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Dear Sir/Madam,

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Sub: Introduction of e-filling of ABS applications

As you may be aware, the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) is a statutory and regulatory body established by the Government of India in 2003 to implement the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 on the lines of UN Convention on Biological Diversity, to which India is a party.

The National Biodiversity Authority is mandated to regulate the access to biological resources and/or associated knowledge for various activities like research, bio-survey, bio-utilization, commercial utilization, obtaining intellectual property rights, transfer of research results/accessed biological resources. The users of biological resources are obligated to seek prior approval of NBA by filling applications in various Forms specified under the Biological Diversity Rules, 2004.

Keeping in line with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Digital India program and part of its continuous efforts in providing upgraded service to its stakeholders, the NBA has introduced an online submission of application portal "e-Filling of ABS applications". This e-Governance initiative of NBA with emphasis on citizen-centric services was launched by the former Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 30th March, 2017.

Since introduction of e-filling of ABS applications, many stakeholders including Government institutions, universities, corporate entities and Scientists/Researchers are started using the ABS e-filling portal for submitting their applications and paying the fees online. This new service is expected to speed-up the processing of applications and may reduce avoidable exchange of correspondence between the NBA and the applicants.

Subsequently, the NBA has launched an Online e-Filling for Form-B (for conducting non-commercial research or research for emergency purposes outside India by Indian researchers/Government institutions using the biological resources under Regulation 13 of Guidelines on Access to Biological Resources and Associated Knowledge and Benefits Sharing Regulations, 2014) and Form-C (for deposition of micro-organism by Indian scientists/researchers in non-Indian repository for claim of novel species) through ABS e-filling portal.

I would be thankful if you could advise the teachers/scientists of your organization to submit their application through ABS portal which is integrated to the NBA's website (www.nbaindia.org).

Necessary instructions may also be issued to all the colleges/institutions affiliated to your university in this regard.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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