

ADJ/64/RD (SR)/2019-20

BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
(SOUTHERN REGION)
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS, CHENNAI
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2016
SECTION 454(7) OF COMPANIES ACT 2013

IN THE MATTER OF M/s. AESSTECH KITCHEN EQUIPMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED

1. M/s. Aesstech Kitchen Equipments Private Limited,
Rajani Bhavan, Planthottam, Parappara PO Vithura,
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala - 695 551.
2. Shri. Sundaran Pillai Padmaja RejithApplicants/ Appellants

Date of hearing 18.11.2020

Present Shri. Sundaran Pillai Padmaja Rejith, Managing Director
M/s. Aesstech Kitchen Equipments Private Limited

ORDER

This is an appeal filed under Section 454 (5) of the Companies Act, 2013 by the above Applicants in Form ADJ vide SRN No. R34794743, dated 05.03.2020 against the Adjudication Order No. ROC/S-454/10A/138/2020 dated 20.01.2020 under Section 454 (3) passed by the Registrar of Companies, Kerala for default in compliance with the requirements of Section 10A of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Adjudication of Penalties) Rules, 2014.

2. The subject Company was incorporated on 25.04.2019. E-form INC-20A should have been filed within a period of 180 days from the date of incorporation as required under sub-clause (a) of sub-Section (1) of Section 10A of the Companies Act, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as the Act, 2013) and had filed the said form belatedly with a delay of 20 days on 11.11.2019. The Registrar of Companies, Kerala examined the said default and passed the Adjudication Order No. ROC/S-454/10A/138/2020 dated 20.01.2020 (impugned Order) under Section 454 (3) & (4) of the Act, 2013 for the delay of 20 days in filing the Form INC-20A under Section 10A(2) of the Act, 2013 read with Rule 23A of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the Rules, 2014) and imposed a penalty of Rs. 50,000/- upon the Company and Rs. 20,000/- upon the Director in default viz. Shri. Sundaran Pillai Padmaja Rejith @ Rs. 1,000/- per day.

3. The Appellant while filing the appeal contended that the company is a startup company and not started revenue generation. The penalty imposed on company and director will bring it to the edge of shut down and debt and was not an intentional default.



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4. An opportunity of being heard was given to the Appellants on 18.11.2020. Shri. Sundaran Pillai Padmaja Rejith, Managing Director of the Company appeared for the Appellants while reiterating the grounds taken in the appeal had stated that the company is a startup company and had delayed in filing Form INC-20A by 20 days and hence sought condonation.

5. Though there is a default committed, there is a ground in interfering with the impugned adjudication order of the Registrar of Companies to the extent of reducing the quantum of penalty. Accordingly, the penalties imposed are reduced to Rs. 15,000/- for the Company and Rs. 10,000/- for the Director. The Appellants shall pay the penalty in 30 days.

Dated at Chennai this the 19th day of November, 2020.




(Dr. K. THIRUMALAIMUTHU)
REGIONAL DIRECTOR (SR)

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3. The Registrar of Companies, Kerala.
4. The Officer in Charge, e-Gov. Cell, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, A-Wing, Shastri Bhavan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi -110 001- with a request to upload this Order on the website of the Ministry. Mail sent to Shri Vivek Meena, Asst. Director (vivek.meena@gov.in) and Shri B. Srikumar, Deputy Director, (srikumar.b@gov.in)