



**Offer: Computer Consultancy**  
**Ref: TCSL/CT20203570371/Pune**  
**Date: 02/11/2021**

Mr. Akshay Dilip Kawade  
NaA/P:Jawalekadlag,  
A/P: Jawalekadlag,  
Sangamner-422605,  
Maharashtra.  
Tel# -

Dear Akshay Dilip Kawade,

**Sub: Letter of Offer**

Thank you for exploring career opportunities with TATA Consultancy Services Limited (TCSL). You have successfully completed our initial selection process for 'TCS Digital' and we are pleased to make you an offer of employment.

You have been selected for the position of **Systems Engineer** in Grade **C1**. You will be assigned a challenging role in any Business Unit as per the business requirements of TCSL.

Your gross salary including all benefits and Retention Incentive will be INR **7,00,022/-** per annum, as per the terms and conditions set out herein. Over and above this, you will also be eligible for Learning Incentives (Readiness Incentive and/or Competency Incentive) basis your performance in TCS Xplore Program which gives you an additional earning potential of upto **Rs.60,000** during the first year. Annexure-1 provides the break-up of the compensation package.

Kindly confirm your acceptance of this offer online through the option 'Accept Offer letter'. If not accepted within 7 days, it will be construed that you are not interested in this employment and this offer will be automatically withdrawn.

After you accept this offer, you will be given a joining letter indicating the details of your joining date and initial place of posting. The Joining letter will be issued to you only upon successful completion of your academic course, you meeting the TCS eligibility criteria & you completing the mandatory pre-joining learning curriculum named TCS Xplore (detailed under Terms & Conditions). You will also be issued a letter of appointment at the time of your joining after

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completing joining formalities as per company policy. Your offer is subject to a positive background check.

## **COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS**

### **BASIC SALARY**

You will be eligible for a basic salary of INR **15,000/-** per month.

### **BOUQUET OF BENEFITS (BoB)**

Bouquet of Benefits offers you the flexibility to design this part of your compensation within the defined framework, twice in a financial year. All the components will be disbursed on a monthly basis.

The components under Bouquet of Benefits are listed below. The amounts given here for each of the components below are as per pre-defined structure. However you may want to re-distribute the BoB amount between the components as per your tax plan, once you join TCSL. To design your Bouquet of Benefits, you may access the link to BoB in the "Employee Self Service" link on "Ultimatix", the internal portal of TCSL. Taxation will be governed by the Income Tax rules. TCSL will be deducting tax at source as per income tax guidelines.

#### **1. House Rent Allowance (HRA)**

Your HRA will be INR **7,500/-** per month. While restructuring your BoB amount to various components, it is mandatory that at least 5% of monthly basic pay be allocated towards HRA.

#### **2. Leave Travel Allowance**

You will be eligible for annual Leave Travel Allowance which is equivalent to one month's basic salary or a pro-rata amount in case you join during the financial year. This will be disbursed on a monthly basis along with the monthly salary. To avail income tax benefits, you need to apply for a minimum of three days of leave and submit supporting travel documents.

#### **3. Food Card**

You will be eligible for a Food Card. It can be used to purchase food items at all domestic VISA enabled restaurants and fast food restaurants including TCS cafeterias. As per the Pre-Defined structure you will be eligible for a Food Card with an amount of INR **500/-** being credited to this card per month. However you may want to re-distribute the BoB amount between the components as per your tax plan, once you join TCSL.



#### **4. Personal Allowance**

You will be eligible for a monthly personal allowance of INR **17,272/-** per month. This component is subject to review and may change as per TCSL's compensation policy.

#### **PERFORMANCE PAY**

##### **Monthly Performance Pay**

You will receive a monthly performance pay of INR **4,300/-**. The same will be reviewed on completion of your first Anniversary with the company and will undergo a change basis your own ongoing individual performance.

##### **Performance Bonus**

Your Performance Bonus will be INR **3,100/-** per month, and will be paid at the closure of each quarter based on the performance of the company and your unit and to the extent of your allocation to the business unit.

Performance Bonus is subject to review on your first anniversary and may undergo a change based on the actual performance of the Company, your business unit and your own ongoing individual performance. The payment is subject to your being active on the company rolls on the date of announcement of Performance Bonus.

This payment shall be treated as productivity bonus in lieu of statutory profit bonus.

#### **CITY ALLOWANCE**

You will be eligible for a City Allowance of INR **400/-** per month. This allowance is fully taxable, is specific to India and linked to your base branch. It is subject to review and will be discontinued while on international assignments.

#### **RETENTION INCENTIVE**

You are eligible for Retention Incentive of INR **70,000/-** payable to you on an annual basis. This component is in appreciation of continuity of your service in TCSL and will be paid on completion of each year from the introduction of this incentive for a period of 3 years. The Company reserves the right to modify the same in line with the TCS Compensation Policy.

#### **XPLORE/ LEARNING INCENTIVES**

You will be eligible for Readiness Incentive AND/ OR Competency Incentive, basis your performance in TCS Xplore Program. The incentives gives you an additional earning potential of upto Rs.60,000 over and above your CTC during the first year.



## **OTHER BENEFITS**

### **Health Insurance Scheme**

TCSL brings the benefit of health insurance cover to you and your dependents under the company's Health Insurance Scheme(HIS).

HIS offers the following benefits:

#### **1. Basic Cover**

- i. Entitlement - Includes domiciliary expenses up to INR **6,000/-** per insured person per annum and basic hospitalization expenses up to INR **2,00,000/-** per insured person per annum.
- ii. Premium - Basic premium for self, spouse and three children is entirely borne by TCSL, provided these members are explicitly enrolled by you under the scheme. Additionally, if you wish to cover dependent parents/parents-in-law or remaining children, the applicable premium per insured person is to be borne by you.

#### **2. Higher Hospitalisation**

Coverage under Higher Hospitalisation is mandatory. Under this scheme, you and your enrolled dependents will be automatically covered under Higher Hospitalisation benefits.

- i. Entitlement - You and your enrolled dependants will be entitled for INR **12,00,000/-** as a family floater coverage towards hospitalisation expenses, over and above the individual basic coverage.
- ii. Premium - For Higher Hospitalisation, a part of the premium will be recovered from your salary and the differential premium will be borne by TCSL.

### **Maternity Leave**

Women employees are eligible to avail maternity leave of twenty six weeks. Adopting or commissioning mother, may avail maternity leave for twelve weeks. For more details on the benefits and eligibility, once you join, please refer TCS India Policy - Maternity Leave.

### **Tata Sons and Consultancy Services Employees' Welfare Trust (TWT)**

You will become a member of the TWT, on completion of continuous association of one year from the date of joining TCSL. A nominal annual membership fee of INR **250/-** will be recovered from you for the same. The Trust provides financial assistance by way of grants/ loans in accordance with the rules framed by the Trust from time to time for medical and educational purposes and in case of death of members while in service.

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**Loans**

You will be eligible for loans, as per TCSL's loan policy.

**Professional Memberships**

You will be eligible for reimbursement of expenses towards professional membership as per TCSL's policy.

**RETIRALS****Provident Fund**

You will be a member of the Provident Fund as per the provisions of "The Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952", and TCSL will contribute 12% of your basic salary every month as per the provisions of the said Act.

**Gratuity**

You will be entitled to gratuity as per the provisions of the Gratuity Act, 1972.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS****1. Aggregate Percentage Requirements**

Your appointment will be subject to your scoring minimum aggregate (aggregate of all subjects in all semesters) marks of 60% or above (or equivalent CGPA as per the conversion formula prescribed by the Board / University) in the first attempt in each of your Standard Xth, Standard XIIth, Diploma (if applicable) and highest qualification (Graduation/ Post Graduation as applicable) which includes successful completion of your final semester/year without any pending arrears/backlogs. As per the TCSL eligibility criteria, marks/CGPA obtained during the normal duration of the course only will be considered to decide on the eligibility.

As communicated to you through various forums during the recruitment process, your appointment is subject to completion of your course within the stipulated time as specified by your University/Institute and as per TCSL selection guidelines.

It is mandatory to declare the gaps/arrears/backlogs if any during your academics and work experience. The management reserves the right to withdraw/revoke the offer/appointment at any time at its sole discretion in case any discrepancy or false information is found in the details submitted by you.

**2. Pre requisites for Joining**

To enable your readiness to work on assignments upon joining, we have put together a





comprehensive learning program named TCS Xplore which is made available to you digitally. This foundation program will include Online learning content, Webinars, practice sessions & proctored assessments. Further to accepting this Offer letter, you are required to enroll for the TCS Xplore Program and start your learning journey with TCSL. TCSL will make Xplore program available for you upon your offer acceptance. Please note that your joining is subject to successful completion of your TCS Xplore program including the proctored assessment. We encourage you to complete your pre-learning, through TCS Xplore, well before your expected date of joining to avoid delays in onboarding.

### **3. Probation Period**

You will be on probation for three months. Your confirmation will be communicated to you in writing. TCSL reserves the right to terminate your employment without any notice or payment in lieu thereof in case your performance, behaviour and/or conduct during the probation period is found unsatisfactory or the Back Ground Check turns out negative.

### **4. Working Hours**

Your working hours are governed by applicable law. You may be required to work in shifts and/or over time depending upon the business exigencies as permitted by law.

### **5. Mobility**

TCSL reserves the right to transfer you to any of its offices, work sites, or associated or Affiliated companies in India or outside India, on the terms and conditions as applicable to you at the time of transfer.

### **6. Compensation Structure / Salary components**

The compensation structure/salary components are subject to change as per TCSL's compensation policy from time to time at its sole discretion.

### **7. Increments and Promotions**

Your performance and contribution to TCSL will be an important consideration for salary increments and promotions. Salary increments and promotions will be based on TCSL's Compensation and Promotion policy.

### **8. Alternative Occupation / Employment**

Either during the period of your probation or during the period of your employment as a confirmed employee of TCSL, you are not permitted to undertake any other employment, business, assume any public or private office, honorary or remunerative, without the prior written permission of TCSL.

### **9. Confidentiality Agreement**

As part of your acceptance of this offer as an employee with TCS you are required to



maintain strict confidentiality of the intellectual property rights protected information and other business information of TCS and its clients which may be revealed to you by TCS or which may in the course of your engagement with TCS come your possession or knowledge unless specifically authorized to do so in writing by TCS. This confidentiality Clause shall survive the termination or earlier determination of your appointment. The detailed Confidentiality related terms and conditions are set out in Annexure 3.

#### **10. Work in SBWS mode**

TCS' Secure Borderless Workspaces (SBWS) is a transformative operating model framework that allows seamless deployment of virtual workspaces in a secure manner that enables flexible working options aligned to its business objectives. You may be required to work either from TCS offices/TCS Client offices or from home (remote working) as per the requirements of the project or group you are assigned to work with and as communicated to you by the Unit HR or your supervisor. You are required to abide by the Policy and / or Guidelines issued by TCS from time to time while operating within this framework. For more details, please refer the Policy / Guideline document on Remote Working.

#### **11. Overseas International Assignment Agreement**

If you are on international assignment, you will be covered by the TCS India Policy-International Assignments (from India to other Countries) from the date of placement for an international assignment. Accordingly, you will be required to sign the Overseas International Assignment Agreement/s and any other applicable related documents pertaining to the international assignment for which you are being placed. In case of every international assignment that exceeds 30 days, you will be required to serve TCSL as per the Notice Period clause mentioned below.

If you are deputed internationally for training, you will be required to sign an agreement to serve TCSL for a minimum period of 6 months on completion of training. This is to ensure that the knowledge and information gained by you during your assignment is shared and available to TCSL and its associates. This transfer of knowledge and information is essential for TCSL to continue to serve its clients and customers better.

#### **12. Terms and Conditions**

The above terms and conditions are specific to India and there can be changes to the said terms and conditions in case of deputation on international assignments.

#### **13. TATA Code of Conduct**

You are required to sign the TATA Code of Conduct and follow the same in your day-to-day conduct as an associate of TCSL



#### **14. Notice Period**

Upon your confirmation, this contract of employment is terminable by you by giving 90 days notice in writing to TCSL. It is clearly understood, agreed and made abundantly clear that you shall have to necessarily work during the period of notice of 90 days given by you under this clause. However, upon your serving the notice under this clause, TCSL may relieve you any time during the period of notice at its sole discretion.

Upon your confirmation, this contract of employment may be terminated by TCSL by giving you 90 days notice or payment in lieu thereof.

It is understood, agreed and made abundantly clear herein that you shall have to necessarily work during the notice period given by TCSL under this clause, unless you are otherwise relieved by TCSL by giving you payment in lieu of notice.

Your failure to comply with this clause will entail monetary payment of damages to TCS as may be determined by it at its own discretion having regard to the responsibilities shouldered by you while being in the employment of TCS.

#### **15. Retirement**

You will retire from the services of TCSL on reaching your 60th birthday as per the proof of age submitted by you at the time of joining.

#### **16. Pre-employment Medical Certificate**

You are required to submit a Medical Certificate of Fitness (in the format prescribed by TCSL) which needs to be verified by a registered medical practitioner having a minimum qualification of MBBS to the Induction Coordinator.

#### **17. Employment of Non Indian Citizens**

In case, you are not a citizen of India, this offer is subject to your obtaining a work permit and / or any other permissions and / or documentation as prescribed by the Government of India.

#### **18. Background Check**

Your association with TCSL will be subject to a background check in line with TCSL's background check policy. A specially appointed agency will conduct internal and external background checks. Normally, such checks are completed within one month of joining. If the background check reveals unfavourable results, you will be liable to disciplinary action including termination of probation/service without notice.





## 19. Submission of Documents

Please note that you should initiate and complete the upload of mandatory documents on the nextstep portal as soon as the offer letter is accepted (subject to availability of the documents)

Please carry the below listed **Original** Documents for verification on your joining day.

- Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card - You are required to submit a copy of your PAN card along with other joining forms, immediately on joining. As per Indian Income Tax rules, the PAN number is a mandatory requirement for processing salary
- Aadhaar Card
- Standard X and XII/Diploma mark sheets & Certificate
- Degree certificate/Provisional Degree Certificate and mark sheets for all semesters of Graduation
- Degree certificate and mark sheets for all semesters of your Post Graduation(if you are a Postgraduate)
- Overseas Citizenship of India (applicable if you are not an Indian Nationality). For Srilankan Refugee, a Refugee Identity card along with Work Permit is required
- Birth Affidavit on Rs100 stamp paper, if Birth Certificate not in English
- Any other affidavits on Rs100 stamp paper if applicable (name affidavit for multiple names, signature affidavits, address affidavits etc.)
- Passport / Acknowledgement letter of passport application
- Gap/Break in career affidavit on Rs100 stamp paper, if gap is more than 6 months
- 4 passport sized photographs
- Medical Certificate (Should be made on the format provided by TCS along with the Joining letter)
- An affidavit/notarized undertaking (Non-Criminal Affidavit, should be made on the format provided by TCSL) stating :
  - \*There is no criminal offence registered/pending against you
  - \*There is no disciplinary case pending against you in the university
- If you were employed, a formal Relieving letter & Experience letter from your previous employer

The original documents will be returned to you after verification.

In addition to the above original documents, Please carry Xerox copies of the below documents

\*PAN Card (Permanent Account Number)

\*Aadhaar Card (Not applicable for Nepal & Bhutan Citizenship)



- \*Passport
- \*NSR E-Card

## **20. TCS Xperience Program**

On joining TCSL, you will be given the benefit of formal training (TCS Xperience Program) at our offices, as identified, for such period as TCSL may decide.

The said training forms a critical part of your employment with TCSL and is an ongoing process. TCSL continues to make investment on training and continuing education of its professionals. This will be of immense value to you as a professional and a large part of the ownership and commitment has to come from you.

As TCSL progresses with these initiatives, monitoring performance will be an ongoing process and a formal evaluation will be carried out during the training. If you are requested to join TCSL inspite of you not completing the Xplore proctored assessment, you will be provided Xplore training on premise and the above said evaluation process will stand good. The evaluation criteria which will be very transparent will be used as a basis for allocating people to projects/roles. We would request that the training be taken very seriously to enable you to add maximum value to your professional and personal growth.

## **21. Letter of Appointment**

You will be issued a letter of appointment at the time of your joining and after completing joining formalities as per TCSL policy.

## **22. Rules and Regulations of the Company**

Your appointment will be governed by the policies, rules, regulations, practices, processes and procedures of TCSL as applicable to you and the changes therein from time to time.

## **23. Compliance to all clauses**

You should fulfill all the terms and conditions mentioned in this letter of offer. Failure to fulfill one or more of the terms and conditions and/or failure to clear one or more tests successfully would entitle TCSL to withdraw this offer letter anytime at its sole discretion.

## **24. Data Privacy Clause:**

(a) Your personal data collected and developed during recruitment process will be processed in accordance with the TCS Data Privacy Policy. The personal data referred therein are details related to contact, family, education, personal identifiers issued by government, social profile, background references, previous employment and experience, medical history, skillset, proficiency and certifications, job profile and your career



aspirations.

(b) It will be processed for various organizational purposes such as recruitment, onboarding, background check, project assignment, performance management, job rotation, career development including at leadership level, diversity and inclusion initiatives, global mobility, wellness program, statutory and legal requirements and specific organizational initiatives in force during your tenure in TCS.

(c) After you join TCS, there would be more sets of Personal Information (PI) attributes processed for various legitimate purposes. All of it will be processed with compliance to applicable laws and the TCS Data Privacy Policy. In some scenarios of your PI processing, you will be provided with appropriate notice and/or explicit consent might be obtained from time to time.

(d) For the purposes mentioned above, your required PI may be shared with specific vendor organizations who provide services to TCS, e.g. background check, health insurance, counselling, travel, transport and visa, payroll services, associate engagement activities, and financial and taxation services.

(e) As TCS is a global company, your PI may be shared with entities outside India, limited for the purposes mentioned above and/or in this offer letter.

(f) In case of overseas deputation, available privacy rights would be governed as per regulatory provisions and / or TCS policies/notice provided applicable at your overseas location.

**Withdrawal of Offer**

If you fail to accept the offer from TCSL within 3 days, it will be construed that you are not interested in this employment and this offer will be automatically withdrawn. Post acceptance of TCSL Offer letter if you fail to join on the date provided in the TCSL Joining letter, the offer will stand automatically terminated at the discretion of TCSL. We look forward to having you in our global team.

Yours Sincerely,

**For TATA Consultancy Services Limited**

**Girish V. Nandimath**  
**Global Head Talent Acquisition & AIP**



[Click here](#) or use a QR code scanner from your mobile to validate the offer letter

Encl: Annexure 1: Benefits and Gross Salary  
Annexure 2: List of TCS Xplore Centres  
Annexure 3: Confidentiality and IP Terms



## GROSS SALARY SHEET

Annexure 1

<b>Name</b>	<b>Akshay Dilip Kawade</b>
<b>Designation</b>	<b>Systems Engineer</b>
<b>Institute Name</b>	<b>Amrutvahini College Of Engineering, Sangamner</b>

Table 1: Compensation Details (All Components in INR)

<b>Component Category</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Annual</b>
<b>1) Fixed Compensation</b>		
Basic Salary	15,000	1,80,000
Bouquet Of Benefits #	26,522	3,18,264
<b>2) Performance Pay</b>		
Monthly Performance Pay	4,300	51,600
Performance Bonus*	3,100	37,200
<b>3) City Allowance</b>	400	4,800
<b>4) Annual Components/Retirals</b>		
Health Insurance***	NA	7,900
Provident Fund	1,800	21,600
Gratuity	721	8,658
Total of Annual Components & Retirals	2,522	38,158
Retention Incentive	NA	70,000
<b>TOTAL GROSS</b>	51,844	7,00,022
<b>Xplore/ Learning Incentive****</b>		Upto 60,000

# Refer to Table 2 for TCSL defined Structure. In case, you wish not to restructure your BoB, TCSL defined Structure as given in Table 2 will be applicable.

\* Amount depicted will be paid-out on a quarterly basis.

\*\*\* For HIS - Note that Rs. 7900 if the employee is Single. If the employee is married or married with Children then Rs. 3,900/- per beneficiary needs to be added to the above mentioned amount.

\*\*\*\* Xplore/ Learning Incentive is paid over and above the CTC during first year, based on your performance in TCS Xplore Program. Table 2: TCSL defined structure for BoB (All Components in INR)

<b>Component Category</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Annual</b>
House Rent Allowance	7,500	90,000
Leave Travel Assistance	1,250	15,000
Food Card	500	6,000
Personal Allowance	17,272	2,07,264
<b>GROSS BOUQUET OF BENEFITS</b>	26,522	3,18,264

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## Annexure 2

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<b>BUBANESHWAR</b> TCS XP HR Lead Tata Consultancy Services, Training Lab Venue:-Barabati, IRC Block, Ground Floor, Tata Consultancy Services Limited, (UNIT-II) - BARBATI SEZ, IT/ITES SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE (SEZ),PLOT NO. 35, CHANDAKA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, PATIA, Bhubaneswar - 751024	<b>Chennai</b> TCS XP HR Lead Tata Consultancy Services, 415/21-24, Kumaran Nagar, Old Mahabalipuram Rd, TNHB, Sholinganallur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600119
<b>DELHI – Gurgaon</b> TCS XP HR Lead Tata Consultancy Services, Block C, Kings Canyon, ASF Insignia, Gurgaon - Faridabad Road, Gawal Pahari, Gurgaon - 122003, Haryana	<b>DELHI – Noida</b> TCS XP HR Lead Tata Consultancy Services, Plot No. A-44 & A-45,Ground, 1st to 5th Floor & 10th floor, Glaxy Business Park, Block - C & D, Sector - 62, Noida - 201 309,UP
<b>Guwahati</b> TCS XP HR Lead Tata Consultancy Services, 5th Floor, NEDFi House,G.S. Road, Dispur,Guwahati - 781006,Assam	<b>Hyderabad</b> TCS XP HR Lead Tata Consultancy Services, Q City, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad
<b>INDORE</b> TCS XP HR Lead Tata Consultancy Services, IT/ITES SEZ, Scheme No. 151 & 169-B, Super Corridor, Village Tigariya Badshah & Bada Bangarda, Tehsil Hatod, Indore - 452018, Madhya Pradesh	<b>KOLKATA</b> TCS XP HR Lead Tata Consultancy Services Limited, Ecospace 1B building, 2nd Floor, Plot - IIF/12 ,New Town, Rajarhat, Kolkata - 700160,West Bengal OR Auditorium,2nd Floor, Wanderers Building,Delta Park - Lords
<b>KOCHI</b> TCS XP HR Lead Tata Consultancy Services, TCS centre, Infopark Road Infopark Campus, Infopark , Kakkanad, Kerala 682042	<b>MUMBAI</b> TCS XP HR Lead Tata Consultancy Services, Yantra Park, Pokharan Road Number 2, TCS Approach Rd, Thane, West, Thane, Maharashtra 400606
<b>NAGPUR</b> TCS XP HR Lead Tata Consultancy Services Limited, Mihan-Sez, Nagpur, Telhara, Maharashtra 441108,	<b>PUNE</b> TCS XP HR Lead Tata Consultancy Services, Plot No. 2 & 3, MIDC-SEZ, Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park, Hinjewadi Phase III, Pune - 411057,Maharashtra
<b>Trivandrum</b> TCS XP HR Lead Tata Consultancy Services, Peepul Park, Technopark Campus ,Kariyavattom P.O. Trivandrum - 695581, India	



## Annexure 3

### Confidentiality and IP Terms and Conditions

#### 1. Confidential Information

"Confidential Information" shall mean all Inventions and Know-how, information and material of TCS (including for avoidance of doubt any Confidential Information of its Clients) that comes into the possession or know of the Associate and shall include the following:

(a) Any and all information processing programs, software, properties, items, information, data, material or any nature whatsoever or any parts thereof, additions thereto and materials related thereto, produced or created at any time by TCS or the Associate in the course of or in connection with or arising out of the Associate's association with TCS. Program/Software shall mean source code and/or machine instructions wherever resident and on whatever media and all related documentation and software,

(b) All other information and material of TCS relating to design, method of construction, manufacture, operation, specifications, use and services of the TCS equipment and components, including, but not limited to, engineering and laboratory notebooks, reports, process data, test data, performance data, inventions, trade secrets, systems, software, object codes, source codes, copyrighted matters, methods, drawings, computations, calculations, computer programs, narrations, flow charts and all documentation therefore and all copies thereof (including for avoidance of doubt any such material belonging to the Clients of TCS).

(c) Corporate strategies and other confidential and proprietary material and information, which could cause competitive harm to TCS if disclosed,

(d) Customer and prospective customer lists, and

(e) All other information and material, which may be created, developed, conceived, gathered or collected or obtained by the Associate in the course of or arising out of the association with TCS or while in or in connection with or for the purposes of his/her association with TCS or any of the operations and entrusted by TCS to the Associate.



## **2. Associate's Obligations**

Associate agrees to treat the Confidential Information as strictly confidential and a trade secret of TCS. Associate agrees not to use, or cause to be used, or disclose or divulge or part with either directly or indirectly the Confidential Information for the benefit of or to any third parties except for or on behalf of or as directed or authorized by TCS or to a person having a valid contract with or need under TCS, any Confidential Information. Upon termination of employment, the Associate agrees to surrender to TCS all Confidential Information that he or she may then possess or have under his or her control.

## **3. Intellectual Property Rights**

Associate agrees and confirms that all intellectual property rights in the Confidential Information shall at all times vest in and remain with or belong to TCS and Associate shall have no right title or claim of any nature whatsoever in the Confidential Information. Associate shall promptly disclose to an authorized officer of TCS all inventions, ideas, innovations, discoveries, improvements, suggestions, or reports and enhancements made, created, developed, conceived or devised by him or her arising out of his or her engagement with TCS, including in the course of provision of services to the Clients of TCS and Associate hereby agrees and confirms that all such intellectual property rights shall at all times vest in and remain vested in TCS and agrees to transfer and assign to TCS any interests Associate may have in such intellectual property rights including any interest in and to any domestic or foreign patent rights, trademarks, trade names copyrights and trade secret rights therein and any renewals thereof. On request of TCS, Associate shall execute from time to time, during or after the termination of his or her employment, such further instruments, including without limitations, applications for letters of patent, trademarks, trade names and copyrights or assignments thereof, as may be deemed necessary or desirable by TCS to perfect the title of TCS in the intellectual property rights and to effectuate the provisions hereof. All expenses of filing or prosecuting any application for patents, trademarks, trade names, or copyrights shall be borne solely by TCS, but Associate shall co-ordinate in filing and / or prosecuting any such applications. Associate hereby expressly waives any "artist's rights" or "moral rights", which Associate might otherwise have in such intellectual property rights.



#### **4. Prior knowledge**

Associate acknowledges that prior to his or her appointment by TCS, he or she had no knowledge of the Confidential Information of TCS and that such Confidential Information is of a confidential and secret character and is vital to the continued success of TCS's business. Associate further acknowledges that he or she is associated with TCS in a capacity in which he or she will become acquainted with all or part of such Confidential Information. In order to safeguard the legitimate interests of TCS in such Confidential Information, it is necessary for TCS to protect such Confidential Information by holding it secret and confidential.

#### **5. Use of third party material**

Associate expressly agrees that it shall not in the course of his or her association with TCS and while working on the premises or facilities of TCS or its Clients or in connection with the development of any intellectual property rights or work for or on behalf of TCS, use any third party material or intellectual property rights except those intellectual property rights provided by TCS or expressly authorised by TCS or without having proper authorisation or license or approval of the respective owner of such intellectual property rights.

#### **6. Security policies and Guidelines.**

Associate agrees to abide by and be bound by any and all policies, documents, guidelines and processes including IP, Security and Confidentiality of TCS in force from time to time whether expressly endorsed or not.

#### **7. Working in SBWS Framework:**

Associate may be required to work in TCS offices or its Client premises or from home (remote working) as per the directions of supervisor and / or the provisions of the applicable policy.

Associate understands that working in this hybrid environment may have higher confidentiality and information security risks. Associate acknowledges that when working remotely the Associate:

(a) will work only in a private, secured work area in compliance with the guidelines issued and amended from time to time.

(b) will comply with and work in a manner consistent with TCS Data Privacy and Security Policies/Protocols.





(c) will bring to the notice of HR of the Unit to any circumstances that prevent Associate from working in a manner consistent with TCS data privacy and security policies/ protocols.

(d) will inform the HR of the Unit if the Associate shares a home with any family member or an individual who is employed by a competitor of TCS or TCS client the Associate is assigned to, or if any other circumstances at home exist which implicates the TCS Code of Conduct Conflict of Interest provision.

(e) will ensure utmost care and adhere to Confidentiality, IP Protection / Non-Disclosure obligations.

(f) will be using the Company allotted laptop or similar authorized computing device (together called "official asset") only to connect to TCS network/customer network through authorized means (or the Customer provided laptop to access the customer network if so, mandated by the Customer).

(g) will not allow anybody to share the official asset being used.

## **8. Restriction on Associate's Rights**

Associate agrees that he or she shall not make, have made, replicate, reproduce, use, sell, incorporate or otherwise exploit, for his or her own use or for any other purpose, any of the Confidential Information including intellectual properties of TCS that is or may be revealed to him or her by TCS or which may in the course of his or her employment with TCS come into his or her possession or knowledge unless specifically authorized to do so in writing by TCS.

## **9. No License**

TCS and Associate agree that no license under any patent or copyright now existing or hereafter obtained by TCS is granted, agreed to be granted, or implied by the terms of this Agreement, or by the disclosure to Associate of the Confidential Information.





## 10. Equitable Rights

Associate acknowledges that any Confidential Information that comes into the possession and / or knowledge of Associate is of a unique, highly confidential and proprietary nature. It is further acknowledged by Associate that the disclosure, distribution, dissemination and / or release by Associate of the Confidential Information without the prior written consent of TCS or any breach of this Agreement by Associate will cause TCS to suffer severe, immediate and irreparable damage and that upon any such breach or any threat thereof, TCS shall without prejudice to any other remedies available to it, be entitled to appropriate equitable relief including the relief of specific performance and injunctive relief, in addition to whatever remedies it might have at law.

## 11. General

(a) The provisions hereof shall be interpreted, determined and enforced in accordance with the laws of India.

(b) In the event of any dispute or disagreement over the interpretation of any of the terms herein contained or may claim or liability of any party including that of surety, the same shall be referred to a person to be nominated by TCS, whose decision shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto. Subject to the above, the arbitration shall be governed by the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1999 or any modifications or re-enactment thereof. Associate confirms that the fact that the arbitrator shall be a nominee of TCS shall not be a ground for objecting to such arbitration or challenging the decision of the arbitrator. The venue of arbitration shall be Mumbai. Subject to the above arbitration clause, the Parties agreed to the binding jurisdiction of the Courts at Mumbai under the laws of India.

(c) If any provision hereof shall be found by a judicial tribunal to be contrary to governing law, it shall be deemed null and void without annulling or rendering invalid the remainder of the Agreement and if the invalid portion is such that the remainder cannot be sustained without it, the Parties herein shall find a suitable replacement to the invalid portion that shall be legally valid.

(d) This Confidentiality clause along with other documents executed by Associate or referenced in any such documents constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings pertaining to the subject matter thereof. No delay or omission of either Party in exercising or enforcing any of their rights or remedies hereunder shall constitute a waiver thereof.



(e) This Confidentiality clause may not be amended except in writing signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

(f) The obligations of Associate in terms of this Confidentiality clause shall continue during the term of or in the course of the employment of the Associate with TCS and shall continue thereafter in perpetuity.