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Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change

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!

At the outset, MAIT would like to take this opportunity to thank MoEF&CC for its support to the industry and empathetically considering the challenge faced by the Electronics industry and reducing the collection targets from 40% to 30% for the year FY 20-21 under the E-waste (Management) Rules, 2016.

Sir, this fiscal year, industry has entered with the higher target when the entire country was on a standstill due to 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.

On the onset of impact on business and on collection, we request your good office to provide industry 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.

Looking forward to your positive consideration of our request.

With regards,

George Paul
Chief Executive Officer