



# ::आयुक्त (अपील्स) का कार्यालय, केन्द्रीय वस्तु एवं सेवा कर और उत्पाद शुल्कः: O/O THE COMMISSIONER (APPEALS), CENTRAL GST & EXCISE,

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अपीत । फाइन संस्था / Appeal / File No.

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अपील आदेश संख्या (Order-In-Appeal No.):

# BHV-EXCUS-000-APP-243-2017-18

आदेश का दिनांक /

27.03.2018

जारी करने की तारीख/

28.03.2018

Date of Order:

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कुमार संतोष, आयुक्त (अपील्स), राजकोट द्वारा पारित / Passed by Shri Kumar Santosh, Commissioner (Appeals), Rajkot

अपर आयुक्तां संयुक्त आयुक्तां उपायुक्तां सहायक आयुक्त, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्का होताकर, राजकीट / जामनगर / गांधीधाम। द्वारा उपरतिविक्त जारी म मूल आदेश में मृजित: /

Arising out of above mentioned OIO issued by Additional/Joint/Deputy/Assistant Commissioner, Central Excise / Service Tax, Rajkot / Jamnagar / Gandhidham

अपीलकर्ता & प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता /Name&Address of the Appellants & Respondent :-ਬ M/s Madhu Silica P. Ltd. (DU IV), Plot No. 147, GIDC, Chitra Bhavnagar 364 004

इस आदेश(अपील) से स्यियत कोई व्यक्ति जिञ्जानिकित तरीके से उपयुक्त वाधिकारी / वाधिकरण के समक्ष अपील दायर कर सकता है√ Any person aggreved by this Order-in-Appeal may file an appeal to the appropriate authority in the following way:

सीमा चुन्क ,कन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुन्क एवं सेदकर अपीतीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपीत, कन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुन्क अधिनियम ,1944 की धारा 358 ≢ अंतर्गत एवं वित्त अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 86 के अंतर्गत निम्नतिखित जगह की जा सकती है ।/ Appeal to Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal under Section 358 of CEA, 1944 / Under Section 86 of the (A) Finance Act, 1994 an appeal lies to:-

वर्गीकरण सूल्वाकन में सम्बन्धित सभी मामले सीमा गुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीसीय न्यायाधिकरण की विशेष पीठ, वेस्ट बर्नाक नं 2. अर. के. पुरस, नई दिल्ली, को की जानि चाहिए ।/ The special bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal of West Block No. 2, R.K. Puram, New Delhi in all (0) matters relating to classification and valuation

उपरोक्त परिच्छेद 1(a) में बताए गए अपीओं के अलावा शेष सभी आपीओं सीमा शुल्क, केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीओय ज्यायाधिकरण (मिस्टेट) की पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठिकर, , द्वितीय तल, बहुमाओं अवन असावी अहमदाबाद- ३८००६ को की जानी पाहिए ।/ To the West regional bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at, 2<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bhaumali Bhawan, Asarwa Ahmedabad-380016 in case of appeals other than as mentioned in para- 1(a) above (11)

अपीलीय न्याकाधिकरण के लमक्ष अपील पश्तुन करने के लिए केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुरूक (अपील) जियमावली, 2001, के लियम 6 के अंतर्गत निर्धाित किए तर्व प्राप्त EA-3 को चार पतियों में दर्ज किया जाना धाहिए । इसमें से कम में कम गांक पति के साथ, जहां उत्पाद शुरूक की मींग ,ब्याज की लीन और लगाया नया जुर्माना, रुपए 5 लाख का प्राप्त कम का क्या करए एक अथवा 50 लाख कपए में अधिक है तो कमारा 1,000/- रुपये अथवा 10,000/- रुपये का लियोरित जमा शुरूक की पति शतकत की। निर्धाित शुरूक का मुख्याल, मंबधित अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की शाखा के सहायक रिजिट्टर के लाग से किसी भी सार्वीजनक क्षेत्र के के द्वारा जारी रेखांकित बैंक इपट दवारा किया जाना धाहिए। असंबंधित अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की शाखा हिम्पत हैं। त्यकत आदेश (स्टे ऑडर) के लिए आवेदन पत्र के लाथ 500/- रूपए का निर्धाित शुरूक जमा करना होगा ॥

The appeal to the Appetiate Tribunal shall be filed in quadruplicate in form EA-3 / us 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 10,000/- R

Excise (Appeal) Rules, 2001 and shall be accompanied against one which at least should be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 1,000/. Rs.5000/. Rs.10,000/- where amount of duty demandinterest/penalty/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 Asst. Registrar of branch of any nominated public sector bank of the place where the bench of any nominated public sector bank of the place where the bench of the Tribunal is situated. Application made for grant of stay shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 500/-.

अपीतिय ज्याचारिकारण के लगक्ष अपील, जिल्ल अपिनियम, 1994 की धारा 86(1) के अतर्गत लेगाकर नियमकाली, 1994, के लियम 9(1) के तहत निर्धारित प्रथव 5.1-5 में चार प्रतिथों में की जा लकेगी एवं उसके साथ जिल आदेश के विश्व अपील की गयी हो, उसकी प्रति साथ में लतरन करें (उनमें से एक पनि प्रणापित होनी चाहिए) और इनमें से कम से कम एक पति के साथ, जहां सेवाकर की माँग ज्याज की माँग और लताया गया जमीता, स्पष्ट 5 ताख या उसने कम, 5 लाख स्पप या 50 लाख स्पए तक अधवा 50 लाख स्पए से अधिक है तो क्रमशः 1,000/- स्पये, 5,000/-स्पये अधवा 10,000/- स्पये कर निर्धारित जमा शुरूक की प्रति संतरन करें। लिपीरित शुरूक का मुगताल, संबंधित अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की शाखा के सहादक रजिस्टार के नाम से किसी भी सार्वजिसके क्षेत्र के बैंक द्वारा जारी रेखाकित हैं। इस्थलन आदेश (स्टे ऑर्डर) के लिए आवेदन-पत्र के साथ (B)

हैक की उस बाखा में होना चाहिए जहां संबंधित अपीलीय स्वायाधिकरण का बाखा दियात है। स्थान आदश (स्ट.आडर) के 190 आवरत-पत्र के कार्य 500/ रूपए का निर्धारित कुनक जमां करता होगा //
The appeal under sub section (1) of Section 86 of the Finance Act, 1994, to the Appellate Tribunal Shall be filed in quadruplicate in Form S.T.5 as prescribed under Rule 9(1) of the Service Tax Rules, 1994, and Shall be accompanied by a copy of the order appealed against (one of which shall be certified copy) and should be accompanied by a fees of Rs. 1000/- where the amount of service tax & interest demanded & penalty levied of Rs. 5 Lakhs or less, Rs.5000/- where the amount of service tax & interest demanded & penalty levied is more than five takhs but not exceeding Rs. Fifty Lakhs, Rs.10,000/- where the amount of service tax & interest demanded & penalty levied is more than fifty Lakhs rupees, in the form of crossed bank draft in favour of the Assistant Register of the bench of nominated Public Sector Bank of the place where the bench of Tribunal is situated. / Application made for grant of stay shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs.500/-

- (ii) जिल्ल अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 86 की उप-धाराओं (2) एवं (2A) के अंतर्गत दर्ज की गयी अपील, सेवाकर नियमवाली, 1994, के नियम 9(2) एवं 9(2A) के तहत निर्धारित प्रथव S.T.-7 में की जा सकेगी एवं उसके साथ आयुक्त, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुन्क अथवा आयुक्त (अपील), केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुन्क द्वारा परित आदेश की प्रतियों संजनत करें (उनमें में एक प्रति प्रमाणित होनी पाहिए) और अपुक्त द्वारा सहायक आपुक्त अथवा उपापुक्त, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुन्कर संशाक्त, को अपीतीय न्यायाधिकरण को आवेदन दर्ज करने का निर्देश देने वाले आदेश की प्रति मी साथ में सजनत करनी होती । / The appeal under sub section (2) and (2A) of the section 85 the Finance Act 1994, shall be filed in For ST.7 as prescribed under Rule 9 (2) & 9(2A) of the Service Tax Rules, 1994 and shall be accompanied by a copy of order of Commissioner Central Excise or Commissioner, Central Excise (Appeals) (one of which shall be a certified copy) and copy of the order passed by the Commissioner authorizing the Assistant Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Central Exciser Service Tax to file the appeal before the Appellate Tribunal.
- नीमा शुक्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुक्क एवं शेवाकर अपीतीय प्राधिकरण (सेस्टेट) के प्रति अपीतों के मामले में केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुक्क अधिनियम 1944 की पारा 35एक के अंतर्गत, जो की जिल्लीय अधिनियम, 1994 की पारा 83 के अंतर्गत सेवाकर को भी लागू की गई है, इस अदेश के प्रति अपीतीय प्राधिकरण में अपीत करते समय उत्पाद शुक्क/सेवा कर मांग के 10 प्रतिशत (10%), जब मांग एवं जुमोता विवादित है, या जुमोला, जब केवल जुमीला विवादित है, का मुगतान किया जाए, बशर्त कि इस पारा के अंतर्गत जमा कि आने वाली अपेक्षित देय राशि दस करोड़ स्पण से अधिक न हो। (iii)

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुरूक एवं सेवाकर के अतमेत "मांग किए गए शुरूका" में निम्न शामिल है धारा 11 डी के अतमेत रकम

सेमबेट जमा की भी गई गलत राशि

सेनवेर जमा नियमावती के नियम 6 के अंतर्गत देव रक्ता

- बंशर्त यह कि इस धारा के प्रावधान विरसीय (सं. 2) अधिनियम 2014 के आरम से पूर्व किसी अधीसीय प्राधिकरी के समक्ष विधाराधीन स्थमन अजी एवं अपील को लागू नहीं होगे।/

For an appeal to be filed before the CESTAT, under Section 35F of the Central Excise Act, 1944 which is also made applicable to Service Tax under Section 83 of the Finance Act, 1994, 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, provided the amount of pre-deposit payable would be subject to a ceiling of Rs. 10 Crores, Under Central Excise and Service Tax, "Duty Demanded" shall include :

amount determined under Section 11 D;

amount of erroneous Cenvat Credit taken;

amount payable under Rule 6 of the Cenvat Credit Rules

provided further that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to the stay application and appeals pending before any appellate authority prior to the commencement of the Finance (No.2) Act, 2014.

भारत सरकार को पूनरीक्षण आवेदन : (C)

Revision application to Government of India: इस आदेश की पुनीक्षण पाचिका निम्नतिक्षित मामलो में, केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 35EE के प्रथम परत्क के अतर्गत अवर मधिक मारत सरकार, पुनीक्षण आवेदन ईकाई, वित्त मंगलय, राजस्व विभाग, धीधी मजिल, जीवन दीप भवन, संसद मार्ग, नई दिल्ली-110001, को

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-35B ibid.

- यदि मान के किसी नुकसान के मामाते में, जहां नुकसान किसी मान को किसी कारखाने से अंडार गृह के पार्शमन के दौरान या किसी अन्य कारखाने या किसी कार पह से या अंडारण में मान के प्रसंस्करण के दौरान, किसी कारखाने या किसी अंडार गृह में मान के प्रसंस्करण के दौरान, किसी कारखाने या किसी अंडार गृह में मान के नुकसान के स्थान में। In case of any loss of goods, where the loss occurs 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 (0) warehouse
- भारत के बाहर किशी राष्ट्र का क्षेत्र को निर्धात कर रहे मान के विमिनींग में प्रयुक्त करणे मान पर भरी गई केन्द्रीय उत्पाद धुल्क के छुट (रिबेट) के मामने में, जो भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या क्षेत्र को निर्धात की गयी है। / (iii) In case of rebate of duty of excise on goods exported to any country or territory outside India of on excisable material used in the manufacture of the goods which are exported to any country or territory outside India.
- चरि उत्पाद शुल्क का भुगताज किए बिजा आरत के बाहर, नेपाल या भूटान को मान निर्यात किया गया है। / In case of goods exported outside India export to Nepal or Bhutan, without payment of duty. (iii)
- मुनिनिचत अपाद के उत्पादन शुल्क के मुगतान के लिए जो इसूरी केडीट इस अधिनियम एवं इसके विकिन्न प्राथधानों के तहत सक्य की गई है और ऐसे आदेश जो आयुक्त (अपीन) के दुवारा वितन अधिनियम (स. 2), 1998 की धारा 109 के दुवारा नियत की गई तारीख अथवा समायाविधि पर या बाद से पारित किए गए हैं।/ (iv) 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 such order is passed by the Commissioner (Appeals) on or after, the date appointed under Sec. 109 of the Finance (No.2) Act. 1998.
- उपरोक्त आवेदन की दो प्रतियां प्रपत्न संख्या EA-8 में, जो की केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुरूक (अधीन) निवासकरी, 2001, के निवास 9 के अतर्गत विनिर्देश्ट है, इस आदेश के संपेषण के 3 साह के अंतर्गत की जानी पाहिए। उपरोक्त आवेदन के साथ सूल आदेश व अपीन आदेश की दो प्रतियां सनकर की जानी चाहिए। साम ही केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुरूक अधिनियस, 1944 की धारा 35-EE के लहत निर्धारित शुरूक की अदायनी के साथ के तौर पर TR-6 की प्रति (v) संतरन की जानी 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. पुनरीक्षण आवेदन के साथ निन्नत्रिवित निर्धारित शुरूक की अदायगी की जानी पाहिए । वहाँ संतरन रक्त्र एक लाख रूपये था उसवो कम ही तो रूपये 200/- का मुगलान किया जाए और यदि संतरन रक्त्र एक लाख रूपये से ज्यादा हो तो रूपये 1000 -/ का मृगलान किया जाए । The revision application shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 200/- where the amount involved in Rupees One Lac or less and Rs. 1000/- where the amount involved is more than Rupees One Lac. (vi)
- यदि इस आदेश में कई मूल आदेशों का सम्प्रदेश है तो पत्योक मूल आदेश के लिए शुल्क का मूमलाल, उपर्युक्त दंग से किया जाना चाहिये। इस तस्य के होंगे हुए भी की लिखा पढ़ी करने में बचने के लिए सम्प्रिक्टित अपीलीय लयाधिकरण की एक अपील या केहीय सरकार की एक आवेदन किया जाता है। / In case, if the order covers various numbers of order- in Original, fee for each O.L.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 lakh fee of Rs. 100/- for each. (D)
- बकासशोधित स्वायालय शुरूक अधिनियल, 1975, के अनुसूधी-। के अनुसर सूत आदेश एवं स्थानत आदेश की प्रति पर निर्धारित 6.50 रुपये का स्वायालय शुरूक टिकिट लेंग होता चाडिए। / One copy of application or O.I.O. as the case may be, and the order of the adjudicating authority shall bear a court fee stamp of Rs. 6.50 as prescribed under Schedule-I in terms of the Court Fee Act, 1975, as amended. (E)
- सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं संशक्तर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (कार्य विधि) सियमावली, 1982 में वर्णित एवं अन्य संबन्धित मामली को सम्मितित काले वाले नियमों की और भी ध्यान आकर्षित किया जाता है। / (F) Attention is also invited to the rules covering these and other related matters contained in the Customs, Excise and Service Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1982.
- उच्च अधीलीय प्रधिकारी को अपील टाखिल करने से संबंधित स्थापक, विस्तृत और नवीलतम प्रवधानी के लिए, अधीलायी विभागीय तेबलाइट (G) www.cbec.gov.in को देख सकते हैं । / For the elaborate, detailed and latest provisions relating to filing of appeal to the higher appellate authority, the appellant may refer to the Departmental website www.cbec.gov.in



#### :: ORDER IN APPEAL ::

M/s. Madhu Silica Pvt. Ltd., DU-IV, Plot No. 147, Vartej, Bhavnagar (hereinafter referred to as "the appellant") filed an appeal against the Order-In-Original No. 051/Demand/Excise/2016-17 dated 28.02.2017 (hereinafter referred to as 'the impugned order') passed by the Assistant Commissioner, Central Excise Division, Surendranagar (hereinafter referred to as 'the lower adjudicating authority').

- 2. Briefly stated the facts of the case are that during the scrutiny of records of the appellant for the period from January, 2014 to March, 2014, it was revealed that the appellant had availed Service Tax credit in respect of various services as listed at Para 2 of the impugned order.
- 2.1 It was alleged that as per the definition of input service as provided under Rule 2(I) of the Cenvat Credit Rules, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules'), as amended w.e.f. 01.04.2011, the Cenvat Credit in respect of Architect's Services, Port Services, Airport Services, Commercial and Industrial Construction Services, Complex Construction Services and Works Contracts Services have been specifically excluded from the purview of availment of Cenvat credit if above said six services are used for providing (i) Construction of a building or a civil structure or a part thereof, and (ii) Laying of foundation or making of structures for support of capital goods.
- It was also alleged that as per the Negative List of input services if the services were received for personal consumption of employees, then the same was ineligible for availment of input service.
- Since the appellant had allegedly availed Cenvat credit which was not as 2.3 per the provisions of the Rules, Show Cause Notice was issued to the appellant, which was adjudicated vide the impugned order whereby the demand of Cenvat credit of Rs. 37,38,405/- was confirmed under Rule 14 of the Rules, read with Section 11(A) of the Central Excise Act, 1944 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act "), along with interest under Rule 14 of the Rules read with Section 11AA of the Act and penalty was imposed under Rule 15 of the Rules. BULLAR
- 3. Being aggrieved with the impugned order, the appellant preferred the present appeal, inter alia, contending as under:
- As regards Cenvat credit in respect of Canteen service, the appellant 3.1

contended that the lower adjudicating authority has wrongly concluded that the service received for personal consumption of the employee; that the credit cannot be denied on Canteen Service as the canteen is situated within the factory premises and they were providing services as per Factory Act, 1948; that the service of preparation of food and serving food in-house canteen cannot be considered as Outdoor catering service and no service tax is payable under the Finance Act, 1994 and in support of their contention relied upon the following case laws :

- (i) HCL Technologies reported as 2015 (37) STR (716) (All);
- (ii) Cema Electric Lighting Products 2015(37)STR754(T-Amd);
- (iii) Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd. 2015(39)STR298(Tri-Mum).
- 3.2 Regarding Cenvat credit of Service Tax on the services of M/s. Archivista Engineering Projects Pvt. Ltd. & M/s. King Engineers it was stated that they were providing service of bolt fixing on bolts supplied by the appellant and this fact has been ignored by the lower adjudicating authority; that in respect of M/s. Sharma Associate, M/s. Fabri-Tek Enginners, M/s. Rama Engineering and Fabrication, M/s. Shubham Udhyog, M/s. U.T. Associates, M/s. Richa Industries Ltd., M/s. Maruti Nandan Fabrication, the lower adjudicating authority has wrongly stated that relevant invoices were not submitted by the appellant; that the Department should have called for the invoices instead of proceeding to decide the Show Cause Notice and violating principles of natural justice; that regarding Cenvat credit on invoices issued by M/s. Jay Equipment and System Pvt. Ltd. it was stated that if there was doubt, the lower adjudicating authority should have got verified through Range Officer; that in case of Cenvat credit on invoices issued by M/s. Sai Geotechnical Lab the material used by them was required to be tested and therefore Cenvat credit was available to them; that the lower adjudicating authority has wrongly denied the Cenvat credit of Service Tax on vehicles used by them as the same were registered in the name of the appellant; that Cenvat credit of Service Tax in respect of invoices issued by M/s. Om Sai Furnace Lining Works has been wrongly denied inasmuch as the bricks were periodically required to be replaced and such activity cannot be considered as civil work; that Cenvat credit of Service Tax in respect of M/s. Top 3 Lords Resorts and M/s. Hotel While Rose has been wrongly denied as the same were meant for providing stay facility to the professional person visiting their factory for business purpose; that the activity relating to expansion of existing business cannot be considered to be covered under the exclusion clause of the definition of Rule 2(I) of the Rules; that in view of above submissions Cenvat credit is admissible to them and therefore, interest and penalty are not maintainable.



4. Personal hearing in the matter was attended by Shri R. R. Dave, Consultant wherein he, inter alia, reiterated the grounds of appeal and submitted a detailed written submissions giving work order, invoices/bills of service providers to give evidences; that services are for fabrication of parts, components and accessories of machineries and also for fabrication and erection of plant and machineries and hence, Cenvat credit is admissible.

#### 4.1 The appellant submitted written submissions as under :-

M/s. Archivista Engineering Projects Pvt. Ltd. were providing services relating to designing, drawing etc as well as Project Management relating to setting up new factory premises at Plot No. 147, G.I.D.C. Vartej, therefore credit is admissible; M/s. King Engineers were providing service of bolt fixing on bolts supplied by the appellant and Fixing of Bolt did not require any Civil Construction, hence Credit is admissible; that M/s. Sharma Associate were providing Fabrication and Erection Service as per measurement under Order No. MSPL/Project-009/30/2013-2014 and not Civil Construction Service hence Credit is admissible; that M/s. Fabri-Tek Engineers were providing services of assembling of back filter tube sheet in filter press services, hence, credit is M/s. Rama Engineering and Fabrication, M/s. Shubham Udhyog admissible; were providing services relating to fabrication and testing of Tube Bundle, Tube Sheet Drilling and Fabrication of Supporting and Transport Structure etc, and no Civil Construction Work for providing above Services hence, Credit is admissible; M/s. U.T. Associates had provided the services in relation to fabrication and Erection of MS Tank and Vessels, Pre-Fabrication of SS 304 Silos and Cladding as per measurement etc. which did not require any Civil Construction Work and therefore, this Service not covered under exclusion Clause of definition of Input Service and hence, Credit is admissible; M/s. Richa Industries Ltd. were providing services in relation to Erection and Commissioning of Melter Machine used for Melting material and no Civil Construction Work was required, hence, Credit is admissible; M/s. Maruti Nandan Fabrication provided services of Fabrication work of Spray Dryer and full welding of Hot Air Ducting and no Civil Construction Work was carried out hence, Cenvat Credit is admissible.

4.2 The lower adjudicating authority has wrongly held that relevant invoices were not submitted by the appellant; that the Department should have called for invoices instead of proceeding to decide the Show Cause Notice and therefore, the principles of natural justice have been violated; that regarding Cenvat credit on invoices issued by M/s. Jay Equipment and System Pvt. Ltd. if there was any



doubt the lower adjudicating authority ought to have got it verified through Range Officer; that in case of Cenvat credit on invoices issued by M/s. Sai Geotechnical Lab, the appellant submitted Order No. MSPL-009/33/2013-2014 dated 08.08.2013 contending that services were required for Testing and Analysis of material i.e. Mobilization, Rebound, Hammer, UP Test, Compressive Strength Test etc. of the Material, no Civil construction work was carried out by them; that the material was required to be tested and therefore Cenvat credit was available to them; that the lower adjudicating authority has wrongly denied Cenvat credit of Service Tax on vehicles used by them as the same were registered in the name of the appellant; that Cenvat credit of Service Tax in respect of invoices issued by M/s. Om Sai Furnace Lining Works, who have provided the Service of labour in lining works and no Civil Construction work required, hence, Credit is admissible and has been wrongly denied inasmuch as the lining of furnace were periodically required to be replaced and such activity cannot be considered as civil work; that Cenvat credit of Service Tax in respect of M/s. Top 3 Lords Resorts and M/s. Hotel While Rose has been wrongly denied as the same were meant to provide stay facility to the professionals visiting their factory for business purpose; M/s. DNV Engineers (Professional Fees) have provided the service of Certification of quantity of M.S. and S.S. utilization in fabrication work, no Civil Construction work required for such Certification, hence, credit is admissible. M/s. Jay Equipment & Systems Pvt Ltd. (Installation Charges) have provided services of Installation of Long Span Shelve Rack without Civil Construction Work and hence, credit is admissible. M/s. Bhoomi Enterprise had provided services of Levelling of Land by JCB Machine, which is not construction service and therefore, Cenvat Credit is admissible.

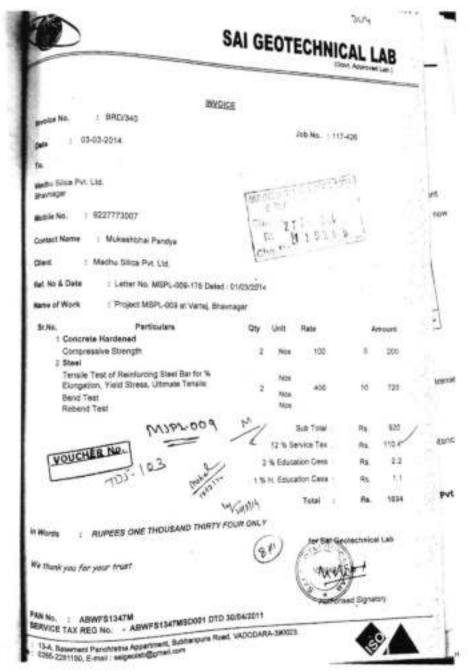
#### Findings:-

- 5. I have carefully gone through the facts of the case, the impugned order, the grounds of appeals, written and oral submissions made by the appellant. The issue to be decided is as to whether the impugned order denying Cenvat credit of Service Tax Rs. 37,38,405/- paid on various services on the ground of non-compliance of Rule 2(I) of the Rules is correct or not.
- 6. The appellant has submitted that Cenvat credit of Service tax availed as inputs service has been wrongly disallowed to them, inasmuch as Purchase orders and relevant invoices indicate that they have not carried out any civil construction or work in relation to foundation structures for support of capital goods. I need to examine admissibility of Cenvat credit availed on basis of invoices issued by each service provider on merits of each case by examining.



purchase orders and / or description given in the relevant invoices / Bills to come to correct conclusion in each case.

6.1 Illustrative scanned copy of invoice in respect of M/s. Sai Geotechnical Lab indicates description of service provided as Tensile test of reinforcing steel bar, relevant test for concrete hardened compressive strength, physical testing of TMT bar etc:-



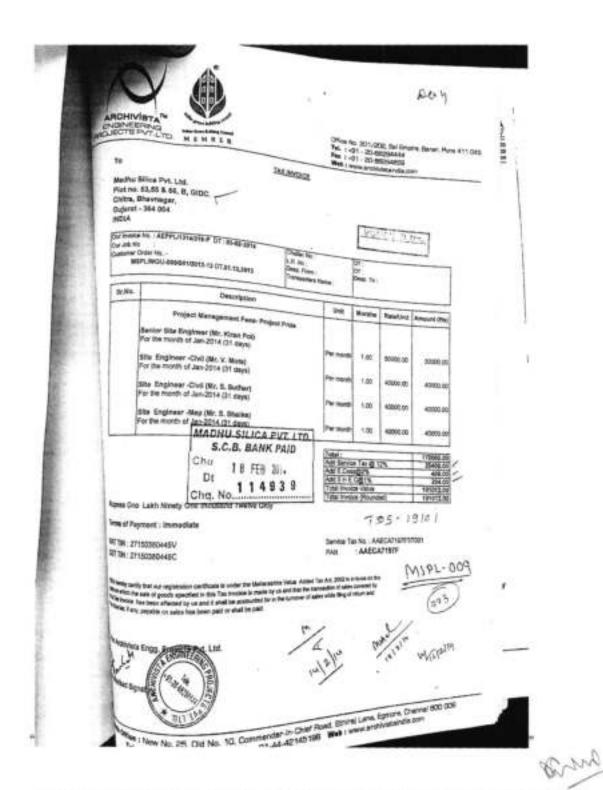


The description provided in the aforesaid invoice establish that service has been provided for checking of strength of (cement) concrete, TMT bar, which is nothing but directly related to Civil construction and therefore, Cenvat credit in respect of invoices issued by M/s. Sai Geotechnical Lab fall under the exclusion clause and Cenvat credit of Rs. 1,097/- in respect of such documents



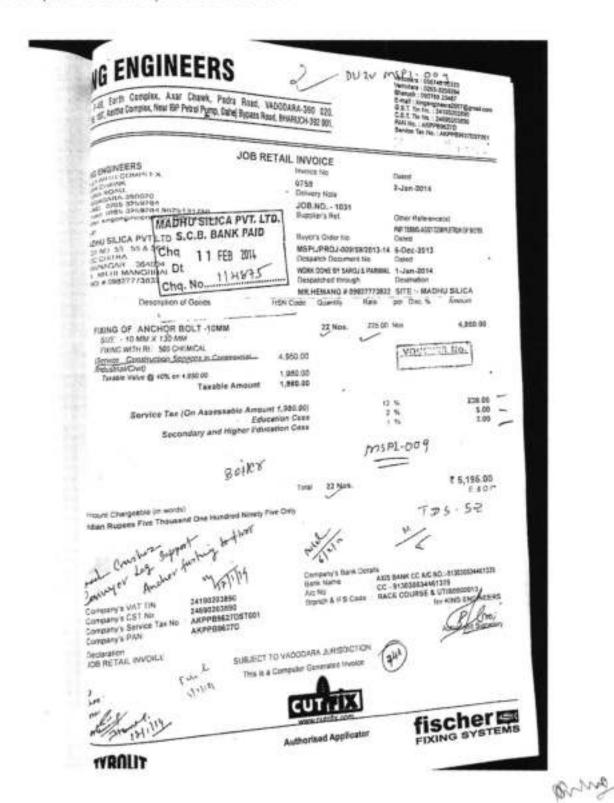
is not available under Rule 2(I) of the Rules.

6.2 Illustrative scanned copy of voucher/bill of M/s. Archivista Engg. Projects Pvt. Ltd. indicates description of services provided as below:-



The appellant has not provided any work order issued to them, however, on going through the description provided in the vouchers, I find that services provided is in relation to site engineer of Civil work. Therefore, I hold that Cenvat credit in respect of bills issued by M/s. Archivista fall under the exclusion clause and Cenvat credit Rs. 1,52,118/- is not available to the appellant under Rule 2(I) of the Rules.

6.3 The scanned copy of Bill of M/s. King Engineers, Vadodara indicates description of service provided as below:-



Work Order No. MSPL/DU-IV/100/2011-12 dated 09.01.2012 and the above scanned invoice submitted by the appellant clearly indicate that it is for providing of Civil Construction work of for commercial and industrial construction, which has no relation with fabrication of plant and machineries and hence Cenvat credit of Rs. 5,102/- is not available as services received fall under the exclusion clause under Rule 2(I) of the Rules as held by the lower adjudicating authority.

6.4 The scanned copy of Bill of M/s. Sharma Associates, Distt. Bulandshahr, U.P. indicates description of service provided as below:-



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The above scanned invoice submitted by the appellant clearly indicates that it is for providing of Fabrication and Erection of M.S. Pipeline, which has appears relation with fabrication of plant and machineries and hence Cenvat credit of Rs. 1,02,780/- is available as services received do not fall under the exclusion clause under Rule 2(I) of the Rules.

6.5 The scanned copy of Invoice of M/s. Fabri-Tek Engineers indicates description of service provided as below:-

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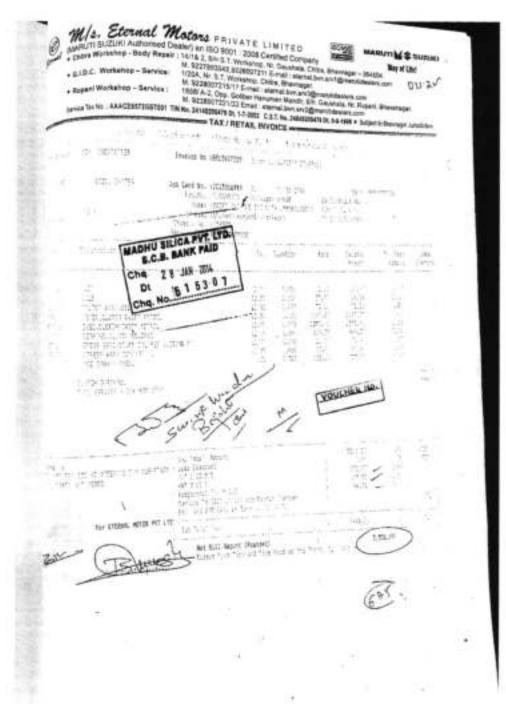
6.6 The scanned copy of invoice of M/s. Subham Udyog indicates description of service provided as below:-

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On perusal of the above scanned invoice submitted by the appellant clearly indicate that it is for providing of services in relation to Fabrication and Testing of Tube Bundle Assembly in Module 3 MSPL-009, which has relation with fabrication of plant and machineries and hence, Cenvat credit of Rs. 1,96,316/- is available as services received do not fall under the exclusion clause under Rule 2(I) of the Rules.



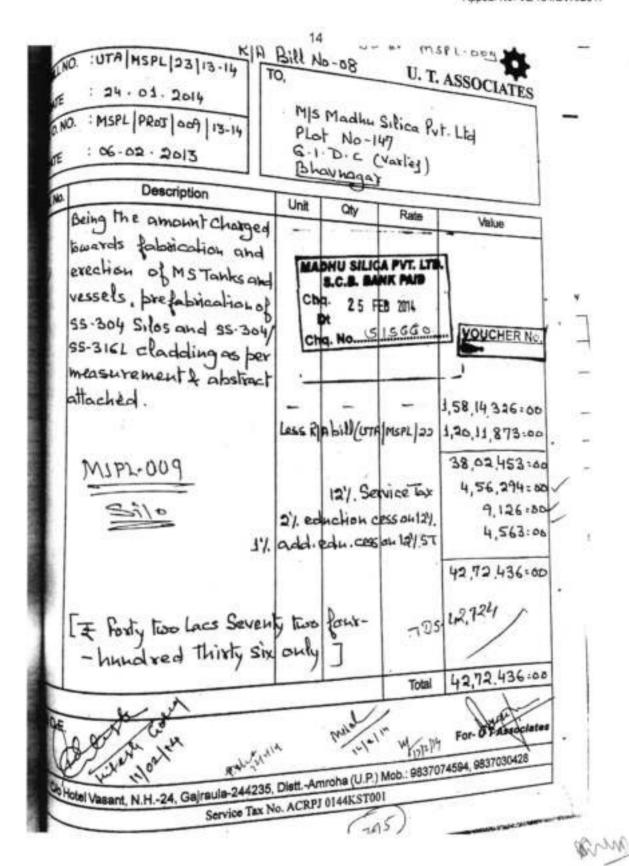
6.7 Illustrative scanned copy of Invoice of M/s. Eternal Motors Pvt. Ltd. indicates description of services as below :-



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Relevant Work Order also indicates that it is for servicing of Maruti Swift car, which has no relation with fabrication of plant and machineries or in the manufacture of final/finished goods and hence, Cenvat credit of Rs. 117/- is not available as held by the lower adjudicating authority.

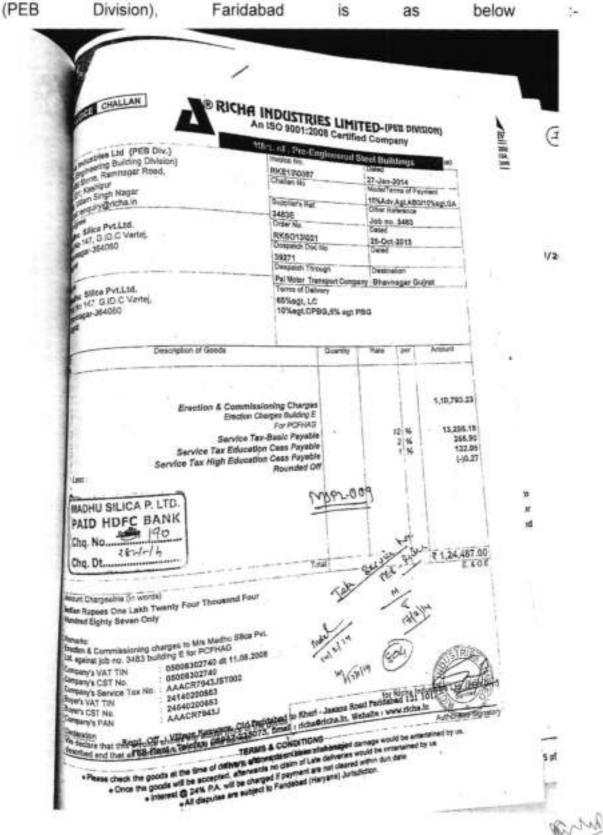
6.8 Illustrative scanned copy of bill/invoices in respect of M/s. U. T. Associates indicates description of service as various mechanical jobs undertaken and executed as per measurement and abstract attached as below :-



From the description shown in Bill No. UTA/MSPL/24/13-14 dated 24.02.2014 it is seen that the services provided are in nature of fabrication and erection of capital goods like MS Tanks, Vessels, Silos etc. and do not indicate that it is in nature of Civil Construction Services. Therefore, the services provided by this service provider do not fall under the exclusion clause in any manner and therefore, Cenvat credit of Rs. 13,86,338/- in respect of bills issued by M/s. U. T. Associates is not hit by mischief of the exclusion clause of Rule 2(I) of the Rules.

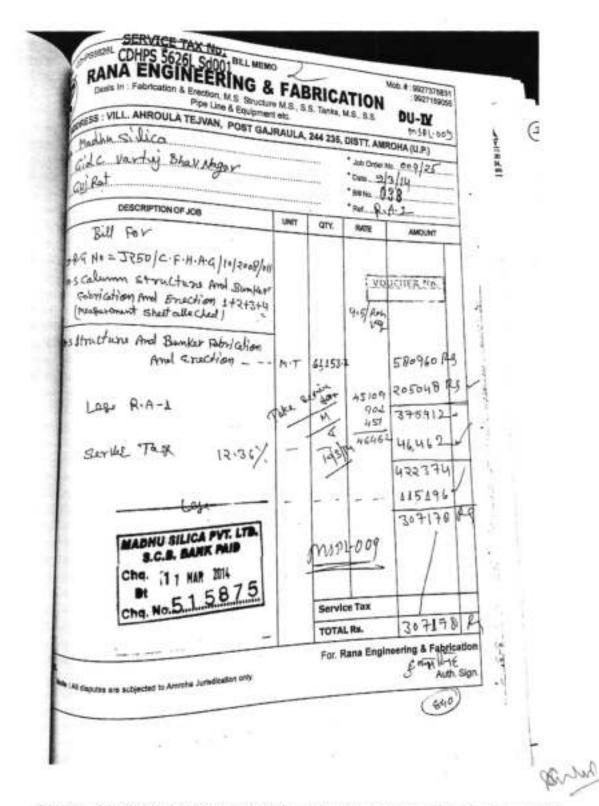


6.9 Illustrative scanned copy of invoice in respect of M/s. Richa Industries Ltd.



From the description shown in Invoice No. RKE13/0087 dated 27.01.2014, it is seen that the services provided are in nature of Erection and Commissioning and do not indicate that it is in nature of Civil Construction Services. Therefore, relevant invoices, for the services provided by this service provider do not fall under the exclusion clause in any manner and therefore, Cenvat credit of Rs. 6,25,164/- in respect of invoices issued by M/s. Richa Industries Ltd. are not hit by mischief of the exclusion clause of Rule 2(I) of the Rules.

6.10 Illustrative scanned copy of Bill of M/s. Rana Engineering and Fabrication indicates description of services provided by them is shown as below :-



Bill No. 38 (RA-2) dated 09.03.2014 submitted by the appellant indicates work as fabrication & erection of bunkers. Hence, the description provided in the Bill indicates fabrication and not Civil Construction Service. I, therefore, find that the said services do not fall under the exclusion clause and Cenvat credit of Rs. 2,96,380/- in respect of the services provided by M/s. Rana Engineering & Fabrication do not seem to be hit by mischief of exclusion clause of Rule 2(I) of the Rules and Cenvat credit is required to be allowed.

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6.11 Illustrative scanned copy of Bill of M/s. Om Sai Furnace Lining Works, indicates description of services provided as shown below:-

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Bill No. 108 dated 24.02.2014 submitted by the appellant indicates scope of work as brick lining work of Furnace. The description provided in the invoices, do not indicate any nature of Civil Construction. I, therefore, find that these services do not fall under the exclusion clause and Cenvat credit of Rs. 7,41,600/- in respect of these services provided by M/s. Om Sai Furnace Lining

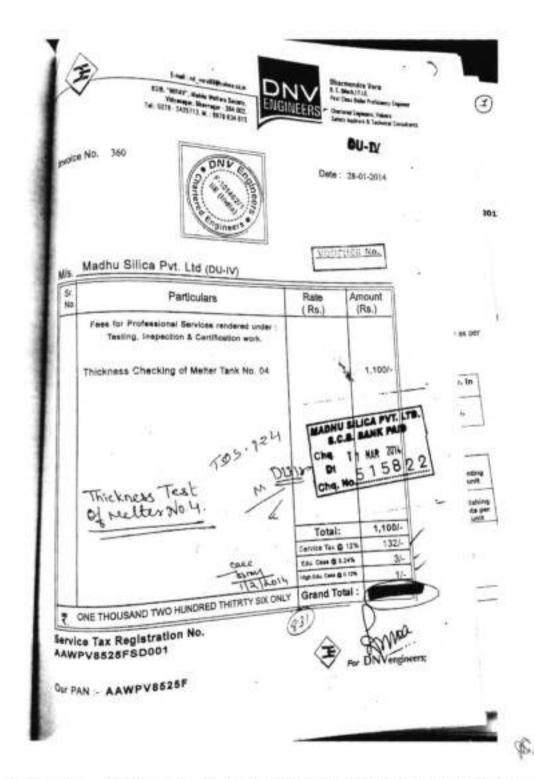
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Works do not seem to be hit by mischief of exclusion clause of Rule 2(I) of the Rules.

6.12 Illustrative scanned copy of invoice of M/s. DNV Engineers, Bhavnagar indicates description of services provided as is shown below :-



Invoice No. 360 dated 28.01.2014 submitted by the appellant indicates Fees for Professional services rendered for Testing, Inspection and Certification pertaining to Melter Tank No. 4. Hence, the description provided in the invoices do not indicate any kind of Civil Construction. I, therefore, find that these services do not fall under the exclusion clause and Cenvat credit of Rs. 4,462/- in respect of services provided by M/s. DNV Engineers, is not hit by mischief of exclusion clause of Rule 2(I) of the Rules.

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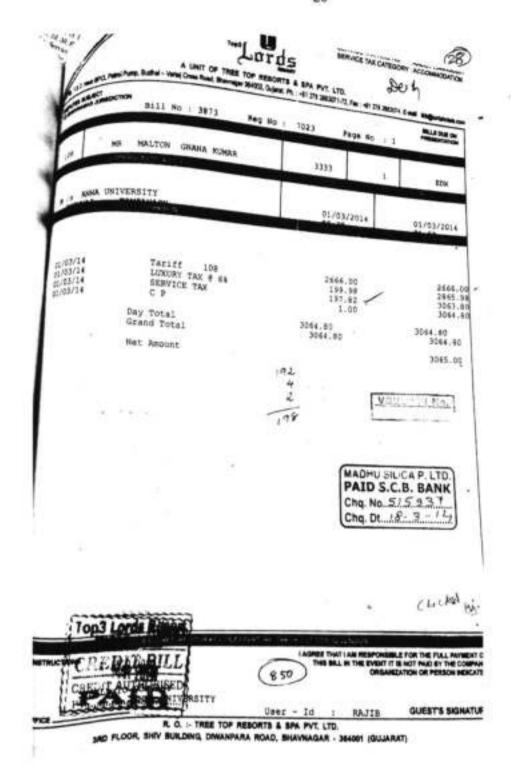
6.13 Illustrative scanned copy of invoice of M/s. Jay Equipment & Systems Pvt. Ltd. Vasai(E), Thane indicates description of services provided as shown below

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Invoice No. 026/13-14 dated 03.03.2014 submitted by the appellant indicates Installation charges for dismantling and reassembly of Long span shelve racks. The description provided in the invoice, does not indicate any nature of Civil Construction. I, therefore, find that these services do not fall under the exclusion clause and Cenvat credit of Rs. 1,483/- in respect of services provided by M/s. Jay Equipment & Systems Pvt. Ltd., is not hit by mischief of exclusion clause of Rule 2(I) of the Rules.

6.14 Illustrative scanned copy of invoice of M/s. Top 3 Lords Resort (A unit of Tree Top Resorts & Spa Pvt. Ltd.), Bhavnagar indicates description of services provided as shown below :-



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I find that the appellant provided accommodation/hotel facility to the personnel visiting their company for stay in various hotels. The definition of "input service" very clearly provide any service used by a manufacturer, whether directly or indirectly, in or in relation to the manufacture of final products and clearance of final products upto the place of removal, with the inclusions such as advertisement, market research and sales promotion, etc. but excludes services which are primarily for personal use or consumption of any employee. The appellant has pleaded that the hotel services are used by them for business purposes and no nexus is required to be proved for availing of Cenvat credit. In this regard, I find that the appellant has apparently not been able to demonstrate as to how and in which manner, Hotel services have been used by them in or in relation to manufacture of their final products and clearance thereof. I also find

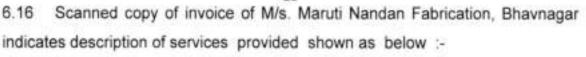


from the above scanned copy of the Bill that the name of the company has been shown as M/s. Anna University which could not be in relation to the appellant concerned in this appeal. I find that as per Rule 9(5) of the Cenvat Credit Rules, 2004, the burden to prove admissibility of Cenvat credit is cast upon the appellant who have failed to discharge this burden and hence, Service tax paid on hotel bills cannot be allowed to be taken as Cenvat credit by the appellant and therefore, Cenvat credit of Rs. 614/- is not admissible under Rule 2(I) of the Rules.

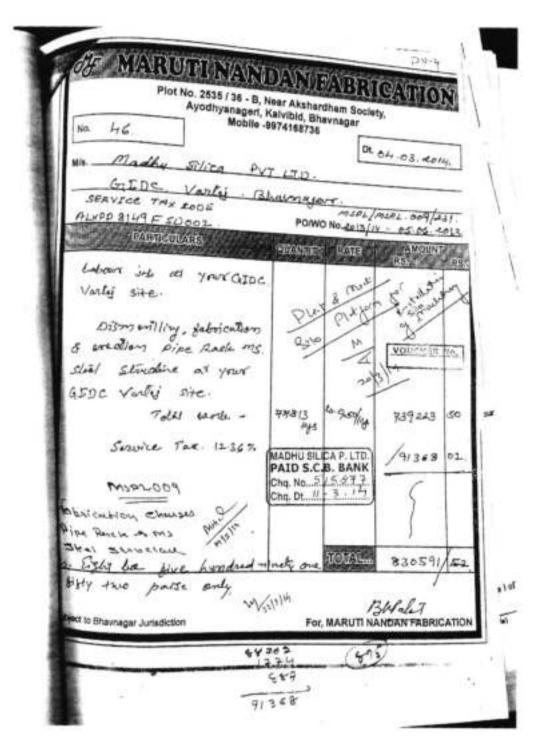
6.15 Illustrative scanned copy of invoice of M/s. Hotel White Rose, Bhavnagar indicates description of services provided as shown below :-



I find that Cenvat credit of Service tax paid on bills of Hotel While Rose and cannot be allowed as held above therefore, Cenvat credit of Rs. 47/- is not admissible under Rule 2(I) of the Rules.







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Bill No. 46 dated 04.03.2014 submitted by the appellant indicates description of services provided as labour charge for Dismantling, fabrication and erection of pipe, rack, structure, etc. The description provided in the bill does not indicate any nature of Civil Construction Service. I, therefore, find that the services do not fall under the exclusion clause and Cenvat credit of Rs. 91,368/- in respect of services provided by M/s. Maruti Nandan Fabrication is not hit by mischief of exclusion clause of Rule 2(I) of the Rules.



6.17 Illustrative scanned copy of bill of M/s. Bhoomi Enterprise indicates description of work done as excavation with JCB machine as below:



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The appellant did not submit copy of any work order with M/s. Bhoomi Enterprise but the description of work as indicated in the above Bill very clearly say excavation with JCB machine / foundation work, which has to be treated as civil work and therefore, Cenvat credit of Rs. 5,105/- in respect of Bills issued by M/s. Bhoomi Enterprise fall under the exclusion clause of Rule 2(I) of the Rules and Cenvat credit is not available to the appellant.

 In view of above findings Cenvat credit of Service Tax paid on the invoices/Bills of M/s. Sai Geotechnical Lab (Rs. 1,097/-), M/s. Archivista Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd. (Rs. 1,52,118/-); M/s. King Engineers(Rs. 5,102/-), M/s. Eternal Motors (Rs. 117/-), M/s. Top 3 Lords Resorts (Rs. 614/-), Hotel

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White House (Rs. 47/-) and M/s. Bhoomi Enterprise (Rs. 5,105/-) totaling to Rs. 1,64,200/- has been correctly denied by the lower adjudicating authority. Accordingly, I hold that Cenvat credit of Rs. 1,64,200/- is not admissible to the appellant, which should be paid by them along with interest as per Rule 14 of the Rules read with Section 11AA of the Act.

- 7.1 I allow Cenvat credit of Rs. 35,74,205/- of Service Tax paid on the services provided by M/s. Sharma Associates (Rs. 1,02,780/-), M/s. Maruti Nandan (Rs. 91,368/-), M/s. Rana Engineering and Fabrication (Rs. 2,96,380/-), M/s. Richa Industries. (Rs. 6,25,164/-) and M/s. Om Sai Furnace Lining (Rs. 7,41,600/-), M/s. DNV Engineers (Rs. 4,462/-), M/s. Fabri-Tec Engineers (Rs.1,28,314/-) and M/s. Subham Udyog (Rs. 1,96,316/-) and no interest is payable on this amount.
- 8. As regards penalty, I find that the Show Cause Notice dated 22.01.2015 is covering period from January, 2014 to March, 2014 and the impugned order has imposed penalty of Rs. 37,38,405/-. Since Cenvat credit of Rs. 35,74,205/- has been held to be admissible, I set aside penalty of Rs. 37,38,405/-. However, I uphold imposition of penalty of Rs. 1,64,200/- against denial of Cenvat credit of Rs. 1,64,200/- under Rule 15(2) of the Rules.
- अपीलकर्ता द्वारा दर्ज की गई अपील का निपटारा उपरोक्त तरीके से किया जाता
- The appeal filed by the appellant is disposed off in above terms.

(कुमार संतोष) आयुक्त (अपील्स)

### By R.P.A.D.

To

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