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## TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

I have an association with SightLife, Seattle, USA since May 2008. They invited President, Vice President, Secretary and Executive Director of Eye Bank Association of India (EBAI) to interact about the Quality Issue of Eye Banking in India and we also attended Eye Bank of America Annual meeting at that time. I was then Hony Secretary, EBAI. Since then we had a lot of discussion about the upgradation and quality issues of Eye Banking in India.

Later, as Vice President of EBAI, I continued this dialogue with them. With SightLife's help and training, we developed our Accreditation team in August 2010 to impose Eye Bank Accreditation across the country, and I am the Lead Assessor for this Accreditation Program.

Subsequently, from January 2011, SightLife and Prova Eye Bank have also become partners where in Sightlife is committed to help build transplant capacity from 482 to 1850 by the year 2015 with an investment backing of 80,000 USD over the next 5 years. At present hey are supporting 9 partners all over the country. They will further support for the training and teaching of all Eye Bank Personnel of the partner eye banks till the year 2020.

I welcome SightLife, USA opening operations in India and look forward to this event to overcome treatable corneal blindness in India by the year 2020.

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