No.F.10-4/2008-U.3 (A)
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education

To

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Pune: 411042 (Maharashtra)

Subject: Renewal of AICTE’s approval for programmes of Symbiosis Institute of Technology, an institution under the ambit of Symbiosis International (deemed to be university)

Sir,

Kincly refer to your query vide letter No.SIU/U-6/2009 dated 19/08/2009 wherein it is mentioned that the institution has subjected itself to review by the AICTE voluntarily, much before the Government’s approval to include Symbiosis Institute of Technology under the ambit of Symbiosis International (Deemed to be University), and that whether the institution deemed to be university needs to apply to the AICTE for renewal of its approval to the academic programmes of Symbiosis Institute of Technology, its constituent institution.

2. In this connection, I am directed to mention that consequent to the approval of the AICTE to the academic programmes of Symbiosis Institute of Technology, the approval will remain valid till June 2010. In view of this, you are advised to get the approval renewed by requesting AICTE to conduct appropriate inspection.

3. This would be in line with the Government’s notification dated 5th April 2006 wherein it is mentioned that institutions declared as ‘deemed-to-be-universities’ are required to ensure that they maintain the minimum standards prescribed by the AICTE for various courses that come under the jurisdiction of the AICTE and that such institutions maintain their standards of education higher than the minimum prescribed by the AICTE.

4. I am further directed to state that since you had approached the Ministry well before the prescribed deadline and that the matter was under consideration in the Ministry, we are endorsing a copy to the AICTE with the request to consider condonation of the delay in applying for renewal of the approval of AICTE. The institution may apply to the AICTE even though the deadline for application seeking renewal of approval has passed.

Yours faithfully,

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The Member Secretary AICTE may kindly consider the delay in applying for renewal be condoned by the Council as a matter of policy in all similar cases because it would be in the interest of maintaining standards of technical education that an institution 'deemed to be university' is volunteering to submit itself for scrutiny notwithstanding the Ministry's notification of 5th April 2006 which does not provide AICTE approval mandatory.

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