Rs. 1,00,00,000/-

No. 11(8)/2018-IP: &ITS Government of India Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) Software Industry Promotion Division Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex

New Delhi – 110003 Dated: 11.07.2019

The Pay & Accounts Officer
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY),
Electronics Niketan,
New Delhi.

Subject: Implementation of the project entitled "Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Automotive: Autonomous/Connected/Electric/Shared Vehicle (ACES) at Pune --Release of 1st Instalment of Rs. 1, 00, 00,000 (Rupees One Crore Only).

Ref : Administrative Approval No. 11(8)/2018-IP: S&ITS dated: 03.07.2019

Implementing Agency: Software Technology Park of India (STPI), HQ, New Delhi.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 11(8)/2018-IP: S&ITS dt. 03.07.2019 conveying the Administrative approval for the implementation of the above mentioned project at a total budgetary outlay of Rs. 20.00 crore out of which MeitY's contribution is of Rs 8.00 crore to be release as GIA over a period of 5 years.

- 2. I am now directed to convey the sanction of the President under the Delegation of Financial Rules 1978 to release an amount of Rs. 1,00,00,000 (Rupees One Crore Only) towards the 1st instalment of Grants-in-aid to Software Technology Park of India (STPI), HQ, New Delhi for the implementation of the above mentioned project i.e. "Centre for Excellence (CoE) for Automotive: Autonomous/Connected/Electric/Shared Vehicle (ACES) at Pune".
- 3. The grants-in-aid will be regulated in accordance with the Terms and Condition of the above mentioned Administrative approval as given below:
 - i). The grant amount shall be i) spent for the project within the specified time; and ii) Any portion of the grant, which is not ultimately required for expenditure for the approved purposes, shall be duly surrendered to MeitY;
 - ii). The grantee institution shall maintain an audited record in the form of a register in the prescribed proforma for permanent, semi-permanent assets acquired as solely or mainly out of MeitY grant;

iii). The assets referred to in (ii) above will be property of MeitY and should not, without prior sanction of MeitY, be disposed off or encumbered or utilized for the purposes other than those for which the grant has been sanctioned;

- iv). At the conclusion of the project, MeitY will be free to sell or otherwise dispose of the assets which are the property of MeitY and grantee institution shall render to MeitY the necessary support for facilitating the sale of these assets;
- v). The grantee institution shall send to the MeitY at the end of each financial year as well as at the time of seeking further installments of the grant a list of assets referred to in (ii) above;
- vi). Should at any time grantee institution cease to exist, such assets etc., shall revert to MeitY;
- vii). The grantee institution shall furnish Utilization certificate (UC) alongwith its request for next release of GIA certifying that the fund released to them for which UC has been furnished is as per the objective of the Scheme.
- viii) The grantee institution shall render progress-cum-achievement reports at interval of not exceeding six months on the progress made on all aspects of the project including expenditure incurred on various approved items during the period;
- ix) The grantee institution shall render an audited statement of accounts to MeitY;
- x) The audited statement of accounts relating to grants given during financial year together with the comments of the auditor regarding the observance of the conditions governing the grant should be forwarded to the MeitY within six months following the end of the relevant financial year;
- xi) The utilization of grant for the intended purposes will be looked into by the Auditor of grantee institution according to the directives issued by the Government of India at the instance of the Comptroller and Auditor General and the specific mention about it will be made in the audit report;
- xii) MeitY or its nominee(s) will have the right of access to the books and accounts of the grantee institution for which a reasonable prior notice would be given;
- xiii) The grantee institution should maintain separate audited account for the project. If it is found expedient to keep a part or whole of the grant in a bank account earning interest, the interest, thus earned should be reported to this Ministry. All interest against Grant-in-aid should be mandatorily remitted to the Consolidated Fund of India immediately after finalisation of the accounts. Such advances should not be allowed to be adjusted against future releases.
- xiv) Institute may retain the sale proceeds of prototypes, etc fabricated as a result of the development of the project arising directly from funds granted by the Ministry. The Institute may use funds thus generated for furtherance of project objectives;
- xv) The Intellectual property and the rights associated with it shall be agreed between the participating organizations before the start of the project. The Industry/ Industry Consortium/ Institution(s) will make all efforts to protect intellectual property generated out of the project. The institution(s)/ industry would submit the periodic report to MeitY for a period of minimum 5 years on the status of IPRs created/

commercialization under the project. (5 years is the expected life time of product/ technology). Furthermore, IPR must also reside in India so that India has access and complete control to these rights in times of emergency to protect our national interest;

- xvi) Application by grantee institution for any other financial assistance or receipt of grant/ loan from any other Agency/ Ministry/ Department for this project should have the prior approval of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology;
- xii) The Grantee institution(s) is not allowed to entrust the implementation of this project for which grant-in-aid is received to another institution and to divert the grant-in-aid received from Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology as assistance to the later institution;
- xvii) MeitY shall appoint a Project Review and Steering Group (PRSG) comprising of representatives from MeitY and other experts. PRSG will periodically monitor the project in all respects including technical and financial;
- xviii) In case of any dispute on any matter, related to the project during the course of its implementation, the decision of the Secretary, MeitY, shall be final and binding on the proposal originating industry/ industry consortium and grantee institute.
- xix) Sanction order has been noted Sl.No. 1 in the Register of Grant at page no.13.
- 4. The amount of Grants-in-aid of Rs. 1,00,00,000 (Rupees One crore only) will be paid through ECS Transfer as per details provided below:

i) Name of the Organization: Software Technology Park of India (STPI), New Delhi.

ii) Name of Bank and addres: Bank of India, CGO Complex, New Delhi.

iii) Account Number

: 604810100000661

iv) MICR Code

: 110013052 : BKID0006048

v) IFSC/RTGS Code No. vi) PFMS Code

: STPI

- 5. The expenditure involved is debitable to Major Head 2852 Industries, 85.15: Promotion of IT and ITeS Industries, 85.15.31 GIA General under grant No. 26 of MeitY for the year 2019-20.
- 6. This issues with the approval of Secretary, MeitY vide Diary No. 1 dated: 26.06.2019 and concurrence of IFD MeitY vide Diary No. 1538 dated: 28.06.2019 and

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Kumar Ambasta) Deputy Director