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Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey
Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Government of India

Subject: Request for e-Waste collection target reduction for the FY 2021-23 amid the challenges faced in the wake of the pandemic

Hon'ble Sir,

Greetings from MAIT!

At the outset, we heartily congratulate you on taking charge as the Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India.

MAIT is the apex body of the Electronic Hardware Sector in India. MAIT was established with the prime objective to work closely with the Government and ICT Electronics industry in building a robust ecosystem for electronics manufacturing in India. MAIT is the industry body with members from segments of Datacom, Server and Telecom & represents a 62 Bn\$ industry.

Today, we have members in both leading MNC corporations such as Apple, Cisco, Dell, HP, IFB, Samsung, Panasonic, Qualcomm, Xiaomi, etc. as well as many niche SMEs in the field of ICT electronics.

Sir, we write to you to **draw your attention to the distress the electronics industry is under on account of Covid-19 pandemic**. The economic slowdown, restriction in movement of man and material for purpose of collection, segregation and recycling of e-waste has resulted in decreased collection.

Due to this difficulty, the industry could manage an average collection of only 6% of their annual target in Q1 (FY- 2021-22). However, had the situation been otherwise, the industry would have been able to collect around 25% of the total target.

We request your good office to provide industry **an immediate relief by keeping the collection target as 30% for FY 21- 23**, considering these are difficult and extremely unprecedented times.

We draw your attention to the positive contribution made by the electronic hardware industry to the Nation. Our members have signed up for India's vision of \$180 billion targeted PLI for manufacturing.

The electronic hardware industry played a key role in developing the e-waste EPR framework for India. They are signatories to the same and contributed gently to the success of e-waste EPR, basis which the universal EPR framework has been proposed for the country.

We **seek a meeting with your office** to personally congratulate and apprise you on the above, among others.

Looking forward to your positive consideration of our request.

With regards,

George Paul
Chief Executive Officer