approval from Biodiversity Management Committee Environmental clearance, the project may be terminated without any notice.)

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Kindly upload RTGS details of the implementing institute to facilitate transfer of the fund as per the template. Kindly quote the reference number in all future correspondence. The project's reference no. SRG/2023/000685 may also be mentioned in all research communications arising from the above project.

Please note that the project starts only after it is accorded financial sanction by SERB and the date of start of the project will be the date on which your host institute receives the first instalment of funds.

Yours sincerely,

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Approval Letter

File Number: SRG/2023/000685

Dated: 05-Sep-2023

Subject: Project titled "Endocrine, neurotoxicity and oxidative stress effects of nano-pesticides on freshwater aquatic vertebrates (Clarias batrachus) and invertebrates (Branchiura sowerbyi and Bellamya bengalensis)".

Dear Dr. Shubhajit Saha,

The project cited above has been technically approved by Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) as per the following:

The committee recommended the following budget

Manpower:

-> Junior Research Fellow - 1
Equipment Details: Rs. 500000
-> Binocular Stereomicroscope - 1

-> Microtome - 1

Consumables: Rs. 500000 Travel Cost: As per norms Contingencies: As per norms Overhead: As per norms

The final budget to be sanctioned would be based on quotations received, existing norms, funds availability etc.

Kindly follow the below steps to acknowledge the approval:

- 1. Go to www serbonline in through your credentials
- 2. Go to Menu --> Proposal submission --> View submitted proposals

3. Click on the link under Status column "Proposal Approved, Acknowledgment pending from PI"

You are requested to upload the following documents of the approved budget strictly within two week from the date of this letter.

- 1. Upload the lowest quotation for equipment/s (including freight, insurance, customs charges etc., if any).
- 2. Salary structure for the project staff (including HRA, Medical Benefits, if applicable etc.).
- 3. A certificate stating that any visit abroad for a period more than eight weeks would be undertaken after due permission from SERB, may also be submitted.
- 4. RTGS details of the implementing institute to facilitate transfer of the fund as per the PFMS template.
- 5. Any other documents (as detailed bellow specific the programme concerned).

You are now requested to upload the lowest quotation for equipment/s with in the budget as approved by expert committee (including freight, insurance, customs charges etc., if any) and salary structure for the project staff (including HRA, Medical Benefits, if applicable etc.) at the earliest so as to enable us to issue the financial sanction. A certificate stating that any visit abroad for a period more than eight weeks would be undertaken after due permission from SERB, may also be submitted. Kindly consider these important points.

Note -: If you facing any technical problem regarding uploading of documents or any query related to online portal, kindly send mail at info@serbonline.in .

- a) You are requested to enclose the tentative list of consumables with their name, company and cost that will use for laboratory purpose in 2 years. (Please send through compose letter section in portal, attach there list of consumables.)
- b) In case exceeded amount of quotation has been received for equipment against the recommended cost. PI is requested to submit a justification that how he will manage to get additional fund for equipment.

(Note-: Kindly note that Grant would be release on basis of funds availability.)

Kindly upload the documents related viz., animal ethical clearance certificate, institutional bio safety clearance certificate, etc., matching with exact approved title of project submitted to SERB. If the project does not require (viz., animal ethical clearance certificate, institutional bio safety clearance certificate, etc.,) please confirm with a self-certification saying that it does not involve any animal/human studies or genetic modification in any organisms or bio safety issues.

(Kindly note that during the issue of sanction order or during the implementation of this project, if SERB come across/found that the project work involves/requires animal/human studies or genetic modification in any organisms or bio safety issues, RCGM approval/