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ANNEX 2

Dear Sir

REFUSE MANAGEMENT IN CONSTRUCTION SITES

We have found that the management of refuse in construction sites is still far from satisfactory. As a result of the improper management of refuse, in particular food waste, construction sites had been found to be a source of environmental health problems such as flies, rodents and cockroach infestation. Stray animals and birds have also been attracted into the work sites in search of waste food. There was also smell nuisance from the decaying food/organic wastes as they were not removed for disposal daily. All these pose a constant public health hazard in the spread of diseases such as cholera, typhoid, food poisoning, etc.

2 We have therefore decided that with immediate effect, all construction sites will be required to put in place a proper dual system of refuse management. All food / organic waste must be properly bagged and deposited in refuse / bulk bin(s) provided with proper covers. As for construction and other building waste, they should be kept separately in skip containers. No food waste will be allowed to be deposited into the skip containers which are provided strictly for the storage of inorganic construction / bulky waste.

3 In this connection, we would greatly appreciate it if your organisation could inform all your members of our new requirements on the management of refuse in construction sites.

4 Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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