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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CENTRAL TAX AND CUSTOMS

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C. No. IV/16/18/2017-III-B

Dated: 18.04.2019

ORDER IN ORIGINAL No. 01 /2019 – Adjn (Supdt)  
(Passed by Shri A. Mohan Kumar, Superintendent)

### PREAMBLE

1. निजी प्रयोग के लिए इसे जिस व्यक्ति को जारी किया गया है, यह प्रति बिना मूल्य के दी जाती है।
1. This copy is granted free of charge for the private use of the person to whom it is issued.
2. जो भी व्यक्ति वित्त अधिनियम, 1994 के अंतर्गत धारा 85 (3A) संशोधित से दुष्प्रभावित हो। इस प्रकार प्राप्त आदेश निर्णय के खिलाफ आदेश की प्राप्ति के 60 दिन के भीतर आयुक्त (अपील), मुख्य कार्यालय। 7वा तल, एल बी स्टेडियम रोड, बशीरबाग, हैदराबाद 500004 को अपनी अपील प्रस्तुत कर सकती है।
2. Under Section 85(3A) of the Finance Act, 1994 as amended, any person aggrieved by this order can prefer an appeal within two months from the date of communication of such order/decision to the Commissioner(Appeals), Hqrs. Office, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, L.B. Stadium Road, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad – 500 004.
3. धारा 85 के उप खंड (1) के अंतर्गत आयुक्त (अपील) को की जाने वाली अपील फार्म ई. एं 4 में और उसके साथ जिस निर्धारित पद्धति के अनुसार की जानी चाहिए।
3. An appeal under Sec.85 to the Commissioner (Appeals) shall be made in the form ST-4 and shall be verified in the prescribed manner.
4. ईं एं 1 फार्म में की गयी अपील अनुलिपि में प्रस्तुत की जानी चाहिए और उसके साथ जिस निर्णय या आदेश के विरुद्ध अपील की जा रही हो उसकी प्रति भी संलग्न की जानी चाहिए।
4. The form of appeal in Form No. ST-4 shall be filed in duplicate and shall be accompanied by a copy of the decision or the order appealed against.
5. अपील पर और जिस निर्णय या आदेश के विरुद्ध अपील की जा रही हो उस आदेश की प्रति पर भी समुचित मूल्य के अदालती टिकट लगाए जाने चाहिए।
5. The appeal as well as the copy of the decision or order appealed against must be affixed with court fee stamp of the appropriate amount.

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Sub:- Service Tax- Non-payment of "Interest on delayed payment of service tax for the period from October, 2012 to March 2015 and "Short payment of Service Tax for the period from January 2015 to March 2015" - by M/s.Vista Homes – Issue of Denovo Adjudication Order- Reg.

M/s Vista Homes, D. No. 5-4-187/3, Soham Mansion, M.G. Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Rani Ganj, Hyderabad-500 003 (here-in-after referred to as "M/s VH" or "the assessee") are service providers and they have obtained Service Tax Registration No.AAGFV2068P5D001 for rendering "Construction- of Residential Complex Service", and "Works Contract Service".

### **Brief Facts of the case:**

2. A Show Cause Notice vide SCN No.28/2016-17/Asst. Commissioner. Circle - V in C. No. V/ST/54/28/2015-16 Gr.54 dated 17.02.2017 was issued to M/s Vista Homes, Door No.5-4-187/3, Soham Mansion, M.G. Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Rani Ganj, Hyderabad-500 003, making the notice to show cause to the Assistant Commissioner of Service Tax Commissioner, Division-III, Redhills, Hyderabad as to why :

- (i) an amount Rs.1,14,351/-, (Rupees One Lakh Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty One only), towards interest on belated payment of Service Tax payable by them, during the period from October 2012 to December 2014 should not be demanded from them under the provisions of Section 73 of the Finance Act, 1994, read with provision to sub-section (1) therein and read with Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994;
- (ii) an amount Rs.6,03,803/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Three only), (consisting of Service Tax of Rs.5,86,216/-, Education Cess of Rs.11,724/- and Secondary & Higher Education Cess of Rs.5,862/-), being the service tax payable by them, during the period from 01-01-2015 to 31-03-2015 towards short payment of service tax should not be demanded from them under Section 73 of the Finance Act, 1994;
- (iii) interest should not be demanded, at the applicable rates, on the amount demanded at (ii) above, under Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994; and
- (iv) penalty should not be imposed on them on the amount demanded at (ii) above, under Section 76 of the Finance Act, 1994.

3. Subsequent to the issuance of the above notice, a Corrigendum to the said notice was issued to the assessee by the Assistant Commissioner of Service Tax Commissionerate, Division-II, Redhills, Hyderabad vide C. No. IV/16/25/2017-ST (Division-III Tech) dated 10.03.2017 asking the assessee to show cause to the Superintendent of Service Tax, Range-IIIB of Division-III on monetary grounds for adjudication of the case. After re-organisation of the field formations in the GST regime, since the Show Cause Notice found pending adjudication has been received as a legacy file to the Ramgopalpet-III-Range of Secunderabad GST Division, another corrigendum to the notice was given by the Superintendent of Central Tax, Ramgopalpet III Range, vide C. No. IV/16/25/2017 – ST (Division-III Tech) dated 18.12.2017.

4. The Superintendent of Central Tax, after due process, adjudicated the case and passed the following order.



invoices on which credit was taken and requested for more time to submit the balance of the copies evidencing credit. This piecemeal submission of the balance copies of invoices in support of their claim was not made before the Adjudicating Authority, through irregular and highly unconvincing, cannot be ignored for obvious reasons that the same should not to miscarriage of justice. As the Adjudicating Authority did not have the evidences before him, as recorded in para 9(i) of the impugned order, there was no opportunity to verify the claim of the appellant is required to be taken into consideration to arrive to a decision regarding their claim of payment of the tax through Cenvat Credit account. Further the Adjudicating Authority would also be required to undertake verification of the invoices based on which the credit was taken and the eligibility of the same for the being availed as credit. Therefore, in the interest of justice, I am of the considered opinion that the matter is required to be remanded for de novo adjudication particularly in respect of our verification of the payment of tax demand of Rs. 6,02,803/- as claimed by the appellant before me and to pass a speaking order in this regard"

7. In this regard, Noticee submitted that they have discharged the Service Tax liability of Rs. 6,03,803/- for the period January 2015 to March 2015 through cash and Cenvat credit. Out of liability of Rs. 6,03,803/-, an amount of Rs. 4,52,105/- was paid in cash (copy of challans enclosed as Annexure V) and the amount of Rs. 1,30,859/- was paid through Cenvat Credit. In this regard, Noticee is herewith enclosing the copies of invoices on which Cenvat credit is availed for an amount of Rs. 66,473/- therefore the demand to that extent needs to be set aside (Copy of invoices enclosed as Annexure II)

8. With respect to remaining amount, Noticee submitted that in the month of March 2015 an agreement entered with customer got cancelled on which Service Tax of Rs. 46,219/- was already paid periodically as and when advance is received (Statement showing the date of receipt of advance and the quarter in which Service Tax is paid is enclosed as Annexure-III and agreement entered with customer and cancellation letter along with re-payment details is enclosed as Annexure-IV).

9. Noticee submitted that as the agreement was cancelled, Noticee have taken the credit of the Service Tax paid on the said agreement of Rs. 46,219/- and adjusted the same against the service tax liability under Rule 6(3) of Service Tax Rules, 2004. For the purpose of adjustment, Noticee have taken the credit of Service Tax paid in Cenvat register (Copy of Cenvat register is enclosed as Annexure-II). Though the credit of Service Tax paid is taken in the Cenvat Register, the same is not the Cenvat Credit. As the Noticee is rightly eligible for adjustment of excess service tax paid, the same can be considered as payment of service tax. Hence, Noticee has request your good self to kindly consider the same as payment of service tax.

10. Noticee submitted that after considering the above referred amounts i.e., Rs. 1,12,692/-, the remaining demand of Rs. 39,006/- (Rs. 6,03,803 - Rs. 4,52,105 - Rs. 1,12,692 ) will be paid along with interest in due course.

11. M/s Vista Homes were called a personal hearing and on 20.03.2019, the Authorised representative Shri K. Lakshman Kumar, Chartered Accountant appeared before the Adjudicating Authority and reiterated the submissions made by them in their written submissions. The noticee filed an intimation dated 20/22.12.2018 regarding payment of Service Tax, Interest and penalty. The noticee furnished the details as follows:

|                                                          |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Total demand confirmed for the period 01/2015 to 03/2015 | Rs. 6,03,803/- |
| Amount paid in cash                                      | Rs. 4,52,105/- |
| Paid through CENVAT credit                               | Rs. 1,12,692/- |
| Balance payable                                          | Rs. 39006/-    |
| Due date for payment                                     | 31.03.2015     |
| Paid by                                                  | 22.12.2018     |
| Interest payable                                         | Rs. 33,836/-   |
| Penalty @10%                                             | Rs. 3,900.06   |

12. The Noticee enclosed e-challan dated 22.12.2018 for an amount of Rs. 76,843/- along with their letter dated 20/22.12.2018.

### **Discussion and Findings:**

13. I have gone through the case records, written submissions made by the assessee and the submissions made during the course of personal hearing and also the legal provisions. The points to be decided, in terms of the denovo orders of Hon'ble Commissioner (Appeals) in OIA No. HYD-EXCUS-MD-AP2-0092-18-19-ST dated 28.09.2018 in this case are as to whether:-

- (i) an amount Rs.6,03,803/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Three only), (consisting of Service Tax of Rs. Rs.5,86,216/-, Education Cess of Rs.11,724/- and Secondary & Higher Education Cess of Rs.5,862/-), being the service tax payable by them, during the period from 01-01-2015 to 31-03-2015 towards short payment of service tax should not be demanded from them under Section 73 of the Finance Act, 1994;
- (ii) interest should not be demanded, at the applicable rates, on the amount demanded at (ii) above, under Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994; and
- (iii) penalty should not be imposed on them on the amount demanded at (ii) above, under Section 76 of the Finance Act, 1994.

14. In this regard, it is observed from the submissions of the Noticee that they have discharged the service tax liability of Rs. 6,03,803/- for the period January 2015 to March 2015 through cash and CENVAT credit. Out of liability of Rs. 6,03,803/-, an amount of Rs. 4,52,105/- was paid in cash (copies of challans enclosed as Annexure V) and the amount of Rs. 1,30,859/- was paid through CENVAT Credit. In this regard, Noticee has submitted the copies of invoices on which CENVAT credit is availed for an amount of Rs. 66,473/-. It is seen that the noticee paid an amount of Rs. 4,52,105/- as detailed bellow:

| Sl. No. | Date of Challan (CIN)  | Amount paid (in Rupees) (ST + Ed. Cess + S&H Cess) | Interest paid | Total amount paid |
|---------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 01.     | 6360219 01072015 30805 | 49061                                              | 939           | 50000             |
| 02.     | 6360219 12062015 30201 | 49732                                              | 268           | 50000             |
| 03.     | 6360219 08062015 30546 | 48577                                              | 1423          | 50000             |
| 04.     | 6360219 10082015 30273 | 18531                                              | 329           | 18860             |
| 05.     | 6360219 19062015 30288 | 49233                                              | 767           | 50000             |
| 06.     | 6360219 30052015 30446 | 50000                                              | 0             | 50000             |



|     |                        |        |       |        |
|-----|------------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| 07. | 6360219 30052015 30452 | 48759  | 1241  | 50000  |
| 08. | 6360219 23052015 30210 | 49768  | 232   | 50000  |
| 09. | 6360219 21052015 30342 | 46693  | 3307  | 50000  |
| 10. | 6360219 06052015 31381 | 41751  | 8249  | 50000  |
|     | TOTAL                  | 452105 | 16755 | 468860 |

15. It is further seen that the Noticee paid an amount of Rs. Rs. 66,473/- through CENVAT credit. The details of CEVAT earned by the assessee is as follows:

| Sl. No. | Input invoice number & date | Name and address of the service provider | Amount of Service credit earned |
|---------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 01.     | U53/143/14 dated 31.12.2014 | United Security Services                 | 3975                            |
| 02.     | 1814961274 dated 27.12.2014 | TATA DOCOMO                              | 58                              |
| 03.     | 414944624 dated 31.12.2014  | Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited             | 303.46                          |
| 04.     | 1820791960 dated 18.01.2015 | TATA DOCOMO                              | 29                              |
| 05.     | 409033806 dated 06.12.2014  | Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited             | 170.42                          |
| 06.     | 1820763050 dated 18.01.2015 | TATA DOCOMO                              | 130                             |
| 07.     | USS/154/15 dated 31.01.2015 | United Security Service                  | 3844                            |
| 08.     | 14-15/164 dated 06.02.2015  | Sri Bhavani Ads                          | 3090                            |
| 09.     | 14-15/163 dated 06.02.2015  | Sri Bhavani Ads                          | 2472                            |
| 10.     | 422741387 dated 06.02.2015  | Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited             | 166.95                          |
| 11.     | Inv07976 dated 23.02.2015   | Fortune Travels                          | 95                              |
| 12.     | 1828055442 dated 18.02.2015 | TATA DOCOMO                              | 29                              |
| 13.     | 1834980957 dated 18.03.2015 | TATA DOCOMO                              | 29                              |
| 14.     | 14-15/188 dated 14.03.2015  | Sri Bhavani Ads                          | 2472                            |
| 15.     | 14-15/189 dated 14.03.2015  | Sri Bhavani Ads                          | 3090                            |
| 16.     | 14-15/153 dated 16.03.2015  | Linus Consultants Pvt Ltd                | 1154                            |
| 17.     | 14-15/149 dated 16.03.2015  | Linus Consultants Pvt Ltd                | 962                             |
| 18.     | 14-15/152 dated 16.03.2015  | Linus Consultants Pvt Ltd                | 1154                            |
| 19.     | 14-15/158 dated 16.03.2015  | Linus Consultants Pvt Ltd                | 962                             |
| 20.     | 14-15/162 dated 16.03.2015  | Linus Consultants Pvt Ltd                | 962                             |
| 21.     | 14-15/155 dated 16.03.2015  | Linus Consultants Pvt Ltd                | 1154                            |
| 22.     | 14-15/156 dated 16.03.2015  | Linus Consultants Pvt Ltd                | 770                             |
| 23.     | 14-15/154 dated 16.03.2015  | Linus Consultants Pvt Ltd                | 924                             |
| 24.     | TP/VH/3 dated 03.04.2015    | Trinity Realcon Transactions Pvt. Ltd.   | 12360                           |
| 25.     | INMAJ150200 393             | Johnson Lifts Private Limited            | 14289                           |
| 26.     | 14-15/161 dated 16.03.2015  | Linus Consultants Pvt Ltd                | 962                             |
| 27.     | 14-15/151 dated 16.03.2015  | Linus Consultants                        | 1154                            |

|     |                            |                           |          |
|-----|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
|     |                            | Pvt Ltd                   |          |
| 28. | 14-15/160 dated 16.03.2015 | Linus Consultants Pvt Ltd | 962      |
| 29. | RF14041 dated 24.11.2014   | Raasta Films              | 3090     |
| 30. | RF15016 dated 09.03.2015   | Virtual Tours Invoice.    | 2583     |
| 31. | 14-15/163 dated 16.03.2015 | Linus Consultants Pvt Ltd | 962      |
| 32. | 14-15/150 dated 16.03.2015 | Linus Consultants Pvt Ltd | 1154     |
| 33. | 14-15/159 dated 16.03.2015 | Linus Consultants Pvt Ltd | 962      |
|     |                            | TOTAL                     | 66473.83 |

16. I have gone through the above invoices and found that they are covered within the ambit of Rule 9(3) of Cenvat Credit Rules, 1994 and satisfy the mandate of requisites for the purpose of eligibility of CENVAT credit. I further find that the assessee duly reflected the CENVAT credit in the periodical returns as well as in their book of accounts (Ledger). I find that the adjustment of Rs. 66,473/- through CENVAT credit towards the liability is proper.

17. Further, Noticee submitted that in the month of March 2015 an agreement was entered with customer got cancelled on which service tax of Rs 46,219/- was already paid periodically as and when advance is received and submitted a statement showing the date of receipt of advance and the quarter in which service tax is paid. Noticee has also submitted a copy of agreement entered with customer and cancellation letter along with re-payment details. Notice further submitted that as there is an excess payment of service tax, the same was adjusted for the subsequent month liability as per Rule 6(3) of Service Tax Rules, 1994 hence requested to extend the benefit of Rule 6(3) of Service Tax Rules, 1994. I have examined Rule 6(3) of Service Tax Rules, 1994 which reads as follows

*"(3) Where an assessee has issued an invoice, or received any payment, against a service to be provided which is not so provided by him either wholly or partially for any reason 3[or where the amount of invoice is renegotiated due to deficient provision of service, or any terms contained in a contract], the assessee may take the credit of such excess service tax paid by him, if the assessee—*

*(a) has refunded the payment or part thereof, so received for the service provided to the person from whom it was received; or*  
*(b) has issued a credit note for the value of the service not so provided to the person*

*to whom such an invoice had been issued."*

The above referred rule allows the adjustment of service tax in case of non-provision of service or where the amount of invoice is re-negotiated due to deficient provision of service subject to refund of payment received from customers or issue of credit note.

18. In the instant case, assessee has initially entered into an agreement for provision of service and paid service tax on receipt of advance. However, the agreement got cancelled subsequently and the assessee has refunded the advance amount received from the customer. To evidence this, assessee has submitted the cancellation of letter and re-payment details. As the agreement for provision of service was cancelled and the entire amount received from customer is repaid, I find that assessee is eligible for



adjustment of excess service tax paid as per Rule 6(3) of Service Tax Rules, 1994.

19. The noticee paid the balance of Rs. 39,006/- through e Challan dated 22.12.2018 along with interest of Rs. 33,936/- and penalty of RS. 3,901/-. It is seen that the assessee has not contested the demand of Rs. 6,03,803/- being the Service Tax along with applicable cess payable by them (Service Tax of Rs. Rs. 5,86,216/-, Education Cess of Rs. 11,724/- and Secondary & Higher Education Cess of Rs. 5,862/-), during the period from 01-01-2015 to 31-03-2015 towards short payment. Further, they have also paid an amount of Rs.109/- towards interest for delay in payment of service tax by 2 days vide challan no.00250 dated 16.03.2019.

20. It is seen from the documents, the due date for payment of Service Tax of Rs. 6,03,803/- by M/s. Vista Homes was paid the service tax liability of Rs. 6,03,803/- for the period from 01-01-2015 to 31-03-2015 was 31.03.2015. M/s. Vista Homes discharges the liability as follows:

| SI No        | Challan Amount  | Tax Amount involved in Challan including EC and SHEC | Interest Amount Involved in the Challan | Due date  | Paid Date | Delay in No of Days (Rate of interest in Black) | Interest Payable |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1            | 50,000          | 49,061                                               | 939                                     | 31-Mar-15 | 1-Jul-15  | 92                                              | 2,226            |
| 2            | 50,000          | 49,732                                               | 268                                     | 31-Mar-15 | 12-Jun-15 | 73                                              | 1,790            |
| 3            | 50,000          | 48,577                                               | 1,423                                   | 31-Mar-15 | 8-Jun-15  | 69                                              | 1,653            |
| 4            | 18,860          | 18,531                                               | 329                                     | 31-Mar-15 | 10-Aug-15 | 132                                             | 1,206            |
| 5            | 50,000          | 49,233                                               | 767                                     | 31-Mar-15 | 19-Jun-15 | 80                                              | 1,942            |
| 6            | 50,000          | 50,000                                               | -                                       | 31-Mar-15 | 30-May-15 | 60                                              | 1,479            |
| 7            | 50,000          | 48,759                                               | 1,241                                   | 31-Mar-15 | 30-May-15 | 60                                              | 1,443            |
| 8            | 50,000          | 49,768                                               | 232                                     | 31-Mar-15 | 23-May-15 | 53                                              | 1,301            |
| 9            | 50,000          | 46,693                                               | 3,307                                   | 31-Mar-15 | 21-May-15 | 51                                              | 1,174            |
| 10           | 50,000          | 41,751                                               | 8,249                                   | 31-Mar-15 | 6-May-15  | 36                                              | 741              |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>4,68,860</b> | <b>4,52,105</b>                                      | <b>16,755</b>                           |           |           |                                                 | <b>14,956</b>    |

The summary of the tax liability and taxes paid through difference means is as follows

| SI No | Particulars                                                   | Amount   |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| A     | Total Payable                                                 | 6,03,803 |
| B     | Paid though cash as tabulated above                           | 4,52,105 |
| C     | Paid through CENVAT Credit (Para 15 of Order)                 | 66,474   |
| D     | Adjusted under Rule 6(3) of Service Tax Rules, 1994 (Para 19) | 46,219   |

|   |                                                 |          |
|---|-------------------------------------------------|----------|
| E | Paid through cash vide Challan dated 22.12.2018 | 39,005   |
| F | Total Paid (B+C+D+E)                            | 6,03,803 |

21 Further, assessee has also paid an amount of Rs.16,755/- (as tabulated above) and Rs. 33,836/- vide Challan dated 22.12.2018 as interest on delayed payment of Rs. 39,005/- and Rs.3900.06 as 10% of penalty on balance amount paid on 22.12.2018 (i.e Rs.39,005 - after adjusting the CENVAT Credit and Rule 6(3) adjustment and amount paid through cash).

22. From the foregoing, it is seen that M/s. Vista Homes paid an amount of Rs. 5,64,798/- (Rs. 4,52,105 + Rs. 66,474 + Rs. 46,219) out of the total liability of Rs. 6,03,803/- for the period from 01-01-2015 to 31-03-2015 before intervention of department. The remaining amount of Rs. 39,005/- was paid only after being pointed out by the department. Hence, M/s. Vista Homes are liable for penalty under Section 76 of Finance Act, 1994 i.e, not exceeding 10% of such service tax not paid. Accordingly, I impose the same.

23. In view of the foregoing, I pass the following order  
i. I confirm the demand of an amount of Rs. 6,03,803/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Three only) (Rs.5,86,216/- of Service Tax + Rs.11,724/- of Education Cess + Rs.5,826/- of Secondary and Higher Education Cess, being service tax payable by them, during the period from 01-01-2015 to 31-03-2015 towards short payment of service tax under section 73(2) of the Finance Act, 1994.

ii. I appropriate an amount of Rs.4,52,105/- paid in cash as tabulated in Para - and further adjust an amount of Rs.66,473/- through CENVAT as detailed supra and Rs. 46,219/- through adjustment of service tax under Rule 6(3) of Service Tax Rules, 1994 towards the above liability and Rs.39,006/- paid through challan dated 22.12.2018 towards the above liability.

iii. I demand an amount of Rs. 53,961/- towards interest under section 75 of Finance Act, 1994 as detailed supra.

iv. I appropriate Rs. 14,956/- of interest paid as tabulated above and Rs. 39,005/- vide challan dated 22.12.2018 towards the interest liability detailed at (iv) above

v. I impose a penalty of Rs. 3,900/- being 10% of service tax not paid initially of Rs. 39,005 under Section 76 of Finance Act, 1994

vi. I appropriate an amount of Rs. 3,900/- paid by the assessee vide Challan dated 22.12.2018 towards the penalty

To  
M/s Vista Homes, H.NO.5-4-187/3, Mohan Mansion, Madhura Road, (near E.I. Ramgopalpet-III GST Range, Secunderabad -500 003  
Copy submitted to:  
1) The Deputy Commissioner, Central Tax, (ARC, Hqrs) Secunderabad GST Commissionerate, Hyderabad.  
2) The Assistant Commissioner, Central Tax, Secunderabad Division, Secunderabad GST Commissionerate, Hyderabad.  
3) The Superintendent of Central Tax, Review Section, Hqrs Office, Secunderabad GST Commissionerate, Hyderabad.



(A. MOHAN KUMAR)  
SUPERINTENDENT  
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Superintendent  
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CENTRAL  
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Date: 26.11.2018

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To, *OC No. 330/18*  
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Ranijung, Secunderabad - 500 003,



Madam/Sir,

Sub: Service Tax - Non Payment of Service Tax by M/s Vista  
Homes Intimation of Personal Hearing - Reg.

Ref: Appeal No.31/2018(ST)/886 and Order In Appeal No.HYD-  
EXCUS -MD-AP2-0092-18-19-st dated: 28.09.2018

With reference to the above, it is to inform that Personal Hearing in the  
above case has been fixed on **05.12.2018 at 12.00 Hrs.**

You are therefore requested to appear before the undersigned at the **Office  
of the Superintendent of Central Tax Ramgopalpet III Range, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor,  
Salike Senate Building, D.NO.2-4-416,417, Ramgopalpet, M G. Road,  
Secunderabad.** On the above mentioned date and time to represent your case  
in person.

In case you fail to appear, it would be construed that you do not be heard in  
person, the same would be taken into records and your case will be decided ex-  
parte based on the merits and the material evidence available on records.

Yours faithfully,

*A. Mohan Kumar*  
24/11/2018

A. MOHAN KUMAR  
SUPERINTENDENT  
RAMGOPALPET III RANGE

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केन्द्रीय कर सहायक आयुक्त का कार्यालय,  
माल एवम सेवा कर मण्डल, सिकंदराबाद माल एवम सेवा कर  
आयुक्तालय।

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CENTRAL  
TAX, RAMGOPALPET III RANGE SECUNDERABAD  
GST DIVISION, SECUNDERABAD GST  
COMMISSIONERATE.

Address: 2ND FLOOR, SLAIKE SENITE BUILDING,  
RAMGOPALPET M G ROAD: SECUNDERABAD

C.NO.IV/16/18/2017-III-B

Date:05.12.2018

Appeal OIA NO.31/2018(SC)ST/886  
Commissioner (Appeals II) Hyderabad

Dated 28.09.2018 passed by the

Appellant : M/s Vista Homes, Hyderabad

Represented by:

Name(s)

1. Sri. K. Lakshman Kumar

*R. Lakshman Kumar* 05/12/2018  
Signature (with date)

**RECORD OF PERSONAL HEARING**

Shri. K. Lakshman Kumar, Chartered Account appeared for personal hearing today on behalf of the appellant.

He reiterated the submission made in the remained submission and stated that he had nothing further more to add.

*J. Mahalingam* 12/11/18  
SUPERINTENDENT  
RAMGOPALPET III RANGE  
SECUNDERABAD DIVISION



*Received  
on 8th  
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**BEFORE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CENTRAL TAX, RAMGOPALPET-III  
RANGE, SECUNDERABAD GST DIVISION, SECUNDERABAD GST  
COMMISSIONERATE, SALIKE SENATE, DOOR NO. 2-4-416 & 417, M. G  
ROAD, SECUNDERABAD - 500003**

**Sub: Written submissions for Remand Proceedings in C No. IV/16/18/2017-III-B pertaining to M/s. Vista Homes in Remand directions issued by Commissioner (Appeals) vide Order-in-Appeal No.HYD-EXCUS-MD-AP2-0092-18-19-ST dated 28.09.2018**

**Brief facts:**

- A. M/s. Vista Homes, Dr. No.5-4-187/3, Soham Mansion, M.G. Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ranigunj, Hyderabad – 500 003 (herein after referred as “Noticee”) are registered with the Service Tax department vide STC No.AAGFV2068PSD001 under the category of “Construction of Residential Complex Service” and “Works Contract Service”.
- B. Noticee had regularly assessed their service tax liability and filed the ST-3 returns periodically. HoNoticeever in some instances there is a delay in payment of service tax and the interest amount for delay in such payment was not made at the time of filing the ST-3 returns for the period October 2012 to December 2014.
- C. Service Tax department had conducted the audit and noticed that there is a delay in making payment of service tax for the period October 2012 to December 2014. The Superintendent of Central Tax had issued a SCN No.28/2016-17/Asst. Commissioner dated 17.02.2017 asking to show cause as to why



- An amount of Rs. 1,14,351/- towards interest on delayed payment of service tax payable by them during the period of from October, 2012 to December, 2014 should not be demanded from them under the provisions of Section 73 read with Section 75 of Finance Act, 1994.
- An amount of Rs. 6, 03,803/- being the service tax payable by them during the period from 01.01.2015 to 31.03.2015 towards short payment of service tax should not be demanded from them under Section 73 of the Finance Act, 1994
- Interest should not be demanded at the applicable rates on the demanded at (ii) above
- Penalty should not be imposed on them on the amount demanded at (ii) above under Section 76 of the Finance Act, 1994

D. Noticee has filed a detailed reply vide their letter dated 08.05.2018

E. Subsequently, Noticee has received the present Order-in-Original No. No.01/2018- Adjn(Supdt) dated 28.05.2018 confirming the following

- Demand of the interest amount of Rs. 1,14,351/- made in the Show Cause Notice for the belated payment of Service Tax during the period of from October, 2012 to December, 2014 M/s. Vista Homes under Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994 read with Section 73(1) of the Finance Act, 1994



- Demand amount of Rs. 6, 03,803/- not paid by M/s. Vista Homes during the period from 01.01.2015 to 31.03.2015 in terms of Section 73 of the Finance Act, 1994
- Demand of interest, at the applicable rates on the demanded at (ii) above
- I hereby order for appropriation of Rs. 4,52,105/- paid toward the amounts confirmed at (ii) above
- A penalty of RS. 15,170/- is imposed on M/s. Vista Homes under Section 76 of the Finance Act, 1994 on the balance service tax amount of Rs. 1,15,698/-

F. Against the above referred order, Noticee has filed an appeal before Commissioner (Appeals) and the Commissioner Appeals Vide Order-In-Appeal No.HYD-EXCUS-MD-AP2-0092-18-19-ST dated 28.09.2018 which remanded the case back to the original authority for the verification of input service invoices regarding their CENVAT claim.



**Submissions:**

1. Noticee submits that the impugned order in Appeal vide Para 8 held that "Regarding the demand of Service Tax short paid along with interest thereon, the contention of the appellant is the part of the demand was paid through the cash and the balance paid through cenvat credit account and that they are producing the copies of cenvat invoices on which credit was availed and demand to that extent may be set aside, this set of invoices on which credit was taken and requested for more time to submit the balance of the copies evidencing credit. this piecemeal submissions of the balance copies of invoices in support of their claim which was not made before the Adjudicating Authority, through irregular and highly unconvincing, cannot be ignored for obvious reasons that the same should not to miscarriage of justice. As the Adjudicating authority did not have the evidences before him, as recorded in para 9(i) of the impugned order, there was no opportunity to verify the claim of the appellant is required to be taken into consideration to arrive to a decision regarding their claim of payment of the tax through Cenvat Credit account. Further the Adjudicating authority would also be required to undertake verification of the invoices based on which the credit was taken and the eligibility of the same for the being availed as credit. therefore, in the interest of justice, I am of the considered opinion that **the matter is required to be remanded for denovo adjudication particularly in respect of our verification of the payment of tax demand of Rs. 6,02,803/- as**





*claimed by the appellant before me and to pass a speaking order in this regard"*

2. In this regard, Noticee submits that they have discharged the service tax liability of Rs. 6,03,803/- for the period January 2015 to March 2015 through cash and CENVAT credit. Out of liability of Rs.6,03,803/-, an amount of Rs. 4,52,105/- was paid in cash (copy of challans enclosed as Annexure V) and the amount of Rs.1,30,859/- was paid through CENVAT Credit. In this regard, Noticee is herewith enclosing the copies of invoices on which CENVAT credit is availed for an amount of Rs.66,473/- therefore the demand to that extent needs to be set aside (Copy of invoices enclosed as annexure II)
3. With respect to remaining amount, Noticee submits that in the month of March 2015 an agreement entered with customer got cancelled on which service tax of Rs.46,219/- was already paid periodically as and when advance is received (Statement showing the date of receipt of advance and the quarter in which service tax is paid is enclosed as Annexure-III and agreement entered with customer and cancellation letter along with re-payment details is enclosed as Annexure-IV).
4. Noticee submits that as the agreement was cancelled, Noticee have taken the credit of the service tax paid on the said agreement of Rs. 46,219/- and

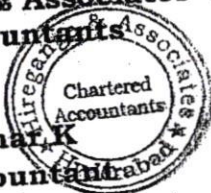


adjusted the same against the service tax liability under Rule 6(3) of Service Tax Rules, 2004. For the purpose of adjustment, Noticee have taken the credit of service tax paid in CENVAT register (Copy of CENVAT register is enclosed as Annexure-II). Though the credit of service tax paid is taken in the CENVAT Register, the same is not the CENVAT Credit. As the Noticee is rightly eligible for adjustment of excess service tax paid, the same can be considered as payment of service tax. Hence, Noticee request your good self to kindly consider the same as payment of service tax.

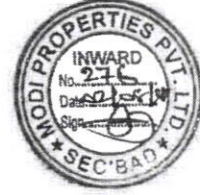
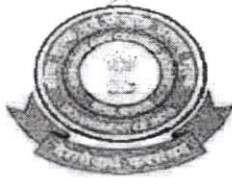
5. Noticee submits that after considering the above referred amounts i.e, Rs.1,12,692/-, the remaining demand of Rs.39,006/- (Rs.6,03,803 - Rs. 4,52,105 - Rs.1,12,692 ) will be paid along with interest in due course.
6. Noticee craves leave to alter, add to and/or amend the aforesaid grounds.
7. Noticee wish to be personally heard before any decision is taken in this matter.

**For Hiregange & Associates**  
**Chartered Accountants**

**Lakshman Kumar, K**  
**Chartered Accountant**







सेंट्रल टैक्स, केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क तथा कस्टम अधीक्षक का कार्यालय  
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CENTRAL TAX,**  
**RAMGOPALPET RANGE-III :: SECUNDERABAD GST DIVISION, Address:**  
**'SALIKE SENATE' DOOR NO.2-4-416 & 417, RAMGOPALPET, M.G ROAD,**  
**SECUNDERABAD -500003.**

OC.No. 179/2018

Dt. 02.08.2018

To  
M/s Vista Homes,  
H.No.5-4-187/3,  
Soham Mansion,  
M.G Road,  
SECUNDERABAD -500 003.

Sir,

Sub: Order-in-Original No.01/2018-Adjn.(Supdt.)  
Dt. 28.5.2018 in respect of M/s Vista Homes-reg.

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Please refer to the above cited Order-in-Original, passed by the Superintendent of Central Tax, Ramgopalpet III Range.

Out of the arrears outstanding, an amount of Rs.1,14,351/- has been paid vide Challan No.00409 dt.27.6.2018. It is requested to pay the balance amount of Rs.151698/- + Interest and penalty of Rs.15,170/-.

Since, no appeal is preferred against the above O-I-O, it is once again requested to pay the above said amounts immediately and report compliance.

Yours faithfully,

*H. Aliy*  
27/8/2018  
SUPERINTENDENT  
RAMGOPALPET III RANGE

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accompanied by a copy of the decision or the order appealed against.

The form of appeal in Form No. ST-4 shall be filed in duplicate and shall be

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4. ई. एं. 1 फार्म में की गयी अपील अग्रलिखित में प्रस्तुत की जानी चाहिए और उसके साथ जिस निर्णय

form ST-4 and shall be verified in the prescribed manner.

An appeal under Sec.85 to the Commissioner (Appeals) shall be made in the

उसके साथ जिस निर्णयित पद्धति के अनुसार की जानी चाहिए।

3. धारा 85 के उप खंड (1) के अंतर्गत आयुक्त (अपील) को की जाने वाली अपील फार्म ई. एं. 4 में होनी और

Basheerbagh, Hyderabad - 500 004.

Commissioner(Appeals), Hqrs. Office, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, L.B.Stadium Road,

the date of communication of such order/decision to the

person aggrieved by this order can prefer an appeal within two months from

Under Section 85(3A) of the Finance Act, 1994 as amended, any

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कापिलिय। 7वां तल, एल बी स्टेडियम रोड, बशीरबाग, हैदराबाद 500004 को अपनी अपील प्रस्तुत कर

प्रकार प्राप्त आदेश निर्णय के खिलाफ आदेश की प्राप्ति के 60 दिन के भीतर आयुक्त (अपील), मुख्य

2. जो भी व्यक्ति वित्त अधिनियम, 1994 के अंतर्गत धारा 85 (3A) संशोधित से दृष्टान्वित हो। इस

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## PREAMBLE

(Passed by Shri.K.SanthiSekhar, Superintendent)

**ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO.01 / 2018 - Adjn(Supt)**

Dated:28.05.2018

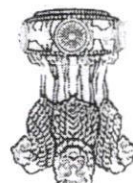
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CENTRAL TAX AND CUSTOMS  
RAMGOPALPET III RANGE, SECUNDERABAD GST DIVISION & SECUNDERABAD COMMISSIONERATE  
ADD: "SALIKE SENATE", D. No. 2-4-416 & 417, RAMGOPALPET, MG ROAD, SECUNDERABAD 500003  
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5.अपील पर और जिस निर्णय या आदेश के विरुद्ध अपील की जा रही हो उस आदेश की प्रति पर भी समुचित मूल्य के अदालती टिकट लगाए जाने चाहिए।

The appeal as well as the copy of the decision or order appealed against must be affixed with court fee stamp of the appropriate amount.

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Sub:-Service Tax- Non-payment of "Interest on delayed payment of service tax for the period from October 2012 to March 2015 and "Short payment of Service Tax for the period from January 2015 to March 2015" - by M/s.Vista Homes - Issue of Adjudication Order- Reg.

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M/s Vista Homes, Dr.No.5-4-187/3, Soham Mansion, M.G.Road, 2nd Floor, Raniganj, Hyderabad-500 003. (here-in-after referred to as "M/s VH" or "the assessee") are service providers and they have obtained Service Tax Registration No.AAGFV2068PSD001 for rendering "Construction- of Residential Complex Service", and "Works Contract Service".

**Brief Facts of the case:**

2. On verification of records by the Audit team it appears that M/s VH engaged in the service activities mentioned above and regularly filing their periodical ST-3 Returns, wherein it was noticed that the assessee has paid the service tax liabilities belatedly during the period from October 2012 to December 2014. In terms of the Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994 interest has to be charged on the belated payments, detailed as under, which works out to Rs.1,14,351/- and the same is recoverable from the assessee.

**Oct, 2012 to Dec,2012**

| Month      | Tax payable in cash | Challan No. | Challan amount | Date of payment | No. of days delayed | Interest payable | Interest already paid | Balance interest payable | Diff. Int payable | Excess paid |
|------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Oct to Dec | 41715               | 11          | 41715          | 24.08.2013      | 230                 | 4732             | 0                     | 4732                     | 4732              | 0           |

**Jan, 2013 to March, 2013**

| Month      | Tax payable in cash | Challan No. | Challan amount | Date of payment | No. of days delayed | Interest payable | Interest already paid | Balance interest payable | Diff. Int payable | Excess paid |
|------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Jan to Mar | 1299072             | 00012       | 100000         | 22.04.2013      | 22                  | 1085             | 0                     | 1085                     |                   |             |
| Jan to Mar |                     | 00011       | 100000         | 27.04.2013      | 27                  | 1332             | 0                     | 1332                     |                   |             |
| Jan to Mar |                     | 00013       | 100000         | 04.05.2013      | 34                  | 1677             | 0                     | 1677                     |                   |             |
| Jan to Mar |                     | 00010       | 200000         | 12.08.2013      | 134                 | 13216            | 0                     | 13216                    |                   |             |

|            |  |       |                |            |     |       |          |              |              |          |
|------------|--|-------|----------------|------------|-----|-------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Jan to Mar |  | 00012 | 168761         | 24.08.2013 | 146 | 12151 | 0        | 12151        |              |          |
| Jan to Mar |  | 00013 | 200000         | 01.09.2013 | 154 | 15189 | 0        | 15189        |              |          |
| Jan to Mar |  | 00011 | 200000         | 06.09.2013 | 159 | 15682 | 0        | 15682        |              |          |
| Jan to Mar |  | 00012 | 200000         | 13.09.2013 | 166 | 16373 | 0        | 16373        |              |          |
| Jan to Mar |  | 00008 | 41898          | 27.09.2013 | 210 | 4339  | 0        | 4339         |              |          |
|            |  |       | <b>1310659</b> |            |     |       | <b>0</b> | <b>81043</b> | <b>81043</b> | <b>0</b> |

## April, 2013 to June, 2013

| April, 2013 to June, 2013 |                     |             |                |                 |                     |                  |                       |                          |                   |             |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Month                     | Tax payable in cash | Challan No. | Challan amount | Date of payment | No. of days delayed | Interest payable | Interest already paid | Balance interest payable | Diff. Int payable | Excess paid |
| Apr-June                  | 302025              | 00005       | 200000         | 20.09.2013      | 76                  | 7496             | 0                     | 7496                     | 0                 |             |
| Apr-June                  |                     | 00007       | 102025         | 27.09.2013      | 83                  | 4176             | 0                     | 4176                     | 0                 |             |
| 302025                    |                     |             |                |                 |                     |                  | 0                     | 11672                    | 11672             | 0           |

## July, 2013 to Sept, 2013

| July, 2013 to Sept, 2013 |                     |             |                |                 |                     |                  |                       |                          |                   |             |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Month                    | Tax payable in cash | Challan No. | Challan amount | Date of payment | No. of days delayed | Interest payable | Interest already paid | Balance interest payable | Diff. Int payable | Excess paid |
| July-Sep                 | 748161              | 00007       | 250000         | 11.11.2013      | 29                  | 3575             | 0                     | 3575                     |                   |             |
| July-Sep                 |                     | 00001       | 250000         | 14.11.2013      | 36                  | 4438             | 0                     | 4438                     |                   |             |
| July-Sep                 |                     | 00001       | 248161         | 26.11.2013      | 40                  | 4895             | 1839                  | 3056                     |                   |             |
| 748161                   |                     |             |                |                 |                     |                  | 1839                  | 11070                    | 9231              | 0           |

## Oct, 2013 to Dec, 2013

| 2013    |                     |             |                |                 |                     |                  |                       |                          |                   |             |
|---------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Month   | Tax payable in cash | Challan No. | Challan amount | Date of payment | No. of days delayed | Interest payable | Interest already paid | Balance interest payable | Diff. Int payable | Excess paid |
| Oct-Dec | 876812              | 00017       | 200000         | 07.02.2014      | 32                  | 3156             | 0                     | 0                        |                   |             |
| Oct-Dec |                     | 00005       | 183520         | 14.02.2014      | 39                  | 3530             | 16480                 | 0                        |                   |             |
| Oct-Dec |                     | 00006       | 200000         | 03.02.2014      | 29                  | 2860             | 0                     | 0                        |                   |             |
| Oct-Dec |                     | 00002       | 199137         | 18.02.2014      | 43                  | 4223             | 863                   | 0                        |                   |             |
| Oct-Dec |                     | 00004       | 94154          | 12.03.2014      | 65                  | 3018             | 0                     | 0                        |                   |             |
|         |                     |             | 876811         |                 |                     | 16787            | 17343                 | 0                        | Nil               | 0           |

## Jan, 2014 to Mar, 2014

| 2014    |                     |             |                |                 |                     |                  |                       |                          |                   |             |
|---------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Month   | Tax payable in cash | Challan No. | Challan amount | Date of payment | No. of days delayed | Interest payable | Interest already paid | Balance interest payable | Diff. Int payable | Excess paid |
| Jan-Mar | 1088325             | 00004       | 183181         | 07.05.2014      | 37                  | 3342             | 16819                 | -13477                   |                   |             |
| Jan-Mar |                     | 00004       | 197178         | 14.05.2014      | 44                  | 4278             | 2822                  | 1456                     |                   |             |
| Jan-Mar |                     | 00008       | 197762         | 22.05.2014      | 52                  | 5071             | 2238                  | 2833                     |                   |             |
| Jan-Mar |                     | 00012       | 299449         | 22.05.2014      | 52                  | 7679             | 551                   | 7128                     |                   |             |
| Jan-Mar |                     | 00001       | 210480         | 24.05.2014      | 54                  | 5605             | 1208                  | 4397                     |                   |             |
|         |                     |             | 1088050        |                 |                     | 25976            | 23638                 | 2338                     | 2338              | 0           |

## Apr, 2014 to June, 2014

| Month    | Tax payable in cash | Challan No. | Challan amount | Date of payment | No. of days delayed | Interest payable | Interest already paid | Balance interest payable | Diff. Int payable | Excess paid |
|----------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Apr-June | 634506              | 00001       | 200000         | 13.09.2014      | 69                  | 6805             | 0                     | 0                        |                   |             |
| Apr-June |                     | 00002       | 200000         | 19.09.2014      | 75                  | 7397             | 0                     | 0                        |                   |             |



|          |       |        |            |    |       |       |   |   |   |
|----------|-------|--------|------------|----|-------|-------|---|---|---|
| Apr-June | 00006 | 200000 | 25.08.2014 | 50 | 4932  | 0     | 0 |   |   |
| Apr-June | 00015 | 34506  | 06.09.2014 | 62 | 1055  | 20790 | 0 |   |   |
| 634506   |       |        |            |    | 20189 | 20790 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## July, 2014 to Sept, 2014

| Month        | Tax payable in cash | Challan No. | Challan amount | Date of payment | No. of days delayed | Interest payable | Interest already paid | Balance interest payable | Diff. Int payable | Excess paid |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| July to Sept | 579937              | 00006       | 200000         | 24.10.2014      | 18                  | 1775             | 0                     | 1775                     |                   |             |
| July to Sept |                     | 00001       | 379937         | 25.10.2014      | 19                  | 3560             | 0                     | 3560                     |                   |             |
|              |                     | 579937      |                |                 |                     |                  |                       | 5335                     | 5335              | 0           |

## Oct, 2014 to Dec, 2014

| Month   | Tax payable in cash | Challan No. | Challan amount | Date of payment | No. of days delayed | Interest payable | Interest already paid | Balance interest payable | Diff. Int payable | Excess paid |
|---------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Oct-Dec | 600269              | 30423       | 231042         | 28.02.2015      | 53                  | 6039             | 18958                 | 0                        |                   |             |
| Oct-Dec |                     | 34322       | 49658          | 05.03.2015      | 58                  | 1420             | 342                   | 0                        |                   |             |
| Oct-Dec |                     | 30508       | 49062          | 13.3.2015       | 66                  | 1597             | 938                   | 0                        |                   |             |
| Oct-Dec |                     | 32057       | 49031          | 27.03.2015      | 80                  | 1934             | 969                   | 0                        |                   |             |
| Oct-Dec |                     | 31130       | 49069          | 25.03.2015      | 78                  | 1887             | 931                   | 0                        |                   |             |
| Oct-Dec |                     | 30231       | 49707          | 18.4.2015       | 102                 | 2500             | 293                   | 0                        |                   |             |
| Oct-Dec |                     | 30374       | 49034          | 13.04.2015      | 97                  | 2346             | 966                   | 0                        |                   |             |
| Oct-Dec |                     | 30493       | 49041          | 04.04.2015      | 88                  | 2128             | 959                   | 0                        |                   |             |
| Oct-Dec |                     | 30860       | 24597          | 23.04.2015      | 107                 | 1298             | 72                    | 0                        |                   |             |
|         |                     | 600241      |                |                 |                     | 21150            | 24428                 | 0                        | 0                 | 0           |

Total differential interest payable

114351

3. In addition to the above, the audit officers have made an observation that on verification of ST-3 Returns filed by the assessee online, for the period October 2014 to March 2015, the service tax amount assessed for the quarter January 2015 to March 2015 was not paid and thus there was a short payment of Service Tax which works out to Rs.5,86,216/-, Education Cess of Rs.11,725/-, and Secondary Higher Education Cess Rs.5,862/- total amounting to Rs.6,03,803/- detailed as under.

| ST-3 RETURN FILED FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2014 TO MARCH 2015 |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| January, 2015 to March, 2015, Short payment of Service Tax  | Rs.5,86,216/- |
| 2% Education Cess                                           | Rs.11,725/-   |
| 1% SHE Cess                                                 | Rs.5,862/-    |
| Total                                                       | Rs.6,03,803/- |

4. In view of the foregoing, a show cause notice vide SCN No.28/2016-17/Asst.Commissioner, Circle-V in C.No.V/ST/54/28/2015-16 Gr.54 dated 17.02.2017 was issued to M/s Vista Homes, Door No.5-4-187/3, Soham Mansion, M.G.Road, 2nd Floor, Raniganj, Hyderabad-500 003, making the notice to show cause to the Assistant Commissioner of Service Tax Commissionerate, Division-III, Redhills, Hyderabad as to why :

(i) an amount Rs.1,14,351/-, (Rupees One Lakh Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty One only), towards interest on belated payment of Service Tax payable by them, during the period from October 2012 to December 2014 should not be demanded from them under the provisions of Section 73 of the Finance Act, 1994, read with provision to sub-section (1) therein and read with Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994;

(ii) an amount Rs.6,03,803/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Three only), (consisting of Service Tax of Rs. Rs.5,86,216/-, Education Cess of Rs.11,724/- and Secondary & Higher Education Cess of Rs.5,862/-), being the service tax payable by them, during the period from 01-01-2015 to 31-03-2015 towards short payment of service tax should not be demanded from them under Section 73 of the Finance Act, 1994;

(iii) interest should not be demanded, at the applicable rates, on the amount demanded at (ii) above, under Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994; and

(iv) penalty should not be imposed on them on the amount demanded at (ii) above, under Section 76 of the Finance Act, 1994.

5. Subsequent to the issuance of the above notice, a Corrigendum to the said notice was issued to the assesses by the Assistant Commissioner of Service Tax Commissionerate, Division-III, Redhills, Hyderabad vide C.No.IV/16/25/2017-ST (Division-III Tech) dated 10.03.2017 asking the assessee to show cause to the Superintendent of Service Tax, Range-IIIB of Division-III on monetary grounds for adjudication of the case. After re-organisation of the field formations in the GST regime, since the Show Cause Notice found pending adjudication has been received as a legacy file to the Ramgopalpet-III Range of Secunderabad GST Division, another corrigendum to the notice was given by the Superintendent of Central Tax, Ramgopalpet III Range, vide C.No.IV/16/25/2017-ST(Division-III Tech) dated 18.12.2017.



## 6. Defence Reply:

The assessee vide their reply dated 08.05.2018 to the Show Cause Notice *inter alia* stated that:

**i) Short payment of interest on delayed payment of service tax for the period from 2012-13 to March 2015:** As per Annexure interest calculated for the period from 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 is Rs.1,14,351/-. Whereas audit conducted from 2013-14 and 2014-15, hence, interest works out to be Rs.28,576/-only.

**ii) Short payment of service tax for the period from January 2015 to March, 2015 as per the ST-3 Returns for the period from October 2014 to March 2015:** In this regard it is stated that at the time of ST-3 Returns they have not shown service tax payment particulars for the period from January 2015 to March 2015, however the payments for the said period were duly paid and copies of Challans enclosed.

| Challan No- | Challan date | ST (Rs)        | Ed. CESS     | S.H.E Cess   | Interest (Rs) | Total (Rs)     |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 30805       | 01-07-2015   | 47,632         | 953          | 476          | 939           | 50000          |
| 30201       | 12-06-2015   | 48,283         | 966          | 483          | 268           | 50000          |
| 30546       | 08-06-2015   | 47,162         | 943          | 472          | 1,423         | 50000          |
| 30273       | 10-08-2015   | 17,991         | 360          | 180          | 329           | 18860          |
| 30288       | 19-06-2015   | 47,799         | 956          | 478          | 767           | 50000          |
| 30446       | 30-05-2015   | 48,544         | 971          | 485          | -             | 50000          |
| 30452       | 30-05-2015   | 47,339         | 947          | 473          | 1,241         | 50000          |
| 30210       | 23-05-2015   | 48,319         | 966          | 483          | 232           | 50000          |
| 30342       | 21-05-2015   | 45,333         | 907          | 453          | 3,307         | 50000          |
| 31381       | 06-05-2015   | 40,535         | 811          | 405          | 8,249         | 50000          |
|             |              | <b>438,937</b> | <b>8,780</b> | <b>4,388</b> | <b>16,755</b> | <b>468,860</b> |

## 7. PERSONAL HEARING:

The assesses were provided with an opportunity of Personal Hearing vide letters dated. 04.05.2017, 04.12.2017 and 11.04.2018. The assessee did not utilise the Personal Hearing but submitted reply vide their letter 08.05.2018, as stated above.

## 8. DISCUSSIONS AND FINDINGS:

I have carefully gone through the Show Cause Notice, case records and reply of the assessee. The two issues involved in the Show Cause Notice are that non-payment of interest on the belated payment of tax during the period Oct'2012 to Dec'2014 amounting to Rs.1,14,351/- and another issue is that the assesses have not paid the service tax amount self-assessed in their ST-3 return filed for the period Oct'2014 to March 2015 for the quarter period of Jan'15 to March'15. In fact, there is no need for issuance of Show Cause Notice for the two issues covered in the Show Cause Notice as first

issue is demand of interest on belated payment of tax and second one is default payment of tax. Action for recovery of the quantified amounts should have been initiated under Section 87 of the Finance Act, 1994 instead of issuance of notice to the assessee. Now I take up the case for adjudication in terms of the provisions of Section 174 of Central Tax Act, 2017. The assessee vide their reply dated 08.05.2017 contesting that i) short payment of interest on delayed payment is Rs.28,576/- only instead of Rs.1,14,351/- as the audit conducted for the period is from 2013-14 and 2014-15. This contention of the assessee is not acceptable as interest liability flows from the tax liability automatically and there is no time limit fixed for such demands and hence the interest liability demanded by the audit is confirmed and the assessee are required to pay the said amount.

**9 (i).** Coming to the second issue in the Show Cause Notice, the

assessee have stated that though they have paid the tax dues assessed for the period Jan'15 to March'15 they could not reflect the same in their ST-3 return filed for the period Oct'14 to March'15 and submitted 10 copies of the challans for a tax amount of Rs.4,38,937/-, Education Cess of Rs.8,780/- and SHE Cess of Rs.4,388/- along with interest amount of Rs.16,755/- totalling to Rs.4,68,860/-. The above contention is also not correct as the assessee have filed their ST-3 return for the period Oct'14 to March'15 on 09.06.2015 and 4 challans mentioned in their reply are dated after 09.06.2015, the details of which cannot be mentioned in their ST-3 return. However, taking into consideration of their payment of tax to the tune of Rs.4,52,105/- along with applicable interest of Rs.16,755/- the assessee still not produced the proof of payment of tax to the tune of Rs.1,51,698/-, which they have defaulted during the period Jan'15 to March'15. Surprisingly, the assessee have not furnished any reasons for non-payment of the balance dues for the defaulted payment of tax for the period Jan'15 to March'15 in their reply. But they have simply mentioned in their challan payments work sheet in Annexure-I that an amount of Rs.1,30,859/- was paid in their Cenvat Account but no proof to this extent was submitted to consider the said amount as payment towards tax dues. Since, the assessee have not contested the issue on merits, the issue is to be considered as admitted.

**(iii).** With respect to invocation of penal provisions on the assessee under Section 76 of the Finance Act, 1994, no reply on this count has been submitted by the assessee. In terms of Section 76(1), I impose a penalty of Rs.15,170/- on the short paid amount of tax Rs.1,51,698/- (Rs.6,03,803/- - Rs.4,52,105/-) for the period Jan'15 to March'15.



10.(0). Accordingly, I pass the following order.

**ORDER**

(i) I confirm the demand of interest amount of Rs.1,14,351/- (Rupees One Lakh Fourteen Thousand Three hundred and Fifty One only) made in the Show Cause Notice for the belated payment of Service Tax during the period from October,2012 to December,2014 M/s. Vista Homes under Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994 read with Section 73(1) of the Finance Act, 1994.

(ii) I confirm the Service Tax demand amount of Rs.6,03,803/- ( Rupees Six Lakhs Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Three only) (consisting of Service tax of Rs.5,86,216/-, Education Cess of Rs.11,724/- and Secondary & Higher Education Cess of Rs.5,862/-) not paid by M/s.Vista Homes during the period from 01.01.2015 to 31.03.2015 interms of Section 73 of the Finance Act,1994.

(iii) I hereby order for appropriation of Rs.4,52,105/- (Rupees Four lakhs Fifty Two Thousand One hundred and Five only) (Service Tax Rs.4,38,937/- + Ed.Cess Rs.8,780/- + SHE Cess Rs.4,388/-) paid towards the amounts confirmed at (ii) above.

(iv) I confirm the demand of interest, at the applicable rates, on the amount demanded at (ii) above.

(v) I hereby order for appropriation of Rs.16,755/- (Rupees Sixteen thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Five only) paid towards interest on Rs.4,52,105/- at (iii) above.

(vi) A penalty of Rs. 15,170/- (Rupees Sixty Thousand three hundred and Eighty Only) is imposed on M/s. Vista Homes under Section 76 of the Finance Act, 1994, on the balance service tax amount of Rs.1,51,698/-.

*KW 28/05/18*  
(K.SANTHI SEKHAR)  
SUPERINTENDENT  
RAMGOPALPET III RANGE  
SECUNDERABAD DIVISION

To

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C.No.IV/16/18/2017-III-B

Dt.01.06.2018

**CORRIGENDUM**

Please refer to the Order-in-Original No.01/2018-Adjn(Supdt), dated 28.05.2018 passed by the Superintendent, Central Tax, Ramgopalpet III Range, Secunderabad Division vide file C.NO.IV/16/18/2017-III-B in respect of M/s Vista Homes, Hyderabad.

In the Order-In-Original, Para 10(vi) of page No.8 may be read as:

A penalty of Rs.15,170/- (**Rupees Fifteen Thousand one hundred and Seventy only**) is imposed on M/s Vista Homes under Section 76 of the Finance Act, 1994, on the balance service tax amount of Rs.1,51,698/-.

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