



**BRIEFING FOR SPEAKERS**    EHS<sup>+</sup> Center Launch, August 26, 2016  
Auditorium, Symbiosis Institute of International Business, Pune

### **Purpose of Event**

To celebrate the launch of the EHS<sup>+</sup> Center – an Indian owned environment, health and safety training center established in Pune, India. The Center is being initiated by the Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC), in partnership with Symbiosis Institute of International Business with support from Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. (M&M), U.S. Agency for International Development, the Walt Disney Co. and General Electric. Transitioning from a pilot phase to a fully operational center for training and capacity building, the India EHS<sup>+</sup> Center will provide affordable, high-quality training to factory managers on industrial energy efficiency, carbon management, resource efficiency and improving health and safety conditions for workers, reducing adverse environmental impacts on surrounding communities. In due course, the Center will train over 350-500 factory managers annually.

### **Launch Theme: Integrating Sustainability in Supply-chain**

The launch ceremony will highlight challenges and best practices in integrating sustainability across supply chains in India, and the Center’s unique approach to enhance capacity of Indian industries to demonstrate improved performance in sustainable manufacturing. The ceremony will also serve as an opportunity to recognize the government, corporate, and university partners that are joining forces to make the EHS+ Center possible, including Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., GE, the Walt Disney Company and Symbiosis Institute of International Business.

### **Audience**

There will be over 300 guests attending the event. The largest proportions would be from international and national brands manufacturing in Pune and Mumbai industrial regions, with representation from industry associations, national and international NGOs, and foreign diplomats.

### **Schedule and Order of Speakers (Tentative)**

**9:00 – 9.45 am**    Arrival of Guests  
                                  Registration  
                                  Refreshments

## 10.00 – 11.15 am Inaugural Session

- Suresh Kotla, Interim Country Director, ISC Brief agenda and context setting 3 mins
- Dr. Rajani Gupte, Vice Chancellor, SIU Welcome address 3 mins
- Lamp lighting by all dignitaries'
- Master of Ceremonies takes over – Priyanka Bhide 2 mins
- Felicitation of dignitaries 5 mins
- Symbiosis AV 3 mins
- Padma Bhushan, Dr. S.B. Mujumdar, Founder & President – Symbiosis Society, and Chancellor – SIU Remarks 5 mins
- Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Principal Director, SIU Remarks 5 mins
- Mr. Jonathan Addleton, Mission Director, USAID India Remarks 5 mins
- M&M AV 3 mins
- Mr. Hemant Sikka, Chief Purchase Officer, M&M Remarks 5 mins
- Ms. Sheetal Mehta, Executive Director of Mahindra Education Trust and Chief CSR, M&M Ltd. Remarks 5 mins
- ISC AV 3 mins
- Mr. George Hamilton, President, ISC Remarks 5 mins
- Inaugural Plaque Unveiling 3 mins
- Mr. Vijay Kalra, Chief of Manufacturing Operations Automotive Division, M&M Ltd. Introduction of EHS+ Center Curriculum and announcement of first batch for M&M Supplier Sustainability Initiative 7 mins
- Mr. Vijay Nair, Vice President – ER – Automotive Division, and Head - Auto Farm Sector Admin & CSR, M&M Ltd. Closing Remarks 5 mins

*Opening ceremony closeout*

**Media interaction with select dignitaries in the conference room at SIIB**

**11.15 - 11.30 am** Tea & Refreshments Break

## Second Session

**11.30 - 12.15 pm** Moderated Panel discussion on “Challenges to adoption of EHS best practices - Global perspective”

Moderator: Mr. Sunil Chahure, General Manager- Strategic Sourcing unit, Auto & Farm Sector M&M Ltd.

**12.15 - 12.55 pm** Moderated Panel discussion on “Integrating Sustainability in Supply-chain”

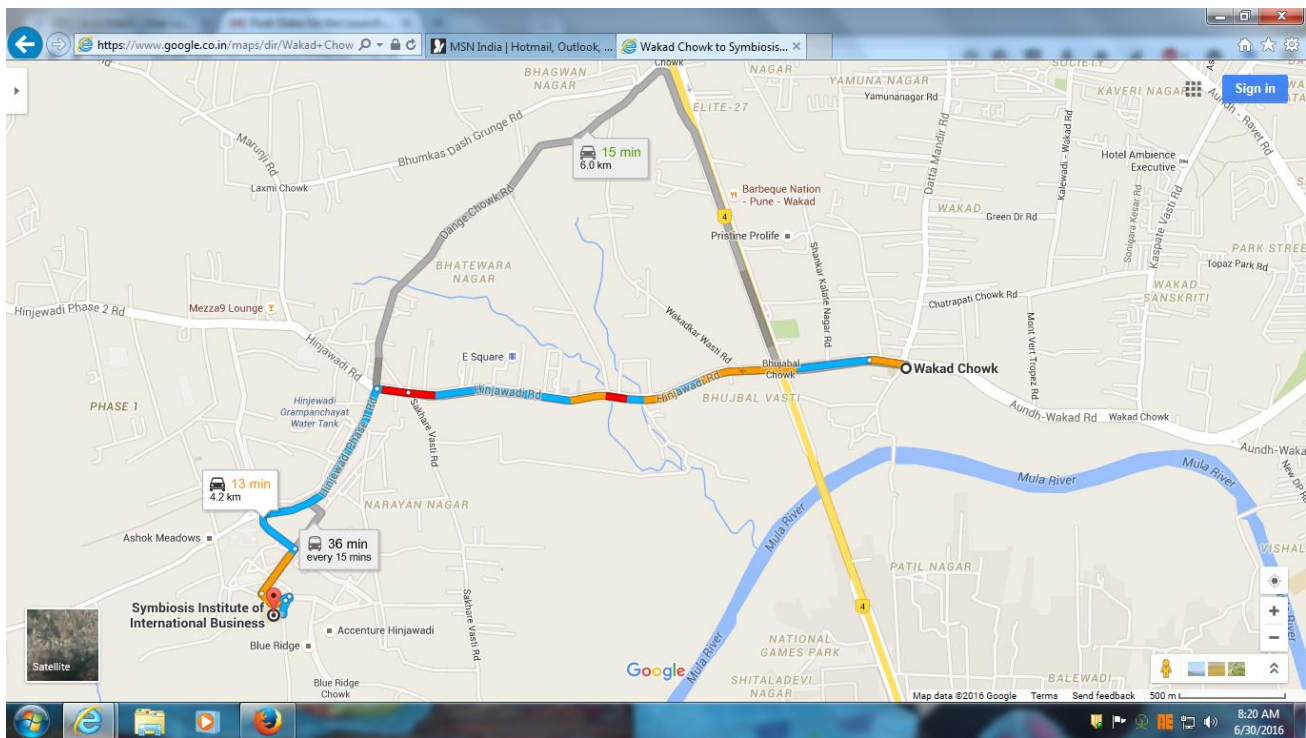
Moderator: Mr. Anirban Ghosh, Chief Sustainability Officer, M&M Ltd.

**12.55 - 01.00 pm** Closing Remarks by Dr. Asmita Chitnis, Director, SIIB

*Panel discussion closeout*

**1.00 - 2.00 pm** Lunch

## Directions to the Venue



The full address of Symbiosis Institute of International Business is G. No. 174/1, Taluka Mulshi, Hinjewadi, Pune 411057. Please enter through the main door of the administration building. An information desk is located on the ground floor. Directional signs and security staff will be present at the information desk to guide guests to the venue.

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