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Shri Prashant Kumar Singh, IAS CEO Government e-Marketplace

Subject: Regarding re-assessment of Categories on GeM

Respected Sir,

## Greetings from MAIT!

We have been informed by our members about the GeM's mail in which we note the GeM has sought information from original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) for carrying out an exercise for the re-assessment of certain categories on GeM. As part of the information sought, we note that GeM has also sought details of the beneficial ownership of an OEM's manufacturing partner/ODM along with certain declarations in this regard.

We note that on date there is already a framework in place under the auspices of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) regarding registration of bidders/OEMs whose beneficial ownership rests in a country sharing a land border with India and subsequently, this framework has been extended even to products that originate from such a country even though the bidder/OEM and its beneficial ownership does not reside in that country.

Through this representation, we would request the GeM to kindly clarify the following:

Objective and purpose of this re-assessment and which specific categories on GeM would this reassessment apply to.

We would also request the GeM to kindly clarify the reason for seeking the beneficial ownership details of an OEM's manufacturing partner/entity, in view of the existing framework as referred above.

We further humbly request GeM to have an industry consultation for discussing these requirements.

With regards,

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Chief Executive Officer

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