

## <u>रजिस्टर डाक ए .डी .द्वारा</u>

ग \_\_\_\_\_\_ आयुक्त, केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क, (मंडल-IV), अहमदाबाद- ॥, आयुक्तालय द्वारा जारी मूल आदेश सं------ दिनांक \_------ देनांक \_------ से सृजित Arising out of Order-In-Original No .\_02/AC/D/2016/UKG\_Dated: 04/08/16 issued by: Assistant Commissioner Central Excise (Div-IV), Ahmedabad-II

घ अपीलकर्ता/प्रतिवादी का नाम एवम पता (Name & Address of the Appellant/Respondent)

#### M/s AIA Engineering Ltd.

कोई व्यक्ति इस अपील आदेश से असंतोष अनुभव करता है तो वह इस आदेश के प्रति यथास्थिति नीचे बताए गए सक्षम अधिकारी को अपील या प्नरीक्षण आवेदन प्रस्तूत कर सकता है ।

Any person an aggrieved by this Order-in-Appeal may file an appeal or revision application, as the one may be against such order, to the appropriate authority in the following way:

## भारत सरकार का पुनरीक्षण आवेदन : Revision application to Government of India:

(1) (क) (i) केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम 1994 की धरा अतत नीचे बताए गए मामलों के बारे में पूर्वाक्त धारा को उप-धारा के प्रथम परंतुक के अंतर्गत पुनरीक्षण आवेदन अधीन सचिव, भारत सरकार, वित्त मंत्रालय, राजस्व विभाग, चौथी मंजिल, जीवन दीप भवन, संसद मार्ग, नई दिल्ली-110001 को की जानी चाहिए |

A revision application lies to the Under Secretary, to the Government of India, Revision Application Unit, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, 4th Floor, Jeevan Deep Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001, under Section 35EE of the CEA 1944 in respect of the following case, governed by first proviso to sub-section (1) of Section-35 ibid:

(ii) यदि माल की हानि के मामले में जब हानि कारखाने से किसी अंडारगार या अन्य कारखाने में या किसी अंडारगार से दूसरे अंडारगार में माल ले जाते हुए मार्ग में, या किसी अंडारगार या अंडार में चाहे वह किसी कारखाने में या किसी अंडारगार में हो माल की प्रकिया के दौरान हुई हो |

In case of any loss of goods where the loss occur in transit from a factory to a warehouse or to another factory or from one warehouse to another during the course of processing of the goods in a warehouse or in storage whether in a factory or in a warehouse

(ख) भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित माल पर या माल के विनिर्माण में उपयोग शुल्क कच्चे माल पर उत्पादन शुल्क के रिबेट के मामले में जो भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित है ।



(c) In case of goods exported outside India export to Nepal or Bhutan, without payment of duty.

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अंतिम उत्पादन की उत्पादन शुल्क के भुगतान के लिए जो डयूटी केडिट मान्य की गई है और ऐसे आदेश जो इस धारा एवं नियम के मुताबिक आयुक्त, अपील के द्वारा पारित वो समय पर या बाद में वित्त अधिनियम (नं.2) 1998 धारा 109 द्वारा नियुक्त किए गए हो।

(d) Credit of any duty allowed to be utilized towards payment of excise duty on final products under the provisions of this Act or the Rules made there under and such order is passed by the Commissioner (Appeals) on or after, the date appointed under Sec.109 of the Finance (No.2) Act, 1998.

(1) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क (अपील) नियमावली, 2001 के नियम 9 के अंतर्गत विनिर्दिष्ट प्रपत्र संख्या इए–8 में दो प्रतियों में, प्रेषित आदेश के प्रति आदेश प्रेषित दिनाँक से तीन मास के भीतर मूल--आदेश एवं अपील आदेश की दो--दो प्रतियों के साथ उचित आवेदन किया जाना चाहिए। उसके साथ खाता इ. का मुख्यशीर्ष के अंतर्गत धारा 35--इ में निर्धारित फी के भुगतान के सबूत के साथ टीआर-6 चालान की प्रति भी होनी चाहिए।

The above application shall be made in duplicate in Form No. EA-8 as specified under Rule, 9 of Central Excise (Appeals) Rules, 2001 within 3 months from the date on which the order sought to be appealed against is communicated and shall be accompanied by two copies each of the OIO and Order-In-Appeal. It should also be accompanied by a copy of TR-6 Challan evidencing payment of prescribed fee as prescribed under Section 35-EE of CEA, 1944, under Major Head of Account.

(2) रिविजन आवेदन के साथ जहाँ संलग्न रकम एक लाख रूपये या उससे कम हो तो रूपये 200/– फीस भुगतान की जाए और जहाँ संलग्न रकम एक लाख से ज्यादा हो तो 1000/– की फीस भुगतान की जाए।

The revision application shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs.200/- where the amount involved is Rupees One Lac or less and Rs.1,000/- where the amount involved is more than Rupees One Lac.

सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपीलः– Appeal to Custom, Excise, & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

(1) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क अधिनियम, 1944 की धारा 35–बी/35–इ के अंतर्गत:-

Under Section 35B/ 35E of CEA, 1944 an appeal lies to :-

- (क) वर्गीकरण मूल्यांकन से संबंधित सभी मामले सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की विशेष पीठिका वेस्ट ब्लॉक नं. 3. आर. के. पुरम, नई दिल्ली को एवं
- (a) the special bench of Custom, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal of West Block No.2, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-1 in all matters relating to classification valuation and.
- (ख) उक्तलिखित परिच्छेद 2 (1) क में बताए अनुसार के अलावा की अपील, अपीलो के मामले में सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण <u>(सिस्टेट)</u> की पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठिका, अहमदाबाद में ओ–20, न्यू मैन्टल हास्पिटल कम्पाउण्ड, मेघाणी नगर, अहमदाबाद–380016.
- (b) To the west regional bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at O-20, New Metal Hospital Compound, Meghani Nagar, Ahmedabad : 380 016. in case of appeals other than as mentioned in para-2(i) (a) above.
- (2) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क (अपील) नियमावली, 2001 की धारा 6 के अंतर्गत प्रपन्न इ.ए.-3 में निर्धारित किए अनुसार अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरणें की गई अपील के विरुद्ध अपील किए गए आदेश की चार प्रतियाँ सहित जहाँ उत्पाद शुल्क की मांग, ब्याज की मांग ओर लगायां गया जुर्माना रूपए 5 लाख या उससे कम है वहां रूपए 1000 / – फीस भेजनील्क आयुक् होगी। जहाँ उत्पाद शुल्क की मांग, ब्याज की मांग ओर लगाया गया जुर्माना रूपए 5 लाख या 50 लाख तक हो ती ज्याद शुल्क रूपए 5000 / – फीस भेजनी होगी। जहाँ उत्पाद शुल्क की मांग, ब्याज की मांग ओर लगाया गया जुर्माना रूपए 50 लाख या उससे ज्यादा है वहां रूपए 10000 / – फीस भेजनी होगी। की फीस सहायक रजिस्टार के नाम से

रेखाकित बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में संबंध की जाये। यह ड्राफ्ट उस स्थान के किसी नामित सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक की शाखा का हो जहाँ उक्त न्यायाधिकरण की पीठ स्थित है।

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The appeal to the Appellate Tribunal shall be filed in quadruplicate in form EA-3 as prescribed under Rule 6 of Central Excise(Appeal) Rules, 2001 and shall be accompanied against (one which at least should be accompanied by a fee of Rs.1,000/-, Rs.5,000/- and Rs.10,000/- where amount of duty / penalty / demand / refund is upto 5 Lac, 5 Lac to 50 Lac and above 50 Lac respectively in the form of crossed bank draft in favour of Asstt. Registar of a branch of any nominate public sector bank of the place where the bench of any nominate public sector bank of the place Tribunal is situated.

(3) यदि इस आदेश में कई मूल आदेशों का समावेश होता है तो प्रत्येक मूल ओदश के लिए फीस का भुगतान उपर्युक्त ढंग से किया जाना चाहिए इस तथ्य के होते हुए भी कि लिखा पढी कार्य से बचने के लिए यथारिथति अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण को एक अपील या केन्द्रीय सरकार को एक आवेदन किया जाता हैं।

In case of the order covers a number of order-in-Original, fee for each O.I.O. should be paid in the aforesaid manner not withstanding the fact that the one appeal to the Appellant Tribunal or the one application to the Central Govt. As the case may be, is filled to avoid scriptoria work if excising Rs. 1 lacs fee of Rs.100/- for each.

(4) न्यायालय शुल्क अधिनियम 1970 यथा संशोधित की अनुसूचि–1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार उक्त आवेदन या मूल आदेश यथास्थिति निर्णयन प्राधिकारी के आदेश में से प्रत्येक की एक प्रति पर रू.6.50 पैसे का न्यायालय शुल्क टिकट लगा होना चाहिए।

One copy of application or O.I.O. as the case may be, and the order of the adjournment authority shall a court fee stamp of Rs.6.50 paise as prescribed under scheduled-I item of the court fee Act, 1975 as amended.

(5) इन ओर संबंधित मामलों को नियंत्रण करने वाले नियमों की ओर भी ध्यान आकर्षित किया जाता है जो सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (कार्याविधि) नियम, 1982 में निहित है।

Attention in invited to the rules covering these and other related matter contended in the Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1982.

(6) सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण <u>(सिस्टेट)</u>, के प्रति अपीलो के मामले में कर्तव्य मांग (Demand) एवं दंड (Penalty) का 10% पूर्व जमा करना अनिवार्य है। हालांकि, अधिकतम पूर्व जमा 10 करोड़ रुपए है |(Section 35 F of the Central Excise Act, 1944, Section 83 & Section 86 of the Finance Act, 1994)

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क और सेवा कर के अंतर्गत, शामिल होगा "कर्तव्य की मांग"(Duty Demanded) -

- (i) (Section) खंड 11D के तहत निर्धारित राशि;
- (ii) लिया गलत सेनवेट क्रेडिट की राशि;
- (iii) सेनवैट क्रेडिट नियमों के नियम 6 के तहत देय राशि.

🗢 यह पूर्व जमा 'लंबित अपील' में पहले पूर्व जमा की तुलना में, अपील' दाखिल करने के लिए पूर्व शर्त बना दिया गया है .

For an appeal to be filed before the CESTAT, 10% of the Duty & Penalty confirmed by the Appellate Commissioner would have to be pre-deposited. It may be noted that the pre-deposit is a mandatory condition for filing appeal before CESTAT. (Section 35 C (2A) and 35 F of the Central Excise Act, 1944, Section 83 & Section 86 of the Finance Act, 1994)

Under Central Excise and Service Tax, "Duty demanded" shall include:

- (i) amount determined under Section 11 D;
- (ii) amount of erroneous Cenvat Credit taken;
- (iii) amount payable under Rule 6 of the Cenvat Credit Rules.

इस सन्दर्भ में इस आदेश के प्रति अपील प्राधिकरण के समक्ष जहाँ शुल्क अथवा शुल्क या दण्ड विवादित हो तो माँग किए गए शुल्क के 10% भुगतान पर और जहाँ केवल दण्ड विवादित हो तब दण्ड के 10% भुगतान पर की जा सकती है।

In view of above, an appeal against this order shall lie before the Tribunal on payment of 10% of the duty demanded where duty or duty and penalty are in dispute, or penalty, where penalty alone is in dispute."

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# ORDER-IN-APPEAL

M/s AIA Engineering Ltd (Unit-7), Plot No. 70-77, Survey No. P-423/426/427, Mahagujarat Industrial Estate, Sarkej- Bavla N.H. 8-A, Village-Moraiya, Post-Changoder, Tal-Sanand, Ahmedabad-382213 (hereinafter referred to as "the Appellant"), and Shri Rajesh D Mehta Manager (Excise) & Authorized Signatory of "the Appellant" have filed the present appeals against the Order-in-Original No 02/AC/D/2016/UKG dated 08.04.2016 (hereinafter referred to as 'impugned orders') passed by the Assistant Commissioner of Central Excise, Division-IV, Ahmedabad-II, Ahmedabad (hereinafter referred to as 'adjudicating authority').

2. The facts of the case, in brief, the appellant are register with the Central Excise Department having registration no. AABCA2777JXM007 and engaged in Manufacturing of Grinding Media Balls, Machined Alloy Steel Casting and Casting & Other cast Article of Steel falling under chapter 73 & 85 of Central Excise Traiff Act, 1985. The Internal Audit party of the department has audited the appellant records for the period December-2010 to November-2011. The audit party on the basis of records available proposed to deny Service Tax Credit taken on Renting of Immovable Property. On the basis of Audit Para, the department issued show cause notice. The same was adjudicated vide impugned order. The Adjudicating Authority rejected the Service Tax credit availed by the appellant as the same is not in the preview of the definition of the Input Services. Equivalent penalty was also imposed and interest was also demanded. Personal penalty was also imposed on Shri Rajesh D Mehta Manager (Excise) & Authorized Signatory of "the Appellant".

**3.** Being aggrieved with the impugned order, the appellant & Shri Rajesh D Mehta Manager (Excise) & Authorized Signatory of "the Appellant" have filed the present appeal on the ground that the above service is valid input services as they are used directly or indirectly in or in relation to manufacture of final product. They have relied upon the definition of Input Service defined under Rule 2(1) of Cenvat Credit Rules, 2004. The appellant further submitted that the allegation regarding availment of the service after goods were cleared from the factory is wrong as the said premises is used for the storage of Silica Sand which is one of the main input. Shri Rajesh D Mehta Manager (Excise) & Authorized Signatory of "the Appellant" further submitted that personal penalty under Rule 26 cannot be imposed on him as he was not in the possession of the excisable goods and was not concern about the movement of excisable goods. The appellant further submitted that the adjudicating authority has wrongly invoke the extended period as appellant have already shown in the ER-1 that they have taken Service Tax Credit on Renting of Immovable.

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Property. The department on the identical issue has already issued SCN on 01.07.2013. Therefore extended period cannot be invoked in subsequent SCN.

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**4.** Personal hearing in the case of AIA Engineering was attended by Shri Hardik Modh, Shri Amit Laddha & Shri Rohit Joshi appellant representative. Personal hearing in the matter of Shri Rajesh D Mehta Manager was granted on 19.07.2017 which was attended by appellant & his legal advisor .During the personal hearing it was decided since the main appeal is pending, therefore it will tag with the main appeal. They have submitted few case laws in this regard.

**5.** I have carefully gone through the facts of the case on records, grounds of the appeal, put forth by the appellant. Looking to the facts of the case, I proceed to decide the case on merits.

**6.** Now issue to be decided is whether credit of Renting of Immovable Property which are taken by the appellant are eligible or otherwise and the personal penalty imposed on authorised signatory is correct or otherwise.

In the instant case, I observe that adjudicating authority have decided the case in favour of revenue on the ground that in Leave & License Agreement dated 01.03.2011 the rent was decided Rs 1,00,000/- . However they have paid Rent of Rs 2,50,000/-. Further in the rent agreement it is not mentioned that they will store the silica sand. No evidence regarding use of godown for storing silica sand is submitted. It is observed that appellant have submitted the copy of leave & license agreement dated 01.03.2011 and further amendment on 24.08. 2011. On going through of the same it is cleared that rent was enhanced for the additional space used. Challan showing movement of Silica sand from godown to unit is also submitted and found in order. The renting of immovable property service is availed by them in relation to the godown rented by them situated at Changodar taken from Kalpavijay Engineering Co., Ahmedabad for storage of inputs i.e Silica Sand and which is used at Unit-7 Changodar for manufacturing High Chrome Grinding Media Balls. Silica sand is one of the main consumable materials for green sand foundry. The appellant has submited document showing payment of rent as well as Service Tax registration number of the service provider from whom they have taken the godown on rent. The storage of inputs as well as final products is integral part of the manufacturing activity. The appellant has also stated that they have availed Cenvat credit of the Service Tax paid by the service provider under the head of renting immovable property services. They are entitled to avail the Cenvat credit of "renting of immovable property services" because the service was used in or in relation to the manufacturing activity.

Since the Cenvat credit availed by them is correct, therefore personal penalty imposed on authorized signatory is not sustainable. I hereby allow the appeal filed by the appellant and the OIO is set-aside. The appeal stands disposed of in above terms.

7. अपीलकर्ता द्वारा दर्ज की गई अपीलों का निपटारा उपरोक्त तरीके से किया जाता है।

7. The appeals filed by the appellant stand disposed off in above terms.

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(उमा शंकर) केन्द्रीय कर आयुक्त (अपील्स)

ATTESTED

(S S,Chowhan) SUPERINTENDENT (APPEAL-II), CENTRAL EXCISE, AHMEDABAD.

Τo,

(1)M/s AIA Engineering Ltd (Unit-7), Plot No. 70-77, Survey No. P-423/426/427, Mahagujarat Industrial Estate, Sarkej- Bavla N.H. 8-A, Village-Moraiya, Post-Changoder, Tal-Sanand, Ahmedabad-382213.

(2)Shri Rajesh D Mehta Manager (Excise) & Authorized Signatory
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#### Copy To:-

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- 2. The Commissioner, Central Excise, Ahmedabad-II, Ahmedabad.
- 3. The Additional Commissioner, Central Excise, Ahmedabad-II, Ahmedabad.
- 4. The Dy. /Assistant Commissioner, Central Excise Division-IV, Ahmedabad-II, Ahmedabad.
- 5. The Assistant Commissioner(Systems), Central Excise, Ahmedabad-II, \_Ahmedabad
- 6. Guard File.
- 7. P.A. File.

