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Shri Saurabh Gaur
Jt. Secretary
Ministry of Electronics & IT

Subject: - Reduction of e-waste collection targets for Fiscal Years 2021-23 in the wake of COVID and its impact on the ICT Industry

Respected Sir,

Greetings from MAIT!

Sir, we would like to take this opportunity to thank MeitY for its continued support to the industry in regulatory and policy related issues. We look forward to this continued association and your kind support going forward too.

Through this letter, we would like to appreciate MoEF&CC for its empathetical consideration of the challenges faced by the Electronics industry and reduced the collection targets from 40% to 30% FY 20-21 under the E-waste (Management) Rules, 2016.

Sir, we would like to draw your attention towards the increased targets for e-Waste collection. This fiscal year, industry has entered with the higher target when the entire country was on a standstill due to the 2nd wave of COVID 19. The consequential impacts are so bad that many businesses are still trying to make a revival for its sustenance for the last 2 years.

The second wave of the pandemic during the 1st quarter has also caused a huge disruption in the collection of e-Waste. Due to these challenges & slowdown, the industry could manage an average collection of around 6% of their annual target.

With the lockdown restrictions in some states extended till June'21, unpredictability of the onset of 3rd wave and business getting impacted, there is an utmost urgent need for a relief for the industry in easing off the regulatory and compliance obligation.

It is our request to MeitY, it being the industry's parent Ministry, to please consider the challenges faced by the industry and support in taking this up with the MoEF&CC. We request an immediate relief by keeping the same collection target as 30% for FY21-22 and FY22-23, considering these are difficult and extremely unprecedented times and that there is still no clarity on how everything will pan out, should there be a need for any further lockdown.

We also request you for a **meeting on a day & time convenient to you** to enable us to personally apprise you of the matter and we look forward to your kind confirmation.

With regards,

George Paul
Chief Executive Officer