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October 6, 2016

National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.
"Exchange Plaza", C-1, Block G, Bandra-
Kurla Complex,
Bandra (E),
Mumbai -400 051

**Sub: Reply to your letter seeking information / clarification on the news item
appeared in The Economic Times dated 6-10-2016.**

Dear Sir,

This refers to your letter dated October 6, 2016 seeking clarification / confirmation on the news item appeared in The Economic Times on 6th October, 2016 captioned "Orient in Talks to Buy Jaypee's 74% in Bhilai Cement for Rs. 750 crore".

It is submitted that the Company had informed stock exchanges on 5th October, 2016 of having called the meeting of the Board of Directors on 6th October, 2016 to apprise the Board of the recommendations of the Restructuring Committee and the progress on various divestment initiatives of the Company.

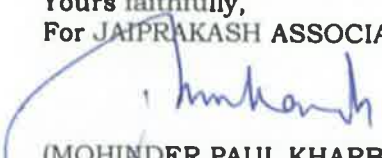
As already reported to you through our letter of date, the Board of Directors in their meeting held today, the 06-10-2016, has approved the recommendation of the Restructuring Committee and Audit Committee to sell Company's 74% stake in the equity of Bhilai Jaypee Cement Limited at an enterprise value of Rs. 1,450 crore on a cash free and debt free basis and subject to adjustments on account of Working Capital, if any. A copy of Press Release issued by the Company is enclosed. As the matter was at negotiations stage and was yet to be considered by Restructuring Committee, Audit Committee and the Board of Directors, it was premature to disseminate the same.

As you are aware through our various communications to Stock Exchanges, the Company has its firm resolve to reduce its overall debt including through disposal of some of its assets/investments. Consequently, until the Company achieves its goal, consideration of divestment proposals is an ongoing process in the Company.

We hope you will find the above in order.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,
For JAIPRAKASH ASSOCIATES LIMITED


(MOHINDER PAUL KHARBANDA)
Sr. General Manager (Sectl.) &
Company Secretary