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Attention: Dr. Neeta Verma

Director General

Dear Dr. Neeta:

Assessment of the Government e-Procurement System of the NIC (GePNIC) and development of the ADB Price Templates-Goods for the GePNIC

In March 2022, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) conducted an assessment on the GePNIC system to validate the continuing compliance of the system to the e-GP requirements of the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) financed operations dated July 2019 specific to updates applied to the donor processes for ADB tenders that include support for foreign mobile numbers in the registration process and the preparation of the ADB Goods and Services Price Templates.

We are pleased to inform you that the assessment found the GePNIC system to be compliant to MDB Guidelines and acceptable for ADB financed projects subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The GePNIC system continues to have a valid Standardization Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) audit certificate
- Any major modification or development of future technical requirements on the system are consistent with the guidelines and shall be subject to a new assessment by the ADB.

The ADB would like to thank you and your National Informatics Center (NIC) team for its invaluable support and collaboration during the assessment of the Government e-Procurement System of the NIC and the conversion of the ADB Price Templates for use by GePNIC. In particular, we would like to especially acknowledge and recognize the support of the following:

- 1. K Srinivasa Raghavan, Deputy Director General
- 2. Ms. Usha Saxena, Senior Technical Director
- 3. Mr. M Rama Amirtham, Senior Technical Director
- 4. Praveen Rawat, eProcurement Implementation Division

We look forward to our continued collaboration in e-GP through the GePNIC.

Sincerely,

**JEFFREY TAYLOR** 

Director

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