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**Summary of Presentation**

He gave an overview of the current developments in EU towards various environmental regulations and how it affects the suppliers (especially the suppliers from non-EU countries). He presented the two framework policies; the Waste framework directive and Integrated Product Policy (IPP) that forms the basis for the various producer responsibility related environmental directive – including End of Life Vehicle (ELV) and Waste Electrical and Electronics Equipments (WEEE). His presentation provided the necessary background on these directives, providing the overview of the product oriented regulations, and how these are affecting the suppliers beyond the geographical boundary of Europe. Further he explained the concept of Extended Producer's Responsibility that puts financial and technical liability on the producer to take care of the product at its end of life – i.e. recycling in an environmentally sound way. Thus it necessitates changes in product design and development to integrate recyclability aspects and eliminate environmentally problematic materials. He extended these discussions to show why and how the producer (importer in EU) will react towards its suppliers. He concluded by saying that the proper understanding of the implications of these regulations on respective supplier business and accordingly preparing for compliance with it is not just an environmental requirement, but is the fundamental requirement for continuing to do business with European producers (importer).

He also presented the suppliers with set of activities that they may need to undertake towards compliance with these directives.