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Shri Rameshwar Prasad Gupta  
Secretary  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change

**Subject: - Reduction of e-waste collection targets for Fiscal Year 2020-21 in wake of the impact on Industry and Jobs on account of the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Respected Sir,

***Greetings from MAIT!***

Through this letter, MAIT would like to thank MoEF&CC for holding consultative meeting with the stakeholders on August 10, 2020 to discuss the **reduction of the collection targets** for the year FY 20-21 under the extended producer responsibility (EPR) provision of the E-waste (Management) Rules, 2016 owing to a number of challenges arising due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

In our representation vide Ref.No.MAIT/PY/2108 dated May 12, 2020 (copy attached), MAIT had also enumerated the difficulties industry is facing due to the Covid-19 pandemic related disruptions and how it affects meeting the e-waste collection target for this year.

In face of such turbulent and uncertain times, the Industry has entered the new financial year with an upward revised target of 40% for the fiscal year 2020-21 under the mandatory compliance obligation.

In view of the above, we request that the applicability of the e-waste collection targets for the fiscal year 2020-21 under the EPR Rules 2016 be reduced by 50% for FY 20-21. This matter is now under consideration of the Ministry since August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sir, half the year has elapsed, and without clarity in the target for the year, the purpose of the relief sought will get nullified. As submitted, it is a very trying period, where industry is struggling to keep afloat and conserve jobs. It will be an immense help if you could favourably consider the industry's request and have the notification on reduction of targets for FY 20-21 issued at the earliest. Should you need any clarification, please let us know, we would be happy to visit your good office for a brief meeting.

Looking forward to your positive consideration of our request.

With regards,

George Paul  
Chief Executive Officer