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Sub: Invitation for attending Monsoon Mission Review meeting to be held at IITM, Pune, India during 18-20 February, 2015

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Dear **Dr. James L. Kinter,**

As you know the Earth System Science Organization (ESSO), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India has launched the National Monsoon Mission (NMM), with an overall objective of improving monsoon forecasts on all time scales. Under this mission, we have already approved 26 research projects for funding including your project entitled " Ocean-Land-Atmosphere Coupling and Initialization Strategies to Improve CFSv2 and Monsoon Prediction ". We thank you for kindly participating in the Monsoon Mission initiative. In order to review the progress of the monsoon mission projects, we are organizing a **Monsoon Mission Review meeting** during 18-20 February, 2015 at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune. A draft agenda of the Monsoon Mission Review meeting is enclosed herewith for your perusal. The meeting will start at 0930 AM on 18th February and will be closed by 1400 hrs on 20th February.

As a Principal Investigator of the Monsoon Mission project, your participation in the meeting is desired and I cordially invite you to participate in the above meeting. We will be pleased to extend local hospitality including hotel accommodation, ground transportation and other facilities for a comfortable stay in Pune during the meeting. We hope that you will be able to arrange your expenditure towards travel from the Monsoon Mission fund. A line confirming your

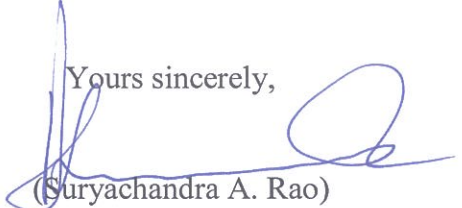
participation will be highly appreciated.

This letter of invitation may be used to apply for obtaining appropriate visa for entry in India. I request you to kindly fill up the attached Performa with personal details and send to us at **monsoon_mission@tropmet.res.in** at the earliest so that necessary approvals from the Ministry of External Affairs can be obtained for visa purpose, if you need a visa to enter India.

If you need any other information and details, please let us know. Thanking you and looking forward to your participation.

Awaiting for a line of confirmation. Thank you.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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