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Dated: 28th November, 2022

To,

Shri K V Reddy,
M/s UltraTech Cment Limited,
Ahura Centre, 1st Floor, 'A' Wing,
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Andheri (E), Mumbai- 400 093

Sub: Baranda Laterite Mine of M/s UltraTech Cement Ltd. with enhancement in Production Capacity of Laterite from 36,000 TPA to 2,50,000 TPA (ROM), located at Village - Baranda, Taluka - Lakhpat, District – Kachchh, Gujarat (ML Area: 400 ha)–(File No. J-11015/19/2015-IA-II(M); Proposal No. IA/GJ/MIN/26384/2015)(Consultant: JM Enviro Net Pvt. Ltd.]- Re-Consideration for EC

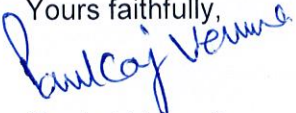**Ref: UTCL/ENV/MUM/201/53 dated 01.06.2019**

Sir,

This has reference to your letter dated 10.10.2022 received from M/S UltraTech Cement Ltd.,vide aforesaid letter, reply to the ADS sought by the Ministry dated 06.03.2019 was submitted.

2.   The matter has been examined in the Ministry, and it is to informed that the DSR submitted by the project proponent is not approved by State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA). The Hon'ble NGT vide its order dated 29/9/2022 in OA No. 34 of 2022 titled Subhash Bhai Ishwar Bhai Parmar vs State of Gujarat & Ors. observed that they would like to follow the principle laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in order dated 10.11.2021 in Civil Appeal Nos. 3661-3662 of 2020 titled State of Bihar v/s Pawan Kumar. The above-referred order of Hon'ble Supreme Court mandates submission of DSR to State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) for examination and evaluation and State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) for approval.

3.   Further, it is requested to submit the closure report of the Baranda Laterite mine with regard to the submitted Certified Compliance Report. The project proponent is also requested to inform the Ministry if any court cases are pending in any court of law.

Yours faithfully,

(Pankaj Verma)
Scientist 'E'