REPORT OF THE CSR PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN FY 2019

During FY 2019, your Company implemented the following CSR projects:

1. Watershed Program for Rural development and social upliftment/transformation in collaboration with NABARD

For holistic and sustainable development, social infrastructure and integration of interventions is indispensable. Your Company, *inter alia*, endeavors to support rural developmental projects which include watershed development projects for ensuring availability of water and sustainable livelihood of the communities in drought areas with erratic rainfall, low agricultural productivity, degraded resources and low economic status. Though the major focus in the watershed projects is soil and water conservation measures, the ultimate result is securing water availability and increasing the incomes of farmers and other stakeholders in the watershed. Further, to ensure the overall development of the community with effective utilization of the allotted resources, your Company collaborated with NABARD for various watershed projects and add-on measures to resolve livelihood issues faced by the farmers and the distress they encounter in the dryland/rain fed areas with resultant increased production, enhanced productivity and augmented livelihood of the watershed communities.

The two long term watershed projects initiated in 2015-16, namely the Ghotka Watershed Project in Loha Taluka, Nanded District and Shedechimad Watershed Project in Ralegaon Taluka of Yavatmal district in Maharashtra, completed during the year have resulted positively on the watershed communities around by not only providing water, but also alternative livelihood opportunities.

Your Company has, during the year, further supported add-on measures for three watershed projects located in drought prone of Maharashtra areas namely Amboda watershed in Nandura taluka of Buldhana district, Pokhri watershed in Beed taluka of Beed district and Gopuj-Gursale Watershed in Khatav taluka of Satara district. The initial two projects are in the Capacity Building Phase and the latter in Final Implementation Phase. The support is aimed for sustainable development and social transformation with appropriate interventions, training and capacity building.

2. Rural development through Water for irrigation project

Your Company provided financial support for two Water for irrigation projects to Swades Foundation namely: Chalichakond, Poladpur block and Talashet, Mangaon block, both in Raigad district. Though farming is the major occupation, no crop other than paddy was cultivated in the area. Soil and water treatment measures and other intervention like water & sanitation, agriculture & dairy, livelihood options, education, health & nutrition, etc. were also carried on the said sites. The water source(s) have been harvested and storage structure created by the intervention and through lifting and drip/surface irrigation promoted efficient distribution of water for facilitating cultivation of high value crops. This has, *inter alia*, resulted in income enhancement and overall sustainable rural development in the area of intervention.

3. Setting of Computer laboratory and Automatic Weather Station

To facilitate, encourage and build the practical skill set of each student by providing quality education and practical orientation, your Company provided financial support to Uttan Krishi Sanshodhan Sanstha, Uttan (UKSS) for setting up of computer laboratory for students of Agricultural Polytechnic in Uttan, Thane and Wada, Palghar region. Hailing from backward areas, these students mainly belong to tribal and scheduled caste/tribes communities. Installation of Automatic Weather Station at Wada Dist. Palghar makes the meteorological data available to local farmers, and assist them to appropriately decide on the agricultural activities to be undertaken.

4. Imparting quality education to BMC schools students

Your Company provided financial support to Global Education Trust (GET) for coaching the students of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (MCGM/BMC) schools. This intervention intended to impart qualitative education and grade improvement for the students belonging to socially backward section. More than 9800 lectures were held during the academic year, benefitting more than 3250 students from English, Hindi, Marathi and Urdu medium studying in V, VI, and VII standards at 20 BMC Schools in Mumbai. Further, in addition to the teachers engaged by GET, employees of the Company voluntarily participated by teaching in various BMC schools.

5. Panchayat Middle School at Kadayampatti

To create an enabling environment for education to economically under-privileged children in rural area, your Company provided financial support for construction of class rooms for a School in Salem district of Tamil Nadu. The basic infrastructure provided through the said intervention shall provide improved classroom environment and enable quality learning for the students hailing from weaving and backward community in the area.

6. Preservation and enhancement of India's rural heritage

For the purpose of preservation and enhancement of India's rural heritage with economic development and for livelihood enhancement and general improvement in the quality of life, the Company has contributed towards the

corpus of Indian Trust for Rural Heritage and Development (ITRHD). With an aim to preserve our rural heritage and linking its preservation with economic development and livelihood opportunities, your Company has supported ITRHD which is working towards the same in different fields in areas across the Country. Further, to unfold the organic relation between heritage preservation and economic development, ITRHD has undertaken projects for enhancement of rural and tribal economy and livelihood through conservation, sustainability and management of the totality of heritage assets.

7. Gramin Suvidha Kendra Programme

Conceptualized in 2006, this program provides basket of value-added services by assisting farmers in formulating a cropping strategy and maximizing returns; creating awareness, providing knowledge/guidance and helping the farmers to raise their standard of living. A joint programme with India Post, Gramin Suvidha Kendra Programme is a single window service providing various baskets of services at the doorstep and designed to empower small and marginal farmers with knowledge about market prices of the locally produced commodities and best practices for enhancing quality standards of their produce and making farming economically sustainable. Necessary assistance, guidance, and support was provided in agriculture and allied activities through the Gramin Suvidha Kendra (GSK) centers of the programme to make farming viable and as a profitable livelihood means. Local agricultural experts, field visits and exposure visits enable farmers to adopt good agricultural practices, new techniques, processes and innovations maximise productivity and enhance their livelihoods and have social impact. The activities help redress crop related queries, develop knowledge of new techniques, adopt good agricultural practices, avoid distress sale etc. by and help them save time and money. Training and orientation programmes provide an access to local youth on various employment /livelihood opportunities and the assistance to avail various government schemes. During the year, the Company disassociated with India Post and the Gramin Suvidha Kendra programme was discontinued by closure of all the GSK Centers during the financial year.

Brief of activities undertaken under the GSK Program during FY 2019 are as under:

(1) Capacity building and awareness events:

Through Capacity Building Events like training, awareness, exposure visit Agri. expert visit etc. programmes your Company provided valuable agricultural information and knowledge on productivity, quality management, crop diversification, marketing, newly developed seed varieties etc. Such events were conducted alongwith agricultural experts, and in coordination from different agricultural universities, Krishi Vigyan Kendras etc. These programs assisted in developing capabilities, adopting advanced agriculture techniques/practices and helped farmers to resolve different problems related to various stages of crop cycle, etc. The programme also supported Self Help Groups through capacity building and training /awareness programmes to make women economically stable. Necessary guidance/ training for creating awareness including health and hygiene awareness and convergence with Government schemes.

(2) Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Programme(s):

The farmers were made aware and encouraged to adopt new agricultural techniques like System Rice Intensification (SRI) and Front Line Demonstration (FLD). SRI, an agro ecological methodology, enhances productivity of crops especially rice, by changing the management of plants, soil, water and nutrients. FLD demonstrates newly released crop varieties and its management practices in different agro-climatic regions under close supervision of agri. Scientist in the farmers' field. The objective of these programmes is to enhance soil fertility, increase productivity and help raise household incomes. 271 farmers were benefitted through these programmes during the year.

(3) Income Enhancement:

To increase the household income, Gramin Suvidha Kendra promoted floriculture, wadi/fruit orchard, kitchen garden, and nursery programmes. Such interventions enable supplementary income from agricultural activities and make farmers aware of a sustainable livelihood options. Support provided to farmers especially women, by providing seeds/plants of vegetables and plants for cultivation in their available land. Through this initiative, around 238 small and marginal farmers were benefitted by enabling them to earn additional income.

(4) Sustainable (Organic) Agricultural Practices:

To enhance soil productivity with better quality of crop at low input cost, Gramin Suvidha Kendra has encouraged farmers to adopt sustainable organic or natural farming wherein productivity is increased by use of bio fertilizers and biological pest controls that help to conserve bio-diversity. To improve the soil quality for enhance yield, more than 100 vermi-compost bed were provided to farmers. To assess soil fertility and enable suitable nutrient doses through chemical fertilisers / organic manure depending on crops, the soil testing process was completed with 1101 farmers.