Insights and Inputs from the Bangalore Consultation Workshop

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  - The importance of local context - Ramadan!
Questions discussed

• What type of business licence do you have/need?
• What are your experiences? What are the hurdles? And benefits?
• When would you consider it important to have a licence/registration?
• Is there are role govt. has to play in making conditions easier?
• Experience of working with bigger recyclers?
• What are the most dangerous recycling activities according to you?
• Which processes would you want to improve? Why and how?
• What can be done to improve these processes?
• What kind of support would you need?
• Where do you source your material from?
• Where is your material going to >> what applications? What uses? Who are your main customers?
• What issues are you facing as part of your work?
• Drivers for formalisation
  – Respect and ‘social status’ as a formal authorised business
  – Access to materials

• Barriers & Challenges
  – Language – e.g. language of legislation; vendor registration forms;
  – Documentation requirements – eg. Bank guarantees
  – Awareness of legislation – had no clue about the new e-waste rules! No sharing of information from PCB;
  – Licencing – have to ‘speed’ up licensing; changing goal posts; ‘hollow’ licenses that are given without checks
  – Competition / protection through licencing; competition from large OBAs

• ‘Informal’ Association of ELV dismantlers
  – 1000+ members
  – Green card for ELV dismantling – linked to registration/ theft issues

• Trading & Aggregation is a significant economic activity
  – Increasing degree of specialisation
  – Pan India markets
  – Generic trading licences – not specific for metal traders

• Dangerous practices
  – Not from e-waste dismantling
  – Burning, but only very little in Bangalore
  – Oil furnaces etc. are more dangerous!