

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is executed at New Delhi on 14th September, 2021 between:

Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare having its registered office at Krishi Bhawan, Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi, India-110001(hereinafter referred to as “**Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare**” which expression shall, unless it be repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to include its successors and permitted assigns) of the FIRST PART;

AND

Cisco Commerce India Private Limited, a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956/2013 and having its registered office at Prestige Solitaire, Level - II, No.6 Brunton Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka, 560001, Karnataka, India (hereinafter referred to as “**Cisco**”, which expression shall, unless it be repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to include its successors and permitted assigns) of the SECOND PART;

“Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare” and “Cisco” are referred individually as a “Party” and collectively as “Parties”.

BACKGROUND:

- A. The **Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW)**, a branch of the Government of India, is the apex body for formulation and administration of the rules and regulations and laws related to agriculture in India. The three broad areas of scope for the Ministry are agriculture, co-operation and farmers welfare. **Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare**, Co-operation and Farmers Welfare's responsibilities are assigned to it in the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 as amended from time to time. Co-operation in this context refers largely to promote farmer co-operative movements. The Department's focus has now shifted to improving the farmers' welfare and a goal has been set to double the farmers' incomes. The administrative head of the DAC&FW is the Secretary of the department.
- B. Cisco is shaping the future of internet by continuously innovating and deploying constantly learning and adaptive technologies across Networking, Security, Collaboration, and the Cloud – building the platform for a Digital World. Cisco's technology runs the internet of today and forms the backbone of internet infrastructure. Cisco has its largest global development centre outside of USA in Bengaluru with considerable investment in R&D and innovation. Cisco has various initiatives to co-innovate with and accelerate start-ups and partners and also has direct and indirect investments in innovative companies in India.
- C. The Parties recognise the capabilities, interests, and resources that each Party brings; and are exploring the possibility of bringing together their capabilities and resources to further the joint ambitions in implementing digital agriculture that can directly help farmers as provided in Annexure 1. (the “Project”). The focus is to support the Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare's initiatives like the National Digital AgriStack and evolve National Farmer's database, create a unified platform for farmers to provide them end to end services across the agriculture food value chain (like crop analysis to post harvesting and e-marketplace) to support Government's vision of Doubling Farmer's Income. This would further enable bringing together the larger ecosystem of stakeholders including Micro, Small & Medium