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Subject: Press Release on Excelsoft and AQA Announce Joint AI Taskforce to research Advanced Ethical and Secure AI for E-Marking of Handwritten Student Responses

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, please find enclosed the press release titled **Excelsoft and AQA Announce Joint AI Taskforce to research Advanced Ethical and Secure AI for E-Marking of Handwritten Student Responses**.

The above information will also be available on the website of the Company at https://www.excelsoftcorp.com/investors/

Kindly take the above information on record and acknowledge.

Thanking you,

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Excelsoft and AQA Announce Joint AI Taskforce to research Advanced Ethical and Secure AI for E-Marking of Handwritten Student Responses

- Partnership brings together assessment experts and AI innovators to research and develop transparent, secure and fair AI solutions for handwritten exam scripts.

Mysore, December 04, 2025: Excelsoft Technologies ("Excelsoft"), a global provider of assessment and learning solutions, and AQA, a leading UK-based exam board, today announced the creation of a **joint AI taskforce** to collaborate on research and development projects focused on the **ethical and secure use of AI in the e-marking of handwritten student responses**. For the foreseeable future, marking exams will remain a human process.

This joint AI taskforce will combine **AQA's deep expertise in high-stakes assessment** with **Excelsoft's advanced AI, data and e-assessment capabilities**. The collaboration will focus on designing and testing responsible AI models and workflows that support human examiners, improve consistency, and enhance the reliability of marking, while maintaining the highest standards of fairness, transparency and data protection.

"Assessment is about trust – trust that every student's work is judged fairly, consistently and securely," said **Sudhanva Dhananjaya**, **Chairman and Managing Director, Excelsoft**. "By joining forces with AQA, we are creating a dedicated AI taskforce that will explore how AI can responsibly support the marking of handwritten scripts, while keeping human judgment, ethics and student privacy at the centre."

The joint AI taskforce will work on a series of **co-designed research projects**, including:

- Exploring **human-in-the-loop AI models** to support examiners in marking handwritten responses
- Developing and validating **bias-aware approaches** to ensure that AI-supported marking is fair to all student groups
- Designing **secure data pipelines and infrastructure** for handling handwritten scripts, annotations and marking data
- Creating **transparent reporting and explainability frameworks** so that AI involvement in marking can be clearly understood and governed
- Establishing **ethical guidelines and governance frameworks** tailored to high-stakes assessment contexts

"We see AI as a powerful tool to support, not replace, our expert examiners," said **Justin Coombs, AQA Chief Assessment Technology Officer.** "This partnership with Excelsoft allows us to rigorously research, test and shape how AI can be used safely and ethically when examiners are marking handwritten responses, so that students, schools and regulators can have full confidence in the process."

The joint AI taskforce will comprise **data scientists, psychometricians, AI engineers, assessment designers, examiners and ethicists** from both organisations. It will operate under a shared governance structure, aligned with relevant **regulatory, data protection and security standards**, and will engage with stakeholders – including teachers, students and policymakers – as part of its research.

"Our goal is not just to build technology, but to build **trustworthy AI practices** for assessment," added **Adarsh Sudhindra, Excelsoft's Vice President – Products & Innovation**. "This collaboration aims to set benchmarks for how AI should be used in marking – always accountable, always explainable, and always in the best interests of learners."

Insights and findings from the joint research will be used to **inform future product roadmaps, marking services and policy discussions**, and may be shared through jointly authored white papers, pilots and industry forums, subject to appropriate governance and approvals.

About Excelsoft Technologies

Excelsoft Technologies is a leading provider of **innovative e-assessment and learning solutions** to awarding bodies, educational institutions, corporations and governments worldwide. With platforms supporting high-stakes examinations, large-scale assessments, and rich digital learning experiences, Excelsoft combines deep domain expertise with cutting-edge AI and cloud technologies to help organisations reimagine the future of teaching, learning and assessment.
Website: [www.excelsoftcorp.com]

About AQA

AQA is a leading UK-based awarding organisation, providing GCSEs, A-levels and other qualifications that enable students to progress to the next stage of their education or employment. AQA's work is underpinned by rigorous research and a commitment to fair, reliable and valid assessment. Its assessments are taken by millions of students each year, in thousands of schools and colleges.
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