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Dear All,

It gives me great pleasure to be invited to chair **The Grand Masters 2018** – Bengaluru Edition organized by Lex Witness. Meeting peers to exchange ideas and thoughts on the challenges that we face every day is crucial to the discharge of our duties, as much as to stay professionally contemporary. This is our way of clicking on the “refresh” icon!

The Grand Masters 2018 Summit Series – A Corporate Counsel Legal Best Practices Summit Series happens to be one of the most ideal platforms that we have today. The series started with its 2018 debut edition at New Delhi on the 8th February 2018 followed by the Mumbai edition on

16th February 2018 and the concluding edition on 23rd February 2018 in Bengaluru.

Today, an in-house counsel needs to wear many hats. We play the role of the risk-identifier, taking proactive steps to assess, manage and ameliorate risks. We also act as a trusted partner to our internal clients, advising the business on the best way to navigate the regulatory maze they find themselves in while pursuing aggressive growth paths. Often, we tread a tightrope when we uncompromisingly insist on compliance without being labelled as incessant roadblocks or deal-stoppers. The Grand Masters 2018 Summit Series will be our forum to improve the tool-kit that we use to juggle our multiple responsibilities.

We are living through exciting times. We have seen revolutionary developments in technology and the regulatory regime of the country. **The Grand Masters 2018 Summit Series** promises to engage us in meaningful dialogue on a variety of topics of current and traditional interest. For example, the use of artificial intelligence in management of legal matters is particularly relevant and will impact the way we conduct our business as in-house counsel going forward.

The implementation of GST and the notification of the Bankruptcy Code, being dramatic changes in law with far reaching and long-term consequences, merit detailed analysis and discussion. On the traditional front, participants will be exchanging ideas on the challenges we face in dispute resolution. The choice of litigation versus arbitration is always a tricky one, and our agenda includes talks on the nuances that have to be borne in mind when making that choice. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to hear on these topics (amongst others) from distinguished lawyers who advise some of the best companies in the country.

I am excited to meet the participants and speakers and look forward to a day of informed conversation, exchange of ideas and camaraderie.

See you at The Grand Masters 2018!

Best Wishes.

K. S. Suresh

General Counsel, ITC Limited.

Summit Chair – The Grand Masters 2018, Bengaluru Edition

THE AGENDA

09:00 AM – MORNING REFRESHMENTS & REGISTRATION

09:30 AM – WELCOME NOTE BY LEX WITNESS

09:45 AM – SUMMIT CHAIR'S ADDRESS - K.S SURESH, GENERAL COUNSEL, ITC LTD.

10:00 AM - MEET THE ALL NEW GENERAL COUNSEL 2.0 – READY FOR THE UPGRADE?

Pujarini Guha Maulik, Director, Associate General Counsel, InMobi - Moderator

Ameet Datta, Partner, Saikrishna & Associates

Anjali Balagopal, Head of Intellectual Property Practice, Infosys

Mamta Sundara, General Counsel, Diageo India

Naveen Chandra, Head Legal, Compliance and CS, Dynamatic Technologies

Rajendra Punde, Director & Head Legal, Mintkart India (Formerly ebay India)

Shelly Kohli, Assistant General Counsel, S. Asia, Middle East & N. Africa, Levi Strauss (India)

India Spikes Up In Ease of Doing Business - The Inevitable Role of Legal Machineries

The Stakeholder Sagas – Are Your Courtrooms & Boardrooms in Sync?

The New Age General Counsel's Tool Kit

The Balancing Act between the In House Counsel & the External Counsel

A GC's External Counsel Check List - Secrets & Success Stories

An External Counsel's Wish List - Perspective & Ambition

The In House Legal Team & External Legal Advisory - A Unison in Play?

Technology Steam Ahead of Lawyers - A Combating Conversation?

AI vs. HI - A GC's Take on the Bots

Future of Fraud Risk Management - Is Automation the Key?

Paradise Papers - A Lesson in Place for Data Shelving?

Disclosure of Whistleblower Investigations – What Does The Law Demand?

White Collar Crimes - Can there be a Watchdog?

Corporate Governance - A GC's Note wrt SEBI Guidelines & Kotak Committee

Delisting of Companies, Disqualification of Directors - Lessons for The Corporate Counsel

Number of Layers Rules 2017 - Restrictive & Ambiguous?

11:15 AM - NETWORKING BREAK

11:40 AM - MASTERING CONTRACTS THROUGH INTELLIGENT CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

Sudeep Sanyal, Regional Vice President, Apttus

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THE AGENDA

12 NOON - LET'S TALK TECHNOLOGY – CUSTOMARY OR INNOVATIVE ENOUGH?

Agnidipta Sarkar, Global Information Risk & Continuity Officer, DXC Technology - Moderator

Amit Mohaan Meharia, Managing Partner, MCO Legals

Baminee Viswanat, Director Legal & CS, Lenovo India

Pawan Laddha, Vice President Legal, MatchMove Pay

Shujath Bin Ali, Senior Director - Legal & Risk Management, PAREXEL International

Shweta Pandey, Director Counsel, Target Corporation India

Artificial Intelligence - Need of A Regulatory Framework

Block Chain Technology & Bitcoins: The Indian X Ray

The Future of Contract Management - Smart Contracting on the Go?

The Automation Mess - Managing Overlaps of Product Liability, Consumer, and Criminal Laws

Robotic Process Automation (RPA) - Potential vis. a vis. Risk Mapping

India under The Research Ethics Debate - Addressing Insurance and Liability Gaps wrt Robotics

Interplay between IOT & IPR - Driving India's Agenda to M2M

Drones & Indian Skies - Privacy & Security Concerns, Need of A Regulatory Framework

Draft Norms/CARs - Data Protection, Bias towards Indian Entities, Multiple Regulatory Windows etc.

A Walk in the Clouds - Innovative, Disruptive & Equally Challenging?

Whose Cloud is it Anyway? Jurisdictional Conflicts, Data Safety, Legal & Regulatory Challenges

The IOT/Open Source Environment - Legal Concerns

01:00 PM - NETWORKING LUNCH

2:00 PM - THE REGULATORY RAGE – READY TO ROAR?

Vasanthika Srinath, Director, Legal & Global Corporate Compliance Leader, Concentrix - Moderator

Alan D. Meneghetti, Partner, Katten Muchin Rosenman UK LLP

Dattatri H.M., Head - Legal & Secretarial, Essilor India

Panduranga Acharya, General Manager – Legal, Swiggy

S Mahadevan, EVP - Legal, Compliance & Risk Management, Hinduja Global Solutions

Siva K. Gopinatham, Partner, Dhir and Dhir Associates

Subodh P. Deo, Partner, Saikrishna & Associates

The India Inc.'s Journey with GST - Aftershocks & Legal Implications

Anti-Harassment Environment - A High-end Checkpoint for India Inc.?

Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code - Past, Present & Future - Work in Progress?

Ordinance - Impact Assessment

The IBC Trio - Debtors, Creditors, Bidders - Possible Peace?

India Inc. Stressed Assets Vis a Vis Investment Climate

Identifying an Ideal IRP/IPE

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THE AGENDA

*Lack of States' Unison on RERA Guidelines
Enforcement Challenges for Lenders under RERA
Absence of RERA Tribunals - Back to the Courts?*

*Right to Privacy - The Debates & Conclusions Therein
India Gearing Up for Its Data Protection Policy – Are We Ready?
7 Commandments of Justice Srikrishna Committee for Data Protection Law in India
The Indian Regulatory Environ for OTT driven Apps
EUGDPR - Definition & Background, Differences between the Data Protection Act and the EU GDPR
Data subjects and their rights - dealing with subject access requests.
Secrets to Implementation - Privacy by Design, Privacy impact assessments (PIA), Data Audits
Incident Response and Breach Reporting, Updating Policies and Procedures
International Data Transfers, Replacing Safe Harbour – New Requirements*

*Concept of Single Economic Entity Under The Indian Competition Act, 2002 - Recent Case Studies
Resale Price Maintenance - An All New CCI Bent?
The Cartel Cries - India vis. a vis. Global Scenarios
Exchange of Commercial & Sensitive Information amongst Competition - Aspiration for India?
Deflating Collusive Bidding Strategies - CCIs Whip on Marketing Brains*

03:15 PM - INDIA'S IPR QUOTIENT – BEGINNING OF A NEW RACE?

Subhadip Sarkar, Assistant Vice President, Cognizant Technology Solutions - Moderator
Arshad Jamil, Associate Vice President - IPR, Biocon
Kundan Lal, Head of Legal (AVP) and Company Secretary, Sonata Softwares
Kanwal Rai, Vice President Innovation, Wells Fargo
Irfan Modi, Sr. IP Law Attorney, IBM
Faiz ur Rahman, IP Head, Wipro

*The IPR Exchange - Too Good to be True?
Protecting Trade Secrets & Confidential Data – A Growing Legal Battle?
Directorship, Employment & Copyright Ownership - The Puzzling Paradox
Defining First Owner of Copyright
IP Litigations - Interim Injunctions and Damages / Mini Trials in Temporary Injunction Applications
'Inventorship' in Indian Patent Laws - Assessment Criteria
Patent Litigation in the Tech Space
Demystifying Section 3(f) - Patentability of a Multipurpose Device
Patent of Addition: A Dilemma by Choice?*

*Artificial Intelligence & IPR - Defining Ownership etc.
Identifying patent infringer in case of AI, Inducer of the Infringement, Wilful Infringer or Inducer?
IPR Complexities in the VR and AR Domains
Counterfeiting In The Virtual World
Revised CRI Guidelines & Patentability of Algorithms
E-Commerce Portals - Haven for Online Counterfeiting?
Targeted Advertising - IP Rights ~ Equalisation Levy ~ Royalty Based Transaction*

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THE AGENDA

Sound, Shape & Colour Marks - IP Protection & Enforcement Aspects
Copyright Protection to Architectural Works - India's Standpoint
Concerns Around Brand Extension
IP Scenarios in case of Insolvency Matters
Fight Against Counterfeits - Enforcement & Execution Mishaps

4:15 PM – NETWORKING BREAK

4:45 PM - CHAMBERS, CABINS & COURTS - WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO LITIGATE OR ARBITRATE?

Suraj Singh, Vice President & Head - Legal, Wells Fargo EGS (India) - Moderator

Ashok Kumar P., Group Head of Litigation, JSW

Hiranmai Rallabandi, ED and Associate GC - India & SEA, GOS - APAC, Cushman & Wakefield

Kishore Shetty, General Counsel, Schneider Electric

K.P.S. Kohli, Associate Partner, Dhir & Dhir Associates

Pulin Kumar, Sr. Legal & Compliance Director, adidas India Legal & Compliance

S. Ravi Shankar, Senior Partner, Law Senate

Litigation vs. Arbitration - A GC's Dilemma?

The Arbitration & Conciliation (Amendment Act) 2015 - Recent Updates & Impact

The Commercial Courts Act 2015 - Perspective in Detail

Handling Complexities Related to Multiple Dispute Resolution Clauses - Applicable Jurisdiction etc.

The Art of Contracting - India Vs. Global Standards

Contracting & Project Management - Impact Assessment

Importance Of Liquidated Damages Clause in A Contract

Implying Terms Into A Contract - SC Contours & Whips

Choosing an Ideal Arbitrator

Interference of Courts in Appointing Arbitrators - No More A Challenge?

Choosing A Foreign Seat for Arbitration - Clarity Obtained or Still A Contentious Issue?

Inherent Power of Arbitral Tribunals for Procedural Reviews

Defining Scopes of Challenging the Arbitral Tribunal

Risks of Split Contracts & Arbitration Clause Included By Reference

Enforceability of Foreign Awards

Applicability of Arbitration in Foreign Contracts

Dealing with The Issue of Composite Reference to Arbitration Under Multiple Agreements

Settlement Agreements Qua Arbitral Awards

The Concept of Institutional Arbitration - Global Lessons

India As A Global Destination for International Arbitration: A Dream Indeed?

6:00 PM - GALA LUCKY DRAW FOLLOWED BY CLOSING REMARKS BY LEX WITNESS

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