This Privacy Policy is part of our Website Terms and Conditions and Challenge Rules and is designed to help you, the website user (the “User”), understand how www.bettercottonchallenge.org (this “Site”) collects personally identifying information about you and your organization or team members and how it uses, treats, transfers and discloses that information. This Privacy Policy applies to data that personally identifies you (“Personal Information”) that is collected on this Site. Your use of this Site constitutes your agreement to this Privacy Policy. Any User that would apply to The Better Cotton Innovation Challenge (the “Challenge”) are invited to carefully read the present Privacy Policy, Website Terms of Use, and the Challenge Rules.

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We may collect some information automatically from your visit to the Site, through the use of “cookies” and other similar electronic tracking methods. These methods may collect such information as your domain name and host for Internet access; the Internet address of the site from which you came; the date and time of your access; your computer’s IP address and information about its operating system, browser and host; the date and time you access the Site and the pages you visit.

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We use the personal information for the purposes for which we collect it and for related activities in support of the Better Cotton Innovation Challenge goal.

We store your data in a secure manner in a restricted-access database. However, no data transmitted over the Internet can be guaranteed to be 100% secure, and WE DO NOT REPRESENT OR GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION OR OTHER INFORMATION IN ANY FORM. Similarly, we disclaim liability for personal information submitted through our Site and you provide us with this data at your own risk.

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Subject to applicable law, we reserve the right to use or disclose your personal information to third parties in a good faith belief that such disclosure is reasonably necessary to (a) take action regarding suspected illegal activities; (b) enforce or apply the Challenge Rules, Website Terms and Conditions and the Privacy Policy; (c) comply with legal process, such as a search warrant, subpoena, statute, or court order; (d) protect our rights, reputation, personal safety and property, or those of our users, affiliates or the public; or (e) enable our partners or service providers to help us operate or fulfil your requests more efficiently.

Your rights with regard to your personal data and information

You have the following rights over your personal data and information collected by us:

- You have the right to be informed how your data is being processed, by way of this Privacy Policy
- You have the right to access your data
- You have the right to have your data rectified, deleted or restricted, or to object to your data being stored (as appropriate)
- You have the right to request a copy of your personal data possessed by us

You can exercise these rights by contacting us at info@bettercottonchallenge.org. Please note that requests that do not meet the requirements set out by applicable law may be requested to be re-issued or denied and that certain personal data may be exempt from such access, rectification and deletion requests pursuant to applicable data protection laws or other laws and regulation.

Data Storage Location and Duration

Our databases are located in the India. If you are outside of India, you may be located in a region with laws or regulations governing personal data collection, use or disclosure that differ from India laws, which do not have the same data protection laws as the EU and other regions. By providing your data you consent to: (i) the use of your personal data for the uses identified above in accordance with the Privacy Policy; and (ii) the transfer of your personal data to India as indicated above and the application of India laws to the collection, use and disclosure of your personal information. We keep your data for as long as we think is necessary or advisable and reserve the right to retain it to the full extent not prohibited by law. We may discard your data at our discretion and you should not rely upon our storage of any personal information or other data.

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Do not provide or allow others to provide personal information about anyone unless you, on your own behalf and on behalf of anyone whose information you provide have authorized to and do consent to have their Personal Information used and transferred internationally. By submitting any personal information about others you represent and warrant that you received such authorization beforehand and read and understood the present Privacy Policy.

Third Party Sites

Our Site may contain links to other websites. These websites are governed by their own terms of use and privacy policies, which you should read.

Inquiries
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Changes and Updates to this Privacy Policy

We may change or update this Privacy Policy and we encourage you to refer back to it periodically. When we revise this Privacy Policy we will also revise the Effective Date below.

Effective Date: December 16, 2019