

## **ACTION IMPLEMENTATION REPORT – 02 -14 May 24**

### **NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, Principal Bench, New Delhi**

(In Review Application no. RA-06/2022 & Original Application No. 226/2020{Earlier O.A. 68/2020(CZ)} titled as “Om Puri Vs Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) & Others.”)

1. In compliance with the Order dated 02.02.22 in OA 226/2020 & 29.03.22 in RA no. 06/2022 passed by Hon'ble NGT, a joint committee comprising of CPCB, State PCB and District Magistrate, Bhilwara along with the experts from various field of Government departments, a detailed restoration and remediation plan 14-10-2022 for the soil and quality of ground water in the area was formulated. The remediation plan mainly focuses on remediating the soil, improving quality of ground water in the area, health improvement programme for the inhabitants of the surrounding villages, health improvement programme for the cattle/livestock, improving quality/availability of the drinking water supply, improvement in the air quality through roadside plantation, plantation & green belt development, pasture land development and damage assessment of property of inhabitants (houses and potholes in Agriculture Field).

2. In compliance with Hon'ble NGT's order dated 02.02.2022 and 29.03.2022, as well as pursuant to the State Govt. of Rajasthan's approval of HZL's proposal to open a joint account for depositing the amount of Rs. 25 Crore for implementing the remediation plan vide letter dated 08.07.2022, the said account with joint signatory of IBU-CEO -Rampura Agucha Mines -HZL and District magistrate was opened on 07.09.2022. The amount of Rs. 25 Crore had also been deposited in the said account on 08.09.2022. Based on the recommendations of the joint committee and the action implementation committee of various Government departments, a total of 23 projects were formulated for implementation amounting to Rs. 16.25 Crores, as part of the first phase. Based on this approved remediation plan, the District Magistrate has instructed all concerned departments to submit the financial approval note for the tendering process.

3. Based on the direction of District Magistrate (DM), individual departments had submitted the financial approval note for the identified projects, which have in turn been approved by the DM. In pursuance to this, the DM has instructed the individual departments to initiate the necessary tender formalities for implementation of the projects. HZL has, vide multiple letters to the DM office, requested for expediting the utilization of funds for the formulated projects, in compliance with the directions passed by the Hon'ble NGT. We are given to understand that the delay in utilization of the funds for implementation of the projects is due to enforcement of the model code of conduct as is in place owing to the Lok Sabha elections.

4. However, HZL-Rampura Agucha Mines (Unit) being a sustainable mine and having always regarded the community as its prime and most valuable stakeholder, the Unit continued with its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities and has implemented and continues to implement various projects in and around the Unit for improving the quality of life and social strata of the nearby communities. HZL CSR Projects at RAM location is benefiting communities by implementing meaningful, impact-driven initiatives on ground. It symbolises the success of our efforts to ensure holistic and inclusive growth, which encompasses the community.

5. We have centred our CSR efforts on strengthening the local economy and improving the overall quality of life. We have been working actively at Agucha location in the areas of Education, Sustainable livelihood, Healthcare, water sufficiency and Skill development,

Environment, Women Empowerment, Sports & Culture. We have established a significant presence in these areas, as an organisation making a positive difference to lives of surrounding community.

Impact of CSR projects -

- Enhancing the local economy through implementation of sustainable livelihood practices
- Evolving strong grassroot institutions and promoting microenterprises both at the collective and individual levels
- Improving the quality of life in the communities through lifecycle approach in education and development of model villages
- Promoting safety within communities through cadre development

6. We have tremendous faith in the strength of our relationships and the durability of our bonds with communities in our operational areas. We believe these connections are vital to steer the implementation of our plans and programmes, especially in the CSR domain. We thus continue to nurture our community relations, which we view as a pillar of our stakeholder relationships. We have established a foundation of trust, honesty, care, respect, transparency and integrity as the roots of our community relations. Based on the continuum and convergence paradigm, that enables last-mile impact delivery to each member of the community, through distinct business drivers for each programme and evidence-based impact

7. The details of various CSR projects implemented in FY 22-23, refer to annual report published in our website <https://integratedreport.hzlindia.com/investing-in-overall-community-development.php>.

8. HZL has also ensured compliance with the Hon'ble NGT Orders dated 02.02.22 in OA 226/2020, and 29.03.22 and 14.11.2022 in RA no. 06/2022 by taking all relevant actions in a timely manner.