SUO MOTU ADVERTISEMENT CASE NO. 67 OF 2023

BEFORE THE MAHARASHTRA REAL ESTATE REGULATORY

AUTHORITY, MUMBAI

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MahaRERA on its Own Motion

.... Complainant

Versus

Rite Developers

.... Respondent/Promoter

MahaRERA Project Registration No. P51800010335

Coram: Dr Vasant Prabhu, Secretary, MahaRERA

Mr. Ajay Bafna & Adv. Viraj Bansode appeared for the Promoter / Respondent.

ORDER

26th July 2023

(Through Video Conferencing)

- The MahaRERA Authority had issued a show cause notice dated 26/06/2023 to the Promoter above named for issuing an advertisement in the Times of India Newspaper dated 20/05/2023 without mentioning the MahaRERA project registration number in regard to the project "Veesita Residency" bearing MahaRERA registration no. P51800010335, situated at Khopoli.
- 2. The Promoter through its written submission dated 11/07/2023, had submitted that due to oversight on the part of the advertising agency, inadvertently, the MahaRERA project registration number was not incorporated in the said advertisement. The Promoter further stated that they had obtained the part occupation certificate and completion

certificate dated 22nd August 2022 for the entire project except two apartments.

- 3. In this regard, a hearing was scheduled on 26/07/2023 through video conferencing as per the MahaRERA Circular No. 27/2020 and MahaRERA Order No. 593/2023, when the Promoter could appear through its representative and make its submissions.
- 4. During the aforementioned hearing, the Promoter asserted that due to oversight the MahaRERA project registration number was not mentioned in the said advertisement.
- 5. In this regard, it is necessary to peruse the provision of Section 11(2) of the RERA which reads as under:

"11(2) The advertisement or prospectus issued or published by the Promoter shall mention prominently the website address of the Authority, wherein all details of the registered project have been entered and include the registration number obtained from the Authority and such other matters incidental thereto."

- 6. Upon interpretation of Section 11(2), it becomes apparent that the Promoter bears the responsibility to conspicuously display the MahaRERA registration number of the project in any advertisements or prospectus disseminated by them.
- 7. Notwithstanding the circumstances of the present case, it has come to light that the Promoter did release a small-sized advertisement in Times

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of India Newspaper dated 20/05/2023 without incorporating the MahaRERA project registration number within the aforementioned advertisement.

- 8. Consequently, it is evident that the Promoter is in contravention of Section 11(2) of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act.
- 9. In view of the above a penalty of Rs. 25,000/- is imposed upon the Promoter under Section 61 of the RERA for violation of Section 11(2).
- The said penalty shall be payable by the Promoter within a period of 15 days from the date of this order, failing which a further penalty of Rs.
 1,000/- per day would be imposed till compliance.
- 11. The Technical and Finance Departments of the MahaRERA Authority are mandated to authenticate the payment of the penalty prior to initiating the processing of any applications, including but not limited to extensions, corrections, and change of name, pertaining to the specified project.
- 12. In view of the above, the present case stands disposed of.

_(Dr Vasant Prabhu)

Secretary, MahaRERA