## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) Between HYDERABAD DECCAN CIGARETTE FACTORY PVT LTD(HDCFPL) & ANWAR UL ULOOM COLLEGE OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (AUCBM)

This document constitutes an agreement between **HDCFPL** an national development project promoting economic development in **AUCBM**, a private, agribusiness company.

## 1. Objective

The objective of this MOU is to express the willingness of both parties to engage in an effort to promote the competitiveness of AUCBM as well as it's activities to develop and expand relationships with producers of herbs and spices that they source from (these producers are also referred to an micro, small and medium scale enterprises or "MSMEs").

Specific activities under this MOU will be identified through consultation between the two parties.

**HDCFPL** agrees to provide technical assistance to assist AUCBM to carry out activities that will improve or expand the support they provide to herb and spice producers they source from and improve its competitiveness. As a preliminary activity, **HDCFPL** will conduct a strategic planning exercise with AUCBM to review their outgrowing operations. The results of this exercise will assist AUCBM with the implementation of its operations and will help identify areas where AFE can provide capacity building support. After finalizing the strategic planning session, technical and financial support agreements for specific activities will be developed through a participatory process. These agreements will be detailed in subsequent Addendums to this MOU.

**AUCBM** agrees to work with and coordinate with *HDCFPL* in the development of their initiatives to improve and expand support to the MSMEs they transact with. They also agree to allow *HDCFPL* to carry out monitoring and evaluation activities to assess the impact of these activities on participating producers.

## 2. General Terms of MOU

- **2.1 Duration of MOU:** This MOU shall be operational upon signing and will have an initial duration of one year. All activities conducted before this date within the vision of the collaboration will be deemed to fall under this MOU.
- **2.2 Coordination:** To carry out and fulfill the aims of this agreement, each party will appoint an appropriate person(s) to represent its organization and to coordinate the implementation of activities. AUCBM and *HDCFPL* staff will meet regularly (preferably with two days' notice) to discuss progress and plan activities.

- **2.3 Technical and Financial Support:** Addendums to this MOU will be developed for specific technical and financial support activities. These Addendums will provide a detailed description of the role, responsibility, and financial contribution of each party. Work plans and reporting requirements will be clearly outlined in the Addendums.
- **2.4 Confidentiality:** Each party agrees that it shall not, at any time, after executing the activities of this MOU, disclose any information in relation to these activities or the affairs of business or method of carrying on the business of the other without consent of both parties.
- **2.5 Termination of MOU:** The partnership covered by this MOU shall terminate upon completion of the agreed upon period. The agreement may also be terminated with a written one month notice from either side. In the event of non-compliance or breach by one of the parties of the obligations binding upon it, the other party may terminate the agreement with immediate effect.
- **2.6 Extension of Agreement:** The MOU may be extended provided the parties agree upon, and can provide the necessary resources.
- **2.7 Communications:** All notice, demands and other communication under this agreement in connection herewith shall be written in English language and shall be sent to the last known address, e-mail, or fax of the concerned party. Any notice shall be effective from the date on which it reaches the other party.
- 2.8 Addendum: Any Addendum to this MOU shall be in writing and signed by both parties.
- **2.9 Insurance:** It is the responsibility of AUCBM to insure themselves against any casualties. *HDCFPL* will not bear any responsibility for costs of sickness, accidents or any other liability.

## 3. Other Provisions

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- **3.1** HDCFPL retains the right to withhold cost share payments for failure to comply with terms and conditions stipulated in this MOU and subsequent Addendums.
- **3.2** AUCBM shall immediately inform *HDCFPL* of any event, which could have a negative influence on or endanger the successful accomplishment of the tasks described in the agreement.
- **3.3** AUCBM shall not use the name of *HDCFPL* in any promotional literature or information without the prior written approval of *HDCFPL*.
- **3.4** *HDCFPL* shall pay the costs of its staff and any fees associated with the participation of its staff (e.g., transportation, communications, lodging, etc.) in the support of this activity, unless transportation can be provided by AUCBM.

- 3.5 Beside the agreed upon technical support and cost share payment(s) to be stipulated in the Addendums to this MOU, HDCFPL has no other legal and financial obligations.
- 3.6 Income tax and VAT, if any arises due to cost share payments to AUCBM, shall be deducted at source at the applicable rates by HDCFPL and will be deposited to the exchequer.
- 3.7 Both parties assume that this agreement does not go against the rules and regulations of the Government.
- 3.8 AUCBM is reminded that U.S. Executive Orders and U.S law prohibits transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. It is the legal responsibility of AUCBM to ensure compliance with these Executive Orders and Laws.
- 3.9 This agreement will be administered in accordance with prevailing standard provisions and certifications for HDCFPL including those contained in ADS Chapter 303, "Grants and Cooperative Agreements to non-governmental organizations" and within the terms of the USAID standard provisions applicable to non-US, non-governmental recipients.

The terms and provisions in this MOU also apply to any subsequent Addendum to this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

For and on behalf of

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Date: 19-09-2022

Signature

For and on behalf of NWARUL ULOOM COLLEGE

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