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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF
GREEN ENTREPRENEURS IN WEST BENGAL

Between

SANTAL BIDROHA SARDHA SATABARSHIKI MAHAVIDYALAYA

AND

THE ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION SOCIETY (SWITCHON FOUNDATION)

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter called as the 'MoU') is entered into on this the 7th day of February 2024 at Goaltore, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal

BETWEEN

SANTAL BIDROHA SARDHA SATABARSHIKI MAHAVIDYALAYA having its campus at GOALTORE, PASCHIM MEDINIPUR, WEST BENGAL, 721128, hereinafter referred to as the "COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY", represented by DR. AMIT PHADIKAR as the PRINCIPAL (which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof be deemed to mean and include its successors-in-office, administrators, executors, legal representatives and permitted assigns) of the FIRST PART.

AND

SWITCH ON FOUNDATION ("SO") having its registered office at 1A, D.L. Khan Road, Kolkata - 700027, Police Station - Alipore, represented by its DGM- Operations CASC, namely Mr. Uddip Nandi, hereinafter referred to as "Partner" (which expression shall, where the context so admits, be deemed to include its successors, executors and administrators and assigns) of the SECOND PART.

First Party and Second Party are hereinafter jointly referred to as 'Parties' and individually as 'Party'

WHEREAS:

- A) First Party is a Higher Educational Institution named SANTAL BIDROHA SARDHA SATABARSHIKI MAHAVIDYALAYA, GOALTORE, PASCHIM MEDINIPUR, WEST BENGAL, 721128
- B) the SECOND PARTY herein is Switch ON Foundation a leading not for profit, established in 2008, working in the space of Renewable Energy Access, Sustainable Agriculture/Livelihoods and Skilling – Education
- C) the SECOND PARTY's initiative of Green Bengal Innovation Network, a joint initiative between SwitchON Foundation and Network for Global Innovation (NGIN) supported by the Department of Power, Government of West Bengal to create an ecosystem for green entrepreneurship in Bengal.

Network for Global Innovation

NGIN was conceived in 2013 as an initiative of the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) with the mission of interconnecting the world's leading clean technology innovation institutions to accelerate the adoption of sustainable technologies. LACI began as a start-up in a former bus repair garage in Los Angeles and within 6 years was ranked as one of the best incubators in the world, helped 120 startups raise over \$228 million in funding, created over 2,000 jobs and over \$625 million in long term economic value for the City. Fred Walti, the founding CEO of the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator, launched NGIN with the aim of leveraging the experience he and his team had gained from creating LACI to assist and accelerate other cleantech ecosystems. NGIN has accelerated the expansion of start-up companies in more than a dozen global markets, attracted a range of innovative cleantech companies to the U.S. market, and assisted other institutions to build high performance ecosystems in countries as diverse as the United States to Ethiopia. In March 2018, NGIN was spun out of LACI as an independent organization under the leadership of LACI's co-founder and inaugural CEO Fred Walti. NGIN remains headquartered at the La Kretz Innovation Campus in Los Angeles, home to LACI.

Today, NGIN is a network of over 30 incubators, accelerators, technology parks, universities, cities, and NGOs in more than two dozen countries. NGIN is the primary implementation partner for UNIDO's Global Climate Innovation Program helping literally thousands of

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entrepreneurs get their products to market in developing nations including Ukraine, Morocco, Thailand, Pakistan, South Africa, and Kazakhstan.

Meaning and significance of GBIN Members

GBIN Network Members comprise academic institutions, incubators, university entrepreneur programs, technology parks, private non-profits, and private for-profits. The form of the member organization will be dependent on what interested parties are available in each region. Ideally, the GBIN Member will be a well-established incubator/innovation center that has the ability to administer the GBIN programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AGREED THAT:

FIRST PARTY AND SECOND PARTY will engage in good faith to create an entrepreneurial culture in the state of West Bengal through the following mutually agreed upon initiatives and interventions.

CLAUSE 1: CO-OPERATION

- 1.1 Assessing the needs of the and opportunities and developing customized solutions in meeting these needs;
- 1.2 Provide programming (framework and content) developed by the GBIN to the Institute at no/low cost;
- 1.3 Sharing best practices with the Institute thus making it more effective in the most cost-efficient manner;
- 1.4 Starting a Green Bengal Innovation Movement and involving the Institute in showcasing their activities and initiatives pertaining to innovation and entrepreneurship in the green sector.
- 1.5 The term of Definitive Documents shall be mutually decided between the Parties in joint consultation. Along with the Definitive Documents, this MOU shall represent the entire understanding as to the subject matter hereof and shall supersede any prior understanding between the Parties on the subject matter hereof.
- 1.6 Both parties herein can jointly / individually provide a certificate along with joint signature to the trainee students of First Party.

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CLAUSE 2: SCOPE OF THE MOU

2.1 Skill Training in the form of Workshop or Certificate Course: The **SECOND PARTY** will provide skill development and entrepreneurship development Training Programs for the trainee students of **FIRST PARTY** and vice-versa at no-cost.

Student groups will be provided by the **FIRST PARTY** to participate in activities, events, and competitions organized by the **SECOND PARTY** with prior mutual consent.

2.2 **FIRST PARTY** may organize events with the assistance of **SECOND PARTY** on prior approval basis. As part of the relationship, the **FIRST PARTY** will support the **SECOND PARTY** with their faculties and personnel as an event expert, speaker, etc. with travel expenses given to them by the **SECOND PARTY**.

2.3 The **FIRST PARTY** will provide support in making training modules in sustainable thematic areas for the **SECOND PARTY**. The **FIRST PARTY** will assist/support the **SECOND PARTY** in creating training modules and provide trainers based on sustainable themes.

2.4 The **SECOND PARTY** will provide the **FIRST PARTY** at least one short term live projects per year on any GBIN-related theme conducted at the **FIRST PARTY**'s campus. Under any circumstances., the said project's estimated cost shall not exceed INR 15,000 and will be

provided by the **SECOND PARTY** only. Before allocation of funds, the live projects will be examined and approved by the **SECOND PARTY**.

2.5 Every year, the **FIRST PARTY** will organize at least one event on green entrepreneurship theme aligned with the **FIRST PARTY**'s event list, wherein the **SECOND PARTY** will participate as a guest only. The **SECOND PARTY** will support the development and formation of a student representative body and student ambassador on campus. The **FIRST PARTY** will be in charge of maintaining and providing guidance assistance for the program's smooth running by the **SECOND PARTY**.

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2.6 The **FIRST PARTY** will support the **SECOND PARTY** by providing their auditorium/college campus as venue of event on GBN related thematic area.

2.7 The **FIRST PARTY** shall extend its support to the **SECOND PARTY** by offering its faculty members as resource persons when requested by the **SECOND PARTY**. Conversely, the **SECOND PARTY** shall reciprocate by facilitating the provision of resource persons to the **FIRST PARTY** whenever the **FIRST PARTY** hosts any event or webinar.

2.8 The parties herein will share regular feedback to each other in terms of the lessons learnt and provide necessary resources to achieve the goals of the partnership; respect good business practices by operating transparently, putting in place measures to assure the maximum possible environmental and business practices, and offering high standards of quality, redress and transparency to end users.

2.9 There is no financial commitment on the part of **SANTAL BIDROHA SARDHA SATABARSHIKI MAHAVIDYALAYA**, the first party to take up any program mentioned in MoU. If there is any financial consideration, it will be dealt separately.

2.10 Both Parties to obtain all internal approvals, consents, permissions, and licenses of whatsoever nature required.

In addition, all parties agree to:

- Provide regular feedback to the MoU partners of the lessons learnt, provide necessary resources to achieve the goals of the partnership.
- Acknowledge the partnership by appropriate use of the names and logos of the other parties in publications and marketing,
- Respect good business practices by operating transparently, putting in place measures to assure the maximum possible environmental and business practices, and offering high standards of quality, redress and transparency to end users.

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Terms of Agreement

- This agreement shall come into force and bind the Parties hereto from the day it is executed.
- This agreement shall continue to be in full force and effect for a period of twelve (12) months, starting from the date of commencement of joint activities.
- The Parties agree to keep confidential the existence and content of this Agreement, as well as any information exchanges between the Parties that is expressly indicated to be confidential.

Agreement

The undersigned agree to the above terms to work together in establishing a successful and sustainable project.

The partnership can be terminated within one (1) month by either party at any time, with notice given in writing (email included) to all other parties, and one (1) month allowed for dispute resolution.

Uddip Nandi Atkadien

Date of signing of MOU

The MOU was entered at **Goaltore, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal** on **7th February, 2024**

Signed, Sealed and Delivered

For SANTAL BIDROHA SARDHA SATABARSHIKI MAHAVIDYALAYA

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DR. Amit Phadikar
Principal

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Witness from FIRST PARTY

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Witness from SECOND PARTY

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