



ALVA'S INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

A Unit of Alva's Education Foundation (R)

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Date: 16/11/2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Independence Representation and Warranty

Alva's Education Foundation represents, warrants and undertakes, as of the date of this Letter, that:

(1) Entering this type of business relationship is in the ordinary course of the Counter-party's business with customers such as EYGBS (India) LLP ("EYGBS") / Ernst & Young LLP ("EY LLP-GSS") / EY Global Delivery Services India LLP ("EYGDS")

(2) The Products and/or Services are being offered for purchase at market rates or otherwise in accordance with Counter-party's internal pricing policies and practices

(3) During the Term of this business relationship, [(a) the Counterparty (b) none of the Counterparty's directors, officers or direct or indirect substantial equity owners and none of the individuals with significant responsibility for providing services to EY shall be a partner, executive officer, member of the Board of Directors, or a direct or indirect substantial equity owner (or otherwise with control), of any audit client of an EY Network Member. For the purposes of this clause, a person or entity shall be deemed a "substantial equity owner" of an entity if he or it (i) is a general partner in such entity, if such entity is a limited partnership; (ii) holds a 5% or more direct or indirect equity interest in (or the power, by contract or other relationship, to direct the affairs or management of) such entity, if such entity is publicly-traded; (iii) holds a 20% or more direct or indirect equity interest in (or the power, by contract or other relationship, to direct the affairs or management of) such entity, if such entity is privately-held.

(4) The aggregate amounts contemplated to be paid to us by as EYGBS (India) LLP ("EYGBS") / Ernst & Young LLP ("EY LLP-GSS") / EY Global Delivery Services India LLP ("EYGDS") as compensation for providing products or services within any of our fiscal year periods shall not exceed 7% of our total revenue during such period.

(5) This representation holds good for all transactions, entered during the period 01st Dec, 2022 till 29th Feb, 2024

For Alva's Education Foundation:

[Name]: Vivek Alva
[Title]: Managing Trustee

Vivek M Alva
Managing Trustee
Alva's Education Foundation (R)
Moodbidri - 574 227

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made on 17 January 2022 ("Effective date") between EY Global Delivery Services India LLP (hereinafter referred to as "EY GDS") having its registered office at EY Global Delivery Services India LLP, RMZ, Tower C, 4th Floor, Old Madras Road, Bangalore-560016

And

Alva's Education Foundation located at Alva's Education Foundation, Alva's Complex 1st Floor, Near Swaraj Maidan, Moodbidri - 574227, DK, Karnataka hereinafter unless the context otherwise requires be referred to as "Educational Institute".

Individually each of EY GDS and the Educational Institute shall be called "Party" whereas collectively as the Parties.

WHEREAS:

1. The Educational Institute, with a view to provide best in class skills to students and faculty members in higher education, and to disseminate knowledge through novel techniques and methodologies for the benefit of large sections of society, is offering a wide range of programs.
2. With the objective of offering latest and updated knowledge in the area of Tax, the Educational Institute and EY GDS wish to collaborate in the offering of Educational Programs by the Educational Institute to its Students.
3. The Educational Institute having felt the need to update the Faculty of the Educational Institute with latest Industry knowledge, intends to collaborate with EY GDS for appropriate interactive sessions for the Faculty.

The Parties hereby agree as follows:

I - DEFINITIONS

"Applicable Laws" means all laws, enactments, orders, ordinances, rules, regulations, regulatory guidance, regulatory requirements and any form of secondary legislation, resolution, policy, guidelines, concessions or court or governmental orders from time to time having the force of law and applicable to the performance, receipt or use of the Services in the relevant jurisdiction.

"Courseware" hereby refers to books or education material designed by EY GDS distributed to the Faculty Members and its Students in any form like printed books, links, PDFs etc.

"Educational Programme" means course or courses delivered as part of the curriculum of the Educational Institution.

"Faculty" hereby refers to the teaching staff of the Educational Institute;

"Students" hereby refers to the students of Educational Institute.

II. Intended benefits of the collaboration

a) For Educational Institute

- 1) Opportunity to update the Faculty of the emerging trends in the specialised area of Tax.

- 2) Opportunity to offer updated Educational Programs In Tax to Its Students.
- 3) Opportunity to be recognized by the Industry and academic circles as one of the preferred location / Institution for acquiring training and skills in latest Tax domains;
- 4) Opportunity to collaborate with EY GDS in conducting various seminars and workshops in the Educational Institute focused on application of knowledge to real life situations;
- 5) Opportunity to independently manage the running of the Educational Program upon obtaining training for its Faculty.

b) For EY GDS

- 1) Opportunity to observe creation of a pool of trained and skilled Students in the field of Tax. EY GDS shall benefit from getting precedence over all other organizations to approach the Students for placement/ Internship opportunities at EY GDS.

III - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

a) Courseware and Training of Faculty

- 1) EY GDS, through its personnel, will provide part of the Courseware and/or conduct sessions for the Faculty which will be suitable for the Education Programmes of the Educational Institution.
- 2) There will be no fees payable by Educational Institute to EY GDS for the collaboration pursuant to this MOU.
- 3) Educational Institute will provide required infrastructure including class rooms, projectors, white boards, markers and access to other facilities at their premises to EY GDS for the sessions.
- 4) Operational details of when to offer the sessions during the course of an academic year, duration of each session, number of sessions in a week, time of the day when the Training will be offered, campus where Training are to be offered, minimum and maximum size of batch, teacher to taught ratio and other similar details will be discussed and agreed by both Parties well in advance.
- 5) Depending upon the nature of the Educational Program being offered, Educational Institution may collaborate with EY GDS to provide a pre-enrolment orientation to the Students to ensure to help Students make an informed decision to enrol.
- 6) Training of Faculty will be done at a mutually agreed frequency.
- 7) EY GDS may upon request assist the Faculty in setting the examination question paper for the students enrolled in the course and may also provide sample answers for the reference at the time of evaluation of answer sheet by the Faculty.
- 8) EY GDS shall be given precedence over other companies/ firms to offer Internship/ campus placements to students enrolled for this course. Educational Institute shall inform in advance and arrange for EY GDS visit on day zero of the placements.

b) Courseware (details to be provided in the attached Annexure)

EY GDS will provide course material in following manner:

- Part of the relevant Courseware shall be delivered in electronic form with permission to reproduce in hard copy formats like photocopy or even electronically in offline or online mode.
- Books relevant to the course may be provided to the Faculty and/or for the library for reference by the Faculty and Students. The books shall be returned to EY GDS upon either

- early termination or expiry of this MOU. Educational Institute shall comply with the copyright guidelines of the publications for the book provided.
- The EY GDS materials will be used strictly for training the Faculty and for reference by the Students. No commercial usage is allowed without prior written permission from EY GDS.
- The Educational Institution shall be responsible to review the final Courseware to ensure adherence to Applicable laws and relevant regulatory bodies.

c) Intellectual Property Rights

Where EY GDS and Educational Institute share sensitive Information and material which are classified / patented / copyrighted by either of the parties, the same should neither be shared nor be used for any purpose outside of this intervention, without expressed permission from the other party. Whereas materials and information with rights of the third party are used, the same can only be used by either party otherwise only with expressed permission from the right-holder.

Each Party shall continue to be the owner of its respective trademarks, copyrights and all other proprietary rights and no party shall use any trade mark, logo or copyright of any other party without permission in writing of the party who owns such proprietary rights.

There shall be no transfer of any intellectual property rights under this MOU.

d) No Placement opportunities guaranteed for the Students

Nothing in this MOU shall be perceived or understood as EY GDS assuring any placement in its organisation or elsewhere for the Students of the Educational Institution.

IV - Indemnity

Educational Institute hereby undertakes and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless EY GDS including its officers, directors and agents from and against all actions, proceedings, claims (including third party claims), liabilities (including statutory liability), penalties, demands and costs (including without limitation, legal costs), awards, damages, losses and/or expenses however arising directly or indirectly, including but not limited to, as a result of:

(a) Breach or non-performance by Educational Institute of any of its undertakings, warranties, covenants, declarations or obligations under this MOU;

(b) Breach of any Applicable Law.

(c) Breach of Anti-Bribery requirements (Clause IX)

(d) Breach of Confidentiality (Clause V)

(e) Breach of Data Protection (Clause VII)

(f) Breach of Intellectual Property Rights (Clause III (c))

The Indemnities under this Clause are in addition to and without prejudice to the indemnities given elsewhere in this MOU.

The Indemnities provided herein shall survive the termination of this MOU.

Subject always to an unlimited liability for Clause IV (b) to (f) above, the Educational Institute will not be liable to other for any lost revenue, loss of profit nor other incidental or consequential damages based on any breach or default under this MOU.

V - Confidentiality

During the tenure of this MOU, and prior to its execution during any discussions between the parties regarding this MOU, Educational Institute may have access to confidential information regarding 'EY GDS,' its associates and affiliates and its client information. Educational Institute agrees (A) to maintain in confidence all such information acquired from the 'EY GDS' (B) not to disclose any such information to anyone except the Educational Institute personnel authorized to receive it and third parties to whom such disclosure is specifically authorized in writing by the 'EY LLP', and (C) not to use the 'EY GDS's confidential information for any purpose other than that for which it is disclosed.

Information considered confidential by the EY GDS includes, without limitation ("Confidential Information"): (A) Client reports/information, or third parties, matters of a technical nature such as trade secret processes or devices, know-how, data, formulas, inventions (whether or not patentable or copyrighted), training materials, specifications and characteristics of products planned or being developed, and research subjects, methods and results, (B) matters of a business nature such as information about costs, profits, pricing policies, markets, sales, suppliers, customers, employees, product plans, and marketing plans or strategies, (C) other information of a similar nature not generally disclosed by the EY GDS to the public, (D) confidential information of EY GDS based on materials, books, prints, etc. accessible to Educational Institute or its authorized representative.

The obligations imposed by this clause shall not apply to any information that (A) is placed in the public domain by the EY GDS by affirmative action and not by inadvertence, (B) is independently developed by the Educational Institute without access to such Confidential Information, or (C) is approved for release in writing by an authorized representative of the EY GDS.

In the event Educational Institute receives any validly issued administrative or judicial process or request from any governmental or tax authority requesting disclosure of Confidential Information, it shall provide prompt notice to the EY GDS of such receipt. EY GDS shall thereafter be entitled to comply with such process or request.

Without EY GDS' prior written consent Educational Institute shall not in any manner disclose, advertise or publish the existence or terms of, or transactions under this MOU.

The terms and conditions of this shall survive termination of this MOU.

VI - Independence Warranties

a) Educational Institute represents, warrants and undertakes, as of the date of this MOU, that:

- 1) this MOU does not contain terms and conditions that are, in the aggregate, more favourable than those being offered by the Educational Institute to others with similar business relationship;
- 2) entering this type of agreement is in the ordinary course of the Educational Institute's business with stakeholders such as EY GDS;
- 3) the Party executing this MOU on behalf of the Educational Institute has the legal right and full power and authority to enter into and perform this MOU, which when executed shall constitute a valid and binding obligation of the Educational Institute;
- 4) during the Term of this MOU, none of the Educational Institute's directors, officers or direct or indirect substantial equity owners and none of the individuals with significant responsibility in the business relationship with EY GDS contemplated herein shall be a partner, executive officer, member of the Board of Directors, or a direct or indirect substantial equity owner (or otherwise with control), of any audit client of an EY Member

Firm. For the purposes of this clause, a person or entity shall be deemed a "substantial equity owner" of an entity if he or it (i) is a general partner in such entity, if such entity is a limited partnership; (ii) holds a 5% or more direct or indirect equity interest in (or the power, by contract or other relationship, to direct the affairs or management of) such entity, if such entity is publicly-traded; (iii) holds a 20% or more direct or indirect equity interest in (or the power, by contract or other relationship, to direct the affairs or management of) such entity, if such entity is privately-held;

b) The Educational Institute agrees to advise EY GDS immediately of any change in fact that could render any of the Educational Institute's representations, warranties and undertakings, as set out in Clause VI (a) above, false or invalid in any respect during the Term of the MOU. In the event that any of the Educational Institute's representations, warranties and undertakings ceases to be accurate, EY GDS may terminate this MOU with immediate effect in accordance with Clause XI.

VIII - Record Retention

Educational Institute shall keep maintain data/ records or e- records, as the case maybe, of activities collaborated pursuant to this MOU at least for a period of seven (7) years from the date of creation and shall provide the relevant details to EY GDS upon request.

IX - Anti-Bribery, Corruption and Money Laundering

In the performance of the services under this MOU, Educational Institute and its affiliates, officers, directors and employees and Educational Institute's agents acting for Educational Institute in connection with this MOU including any business partners, if any, shall comply fully with all applicable anti-corruption, anti-bribery and anti-money laundering laws including without limitation the Indian Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the UK Bribery Act, 2010, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, 1997, and the Indian Prevention of Money-laundering Act, 2002, and any laws intended to implement the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transaction, and shall refrain from doing any such act, deed or thing that may cause the EY GDS to be in violation of such laws (hereinafter referred to as "Anti-Corruption Laws").

In the performance of the proposed services, Educational Institute shall also comply with all applicable laws including without limitation enactments, orders, ordinances, rules, regulations, resolutions, and guidelines as promulgated from time to time and having the force of law (hereinafter referred to as "Applicable Laws").

Without prejudice to the generality of the preceding clause, Educational Institute shall not offer, give, receive or solicit (and, if an entity, shall cause its personnel not to offer, give, receive or solicit), directly or indirectly, money or anything of value to or from:

(a) any third party to influence their actions or functions improperly or to otherwise gain an unfair advantage;

(b) any of the EY GDS' employees, managers, partners or other personnel in connection with the performance of the services to influence their actions or functions improperly or to otherwise gain an unfair advantage;

(c) any Government Official. "Government Official" means any Indian or foreign government official or employee (including employees of a government corporation or public international organization), any political party, candidate for public office, judicial officer and any Indian public servant (as defined in the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988).

(d) Educational Institute agrees that EY GDS may disclose the terms of this MOU, including Educational Institute's identity and the payment terms, to any third party who, in the EY GDS' judgment, has a legitimate need to know, including Government agencies.

Educational Institute hereby warrants and represents that to the best of its knowledge, following due enquiry, neither Educational Institute nor any of its Associated Person, wherever applicable, ("Associated Person" in relation to Educational Institute shall mean a person who performs or has performed services for or on behalf of Educational Institute), has been the subject of any investigation, inquiry or enforcement proceedings by any governmental, administrative or regulatory body, regarding any offence or alleged offence under the Anti-Corruption Laws and no such investigation, inquiry or proceedings are pending or have been threatened and there are no circumstances likely to give rise to any such investigation, inquiry or proceedings. Educational Institute further warrants and represents:

(a) Educational Institute has not at any time engaged in any activity, practice or conduct that would constitute an offense under applicable anti-corruption legislation;

(b) no employee or third party of Educational Institute or of any of the subsidiaries has bribed another person intending to obtain or retain business or an advantage for Educational Institute and/or any of the subsidiaries, and Educational Institute and each of the subsidiaries has in place adequate procedures designed to prevent their employees or any third party from undertaking any such conduct;

(c) It shall perform its obligations under this MOU in compliance with the Anti-Corruption Laws and Applicable Laws and shall maintain its own policies and procedures to ensure strict compliance thereof;

(d) there shall be no cap on its liability for breach of clause herein;

(e) It shall not do or omit to do, any act that will cause EY GDS to be in breach of the Anti-Corruption Law and Applicable Law;

(f) It shall make it clear to Associated Person, including its staff and sub-contractors, as applicable, that Educational Institute does not accept or condone the payment of bribes, including facilitation payments, on its behalf;

(g) It shall promptly report to EY GDS any request or demand for any undue financial or other advantage of any kind received by Educational Institute in connection with the performance of the Services under this MOU.

X - BREACH OF MOU

In the event of any breach of the terms of this MOU, which is capable of rectification, by either party hereto, such other party shall be entitled to call upon the party to rectify such breach within fifteen days from the date of the notice, failing which the breach shall be deemed to be a material breach, and shall entitle such other party to rescind this MOU for material breach.

XI - TERM AND TERMINATION

a) The MOU shall be effective for a term of 3 years from the effective date, unless terminated earlier by either party, or extended mutually by both parties hereto, on the same terms and conditions as herein.

- b) EY GDS may terminate this Agreement with immediate effect if:
- 1) the Educational Institute is in material or persistent breach of this MOU and, if the breach is remediable, has failed to remedy it within 10 days after receipt of a written notice requiring it to be remedied; or
 - 2) the Educational Institute or any of its assets are subject to any form of winding up, administration, receivership, insolvency proceedings, arrangements with creditors generally, enforcement of security or legal process or repossessions; or
 - 3) the other party's ability to carry out its obligations under this MOU is prevented or substantially interfered with by any regulation, law, decree or any act of state or other governmental action or either party is refused or has revoked any official or regulatory license, authorization or permission necessary for the performance of its obligations hereunder; or
 - 4) any of the representations, warranties and undertakings set out in Clause VI become false or invalid in any respect during the term of this MOU; or
 - 5) EY GDS believes, in good faith, that its professional obligations or requirements require termination; or
 - 6) The Educational Institute is in breach of any relevant anti-corruption laws.
- c) EY GDS may terminate this MOU without cause and without liability by providing the Educational Institution a prior written notice of at least 30 days of its intention to withdraw from further evaluations and discussions.
- d) Irrespective of termination period / date, termination will be effective subject to all the payments (if any) and other obligations having been met by either party in a timely manner. In the event of termination of this MOU for any reason whatsoever, including termination due to breach by EY GDS, all licenses to any material granted by EY GDS to Educational Institute by virtue of this MOU, shall also stand automatically terminated without any further act of Parties. Upon termination, the Educational Institute shall discontinue the use or distribution of the materials provided by EY GDS. Educational Institute will also return or destroy at EY GDS' discretion, all material provided by EY GDS including slides, soft copies of material provided by EY GDS for the training programs.
- e) The rights and remedies of either party under this Clause XI are without prejudice to any other rights and remedies either of them may have under this MOU or otherwise.

XII - ARBITRATION

Any and all disputes, controversy or claims related to or arising in connection with this MOU shall first be referred to Principal of the Institute or his representative and Authorised Signatory of EY GDS for a resolution within 30 days.

If dispute continues to be unresolved, then the matter will be referred to arbitration by a sole arbitrator to be appointed by EY GDS in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The seat of any such arbitration shall be Bengaluru.

Each party shall bear its own costs and fees in connection with the arbitration.

All proceedings shall be conducted, including all documents presented in the Memorandum of Understanding in the English language.

XIII - GENERAL

This MOU shall not be construed to be an agency or a partnership or joint venture or an employment relationship.

Neither party shall be entitled to bind the other party with any third party by its actions, unless it has specifically obtained the prior written consent of such other party to do so.

Each party is an independent contractor, and nothing under this MOU shall be construed to create an employment relationship, whether for tax or for any other purpose, nor create any partnership or joint venture between the parties. No provision of this MOU grants either party any express or implied right of authority to assume or create any obligations or responsibility on behalf of or in the name of the other party or bind the other party in any manner or thing whatsoever. Neither party nor its personnel shall be considered employees of the other.

Neither party shall assign or transfer this MOU or any benefits or rights or obligations accruing to it under this MOU, without the prior written consent of the other party.

The existence and substance of this MOU and the rights and obligations of the parties herein will be kept confidential by Educational Institute and will not be disclosed to any third party without the prior written consent of EY GDS. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Educational Institute may make such disclosure to the extent required by law, court or statutory authority, in which case Educational Institute will promptly inform EY GDS to allow EY GDS a reasonable opportunity to obtain a protective order. EY GDS and Educational Institute agree not to use the trademark, trade names, services or any other proprietary marks of the other party in any advertisement, press releases, publicity matters or other promotional materials without prior written approval of the other party.

Any press release, publicity or media interaction pertaining to this MoU signing or EY GDS activities on campus need to have prior written consent from either party. The use of EY Logo anywhere including brochure or website shall be subject to prior written permission by EY GDS, however, Educational Institute may publish regarding this course syllabus on their website and brochure. It is clarified that publication of course syllabus shall be without use of EY Logo. Any violation of this paragraph will amount to material breach and will lead to the termination of this MoU by the non-breaching Party.

This MOU supersedes all prior oral or written communication, discussions and representations communicated between the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter of this MOU. Any modification to this MOU shall only be made by way of a written document duly executed by authorized signatories of both parties hereto.

If any provision of this MOU is held to be unenforceable or illegal under certain circumstances for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of such provisions under other circumstances or the remaining provisions hereof, and such provisions shall be reformed only to the extent necessary to make them enforceable under such circumstances.

Any notice under this MOU will be in writing and delivered by hand or by registered mail, return receipt requested, to the other party at the registered office or as may be substituted by the notice. If any notice is sent by mail, notice will be effective on the date of receipt.

Educational Institute shall maintain at all times, a one-point contact for the EY GDS trainings being conducted at the Institution.

Representatives:

FOR EY GDS

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Any change in the Representatives of either Party will be promptly notified to the other Party.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU on the date, month and year,
herein above written.

In witness whereof the Parties have signed this Agreement

For and on behalf of Global Shared
Services Division of EY Global Delivery
Services India LLP

For and on behalf of Alva's Education Foundation

Richard Antony

Vivek M Alva

Vivek M Alva
Managing Trustee
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Name: Richard Antony

Name: VIVEK M ALVA

Title: Authorised Signatory

Title: MANAGING TRUSTEE

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