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To

The Chief Secretary
Department of Electronics, Information Technology & Biotechnology (IT-BT)
Government of Karnataka
Bengaluru, Karnataka

Subject: Making the ITBT Department cautious about ongoing serious Trademark dispute in between Anthropic (India) Pvt Ltd and Anthropic Softwares Pvt Ltd., before entering any MoU.

Respected Sir/Madam,

We, **Anthropic Softwares Private Limited**, a Karnataka-based technology startup headquartered in Belagavi, respectfully submit this representation for your kind consideration.

At the outset, we wish to clarify that this representation is **not intended to oppose, obstruct, or comment upon any investment, business activity, collaboration, or policy initiative** involving any company. We fully appreciate the Government of Karnataka's efforts to promote Artificial Intelligence, innovation, research, investment, and skill development within the State.

Our sole objective is to bring to the attention of the Government certain issues that, in our respectful view, deserve consideration from the perspectives of **data protection, privacy, cybersecurity, public administration, and citizen interest.**

Recently, we noted media reports regarding the proposed collaboration between the Government of Karnataka and Anthropic India Pvt. Ltd. for AI skilling and related initiatives. Simultaneously, public statements attributed to Anthropic India Pvt. Ltd. indicate that it is **a legally distinct Indian company** and is **not directly or indirectly involved in providing the services of Anthropic PBC.**

As a party presently engaged in pending litigation concerning the "Anthropic" mark, these statements raise questions requiring regulatory clarification, particularly considering that Anthropic PBC is globally recognised as an Artificial Intelligence research company that develops and owns the underlying AI models and intellectual property associated with the Anthropic ecosystem.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the appropriate authorities seek suitable clarification regarding the operational, technological, and accountability framework between Anthropic India Pvt. Ltd. and Anthropic PBC wherever considered necessary under applicable laws and regulatory frameworks.

Background of the Pending Litigation

Anthropic Softwares Private Limited is presently pursuing civil proceedings before the Hon'ble Commercial Court at Belagavi concerning the use of the mark "Anthropic" and related issues.

The matter is presently **sub judice**, and we do not seek any determination from the Government on issues pending before the Court. Those issues shall naturally be decided by the competent judicial forum.

However, certain consequences arising during the pendency of the dispute have significant implications extending beyond the interests of the parties themselves.

Ongoing Email Misrouting and Privacy Concerns

Our company owns and operates the domain:

anthropic.in

Whereas Anthropic PBC and its related entities operate through:

anthropic.com

Because both organisations legitimately use the word "**Anthropic**" in email identities and communications, a substantial volume of email traffic intended for one organisation is frequently delivered to the other due to human error by senders.

This is not merely an issue of commercial confusion.

Over the course of operations, we have encountered instances involving misdirected communications including, among others:

- Government communications;
- Court-related correspondence;
- Legal notices;
- Regulatory communications;
- Customer support requests;
- Vendor and service-related communications;
- Business proposals;
- Investor communications;
- Educational institution correspondence; and
- Other confidential or sensitive communications.

Such recurring misrouting creates an ongoing risk of inadvertent disclosure of confidential information belonging to third parties who have no connection with either organisation.

Public Interest and Data Protection Implications

In our respectful view, these recurring incidents raise important concerns relating to:

- protection of personal data;
- confidentiality of official communications;
- cybersecurity;
- digital governance;
- organisational accountability; and
- compliance with India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.

The concern extends beyond private commercial interests because affected communications may originate from Government departments, public authorities, educational institutions, regulated entities, businesses, advocates, courts, and individual citizens.

As a responsible Karnataka-based technology company, we have attempted to minimise potential harm through internal safeguards and by notifying senders whenever practicable.

We have also brought these concerns before the Hon'ble Commercial Court during the ongoing proceedings. Additionally, considering the potential implications for international operations and investor disclosures, aspects relating to these risks have also been communicated to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in connection with matters concerning Anthropic PBC's proposed public offering.

Nevertheless, the underlying issue remains unresolved, and the risk continues to exist on a recurring basis.

Purpose of this Representation

This representation is submitted solely so that the Government of Karnataka is informed of a real and ongoing issue affecting digital communications involving Karnataka entities.

As the Government considers collaborations in the field of Artificial Intelligence and trusted digital infrastructure, we respectfully believe that the above issues merit appropriate consideration from the perspectives of:

- citizen privacy;
- protection of confidential communications;
- cybersecurity governance;
- regulatory accountability;
- DPDP Act compliance; and
- secure digital communication practices.

Our Humble Request

We respectfully request that the Department may kindly consider:

1. Taking this representation on record.
2. Seeking such clarification from the concerned entities as may be considered appropriate regarding the operational relationship, responsibilities, and accountability between

Anthropic India Pvt. Ltd. and Anthropic PBC, particularly in view of public statements describing themselves as legally distinct entities.

3. Examining whether recurring cross-domain email misrouting presents any implications under applicable data protection, cybersecurity, or digital governance frameworks.
4. Considering whether any suitable advisory, consultation, or mechanism may be appropriate to minimise ongoing privacy risks affecting Government departments, citizens, educational institutions, and businesses.

We reiterate that this representation **should not be construed as a request to suspend, restrict, or interfere with any lawful business activities** of any entity.

Our objective is only to ensure that the Government is apprised of an ongoing issue having potential implications for privacy, public administration, and secure digital communications, so that appropriate consideration may be given in the larger public interest.

We shall be pleased to provide any additional information or documentation that the Department may require.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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