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Dated: October 14, 2015

MINUTES OF THE MEETING Academic Industrial Research Centre (AIRC)

An emergency meeting of the AIRC was held on October 14, 2015 at 1.00PM in Board Room 3rd Floor 1/C building.

Following members were present:

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| 1. Prof. B.K. Sharma | Convenor |
| 2. Prof. G.C. Tikkiwal | Nominated member |
| 3. Prof. Lalita Ledwani | Nominated member |
| 4. Prof. S.N. Sharan | Nominated member |
| 5. Prof. N.N. Sharma | Nominated member |
| 6. Dr. Anil Dutt Vyas | Nominated member |
| 7. Mr. Sujiban Ghosh | Nominee of Finance |
| 8. Dr. M.M. Sharma | Member Secretary |

Mr. Tara Chand Tak, Representative ZIRL could not attend the meeting.

Special Invitees: MIS Personnel Shri Ranjay Singh Verma and Shri Chandrakant Shinde also attended the meeting.

First of all the Chairman welcomed all the committee members and explained briefly the reason for calling the emergency meeting.

Before starting the discussion on the item for consideration in the meeting, the members agreed to confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on May 6, 2015.

Thereafter, the Convenor summarised circumstances and developments which arose due to the numerous emails written by Mr. Tara Chand Tak of ZIRL

regularly in the last three months to all and in particular to the President which were neither expected nor desired. In all his mails, Mr. Tara Chand Tak has blamed MUJ for not honouring its commitment of providing proper infrastructure and to MIS for not being able to resolve the water leakage issue in the ZIRL lab and as a result, he has suffered big losses. According to him there was a long delay. He returned to MUJ on Monday, October 12, 2015. A one to one meeting with Dean (Res) and then with MIS, CAO and some members of AIRC were held on October 12 & 13, 2015. In both these meetings he talked of losses, and wanted to leave MUJ and take his equipment back. Thus, MoU was not being honoured. The other issue was the payment of his stay in the Guest House. MIS raised bill of Rs. 88,000/- on August 31 for the stay of Mr. Tara Chand or his representative (staying since 12th January, 2015). Mr. Tara Chand Tak when asked to clear the bill, declined to pay mentioning that the entire fault was of MIS and MUJ. He could not set-up his HPLC facility in time and hence could not get any business. He has already incurred heavy loss and therefore does not want to continue any further. According to him this was a conspiracy. He had ordered certain items to M/s R.R. Printers (Identity Cards, Pens T-Shirts standee). The bills of these items of Rs. 12,723/- are also pending which also he declined to pay. When pressed, he threatened for Legal action to seek losses and go in media also against the University.

The summary of the case and various developments, is as under :

- (i) The MoU between MUJ and ZODIAC was signed on December 17, 2014.
- (ii) The MIS had assured to complete the lab preparation namely partitioning, false ceiling, IT related and other work by January 31, 2015. **This was not done.** MIS took unduly long to prepare the lab.
- (iii) MUJ wanted ZIRC to set the facility by February 20, 2015 so that it could be inaugurated on February 28, 2015 or at the most during BOM meeting in mid- March.

This did not happen as lab was handed over to ZODIAC only on March 11, 2015 as the same was not ready.

- (iv) Factually, to set up the facility Mr. Tara Chand had arrived in MUJ on January 11, 2015 but he had no access to the space to set-up his

equipment for 2 months. Had the MIS prepared the lab as per promised time, things would have been different.

- (v) The first meeting of AIRC was held on May 6, 2015.
- (vi) According to AIRC decision, training of students and MUJ faculty was completed by May 25, 2015.
- (vii) On May 27, 2015 water leakage from roof just above his instrument cabin was reported. It continued for over 2 months.
- (viii) Mr Tara Chand left for his home place leaving his assistant for the safety of his equipment. He returned in beginning of August 2015 but left again after a few days. Till then there was no sign of his quitting MUJ.
- (ix) Seeing no solution, he started writing mails to the Vice Chancellor and blame game began.
- (x) Mr. Tara Chand was offered another cabin but he declined to shift.

Members thoroughly deliberated on this matter thereafter. The various clauses of MoU were also critically examined. After intense discussions, the members observed that as per MoU:

1. It was MUJ's responsibility to provide the space and infrastructure timely to set up the machine. However, due to inefficiency of MIS, this got delayed and as a result, the facility could neither be inaugurated during RSC III nor even later during BOM meeting in March 2015. Had MIS completed the assigned work by promised date, the things would have been different.
2. Once the facility was installed, ZODIAC completed his part of agreement to provide training to students and faculty of MUJ. In fact, he wanted AIRC to fix rates for outsider's training also. Thus, so far things were going on smoothly.
3. The problem became acute once water leakage started and then the inability of MIS to resolve it even in 2 months. Hon'ble VC had to intervene but even now this problem is continuing.
4. Mr. Tara Chand had assured to move to separate residence leaving the Guest House once the facility was set-up but took almost 5 months.

Thus, this mess has been due to MIS, first for not handing over the lab in time and later not being able to stop water leakage even in three months time: this

problem still persists. MIS did not raise the bill till August 2015 and that too after blame game began.

Mr. Ranjay Singh Verma and Shri Chandrakant Shinde were asked comment. They accepted the delay in lab preparation. Regarding Guest House charges, they offered for sharing or even waiving off/ slashing charges. That, however, could be done only with the approval of MIS officers in Bangalore (In-charge YOHO Mr. Manish/ Mr. Shobhit). They can approach them if there was any communication from MUJ for this.

In view of all these facts, the members unanimously recommended as under:

- (i) The MoU with ZODIAC be terminated immediately.
- (ii) The Guest House bill may be suitably shared by all three parties namely ZIRL, MIS and MUJ although the general consensus was MUJ should ask MIS to absorb the entire amount being entirely their fault otherwise in future no industry shall enter MUJ.
- (iii) MUJ should avoid any litigation as far as possible.
Two members namely Dr. Anil Dutt Vyas and Prof. S.N. Sharan were requested to discuss informally with Shri Tara Chand Tak for sharing the bill of Guest House.
- (iv) Bills of R.R. Printers were raised in name Mr. Tara Chand Tak and will have to be paid by him.

In the end, all members felt that it was sad that such an interesting and novel programme had to be abandoned in this manner and that too after starting it with full vigour.

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Prof. B K Sharma
Convenor

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Member- Secretary

*Submitted for
kind perusal &
approval of recommendations*

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14/10/15

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*Recommendations of the committee are
approved for further action*

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17/10/15