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To,

The District Environmental Engineer
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
Maraimalai Adigalar Street,
Next to Municipal Office,
Maraimalai Nagar – 603 209.
Kanchipuram District.

Subject: Ban on “one time use and throw plastics” in the state of Tamil Nadu with effect from 01.01.2019

Dear Madam/Sir,

1. **Ref:** TNPCB Lr. No: T1/TNPCB/DEE/F.0174/RL/Plastic ban/2018 DT: 28.11.2018

With reference to the subject above, we Cognizant Technology Solutions India Pvt Ltd., is fully aligned with the noble mission of protecting our environment by effectively implementing the ban of “single use plastic” within our premises. Our Executive Committee has taken a strong stand with this mission and have successfully implemented the ban on following single use plastic with effect from 18th July 2018 in our premises located at **Cognizant Technology Solutions India Pvt. Ltd., M/s BBM Estate India Private Ltd, Lakshmi Tech Park. No 5/639 Old Mahabalipuram Road, Perungudi Chennai -96**

- 1) Plastic food wrappers
- 2) Plastic water packs
- 3) Plastic flags
- 4) Plastic cutlery
- 5) Plastic straws
- 6) Plastic carry bags
- 7) Plastic cups

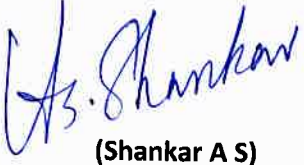
In addition to the above, the pictorial representation in biodegradable banners of 6X3 feet size are displayed in facility main entrances. Further towards effective awareness, we have circulated “Cognizant All” mailers among our Associates and also displayed the pictorials in A3, A4 size posters throughout following areas;

- 1) Visitors lounge
- 2) Cafeterias
- 3) Pantries
- 4) Parking zone

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For Cognizant Technology Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.,



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Authorized Signatory

Corporate Workplace Services

Enclosure:

2. TNPCB Lr. No: T1/TNPCB/DEE/F.0174/RL/Plastic ban/2018 DT: 28.11.2018
3. Process Implementation measures

Process Implementation of ban on one time use and throwaway plastics

Summary Status as on 15th Dec 2018

SL. No	Notification	Action Taken	Status
1	All the industrial premises, shall take necessary steps to ban the use of following one time use and throw plastics irrespective of thickness from 01.01.2019 1. Plastic sheets (Used for wrapping food items, spreading on dining table, etc.) 2. Plastic plates 3. Plastic coated tea cups/ plastic tumblers 4. Plastic straws 5. Plastic carry bags 6. Plastic flags 7. Plastic water pouches/packets	<i>Usage of One time use and throw plastics in the premises are removed</i>	<i>Completed</i>
2	All the industries shall provide permanent display board made of metal (not in PVC flex) with pictorial representation of the banned "one time use and throwaway plastics" items at the entrance of the industry, for informing the visitors about the implementation of the ban on "use of one time use and throwaway plastics"	<i>Pictorial representation in metal board ordered and meanwhile biodegradable banner will be used to display at the entrance of the main gate, office building for informing the workers and all other visitors about the implementation of ban on one time use and throw plastics</i>	<i>In progress</i>
3	Declare their industry premises as "plastic free zone" and stickers shall be put up prominently.	<i>Display of "one time use and throwaway plastics" were displayed in prominent locations.</i>	<i>Completed</i>
4	Awareness program among employees and other public within 10km radius, about the ban on use of "one time use and throwaway plastics" and the alternatives for the banned plastics, utilizing the service of proactive NGO's, NGC and ECO clubs.	<i>CSR team will be involved in the awareness activity..</i>	<i>In progress</i>
5	Competitions to be conducted among the children's of their employees for creating	<i>Competitions will be conducted among employees and their children</i>	<i>In progress</i>

	awareness about the ban on use of "one time use and throwaway plastics"		
6	Take pledge to avoid "one time use and throwaway plastics"	<i>Pledge taken</i>	<i>Completed</i>
7	Provide notices to the suppliers, customers and visitors, detailing the banned plastics items and to make practice to use alternate to banned plastic items	<i>Posters are displayed in prominent places to create awareness. One time use plastics are eradicated from use in cafeteria.</i>	<i>Completed</i>
8	Ensure that the banned plastic items are not used in the canteen, offices, official meetings, etc.	<i>Information noted & will be complied with.</i>	<i>Will be complied</i>
9	Form a "one time use an throwaway plastics avoidance committee" comprising of top, middle and lower level officials with responsibility to create and spread awareness among the employees and community around 10km radius	<i>Common mailers circulated among employees and CSR team will be involved in social awareness creation</i>	<i>In progress</i>

Glimpse of few samples displayed:

