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Sir,


Re- Our Bengaluru plant and media reports thereon

Further to our various intimations earlier sent to both NSE and BSE as regards the alleged pollution issues from our Bengaluru plant, we have to inform you as under-

- (A) The Company informed the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 29.10.2018 that it was voluntarily willing to deposit an amount of Rs 50 lacs with the KSPCB that can be utilized for the Whitefield area. During the course of the hearing, the Company informed that the emission results from the Bengaluru plant show that the plant was in compliance with the standards. This was also borne from the Karnataka State Pollution Board's (KSPCB) report filed by them with the Hon'ble Supreme Court, which confirmed the Company's submissions.
- (B) The Company had earlier informed the Hon'ble Supreme Court that out of the four observations made by KSPCB while corrective steps in respect of three had already been taken, the Company had decided to halt the furnaces by October 2019 so that the work of revamping by replacement of the roof sheets (which had earlier already commenced) could be accelerated and would be completed by November 2019. The plant would commence its manufacturing activities after the revamping and re-inspection by KSPCB. During the course of the hearing on 29.10.2018, EPCA informed the Hon'ble Supreme Court that the Ambient air quality results are in compliance, that the matter is of escape of fugitive dust and the Company is in the process of addressing the issue by taking necessary steps.
- (C) The Hon'ble Court did not allow the plea of Whitefield Rising to allow them file an Intervening Application and informed them to address its concerns before the National Green Tribunal (NGT), where the appeal filed by some complainants against the Karnataka State Appellate Authority order of June 2013 which was in the Company's favor, was pending.
- (D) The Hon'ble Supreme Court there after passed an order directing the Company to deposit an amount of Rs 50 lacs offered by it with KSPCB within two weeks to be utilized to take care of pollution in Whitefield. The order further states that this is without prejudice to the proceedings which are said to be pending in the NGT.
- (E) The Hon'ble Supreme Court order finally states "Notice to Graphite India stands discharged".
- (F) News reports that the Bengaluru plant would be completely shut down by November is baseless. No such statement was made by the Company or its Counsel before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For Graphite India Limited


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