File No. K-22019/2/2023-EOU Ministry of Commerce & Industry Department of Commerce EOU Section

Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi Dated: April, 2023

MEETING NOTICE

Subject: 2nd Meeting (2023 series) of Board of Approval (BOA) for EOU Scheme scheduled to be held on 15.04.2023 – Agenda reg.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the Agenda for the 2nd Meeting (2023 series) of the BOA for EOU scheme scheduled to be held on 15.04.2023 at Visakhapatnam SEZ for information and necessary action. The Agenda has also been hosted on the website: www.sezindia.gov.in.

2. The Venue, time and weblink for the said meeting will be shared by this department shortly.

Encl: As above.

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- 3. CBDT [Member (Income Tax)], M/o Finance.
- 4. DG, DGFT.
- 5. The Joint Secretary, M/o Environment & Forest.
- 6. The Joint Secretary, M/o Science & Technology
- 7. M/o Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- 8. All DCs.

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AGENDA FOR THE 2nd BOA MEETING (2023 SERIES) FOR EOU SCHEME TO BE HELD ON 15.04.2023.

2.1(23) Confirmation of Minutes of the 1st BOA (2023 Series) meeting held on 17.01.2023.

2.2(23) Proposal for extension of validity of LOP after expiry of six months of validity of LoP - M/s GRK Research Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., EOU under jurisdiction of VSEZ.

M/s GRK Research Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., an EOU under jurisdiction of VSEZ was issued LOP on 26.12.2014 for setting up of an EOU for export of "R&D Services". The unit commenced its production on 10.04.2015. The validity of the LoP was expired on 09.04.2020.

The unit was issued Order-in-Original dated 09.01.2023 for non-submission of CA certified APRs from 2015-16 to 2019-20 imposing penalty of Rs. 50,000/- which was deposited by the unit. The unit is NFE positive from 2015-16 to 2019-20.

The unit stated that during the pandemic period they had experience many operational and business development issues due to virtual working. They lost their R&D director as well as many of the employees quit. The unit has further informed that their CEO rejoined and has made efforts to engage with foreign clients and got some projects from the US and Europe. They anticipated more projects from external countries. The unit has taken a less expensive facility i.e. single floor of 3,500 sq. ft. to reduce the operational cost. The unit focuses on evolving more as a R&D organization for novel molecules and transfer technology, which they will do for domestic and foreign clients. They expect to get better business by continuing as an EOU

Therefore, the unit has sought extension of LoP from 10.04.2020 to 09.04.2025, after expiry of approx. three year of validity of LoP.

Relevant Provision: Para 6.01(h) of HBP 2023 states that "if the units gives their option to continue in the EOU scheme after expiry of 6 months of the LOP, DC will grant extension after obtaining approval of BOA."

DC's Recommendation: DC-VSEZ has recommended the proposal.