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Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of AKWL and Invitees , held on 16-01-08 at Tata Consultancy services Ltd

Present

Dr PK Seth, President

Sri VB Singh, Vice President

Dileep Kumar, Secretary

Dr CB Thapa, Treasurer

Mr Jayant Krishna

Mr Vishwas Sarswat

Mr Manu Agarwal

Dr BN Mishra

Mr Saurabh Mishra

Dr Devashish Bose

Mr Swapan Johri

All participants were welcomed, specially our life member Mr Swapan Johri, Vice President, HCL Comnet, Noida

Following points as per agenda were discussed and decisions were taken as follow

1.Introduction of participants: introduction for social networking was done

2.Confirmation of the meeting held on 22-12-08, as per attached file : decision; minutes confirmed , however there was suggestion to invite the Chief Secretary, GOUP as Chief Patron and in case he does not agree offer may be made to the Infrastructure & Industries Development Commissioner of GOUP. In addition Principal Secretaries of IT&E, Technical Education, Science & Technology , Vice Chancellor, UPTU may be offered to be Patron of AKWL

3.Plan long term and short term activities to be undertaken by AKWL, with clear responsibility centers :

Mr Swapan Johri suggested that activities should have business agenda for increased investment at Lucknow. Efforts may be made to convince big players that Lucknow is a good business destination. Mr Jayant Krishna told advantages of doing business from Lucknow e.g. availability of electricity without any rostering, too short time in journey from home to office or from hotel to office relative to cities like Bangalore, no loss of mandays due to strike etc in last ten years or so.To develop client confidence for outsourcing work to comp-anies at Lucknow, a list of high profile satisfied/ delighted customers may be prepared and circulated.Mr Swapan Johri agreed to arrange a meeting of AKWL with many CEOs at NCR in third week of February. AKWL will make efforts to include in proposed meeting representatives of GOUP from Lucknow. Short term activities may include affiliation of AKWL with All India organizations like NASSCOM.

Similarly a program may be organized for bringing Biotech Industry to Lucknow.

Dr BN Mishra agreed to organize an event for it in next few months. The meet may have star attraction like CEO of Biocon.

AKWL to suggest to GOUP to provide incentives (e.g. Sales tax moratorium for few years) ,to attract new industry like other states and provide better infrastructure facilities.

Sri Jayant Krishna agreed to contact new President of NASSCOM and GOUP for organization of a major event in next few months ,stake holders conference on theme “IT/ITeS destination Lucknow-issues and challenges”

Mr Sudeep Neogi , CEO of Sahara Net Corp may be invited for an interactive discussion by AKWL . Dr CB Thapa has agreed to facilitate the meeting

4.Strategy for membership development, specially institutional members : Decision-Services of high profile EC members may be utilized to attract knowledge based industry/ research organizations to join AKWL as member . Efforts will made to meet local CEO at Lucknow of Ansal API, through Dr Seth as they will develop SEZ for IT and Biotech industry, and make them member of AKWL

5.Any other point with permission of the chair :

It was decided that Dr HM Behl may be requested to become Chairperson of AKWL Knowledge Center for BioSciences & Agribusiness

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair and the host viz TCS