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1. What is your current occupation?

I am an Engineer by profession, and, for the past few years, I enjoy using my technical experience in solving industrial challenges through innovative ways.

2. What is your educational background?

I have a B. Tech (Civil) from National Institute of Technology, Trichy.

3. How did you learn of the challenge?

I am a regular solver at Innocentive and learnt of the challenge from the Innocentive site.

4. What caused you to respond to the challenge?

As a regular solver for Innocentive, I was going to treat this like any other challenge that I was going to take up. But a conversation with my friends, Keerthivasan and Manoj, enlightened me on the extent of the real-life impact of this challenge (it will help improve the lives of a million people who still require sanitation facilities), which caused me to respond to this challenge with more reverence than usual.

5. Approximately how much time did you invest in creating your response to the challenge? (this does not need to be a precise answer – you can

state your answer in hours or days or weeks. It is simply to get a feel for the level of effort necessary to win).

The finalisation of the Idea took 100 Man hours of focused effort. The testing of the prototype took 40 man hours of effort and the development of the report took 15 hours of focused effort.

6. How did you feel when you found out that you were a winner?

As I was developing the design, I was imagining how this solution could be scaled up and distributed across the globe, so when I saw the news, it was even more of a surprise to see that the solution got the award under the "Best Scalable Design" category. I stay awed and humbled at the prospect that my solution will have an opportunity to be brought to life and may actually touch the lives of a million people. I thank World Vision, SeaFreight Labs and Innocentive for this wonderful opportunity.