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Hockey India is the governing body for hockey in India. Hockey India proposes to conduct the Hockey India League (HIL) between the last week of December 2024 and the first week of February 2025. The 2024/25 season of the HIL shall consist of a maximum of eight (8) men's franchises and six (6) women's franchises. It is anticipated that each season of the HIL shall consist of the best players from the world's top 15 men's and women's national teams, as per FIH rankings.

Hockey India is pleased to invite expressions of interest from reputed parties to own and operate franchises in the HIL. Parties may express their interest to own and operate (a) one (1) men's franchise only, or (b) one (1) women's franchise only, or (c) one (1) men's franchise and one (1) women's franchise.

The grant of rights to own and operate franchises shall be for an initial period of ten (10) years. The franchise fee to own and operate a men's franchise in the HIL during this period shall be Indian Rupees Seven Crore only (INR 7,00,00,000/-) per year, exclusive of applicable GST, i.e., an aggregate fee of Indian Rupees Seventy Crore only (INR 70,00,00,000/-). The franchise fee to own and operate a women's franchise in the HIL shall be Indian Rupees Three Crore only (INR 3,00,00,000) per year, exclusive of applicable GST, i.e., an aggregate fee of Indian Rupees Thirty Crore only (INR 30,00,00,000/-). Renewal of the grant of rights to own and operate franchises beyond the initial period of ten (10) years shall be as prescribed by Hockey India.

Interested parties may send in formal expressions of interest by writing to Hockey India with a copy to M/s. Big Bang Media Pvt. Ltd. (authorised agency appointed by Hockey India for the HIL) as specified herein on or before **5:00 pm on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024**. Upon receiving expressions of interest, Hockey India may, at its sole discretion, shortlist certain interested parties. Thereafter, Hockey India may conduct an objective assessment of such shortlisted interested parties only. The assessment may be based on such shortlisted interested party's - (a) financial standing and reputation, (b) incorporation and domicile status, (c) contribution to sports in India, and (d) compliance with any additional criteria determined by Hockey India. Winning parties, as decided by Hockey India among the shortlisted interested parties, shall each be awarded the right

to own and operate franchises in the HIL conditional upon the relevant parties entering into a binding standard form agreement with Hockey India, as provided by Hockey India.

Each party that submits an expression of interest hereby agrees that (a) no legally binding obligations shall be assumed by or imposed on Hockey India or its nominated representatives in connection with this document and its subject-matter, (b) submitting an expression of interest does not guarantee that such party will be awarded a right to own and operate a franchise, and (c) Hockey India's decision with respect to the award of rights to own and operate a franchise in the HIL shall be final and binding, and no claims from such party shall lie against Hockey India in relation thereto.

Any queries in relation to the HIL, or any formal submission of an expression of interest, may be made in writing to [hil@hockeyindia.org](mailto:hil@hockeyindia.org) with a copy to [nayantara@bigbangcompany.com](mailto:nayantara@bigbangcompany.com).