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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, CENTRAL EXCISE & SERVICE TAX
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SITARAM PRASAD TOWERS:: RED HILLS:: HYDERABAD- 4

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C.No: IV/16/ 35 /2012-S.Tax.Gr.X

Dt. 24.04.2012

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sub:: Service Tax - Non payment of Service tax on taxable services rendered by M/s Paramount Builders - Issue of Show Cause Notice - Regarding.

M/s. Paramount Builders, #5-4-187/3 & 4, II Floor, Soham Mansion, MG Road, Secunderabad-500 003 (here-in-after referred as "Alpine" or the assessee(s)), The said assessee is registered partnership firm and got themselves registered with the department for payment of Service Tax vide Service Tax Registration Number AAHFP4040NST001.

2. Show Cause Notice vide HQPOR No. 87/2010-Adjn(ST) dt. 24.6.2010 was issued for the period from September 2006 to December 2009 involving an amount of Rs. 1180439/- including cess and the same has been adjudicated and confirmed vide Order-In-Original No:49/2010-ST dt. 08.10.2011. The assessee has gone an appeal and the same has been dismissed vide OIA No.09/2011(H-II) dt. 31.1.2011 by the Commissioner (Appeal), Hyderabad. Further, a show cause notice vide OR No. 60/2011 -Adjn (ST) Gr.X dt. 23.4.2011 has been issued for the period from January 2010 to December 2010 for Rs.4,34,323/- The present notice is issued in sequel to the same for the period from January 2011 to December 2011.

3. As seen from the records, the assessee entered into 1) a sale deed for sale of undivided portion of land together with semi finished portion of the flat and 2) an agreement for construction, with their customers.

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On execution of the sale deed the right in a property got transferred to the customer, hence the construction service rendered by the assesses thereafter to their customers under agreement of construction are taxable under Service tax as there exists service provider and receiver relationship between them. As there involved the transfer of property in goods in execution of the said construction agreements, it appears that the services rendered by them after execution of sale deed against agreements of construction to each of their customers to whom the land was already sold vide sale deed are **taxable services under "Works Contract Service"**

4. As per **Section 65 (105) (zzzza)** of the Finance Act, 1994 defines that '**taxable service**' means any service provided or to be provided - to any person, by any other person, in relation to the execution of a Works contract, excluding works contract in respect of roads, airports, railways, transport terminals, bridges, tunnels and dams'.

Explanation: For the purposes of this sub-clause, "**works contract**" means a contract wherein, -

- (i) transfer of property in goods involved in the execution of such contract is leviable to tax as sale of goods, and
- (ii) such contract is for the purposes of carrying out, -
 - (a) erection, commissioning or installation of plant, machinery, equipment or structures, whether pre-fabricated or otherwise,
 - (b) construction of a new building or a civil structure or a part thereof, or of a pipeline or conduit, primarily for the purposes of commerce or industry; or
 - (c) construction of a new residential complex or a part thereof; or
 - (d) completion and finishing services, repair, alteration, renovation or restoration of, or similar services, in relation to (b) and (c); or
 - (e) turnkey projects including engineering, procurement and construction or commissioning (EPC) projects."

4.1 An optional Composition Scheme for payment of Service Tax in relation to Works Contract Service is provided by the **Notification No.32/2007-ST dated 22-5-2007**, effective from 01-6-2007, under the **Works Contract (Composition Scheme for Payment of Service Tax)**

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Rules, 2007. Under the said scheme, an assessee has to pay an amount equivalent to two percent of the gross amount charged for the Works Contract, excluding the Value Added Tax (VAT) or Sales Tax paid on transfer of property of goods involved in the execution of Works Contract. W.e.f. 1-3-2008 onwards, the said rate of 2 % is changed to 4% vide **Notification No.7/2008-S.T. dated 1-3-2008**

5. **M/s Paramount Builder, Hyderabad** vide their statement received in this office on **08.02.2012** has submitted the Flat-wise amounts received for the period from **January 2011 to December 2011**. The total amount received is **Rs.49.91,705/-** against agreements of construction during the period and are liable to pay service tax including cess works out to **Rs. 2,05,658/-** and the interest at appropriate rates under "**Works Contract Service**" respectively.

6. **M/s Paramount Builders** registered with the service tax department and not discharging the service tax liability properly and also not filed the ST-3 returns for the period upto 3/2011, which are mandatory as per **Service Tax Rules** made there under. On verification of the records, it is found that **M/s Paramount Builders** have undertaken a **single venture** by name **M/s Paramount Residency** located at Nagaram Village, Keelsara Mandal, RR District and received amount from customers and also from **M/s Bhargavi Developers** towards sale of land and agreement of construction of **122 residential Flats**.

7. **M/s Paramount Builders, Hyderabad** are well aware of the provisions and of liability of service tax on receipts as result of these agreements for construction and have not assessed and paid service tax properly. Hence, the service tax payable by **M/s Paramount Builders, Hyderabad** appears to be recovered under **Sub-Section (1) of Section 73 of the Finance Act 1994**.

8. From the foregoing, it appears that **M/s Paramount Builders, 5-4-187/3 & 4, II Floor, MG Road, Secunderabad-3** have contravened the provisions of **Section 68 of the Finance Act 1994** read with **Rule 6 of the Service Tax Rules, 1994** in as much as they have not paid the appropriate amount of service tax on the value of the taxable services and **Section 70 of the Finance Act 1994** read with **Rule 7 of the Service Tax Rules 1994** in as much as they have not filed statutory

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returns for the taxable services rendered and also did not truly and correctly assess the tax due on the services provided by them and also did not disclose the relevant details/information. Hence, the service tax is liable for recovery under provisions of **Section 73(1) of the Finance Act 1994** and they have rendered themselves liable for penal action under **Section 76 of the Finance Act, 1994** and **Section 77 of the Finance Act 1994**. Further, the assessee is liable for interest under **Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994**.

9. Therefore, **M/s Paramount Builders, Hyderabad**, are hereby required to show cause to the **Additional Commissioner of Customs, Central Excise & Service Tax, Hyderabad-II Commissionerate, Hyderabad**, within **30 (thirty) days** of receipt of this Notice as to why:-

- (i) an amount of service tax **Rs. 2,05,658/- (Rupees Two lakhs five thousand six hundred fifty eight only)** including cess should not be demanded on the "works contract" service under the **Sub-Section (1) of Section 73 of the Finance Act 1994** for the period from **January 2011 to December 2011**; and
- (ii) **Interest** is not payable by them on the amount demanded at (i) above under **Section 75 of the Finance Act 1994**; and
- (iii) **Penalty** should not be imposed on them under **Section 77 of the Finance Act 1994** for the contravention of Rules and provisions of the Finance Act 1994 ; and
- (iv) **Penalty** should not be imposed on them under **Section 76 of the Finance Act 1994** .

10. **M/s Paramount Builders, Hyderabad** at the time of showing cause, as above, are required to produce all the evidence upon which they intend to rely in their defence. They are also required to indicate in their written reply whether they wish to be heard in person before the case is adjudicated. If no cause is shown against the action proposed to be taken within the stipulated time or having desired a hearing if they do not appear for the personal hearing on the appointed day & time, the case will be decided on merits, basing on the material/evidence available on record.

11. This notice is issued without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against the noticees / others under the Finance Act, 1994 or under any other law for the time being in force in India.

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12. Reliance for issue of this notice is placed on the following:

- (i) Statement submitted by **M/s Paramount Builders** and received in this office on **08.02.2012**


(G. SREEHARSHA)
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER

Place: Hyderabad
Date: **24.04.2012**

To:
M/s Paramount Builders,
5-4-187/3 & 4, IInd Floor, MG Road, Secunderabad - 500 003

Copy to the Superintendent , Group - X, Hyd-II Commr'ate, Hyd.
Spare copy.