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दिनांक January 01, 2025
Date.....

To,

M/s Darknext LLP

RIIDL, K.J.Somaiya Institute of Technology, Eastern Express Highway,
Near Everard Nagar, Sion East, Mumbai - 400022

Subject: Empanelment by CERT-In as an Information Security Auditing Organization

This refers to your request for empanelment along with (i) Consent form confirming acceptance of the terms and conditions of the empanelment (ii) Undertaking by your organisation on code of conduct (iii) Background verification certificate in respect of technical employees to be deployed for Information Security Auditing in Government and Critical Sectors.

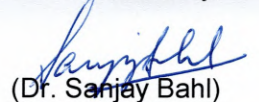
It is to inform you that your organization has qualified all the required steps for empanelment. We are pleased to empanel 'M/s Darknext LLP' with validity up to 31st October 2027 as an Information Security Auditing Organization, for providing the **Information Security Auditing Services**, subject to periodic review by CERT-In, and in accordance with "The Terms and Conditions of Empanelment" as issued by CERT-In from time to time and published on CERT-In Website. **M/s Darknext LLP** shall be strictly compliant to all the terms and conditions of empanelment at all times.

We also invite your attention to the "Auditor Guidelines", "Policy Guidelines for Handling Audit Related Data" issued by CERT-In (available on CERT-In website) and urge you to comply with the same. It may also be noted that it is **mandatory** to submit audit metadata and audit report within 5 days of completion of first & final audit with CERT-In as per format provided by CERT-In. The quality of audits carried out by CERT-In empanelled auditors is of utmost importance and need to be maintained at all times.

CERT-In reserves the right to terminate empanelment of the auditing organization (i) in case of non-compliance to any of CERT-In's terms & conditions and guidelines w.r.t empanelment being observed or reported by/to CERT-In (ii) Degradation of auditor's performance or competence as per CERT-In or on the basis of adverse feedback provided by auditee organization (iii) Non submission of audit report and metadata timely to CERT-In (iv) Involvement in any sort of cyber security related assessment, unannounced access, penetration without prior written consent/approval of target entity (v) Use of CERT-In logo or any reference to association with CERT-In except the wording highlighted in section 4 of "Terms and Conditions for Empanelment" (vi) in case of involvement in any fraudulent or unethical activity.

It may be noted that this letter of empanelment is valid only when name of the entity is listed on CERT-In website at https://cert-in.org.in/PDF/Empanel_org.pdf.

Yours Sincerely,


(Dr. Sanjay Bahl)

Director General, CERT-In

