

## *Declaration*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Mentor/Technical Expert), from \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Company/Firm/Start-Up Name), hereby declare my commitment to participate in the Sigma Entrepreneurship Development & Incubation Centre (SEDIC) at Sigma University, located at Bakrol, Ajwa-Nimeta Road, Ta. Waghodia, Dist. Vadodara, Gujarat, India.

### **Whereas:**

Sigma University, through SEDIC, provides support to early-stage innovators and startups by offering a conducive environment, resources, mentorship, and various programs aimed at fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

SEDIC serves as a catalyst for entrepreneurial ideation and development, empowering individuals to refine their concepts, develop sustainable business models, and establish successful startups.

### **Role and Responsibilities:**

- a. I/We, i.e., Expert/Mentor(s), will provide mentoring and technical guidance to startups, innovators, and entrepreneurs affiliated with SEDIC on a case-by-case basis.
- b. I/We, i.e., Expert/Mentor(s), will dedicate a reasonable amount of time and effort to mentoring activities, including attending scheduled meetings, reviewing business models, providing feedback, and assisting with technical challenges.
- c. I/We, i.e., Expert/Mentor(s), will maintain confidentiality regarding all proprietary and sensitive information disclosed by the startups or SEDIC. Any kind of disclosure/ leak of confidential information related to product/ service ideation to design to penetration of the service/ product on end of expert or mentor it will be amicably settled from both the side through arbitration, mediation and conciliation.

### **Support from SEDIC:**

- a. SEDIC will provide me with all necessary information and support to effectively mentor the startups and innovators.
- b. SEDIC will facilitate communication and coordination between myself/Organisation and the startups.
- c. SEDIC will recognize my contributions and provide appropriate acknowledgments in relevant publications and events.

### **Use of Name and Likeness:**

With my prior permission, SEDIC may use and display my name, face, and designation or logo of my firm in promotional materials, flyers/one-pagers on social media platforms, website, newsletters, and publications.

**Non-Financial Agreement:**

This declaration constitutes a non-financial agreement. No financial obligations or payments are implied by this agreement.

**Financial Components: (if any)**

- a. If any financial components become involved, consent will be obtained via email by SEDIC from both Sigma Management and myself/Organisation.
- b. Honorarium and travel allowances will be applicable in such cases and will be provided according to University rules and norms.

**Confidentiality:**

- a. Both SEDIC and I agree to keep confidential any and all information shared during the course of this collaboration.
- b. This confidentiality obligation shall survive the termination of this declaration.

**Intellectual Property:**

Any intellectual property developed during the mentoring sessions shall remain the property of the respective Start-Up, innovator, or entrepreneur exclusively, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing.

**Term and Termination:**

- a. This declaration shall remain in effect for a period of one year from the date of signing and may be renewed upon mutual agreement.
- b. Either party may terminate this declaration with 30 days' written notice to the other party.

**Miscellaneous:**

- a. This declaration constitutes the entire agreement between SEDIC and myself.
- b. Any amendments to this declaration must be made in writing and signed by both parties.

I have read the terms and conditions outlined above, and I agree to abide by them as a Mentor/Technical Expert participating in the Sigma Entrepreneurship Development & Incubation Centre (SEDIC) at Sigma University.