



**MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-22 OF MANAGING COMMITTEE AND ADVOCACY CORE COMMITTEE MEETING OF ACTION ALLIANCE FOR RECYCLING BEVERAGE CARTONS "AARC" HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021 AT 04:00 PM VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING**

The meeting was held via video conferencing in due adherence with social distancing norms under COVID-19

**Time 04:00 P.M to 05:00 P.M**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Mr. Ashutosh Manohar - Chairman of the Meeting	Tetra Pak India Private Limited (Tetra Pak)
Cdr. Amitabha Ray	Schreiber Dynamix Dairies Private Limited (Schreiber)
Mr. Tusar Ranjan Pattnaik	Dabur India Limited (Dabur)
Mr. Rohan Mishra	Coca- Cola India Private Limited
Mr. Sathish	KMF

**SPECIAL INVITEES:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Mr. Mangesh Gupte	COO of AARC
Dr. Praveen Aggarwal	CEO of AARC
Mr. Rajat Kumar and Ms. Garima	Volunteers of AARC
Mr. Sharad Sharma, Mr. Vaibhav Malik and Mr Kamlesh Kholia	Tetra Pak India Private Limited
Mr. Jay Prakash Sharma	Schreiber Dynamix Dairies Private Limited
Mr. Sai Kishore	Parle Agro Private Limited
Ms. Juhi Gupta	Varun Beverages Limited
Ms. Preethi Ramakrishnan	Cavin Kare Private Limited
Ms. Rashi Adlakha & Mr. Hemant Yadav	Invitees

## 1. QUORUM AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Mr. Ashutosh Manohar was elected as Chairman of the Meeting. He welcomed the Members of Managing Committee and Advocacy Core Committee and ascertained the quorum of the meeting.

Members of the Managing and Advocacy Core Committee attended the meeting through audio-visual mode from their respective places and affirmed that audio-visual was audible and clear.

No confirmation on attending the meeting was received from Mr. Sanjeev Ganesh, an Authorised Representative of United Spirits Limited, and Mr. Akshali Devendra Shah, an Authorised representative of Parag Milk Foods Limited. Hence leave of absence was granted to them.

## 2. TO REVIEW & CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021

Signed minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 were placed for perusal and the same were read and confirmed.

## 3. TO DISCUSS THE NOTIFICATION RELATED TO NATIONAL EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FRAMEWORK RELEASED BY MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (MoEFCC) ON OCTOBER 6, 2021

Mr. Mangesh Gupte, COO of AARC discussed with Members the notification related to National Extended Producer Responsibility framework released by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on October 6, 2021

He explained the Members about the major highlights of notification as follows:

- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) shall be applicable to both pre-consumer and post-consumer packaging waste
- “**Recycling**” has been defined as the process of transforming segregated plastic waste into a new product or raw material for producing new products
- “**Reuse**” has been defined as an object or resource material again for either the same purpose or another purpose without changing the object’s structure
- Under Clause 5.1, Category III of plastic packaging defines multilayer plastic packaging as a product with at least one layer of plastic and at least one layer of material other than plastic
- The EPR regulation covers the following with respect to plastic packaging:
  - Reuse

- Recycling
- Use of recycled plastic content
- End of life disposal
- Those plastics which cannot be recycled will be sent for end-of-life disposal such as road construction, waste to energy, waste to oil, cement kilns etc. as per relevant guidelines issued by Indian Road Congress and Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) as per draft notification
- The draft gives Producers, Importers, and Brand Owners of plastic waste an opportunity to trade in EPR certificates. They can use the surplus EPR certificates for offsetting previous year shortfall, carry forward for use in succeeding year and sell it to other producers and brands.
- The manufacturer will be deemed responsible for managing the reversal from the consumer end and for recycling or treating plastic packaging waste.
- The notification also mentioned category-wise and year-wise targets for the producers, have been called out separately
- The regulations cast EPR on Producers, Importers and Brand Owners for collection and recycling of plastic packaging waste and the EPR shall be applicable to both pre-consumer and post-consumer plastic packaging waste, according to the notification.
- The regulation set out the roles and responsibilities of Producers, Importers, Brand Owners, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCBs), State Pollution Control Board (SPCBs), Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) recyclers and waste processors for effective implementation of EPR.
- The EPR target for producers increases to 70% in 2022-23 and 100% for 2023-24 onwards. Similar EPR targets apply for Importers and Brand Owners.
- There are targets in the draft for recycling of plastic packaging waste which is mostly 30 to 50% of EPR in 2023-24.

#### **4. TO UPDATE THE MEMBERS ABOUT THE RECENT MEETING OF AARC AND MEMBERS WITH MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE (MoEFCC) AND OTHER GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDERS**

AARC team apprised Members about the recent meeting of AARC with MoEFCC in which AARC has given suggestions on the current draft notification issued by MoEFCC.

The suggestions given by AARC are as follows:

- Category wise EPR target
- Plastic credit
- AARC's recommendation for minimizing ULB's role included in the framework
- Separate role for the producers

- Graded targets
- Acceptance that local level targets may not be met hence allow for “meeting national targets”

Team further apprised Members about various Government Stakeholders’ Meeting of AARC as follows:

- Tetra Pak Meeting with NITI Aayog on October 13, 2021
- AARC along with a small delegation met with the Joint Secretary, MoEFCC Sh NP Gangwar (and Sh Amit Love) on October 13, 2021
- AARC participated in the steering Committee meeting of Karo Sambhav to discuss the national EPR framework released by MoEFCC.

#### **5. TO DISCUSS ABOUT THE UPCOMING FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (FSSAI )AND OTHER STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

Dr. Praveen Aggarwal apprised the Members about the upcoming meeting of AARC with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India and other Stakeholder Meetings

- AARC had written to CEO, FSSAI for a meeting. He had to cancel the meeting at last hour due to ill-health. Dr. N Bhaskar, Advisor(Science & Standards) has given appointment on October 22, 2021 at 10.00 AM to discuss the concerns
- AARC is following up with Mr. Tanmay Kumar (Chairman, CPCB) for meeting, his office will share the update this week
- A welcome letter has been sent to the new Chairman of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), Sh AL Jarhad introducing AARC and seeking time to share the updates. AARC team is following up with the office for meeting time
- AARC is in continuous engagement with Himachal Pradesh authorities, meeting expected soon
- The office of Minister, MoEFCC being engaged for a meeting with AARC delegation
- A meeting with Smt. Pushpa (Secy, MOFPI) was scheduled on October 22, 2021 at 1:00 PM

#### **6. TO TAKE NOTE OF CHANGE IN AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE OF KARNATAKA MILK FEDERATION LIMITED (KMF)**

Mr. Mangesh Gupte placed before the Members letter dated June 22, 2021 received from Karnataka Milk Federation Limited for authorising Mr. Sathish Kumar, Additional Director (Marketing), KMF as authorised representative to correspond with AARC on behalf of Karnataka Milk Federation Limited in place of Mr. BM Suresh Kumar

The Members took note of the same.

**7. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE RENEWAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT OF M/S “KRAYMAN CONSULTANTS LLP” AS CONSULTANTS TO AARC.**

The Chairman informed the Members that they may consider and approve renewal of Services Agreement of M/s KrayMan Consultants LLP, who were appointed as Consultants to AARC in the Managing Committee Meeting held on October 30, 2018.

The Managing Committee Members may consider their renewal effective October 1, 2021 on the same terms as was for the previous period (i.e. October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021).

Accordingly, the following resolution was passed:

**“RESOLVED THAT, “M/s KrayMan Consultants LLP”** be and are hereby re-appointed as Consultants to AARC in order to provide accounting, tax, regulatory compliances and advisory services for the period October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 on the same terms as was for the previous period (i.e. October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021);

**“RESOLVED FUTHER THAT,** the designated Members of AARC, be and are hereby authorised to do and perform any all such acts, including execution of any document required for the said resolution.”

**8. TO REVIEW KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR (KPI) OF CONSOCIA ADVISORY PRIVATE LIMITED**

Dr. Praveen Aggarwal requested Members to review the KPI of Consocia Advisory Private Limited to which Mr. Ashutosh Manohar, Chairman of the Meeting and all other Members were of the view that the KPI of Consocia Advisory Private Limited shall be discussed in a separate meeting. Consocia Advisory will share the review presentation.

**9. TO CONSIDER WAIVER OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE OF RADICO KHAITAN LIMITED**

Request from Radico Khaitan to waive-off year FY 2019-20 membership fees was tabled, Chairman and Vice-Chairman advised that it would be a bad precedent to allow any member to skip membership fee and all other members have complied with the annual membership payment, despite Covid circumstances. AARC could offer liberal/phase wise payment scheduled to Radico khaitan.

**VOTE OF THANKS**

There being no other business to transact, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Date:**

**Chairman**