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Dear Sirs,

Sub: Water Shortage at Company's Plants at Harihar (Karnataka)

We manufacture 190 tonnes per day Viscose Staple Fibre and 207 tonnes per day of dissolving grade Pulp at our plants at Harihar (Karnataka), which draws water from the Tungabhadra River. Due to deficient rain in the region, Water authorities have decided to curtail release of water from the Bhadra Dam on an intermittent basis. This will result in reduce flow of water in Tungabhadra river and consequently suspension of the manufacturing facilities at our aforesaid plants from time to time till the river gets sufficient water in the ensuing rainy season.

To meet the Viscose Staple Fibre requirement of our customers, during the Harihar plant stoppage period, the Company shall be operating its other Staple Fibre Plants at Kharach (Gujarat) and Nagda (M.P.) at their full capacity.

We shall keep you informed of the developments, if any, in the matter.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Ashok Malu
Company Secretary