

October 8, 2015

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Exchange Plaza,
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Mumbai 400 051.

Kind Attn : Mr. Amit Phatak, Assistant Manager – Listing Compliance

Dear Sir,

Sub: News Clarification regarding Lavasa Corporation Ltd, Subsidiary Company

We refer to your email dated October 8, 2015 seeking clarification regarding a news article published in "The Mint" dated October 8, 2015 captioned "Maharashtra govt orders Lavasa to return 191 acres to tribals".

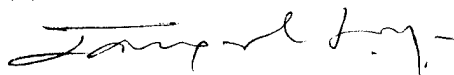
We wish to state that since the said news article does not have any bearing on the operations / performance of Hindustan Construction Co. Limited, the same was not informed / announced to the Stock Exchanges.

However, we would like to inform you that Lavasa Corporation Ltd, Subsidiary Company has released a statement in that connection after many news papers reported one sided story on the matter yesterday, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for your information and records.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,

For Hindustan Construction Co. Limited



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Encl: As Above

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October 7, 2015

Media Statement

Declaration of 23.75 hectares of land owned by Lavasa Corporation as tribal land

It is the first time yesterday that the SDO declared 23.75 hectares of Lavasa Corporation's (LCL) land as tribal land. The land records at no time showed these lands as Tribal Land nor did the records contain the mandatory remark to indicate that these were tribal land under Section 36 (a) of Maharashtra Land Revenue Code, 1966.

LCL has not bought these lands directly from the allottees. These lands were sold by the allottees 15 to 20 years ago. And they have changed hands 2 or 3 times before LCL bought these lands from the latest owner on record.

Every tribal land carries a specific remark under Section 36 A of the MLR Code. This indicates tribal land status of the land. In all such cases permission is required from Government. Had the tribal status of land known from the entry of remark, LCL would have bought the lands with proper permission of the Government. No such remarks were there on the land record of these lands.

Besides, The Regulation 17 of the Special Regulation for Hill Stations, 1996 specifically states that 'the Government in Revenue Dept. shall grant permission to the Owner / Developer of such project to purchase the Tribal land in the project area as per the provisions of Section 36 A of the MLR Code.

In any case, being unbuildable hilly areas, these lands are neither under development nor earmarked for any future development in the Lavasa's Planning Proposal / Development Plan. Loss of these lands therefore is not going to affect the Lavasa's immediate or future development.

All this has happened because there is no Title Guarantee given by the State for land that anyone buys despite being the official keeper of land records.

This is one more thing that the Government will have to do under its Ease of doing Business initiative.

For any clarification on the same, please contact:

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