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Science and Engineering Research Board 3rd & 4th Floor, Block II Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road New Delhi - 110016

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To

Dr. VIPUL MANSUKHBHAI VEKARIYA,

Parul University, Post Limda, Vadodara, Waghodia, Vadodara, Gujarat-391760

Subject: Financial Assistance to Dr. VIPUL MANSUKHBHAI VEKARIYA for participating in "The 44th PIERS (PhotonIcs and Electromagnetics Research Symposium), Czech Republic (03 July, 2023 to 06 July, 2023)"

Sir/Madam

We are happy to inform you that your application seeking financial grant to attend the above mentioned international scientific event has been recommended for support by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB). We will provide to and fro economic class air-fare by the shortest route, airport tax & visa fees. It is hoped that the support will give you an opportunity to interact with leading international experts in the area. The support, however, is subject to the following conditions.

- 1. You should not have received financial support during the last three years under this scheme.
- 2. The air tickets are to be booked in economy class at "Lowest Available Fare" on the date of booking. It may be noted that rescheduling/cancellation charges will not be reimbursed.
- 3. SERB is directed to instruct the applicant to purchase the air tickets either of these two Govt. authorized travel agents viz. i) M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL) and ii) M/s Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT). In case of failure of adherence to this guideline, air fare will not be reimbursed.
- 4. The candidate availing ITS must have to submit the certificate for "Lowest Available Fare" at the time of reimbursement...
- 5. The signed print copy of Claim Form along with the original Boarding passes and other relevant documents must be sent to the SERB immediately after completing the online Claim Form to the following address.

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- 6. The account details must be in the format available at the home page of the online portal in the format section and it must be endorsed by the competent authority of the institute/university.
- 7. SERB will reimburse the grant after deducting the financial assistance received from any other sources, if any.
- 8.All other expenses such as per diem, taxi fare etc. will not be reimbursed by SERB.
- 9. You will have to make your own arrangements for foreign exchange required for the purpose.
- 10. You will not be treated as a delegate sponsored by the Government of India.
- 11. We request you to either accept or decline this offer at the earliest online. On acceptance only, you will be able to submit the Claim Form. Please note that once you decline this offer, it will be assumed that you are not interested in availing this offer and no further communication will be entertained in this matter.
- 12. You must submit Claim Form and other relevant documents online within 90 days of the Last Date of the Event, failing which SERB will not reimburse the Travel Grant.
- 13. If any candidate found to have furnished incorrect / misleading information at any stage, his/her candidature will be cancelled and no reimbursement will be made. The candidate will also be debarred for next three years for availing support under this scheme.

## Disclaimer:

- 1. Financial support will be provided for physical attendance in the event. No support will be provided in case of online/web attendance.
- 2. No financial support will be provided other than approved items as mentioned above. SERB will not be responsible to bear any other cost borne by the candidate.

With kind regards,

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