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November 20, 2012

To, Hon'ble, Shri Jayant Patil Ministry of Finance, Govt. of Maharashtra Room No. 317, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032

Sub: Request to extend the last date of filing VAT Audit Report from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

Respected Sir,

**Greetings from MCHI-CREDAI** 

Wish you a very Happy Diwali and Prosperous New Year.

We MCHI-CREDAI, an association of Developers, are receiving number of phone calls from the Developers in Mumbai and Mumbai Metropolitan Region, for the last date of Audit Report to be extended from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. We are given to understand that a Notification extending the submission date for the Maharashtra VAT Audit report for the year 2011-12 upto 15.1.2013 is being issued shortly.

The last date of payment of VAT liability was 31st October 2012 and for filing the VAT Audit Report, the last date is 30th November 2012. This involves period of 5 to 6 years. It is very short period to the builders and therefore, we as a representing body of the builders & developers have to request your good offices to extend the date from 30th November 2012 to 31st March 2013 due to the following reasons;

1. The process of working out /computing VAT liability is just concluded with major exercise of filling & uploading of returns

a. In many cases returns could not be uploaded [although taxes paid] as the Govt website had blocked / given error reports on account of one reason or the other

b. Work on the compilation of Annexure as per Cir no.18T/  $2012\,$  dt 26.9.2012 is presently on and would require some more time to work

own pockets pending recovery from customers/ flat buyers. The efforts are now being made to write to them & pursuing them explaining the VAT working. In most cases, even flat-wise liability is

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- to be worked out to enable the developers to effect recovery from the flat buyers. The accounting staff is extremely busy with this.
- 2. In several cases, the data for the preparation of returns was based on the cost sheet or other data readily available with the developers. These statements are now being revisited to counter tally with the audited financial statements before presenting it to the VAT Auditors
- 3. Media has again reported in last few days about the announcement in respect of allowing the 1% composition scheme to the agreement registered / entered into during the period 20.6.2006 to 31.3.2010 also. If that is done, the working of VAT liability in almost all the cases of developers will be required to be redone.
- 4. VAT Auditors will require to check /verify huge data of purchases and sales. This is a time consuming process. Auditing accounts for 5 to 6 years at a time also put in extra stress on the resources available at developers' office and at the VAT Auditors' office.
- 5. Many cases, developers are advised by tax practitioners/ counsels who would now require to co-ordinate with VAT Auditors.
- 6. Many developers had prepared there VAT returns based on the cost + GP method pending the outcome of the WP in the BHC. Such cases will be required to be reworked out involving lot of time & compiling data
- 7. The some of the staff members of these builders had proceeded on Diwali holidays.
- 8. Festive season is also pick time for closing sales deals by developers. Staff would be engaged in various exhibitions and sales promotional schemes and meets.
- 9. Since tax is already received in the treasury, extending the timeline for furnishing VAT audit report has no revenue implications.
- 10. The last date of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to file Audit Report was given in the circular issued by the Sales Tax Commissioner on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2012, at that time the last date of payment was 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 and the last date of Audit Report was 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012. But on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2012, the Supreme Court issued the interim order extending thereto the date for making VAT payments from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012 but the last date of the Audit Report is the same. While the date of payment was extended by two months in the same way, the last date of filing the Audit Report should also be extended at least for four months. i.e. upto 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.



We request to your goodself to take decision favorably and please issue the necessary instructions to the Competent Authorities to extend the last date of filing of the VAT Audit Report from 30th November 2012 to 31st March 2013, so that the builders will get some relief and get time to work out for the Audit Report.

Thanking you,

With respectful regards.

For MCHI-CREDAI

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