

ANNEXURE-I

**Memorandum of Understanding
for
the Co-treatment of Faecal Sludge and Septage along
with sewage
at
the Sewage Treatment Plant
at *[Insert name of Host ULB]***

Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) made on *[Insert date]*, day of *[Insert month]* 2019 at *[Insert place]*

BETWEEN

[Insert name] Municipal Corporation/Municipality/Town Panchayats established under the City Municipal Corporation Act, 19... or Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920 of the State of Tamil Nadu, acting through *[Name of Commissioner]*, the Commissioner (hereinafter referred to as “Host ULB”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, mean and include its successors and assigns)

AND

[Insert name] Municipality/Town Panchayat established under the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act 1920 of the State of Tamil Nadu, acting through *[Name of Commissioner/Executive Officer]*, the Commissioner/Executive Officer (hereinafter referred to as “Participating ULB 1”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, mean and include its successors and assigns)

AND

[Insert name] Municipality/Town Panchayat established under the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act 1920 of the State of Tamil Nadu, acting through *[Name of Commissioner/Executive Officer]*, the Commissioner/Executive Officer (hereinafter referred to as “Participating ULB 2”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, mean and include its successors and assigns)

AND

[...]

[Insert name] Municipality/Town Panchayat established under the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act 1920 of the State of Tamil Nadu, acting through *[Name of Commissioner/Executive Officer]*, the Commissioner/Executive Officer (hereinafter referred to as “Participating ULB *[Insert number]*”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, mean and include its successors and assigns)

Participating ULB 1, Participating ULB2 *[...]*and Participating ULB *[Insert number]* are hereinafter referred to as the “Participating ULB(s)” which have the same meaning given to it as provided in Clause 2of this MoU.

The Host ULB and the Participating ULB(s) are hereinafter referred to individually as the “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

WHEREAS, the Operative Guidelines for Septage Management for Local Bodies in Tamil Nadu, 2014 (the “Operative Guidelines”) issued by Municipal Administration & Water Supply Department, Government of Tamil Nadu (hereinafter referred to as “State Govt.”) in G.O. (Ms) No. 106, MA&WS Department, Dated 01.09.2014, impose an obligation on each local body to adopt suitable processes for the effective management of Faecal Sludge and

Septage generated within its jurisdiction. Pursuant to the said Operative Guidelines, Local Bodies constituted under the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act 1920 are responsible for, inter alia, making adequate provisions for the collection/removal and disposal of Faecal Sludge and Septage.

The State Govt. in G.O. (Ms) No. 88, MA&WS Department, Dated 31.08.2018 has developed a cluster-based approach to ensure optimum utilisation of existing and upcoming Sewage Treatment Plants (hereinafter called as the “STPs”) and new Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (herein after called as the “FSTPs”) in the State of Tamil Nadu, in furtherance of public interest and with the aim of improving standards of public health and sanitation in the State. The State Govt. has now decided to authorise and support this MoU to provide a facilitative framework for Co-treatment of Faecal Sludge and Septage at the existing and upcoming STPs so that the Municipal Corporation, Municipalities and Town Panchayats may use the facilities for the scientific treatment and disposal of the Faecal Sludge and Septage generated within their respective jurisdictions.

NOW THIS MoU WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS: -

1. Purpose / Objectives of MoU

The purpose of this MoU is to enable the parties to maximize utilisation and fund the Co-treatment of Faecal Sludge and Septage at existing and upcoming STPs. The parties currently intend to follow this MoU consistent with the Guidelines prescribed in G.O. (Ms) No. 106, Dated 01.09.2014 and G.O. (Ms) No. 88, Dated 31.08.2018 as well as other related provisions brought in force and effect as of the date hereof.

2. Definitions

In this MoU, unless it is repugnant to the context or inconsistent therewith, the following words, phrases and expressions shall bear the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:

- a. **‘Account’** shall mean a Bank Account which the Host ULB shall open and maintain with a Bank in which all inflows and outflows of cash on account of capital and revenue receipts and expenditures shall be credited and debited, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this MoU, and includes the sub-Accounts of such Account.
- b. **‘Agreement’** means the agreement between the Host ULB and the Contractor for STP O&M including its Schedules and Annexures.
- c. **‘Alternate Arrangement’** means a facility for treating Faecal Sludge and Septage, such as Underground Sewerage System and Sewage Treatment Plant or a standalone FSTP, which meet regulatory standards.
- d. **‘Authority’** shall mean and include the Municipality/Municipal Corporation/Town Panchayat/ Regional Directorate of Municipal Administration/Additional Directorate of Town Panchayats/Commissionerate of Municipal Administration/Directorate of

Town Panchayats or such other department as may be notified/appointed from time to time by the ----- for the purpose of implementation of this MoU.

- e. **'Bio-medical Waste'** shall have the meaning as defined under the Biomedical Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 and as amended from time to time.
- f. **'Consent to Operate'** means the certificate issued by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board prior to commencement of STP operations.
- g. **'Contractor'** shall mean the person or persons, as the case may be, with whom the Host ULB has entered into the operation and maintenance (O&M) contract, or any other agreement or a material contract for construction, operation and/or maintenance of the STP or matters incidental thereto.
- h. **'Construction and Demolition Waste;** means solid waste resulting from construction, remodeling, repair, renovation or demolition of structures or from land clearing activities or trenching or de-silting activities.
- i. **'Co-treatment'** means treating faecal sludge and septage along with sewage at a Sewage Treatment Plant.
- j. **'Changes in Law'** means the occurrence of any of the following after the Operation Start Date:
 - the enactment of any new Indian law or Tamil Nadu State law;
 - the repeal, modification or re-enactment of any existing Indian law or Tamil Nadu State law;
 - the commencement of any Indian law or Tamil Nadu State law which has not been given effect until the date of the MoU; and
 - a change in the interpretation or application of any Indian law or Tamil Nadu State law by a judgement of a court of record which has become final, conclusive and binding, as compared to such interpretation or application by a court of record prior to the date of the MoU.
- k. **'Dead Remains'** means the dead bodies, carcasses, bones or skeletal remains of animals, rodents and other living beings (other than plants).
- l. **'Decanting Facility'** means a Sewage Pumping Station that receives Faecal Sludge and Septage and pumps it to another a Sewage Pumping Station or a Sewage Treatment Plant.
- m. **'Desludging Operator'** shall mean any person or firm or self-help group or society or private company granted the license to collect, transport and dispose faecal sludge and septage.
- n. **'Desludging Vehicle'** means the vacuum trucks or such other vehicles equipped with motorised pumps and storage tanks owned by the ULB or Desludging Operator, of

such design specification as may be approved from time to time by the ULB, for emptying and transporting faecal sludge and septage.

- o. **'Effective Date'** shall mean the date on which this MoU comes into force and effect pursuant to commissioning of the STP.
- p. **'E-waste'** means discarded electrical or electronic devices.
- q. **'Excluded Waste'** means waste material of the nature that the STP is not designed or authorised to receive, manage, process and dispose, which includes (i) Hazardous Waste (ii) Bio-medical Waste (iii) Dead Remains (iv) E-Waste and (v) Construction and Demolition Waste.
- r. **'Faecal Sludge'** means raw or partially digested, in a slurry or semi solid form, the collection, storage or treatment of combinations of excreta and black water, with or without grey water. It is the solid or settled contents of pit latrines and septic tanks.
- s. **'Force Majeure Event'** means any event which prevents or delays the performance of the obligations under this MoU in whole or in part by either Party by reason of public agitation, civil disturbance, riots, war, hostilities, acts of public enemies, civil commotion, sabotage, fire, flood, earthquake, epidemics, explosion, strikes, lock-outs, acts of God, acts on orders of Government/authorities, rules and regulations or delay/abandonment due to order of the Court and/or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Party affected.
- t. **'Good Industry Practice'** means the practices, methods, techniques, designs, standards, skills, diligence, efficiency, reliability and prudence which are generally and reasonably expected from a contractor and/or Party in the performance of its obligations.
- u. **'Hazardous Waste'** – shall have the meaning as defined under the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989.
- v. **'Host ULB'** shall mean the ULB that owns and is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the STP.
- w. **'License Fee'** shall mean the amount payable by Desludging Operators annually to obtain a license to operate within an ULB Cluster.
- x. **'Operative Guidelines'** means the Guidelines referred to in the Recitals.
- y. **'Operations Start Date'** shall mean the date notified by the Host ULB as the date on which the STP is ready to commence co-treatment of faecal sludge and septage.
- z. **'Operations and Maintenance (O&M)'** means the operation and maintenance of the STP and includes all matters connected with or incidental to such operation and maintenance and provision of services and facilities in accordance with the provisions of this MoU.

- aa. **‘Operations and Maintenance Manual (O&M Manual)’** shall mean standard operating procedures for regular, preventive, long term operations and maintenance covering safety requirements, material and equipment replacement and emergency activities at the STP.
- bb. **‘Participating ULB(s)’** shall mean Municipal Corporation/Municipality/Town Panchayat specified in the Recitals which are party to this MoU, and includes any other Municipal Corporation/Municipality/Town Panchayat which may at a later date become party to this MoU.
- cc. **‘Scheduled Bank’** means those banks which have been included in the Second Schedule of Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. RBI in turn includes only those banks in that Schedule which satisfy the criteria laid down under section 42(6)(a) of the said Act.
- dd. **‘Septage’** means the liquid and solid material that is pumped from a septic tank, cesspool, or such on site treatment facility after it has accumulated over a period of time.
- ee. **‘Sewage’** means the waste water containing human excreta either dissolved or undissolved, discharged from toilets and other receptacles intended to receive or retain such human excreta.
- ff. **‘Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)’** means a treatment plant of the design specifications and guidelines issued by the concerned authority from time to time, owned by the ULB, capable of the treatment and disposal of sewage.
- gg. **‘STP Site’** means the site of the STP including the land, buildings, structures, road works, trees and any other immovable property on, or attached to, the Site.
- hh. **‘Testing and Screening Protocol’** shall mean testing the faecal sludge and septage for pH and electrical conductivity and screening for waste such as industrial waste that may adversely affect the STP operations.
- ii. **‘Testing Period’** shall mean a period within which any performance tests and trial runs shall be conducted at the STP so as to ensure that the STP is fit and ready to operate commercially.
- jj. **‘Treated Products’** shall mean effluent and stabilized bio solids generated by the treatment of Faecal Sludge and Septage that meet the regulatory standards.
- kk. **‘Test Results’** shall mean measurements from the testing carried out for assessing the STP performance and the quality of the Treated Products.
- ll. **‘Tipping Fee’** shall mean the amount payable by Desludging Operators to the Host ULB upon each visit to the STP Site for the disposal of Faecal Sludge and Septage.
- mm. **‘Urban Local Body (ULB)’** means the Municipal Corporation/Municipality/Town Panchayat located within the State of Tamil Nadu.

- nn. **'ULB Cluster'** shall mean the Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats which together use a Sewage Treatment Plant defined in G.O. (Ms) No. 106, MA&WS Department, dated 01.09.2014 and G.O.(Ms)No.88, MA&WS Department, dated 31.08.2018 and as may be notified from time to time.

3. Interpretations

- a. The words, phrases and expressions defined hereinabove in Clause 2 or defined elsewhere by description in this MoU, together with their respective grammatical variations and cognate expressions shall carry the respective meanings assigned to them in the said Clause 2 or in this MoU and shall be interpreted accordingly;
- b. all words in singular shall be deemed to connote their respective plurals and vice-versa, unless the context suggests otherwise;
- c. the words "include" and "including" are to be construed without limitation;
- d. the headings of the Clauses in this MoU are merely for the purpose of convenience and shall have no bearing on the interpretation of this MoU;
- e. the Annexures to this MoU form an integral part of this MoU and shall be interpreted accordingly.

4. Measurements

- a. All measurements and calculations shall be in the metric system and the calculations shall be done up to 2 (two) decimal places, with the third digit of 5 (five) or above being rounded up and below 5 (five) being rounded down.

5. Obligations of Host ULB Prior to Operations Start Date

- a. The Host ULB shall grant a suitable Contractor the rights and obligations required to enable it to duly undertake the O&M of the STP.
- b. The Host ULB shall open and establish an Account with a Scheduled Bank in accordance with the terms and conditions of this MoU (hereinafter referred to as the "Account"). The Account shall be for the purposes of Co-treatment at the STP. The Account shall be operated by the Host ULB.
- c. The Host ULB shall not be responsible in any manner for the treatment of faecal sludge and septage generated within the jurisdiction of the Participating ULB(s) before the Operations Start Date.
- d. The Host ULB shall notify the Participating ULB(s) of the Operations Start Date subject to receipt of the Consent to Operate by advance notice in writing.
- e. The Host ULB shall inform the Participating ULB(s) of the duration of the Testing Period.

- f. At any time during the Testing Period, if any material defects, imperfections, shortcomings or such other faults are identified, the Host ULB shall notify Participating ULB(s) of the same and any consequent change in the Operations Start Date.
 - g. In the event that there is a delay in the occurrence of the Operations Start Date due to (i) any act or omission on the part of the Contractor and (ii) Force Majeure Event, the Host ULB may (i) terminate this MoU in accordance with Clause 15; or (ii) extend the Operations Start Date for a period as it deems fit.
 - h. The Host ULB shall notify Desludging Operators operating within the ULB Cluster of the operational hours of the STP, the disposal process, Tipping Fee and excluded delivery routes during specified hours.
 - i. The Host ULB shall inform the Participating ULB(s) prior to implementation of any proposed modification or change in the operational hours of the STP and the disposal process.
 - j. The Host ULB shall, in consultation with the Participating ULB(s), involve Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Government Organisations, representatives of ULBs, District Collector and other relevant organisations or officers, conduct trainings and create awareness regarding the Co-treatment at STP.
6. Obligations of Participating ULB(s) Prior to Operations Start Date
- a. The Participating ULB(s) agrees and acknowledges that prior to the Operations Start Date, the Participating ULB(s) shall be responsible for the treatment of faecal sludge and septage generated in its jurisdiction as per the Operative Guidelines.
 - b. Participating ULB(s) shall notify Desludging Operators operating within its jurisdiction of the operational hours of the STP, the disposal process, Tipping Fee and excluded delivery routes during specified hours.
 - c. The Participating ULB(s) shall support the Host ULB in conducting training and creating awareness regarding the Co-treatment at STP.
7. Obligations of Host ULB from Operations Start Date
- a. The Host ULB shall be responsible for the O&M of the STP.
 - b. The Host ULB shall convene a meeting with all Participating ULB(s) every 90 days on matters specified under this MoU and shall share with all Participating ULB(s) the minutes of the meeting.
 - c. The Host ULB shall record details of faecal sludge and septage received or rejected (hereinafter referred to as the "Record").
 - d. The Host ULB shall share with Participating ULB(s) the Record on a monthly basis from the Operations Start Date.

- e. The Host ULB reserves the right to disallow Desludging Vehicles from disposing faecal sludge and septage at the STP should the faecal sludge and septage be deemed as Excluded Waste by the Testing and Screening Protocol.
 - f. The Host ULB reserves the right to refuse entry to Desludging Operator(s) without a valid desludging license and/or on non-payment of Tipping Fee.
 - g. The Host ULB shall ensure that revenue receipts, such as License Fee and Tipping Fee, is credited to the Account.
 - h. The Host ULB shall ensure Test Results for Treated Products and STP performance are recorded and maintained at the STP Site. A summary of the Test Results shall be publicly displayed at the STP Site.
 - i. The Host ULB shall, in consultation with the Participating ULB(s), involve NGOs, Government Organisations, representatives of ULBs, District Collector and other relevant organisations or officers, conduct trainings and create awareness regarding the Co-treatment at STP.
8. Obligations of Participating ULB(s) from Operations Start Date
- a. The Participating ULB(s) shall be responsible for the O&M of the Decanting Facilities located within its jurisdiction.
 - b. Participating ULB(s) shall ensure Desludging Operator(s) operating within their respective jurisdiction shall have a valid desludging license.
 - c. The Participating ULB(s) will support the Host ULB in conducting training and creating awareness regarding the Co-treatment at STP.
9. Dispute Resolution
- a. Under this MoU a Joint Committee hereinafter called the “JC” comprising of the Regional Director of Municipal Administration, the Assistant Director of Town Panchayats and the Regional Executive Engineer shall be constituted.
 - b. Under this MoU an Appeals Committee hereinafter called the “AC” comprising of the Joint Commissioner of Municipal Administration, the Joint Director (Schemes) of the Directorate of Town Panchayats, the Superintendent Engineer of the Commissionerate of Municipal Administration and Superintendent Engineer of the Directorate of Town Panchayats shall be constituted.
 - c. In the event of any dispute arising between the Parties in relation to or under this MoU, the same shall be settled by the JC in the first instance and on appeal by the AC. The decision of the AC shall be final and binding.

10. Payment Terms

The Host ULB shall bear all expenses related to Co-treatment, subject to review from time to time.

11. Review and Amendment

- a. Provided that if the capacity of the STP permits, any Municipal Corporation/Municipality/Town Panchayat other than the Host ULB and Participating ULB(s) that is desirous to use the STP and the services provided by it, shall sign a Deed of Participation as provided in Annexure B, after obtaining written approval from the Commissionerate of Municipal Administration and Directorate of Town Panchayats to use the STP.
- b. The Payment Terms as defined under Clause 10 shall be reviewed by the AC and may be amended after six (6) months and twelve (12) months from the Operations Start Date, if needed.
- c. In the event of the Commissionerate of Municipal Administration and Directorate of Town Panchayats approving the participation of any Municipal Corporation/Municipality/Town Panchayat other than the Host ULB and Participating ULB(s) in accordance with Clause 12(a) the Host ULB in consultation with the AC shall review and amend the Payment Terms as defined under Clause 10, payable from such date as decided by the Host ULB at the point of such event.
- d. In the event of the exit of the Host ULB and/or one or more of the Participating ULB(s) from the MoU, the AC shall review and amend the Payment Terms as defined under Clause 10, payable from such date as decided by the AC at the point of such event.

12. Term and Renewal

- a. The rights and obligations of the Parties granted under this MoU shall be valid for a Term of three years.
- b. The Host ULB and Participating ULB(s) may agree to renew the terms and conditions of this MoU, after the expiry of the Term for such other period as it deems fit and on such terms and condition as may be decided at the point of such renewal.

13. Suspension/Temporary Shut down or Closure of the STP

- a. The Host ULB may be allowed to suspend, temporarily shut down or close the STP in case of planned or unplanned repair and maintenance.
- b. The Host ULB shall inform Participating ULB(s) of planned repair and maintenance activity in advance of such activity.
- c. The Host ULB shall inform Participating ULB(s) of unplanned repair and maintenance activity as soon as practicable and in any case within a reasonable period of time from the commencement of the activity.

- d. The Host ULB and Participating ULB(s) shall inform Desludging Operators within their respective jurisdictions of planned maintenance activity at the STP within a reasonable period of time in advance of such activity.
- e. During the period of planned or unplanned repair or maintenance activity, the Host ULB and Participating ULB(s) may inform Desludging Operators to avoid desludging during the said period in the first instance and subsequently the next nearest treatment facility, for disposal of Faecal Sludge and Septage.

14. Force Majeure Event

- a. As soon as practicable and in any case within a reasonable period of time from the date of occurrence of a Force Majeure Event or the date of knowledge thereof, the affected Party shall notify the other Party or Parties of the same, setting out, inter alia, the following in detail: -
 - i. the nature, extent and estimated duration of the Force Majeure Event;
 - ii. the nature of and the extent to which, performance or any of its obligations under this MoU is affected by the Force Majeure Event;
 - iii. the measures which the affected Party has taken or proposes to take to mitigate the impact of the Force Majeure Event and to resume performances of such of its obligations affected thereby.
- b. As soon as practicable and in any case within a reasonable period of time from the receipt of the notification by the affected Party in accordance with the preceding sub-clause (a), the Parties shall meet, hold discussions in good faith to: -
 - i. assess the impact of the underlying Force Majeure Event;
 - ii. formulate damage mitigation measures and steps to be undertaken by the Parties for resumption of obligations.
- c. If a Force Majeure Event continues or is in the reasonable judgment of the Parties is likely to continue beyond the original estimated duration, the Parties may mutually decide to terminate this MoU or continue this MoU on mutually agreed revised terms. If the Parties are unable to reach an agreement in this regard, the affected Party, shall after the expiry of the said period, be entitled to terminate this MoU in accordance with Clause 15.

15. Termination

- a. The Parties hereby agree that the Host and/or Participating ULB(s) cannot terminate its participation in this MoU until it shall submit a written request to that effect to the AC clearly stating: (a) the reasons for seeking an exit from this MoU; (b) the Alternate Arrangement established by it to scientifically dispose the faecal sludge and septage generated within its jurisdiction; and (c) the costs and benefits to the ULB in ceasing its participation in this MoU and the implementation of the Alternate Arrangement.

- b. The AC will grant approval for the exit of the Host and/or Participating ULB(s) only if:
- - i. the Alternate Arrangement is viable and will enable the Host and/or Participating ULB(s) to dispose faecal sludge and septage in accordance with the applicable Laws;
 - ii. the Alternate Arrangement is more cost effective for the Host and/or Participating ULB(s); and
 - iii. the continued viability of the STP is not adversely affected.

16. Notices

- a. Unless otherwise stated, notices to be given under this MoU include but are not limited to a notice of waiver of Term, breach of any term of this MoU and termination of this MoU, shall be in writing and shall be given by hand delivery, recognised courier, mailed, delivered or transmitted to the Parties at their respective addresses set forth below:

[Insert addresses of all Parties]

- b. All notices under this MoU shall be in English and/or Tamil.

17. Counterparts

This MoU may be executed in two counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute an original of this MoU but shall together constitute one and only one MoU.

18. Severability

If any provision of this MoU shall be declared illegal, void or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the other provisions herein which shall be considered severable from such provision and shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS HEREOF THE PARTIES HAVE SET THEIR HANDS ON THE DATE, MONTH AND THE YEAR HEREIN ABOVE WRITTEN IN THE PRESENCE OF

Witnesses:

1. Host ULB
2. Participating ULB(s) 1
3. Participating ULB(s) 2
- [...]
4. Participating ULB(s) *[Insert number]*

ANNEXURES

ANNEXURE A

DISTRIBUTION OF O&M FEES

S. No.	Name of the Urban Local Body	Host / Participating ULB	Annual O&M Fee (Rs.)	Monthly O&M Fee (Rs.)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

ANNEXURE B

Deed of Participation

This deed is made on this the _____ day of _____ at _____

BETWEEN

[Insert name] Municipal Corporation/Municipality/ Town Panchayats established under the [City Municipal Corporation Act or Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920] of the State of Tamil Nadu, acting through *[Name of Commissioner]*, the Commissioner (hereinafter referred to as “Host ULB”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, mean and include its successors and assigns)

AND

[Insert name] Municipality/Town Panchayat established under the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act 1920 of the State of Tamil Nadu, acting through *[Name of Commissioner/Executive Officer]*, the Commissioner/Executive Officer (hereinafter referred to as “Participating ULB(s) _____”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, mean and include its successors and assigns)

WHEREAS

(a) The Host ULB has already entered in to a MOU dated _____ with few Participating ULB(s) as defined thereof. The said MoU pertains to the Operative Guidelines for Septage Management for Local Bodies in Tamil Nadu, 2014 (the “Operative Guidelines”) issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu (hereinafter referred to as “State Govt.”) under G.O. (Ms) No. 106, MA&WS Department, Dated 01.09.2014 imposing an obligation on each local body to adopt suitable processes for the effective management of Faecal Sludge and Septage generated within its jurisdiction. Pursuant to the Operative Guidelines, Local Bodies constituted under the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920 are responsible for, inter-alia, making adequate provisions for the collection/removal and disposal of Faecal Sludge and Septage.

(b) The State Govt. under G.O. (Ms) No. 88, Dated 31.08.2018 has developed a cluster-based approach to ensure optimum utilisation of existing Sewage Treatment Plants (the “STPs”) and new Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (The “FSTPs”) in the State of Tamil Nadu. In furtherance of public interest and with the aim of improving standards of public health and sanitation in the State, the State Govt. has now decided to authorise and support this MoU to provide a facilitative framework for Co-treatment of Faecal Sludge and Septage at existing and upcoming STPs so that the Municipalities and Town Panchayats may use the facilities for the scientific treatment and disposal of the Faecal Sludge and Septage generated within their respective jurisdictions.

(c) In the above circumstances, the Participating ULB(s) herein has proposed their interest to join as a party to the said MoU for the purposes of using the facility as per the terms and conditions as defined thereof.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH

1. The Host ULB hereby agrees and accepts the Participating ULB herein as a party to the said MoU dated _____. As per the relevant provisions of the said MoU, the Participating ULB herein shall be treated as a party to the said MoU by virtue of execution of this Deed.
2. The Participating ULB undertakes, agrees and accepts all the terms and conditions of the said MoU and the same shall be fully valid and binding upon the Participating ULB herein. Any further revision or modification whatever carried out in the said MoU from time to time shall be fully applicable and automatically to the Participating ULB herein.
3. The Host ULB shall notify such revisions and modifications of the terms to the Participating ULB and the same shall bind the Participating ULB as mentioned above.
4. For the purposes of the said MoU, the Participating ULB herein shall be referred as "Participating ULB_____".
5. This Deed takes effect forthwith and the same shall be valid till _____. After the expiry of the said term, the parties shall have the option for renewing this deed of participation by executing suitable deeds.
6. All the obligations, liabilities, responsibilities, payment terms as mentioned in the said MoU shall be applicable to the Participating ULB.

IN WITNESS HERE OF THE PARTIES HAVE SET THEIR HANDS ON THE DATE, MONTH AND THE YEAR HEREIN ABOVE WRITTEN IN THE PRESENCE OF

Witnesses:

1. _____ Host ULB

2. _____ Participating ULB