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KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD



Confederation of Indian Industry
125 Years: 1895-2020

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

AND

CONFEDERATION OF INDIAN INDUSTRY

FOR

PROMOTING GREEN INDUSTRIES IN KARNATAKA
THROUGH GREENCO RATING SYSTEM

BENGALURU

11TH JANUARY 2021

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) was constituted by the Government of Karnataka on The Twenty First of September Nineteen Seventy-Four (21.9.1974) in pursuance of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. The Water Act will provide for the prevention and control of water pollution and maintaining or restoring of wholesomeness of water. After the enactment of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 the enforcing responsibility was entrusted to the above Board. As such, the Board was later renamed as the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board in 1985. The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 is an enactment to provide for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution. Apart from the above said Acts, the Board is also enforcing the following Rule and Notifications framed under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. KSPCB has been taking up several initiatives to facilitate the environmental performance improvement of industries in Karnataka

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is a leading non-government, not-for-profit, industry led and industry managed organization, playing a proactive role in India's development process. CII - Sohrabji Godrej Green Business Centre (CII – Godrej GBC) is one of the nine Centres of Excellence of CII. The Centre sensitizes key stakeholders to embrace green practices and to support the Indian Industry achieve world class performance level in the areas of energy management, green buildings, green companies, renewable energy, GHG inventorisation, green product certification, waste management and cleaner production processes.

About the Green Company Rating System (GreenCo)

The Green Company Rating System (GreenCo), is the *'first of its kind in the world'* framework, developed by CII in 2013 following extensive stakeholder consultation. GreenCo Rating makes a holistic assessment of a company's environmental performance at a unit level and guides the company towards improvement to facilitate world class competitiveness through green strategies. The GreenCo rating system is acknowledged by the Indian government in its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) as an industry contributor to environmental performance improvement. The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) has recognized GreenCo as one of the top 50 global best practices facilitating green growth of industries, in its 50th anniversary publication.

The GreenCo Rating is also listed as a Voluntary Sustainable Standard in the International Trade Centre (ITC)'s Sustainability map that promotes sustainable trade and consumption across the globe.

At present, the GreenCo Rating has been widely adopted, by over 650 companies of which 327 units are rated including several leading public sector companies, private sector companies and SMEs from 20 different industry sectors. Having signed a MoU with CII, Indian Railways has adopted GreenCo Rating in over 70 of its facilities. After the implementation of GreenCo rating, industries have achieved a cumulative saving of Rs. 2472 Crores and 2.27 Million MT of CO₂eq of carbon emission reduction, over and above several resource savings, waste reduction and environmental benefits.

Objective of this MoU

The objective of this MoU is to promote and encourage the voluntary adoption of GreenCo rating by Industries in the state of Karnataka, jointly by KSPCB and CII.

Benefits to Karnataka State:

The implementation of GreenCo rating will help to create a green industry landscape in Karnataka, where industries will perform better than the prescribed regulatory norms and set higher goals for environmental improvement. The adoption of GreenCo Rating by industries will further promote, efficient use of natural resources, reduction in pollution and waste, reduction in carbon emissions and facilitate a number of industries become *world-class* in environmental management. It will also facilitate Karnataka State head towards a greener economy and emerge as a low carbon state in the country.

Areas of Partnership:

The KSPCB and CII would jointly work together (but not limited to) in the following areas:

- 1. GreenCo Rating:** KSPCB and CII, will jointly promote and encourage the use of GreenCo Rating by industries, as a voluntary tool for enhancing the environmental performance. CII will implement the GreenCo Rating in industries through training, handholding, and assessment for the award of rating. GreenCo rating is aimed at enabling industries in Karnataka to perform better than the prescribed regulatory

norms and to create a landscape of green industries with world class performance in the State

2. **Awards & Recognitions:** KSPCB shall motivate industries participating in the GreenCo rating by providing Incentives / Awards / recognition as decided and considered appropriate by the Board.
3. **Technologies:** CII will work with KSPCB in bringing new, relevant technologies for better environment management and facilitate faster adoption and implementation of green practices by Industries in Karnataka
4. **Capacity Building & Skill development:** CII, along with KSPCB, will organize Workshops / Awareness sessions / Training programs / Missions on various aspects / updates on GreenCo Rating and Climate change
5. **Others:** KSPCB and CII may consider jointly working in the areas such as Resource conservation, Waste management, Green buildings, Biodiversity management, Greenhouse Gas mitigation and any other areas of mutual interest.

There is no financial commitment for KSPCB under this MoU.

This MoU will be effective for a duration of three (3) years

This MoU has been signed on 11th January 2021 at, Bengaluru, Karnataka

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the parties have hereunto set their hands upon the date first above written:

For and behalf of

Karnataka State Pollution Control Board

Signature: -----

Name: Srinivasulu

Designation: M & R & P & C.

Date: 11th January 2021

Witness

Signature: -----


Name: Dr. A. RAMESH

Designation: Chief Environmental
Officer.

Date: 11th January 2021

For and behalf of

Confederation of Indian Industry

Signature: -----

Name: Mr. SANDEEP SINGH

Designation: CHAIRMAN CII- KARNATAKA

Date: 11th January 2021

Witness

Signature: -----

Name: P.S. NARAYAN

Designation: CHAIR - CII
GREENCO, BANGALORE

Date: 11th January 2021