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**Subject:** Request for corrections of facts regarding Mahad Industrial Estate, India, in your Report entitled The World's Worst Polluted Places: The Top Ten of The Dirty Thirty, September 2007.

**Reference:** Article published in the Times of India, Daily, Mumbai dated 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2007 (Copy enclosed)

1.0 In connection with the captioned subject and report under reference it is to inform you that **Mahad Industrial Area has been wrongly included in the list of "Dirty Thirty"**. The facts mentioned in your report regarding Mahad Industrial Area are out-dated and ground reality as on today is different than reported. Therefore it needs to be correctly reported.

2.0 Your report is based on the 5<sup>th</sup> Action Taken Report (ATR) submitted by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) to the Supreme Court Monitoring Committee (SCMC). This report is of the year 2004. After the directions from the MPCB in this regard, the industries in Mahad and Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) have taken several steps to clean up the industrial estate. They are summarized as under:

- Entire hazardous waste sludge stored near the Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) has been removed by MIDC and disposed in an environmentally sound manner as per directions of MPCB. Actual quantity of sludge was 7342 MT.

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Sludge has been disposed at the Common Hazardous Wastes Treatment and Disposal Facility (CHWTSDF) located at Taloja, Navi Mumbai. This TSDF is authorized by MPCB and established by MIDC as common infrastructure for environment protection in the industrial estates with private partnership. Approximately Rs. 92,50,000/- has been spent for disposal of sludge.

- Industrial waste lying in the premises of M/s Raksha Chemicals Ltd. and M/s Shri Mahesh Chemicals has also been removed and disposed in an environmentally sound manner at the CHWTSDF at Taloja, Navi Mumbai. Total quantity of waste removed is 1850 MT and the total cost of its disposal was Rs.23,50,000/-.
- There are no reports regarding adverse impacts on public health or soil contamination in the area. However, if you have any reports on this issue, you please inform us or send copies for reference so that we can verify the facts. We are living in this area for last more than two decades and can confidently say that the environmental situation is not the same as reported by you. There fore Mahad Industrial Area can not be called as one among the "Dirty Thirty of 2007" as reported by you.
- As for the environmental water quality in the Mahad area is concerned, we have to say that the water quality is being monitored by MPCB on regular basis. Results of water quality are published on the website of MPCB as well as in the print media also. We are attaching herewith water quality monitoring reports from MPCB. You will see from the reports that the water quality parameters are within the prescribed limits by MPCB.

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- In order ascertain the facts stated as above, you may also carefully go through the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> ATRs submitted by MPCB to SCMC. These reports would give you more information and improvements achieved subsequent to the 5<sup>th</sup> ATR which is basis of your report on "Dirty Thirty".

- 3.0 You are kindly requested to update your information as above and accordingly remove the name of Mahad Industrial Estate from your list of "Dirty Thirty". This report of yours is unnecessarily making bad publicity of not only of our industrial estate but also State of Maharashtra. We are also endorsing copies of this letter to the MPCB, MIDC and concerned Members of SCMC for their information.

Yours sincerely

For Mahad Manufacturers' Association

G. SUDHAKAR  
Hon. Secretary

Encl: as above.

Copy submitted to:

1. Dr. Sukumar Devota, Chairman, Sub committee of SCMC on Maharashtra C/o Director, National Environmental Engineering, Nehru Marg, Nagpur 20. Maharashtra, India.
2. Shri Rajiv Jalota, Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation, "Udyog Sarathi", MIDC Industrial Area, Marol, Andheri (E), Mumbai.
3. Shri. Jairath, Industry Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 020
4. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, "Parivesh Bhavan" East Arjun Nagar, Shahadara, Delhi 100 032.
5. Dr. Subbarao, Additional Director, HSM Division, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryawaran Bhavan, C.G.O. Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi 110 003.
6. The Editor, The Times of India Daily, Times of India Building, Dr. D.N. Road, Mumbai 400 001: This has reference to the story appeared in your daily dated 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2007 and filed by your Shri Atul Thakur on the captioned subject. You are requested to publish our views also in this regard.
7. Dr. Dilip Boralkar