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To,
Tarunisree M,
M/S. Anant Viriya Pvt. Ltd.

Sub: Support to the Initiative by the Start-ups with the Catalytic Grant (Reverse funding) provided by the I-STEM

Dear M/S Anant Viriya Pvt. Ltd. (Start-ups)
I-STEM is pleased to inform you that the committee/I-STEM has recommended to support the initiative with the catalytic grant for the project entitled "*Design of a metalens to polarize natural sunlight*" submitted by *Mr. Raghav Gupta and Ms. Tarunisree M* of *M/S Anant Viriya Pvt. Ltd.* in a "reverse funding" manner, i.e., via partial reimbursement of expenses actually incurred, upon submission of valid documents.

I-STEM will provide monetary support of up to Rs. 3,00,000/ (Three lakhs only) for tests/analyses conducted and consumables procured plus up to Rs.20,000/ (Twenty thousand only) for the travel and lodging and boarding only, incurred on testing of the specimens, procuring of consumables, and travel for commuting from the parent Institution/Startup/Organization (where you are registered) to host Institutions/Organizations (where you are conducting the experiments/tests) only. The amount must be used/claimed within 6 months from the issue of this letter. Please make a note that the travel amount will be given only to commute for the testing of specimens in different institutions and not be available for any other purposes.

The following conditions must be adhered to get the support as catalytic funding:
1. A declaration from the Head of the Company/Institution (on Company letterhead) stating that, during the intended product development, up to 02 (two) technical personnel (trainees, excluding the administration of the Company) will be engaged by the Company and trained with the technology developed by the Company. (If required, a stipend of Rs.10k-15k/- per trainee/per month (based on eligibility) may be provided by I-STEM separately for a period of the three to six months, which will be in addition to the catalytic grant of Rs. 3,00,000/). Such a trainee may be employed by the Company after the said training period is completed. Details of such trained manpower must be provided/posted to the I-STEM portal after they are deployed to the tasks. In addition, the Company must train/allow to conduct the project every year, by the at least 02 students pursing degree, such as, BTech/MSc/Diploma in the field of Science/Engineering from AICTE-approved Institutions.
2. The equipment you need to use in nearby institution (custodian organization/institution) must be listed at the I-STEM portal and booking must be done through the booking calendars for record and auto billing/receipt.
3. The consumables which need to procured must be listed at the I-STEM portal (suppliers map) only and request of these consumables may be raised through the portal, if required.
4. The purchase of the equipment/or its accessories/software are not permitted with the catalytic grant.
5. The travel cost up to 3rd AC Class Rail Fare (No tatkal fare) or actual for each visit, whichever is less, will be reimbursed.
6. Lodging/boarding cost will be allowed up to 1500/ per day or actual, whichever is less, for staying at the location, near by the host institute.
7. The invoices must be submitted within 30 (thirty) days from the date of services/ invoice(s) generated along with a technical report to I-STEM.
8. Original Bills for travel via rail/bus from the parent institute (where you are registered) to the host institution (where tests/analyses are conducted) must be submitted for reimbursement. Bills for travel by Autorikshaw/Taxi will not be reimbursed, if submitted.
9. Continuation of support within the aforesaid period will be subject to satisfactory review by the I-STEM Team, whose decision shall be final and binding.
10. The user needs to acknowledge the support provided by the I-STEM, in all the publications, academic thesis, and official technical reports stemming from the project. The acknowledged statement may be stated as follows: *"The Author(s) acknowledge that the work reported here was supported in part by I-STEM (Indian Science, Technology, and Engineering facilities Map) program, funded by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Govt. of India."*

National Coordinator, I-STEM

CC to:
The Founder/Director, Anant Viriya Pvt. Ltd.