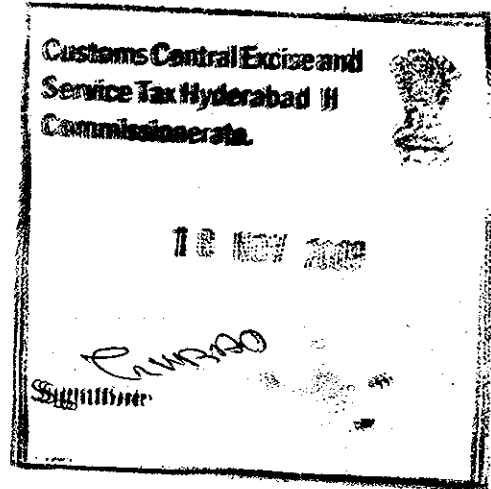
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To,
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Service Tax: Anti Evasion,
Office of The Commissioner of Customs,
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Hyderabad II Commissionerate,
Hyderabad , A.P.

Date: 12.03.2009

- Ref.: 1. Your summon dated 27.1.09 bearing no. HQST No. 15/2009ST AE.
2. Circular No. 108/02/2009 issued by the Central Board of Excise and Customs dated 29.01.2009.
3. Clarification issued by The Joint Commissioner, Service Tax on 28.02.2009

Dear Sir,

Mr. Shankar Reddy - Admin Manager has produced the relevant documents requested by you in reference 1 from time to time, as per your request, over the last several weeks. Mr. Shankar Reddy has also explained in detail the method adopted for computing service tax. In any case, please find enclosed the copy of challans showing proof of payment of service tax along with copies of ST3 returns filed for the period 1.06.2006 to 31.12.08. Please write to us if any further clarification are required

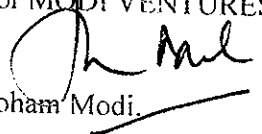
You are aware that there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding the applicability and method of computation for payment of service tax by builders. We have paid service tax on advances received from purchasers as per our understanding of applicability of service tax, after regular consultation with our counsel and also in consultation with the Excise Department. The Excise Department had issued clarification regarding applicability of service tax (Reference 3 above) and we have been following the same. Upto date service tax payments have been made upto 31.12.08.

Vide circular given in reference 2, The Central Board of Excise and Customs has clarified that the builders, promoters and developers are not liable for payment of service tax under the circumstances mentioned in the said circular. We are developing flats/independent houses by providing our own design, planning and construction and the prospective purchaser is purchasing units in our projects by way of an agreement of sale. Therefore, as per circular given in reference 2, we are not liable for payment of service tax.

Under the circumstances we request you to please drop any proceedings as mentioned in your summons (Reference 1). Further, we wish to withdraw our service tax registration. We request you to please do the needful. We are willing to provide any further details or documents that you may require.

Thank You.

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