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Dear Sir,

Sub: Clarification / Confirmation on news item appeared in “Media/Publication”

This has reference to your letter No. NSE/CM/Surveillance/11430 dated December 20, 2021 seeking clarification / confirmation from the Company on the news item which appeared on the “Website-www.economictimes.com” dated December 20, 2021 captioned “Tata Group may lose control over 942-acre tea estate in Karnataka”.

At the outset, the Company denies the statements made in the said news article, except for specific clarification / confirmation provided herein below:

- a) Tata Coffee (‘the Company’) holds around 942.56 Acres of land forming part of Glenlorna Tea Estate (‘the said land’) situated in Virajpet Taluk, Kodagu District in the State of Karnataka (which is on lease for a period of 999 years since 1914), which was acquired by the Company, through a registered Assignment Deed dated 5th June 1985.
- b) During 2011, the Company had applied for a certified copy of the RTC Records from the Revenue Authorities, at which time, it was noticed that the Revenue Authorities had unilaterally carried out changes in the Revenue Records by changing the tenure of the land from ‘Redeemed Sagu’ to ‘Reserve Forest’.
- c) Thereafter, during 2011, the Company had filed a Writ Petition before the High Court of Karnataka seeking various reliefs including the relief in the form of direction to the Tahsildar, Virajpet Taluk, Kodagu District to cause the entries in the RTC, as it existed earlier.
- d) The High Court of Karnataka in its Order dated 27th July 2011, while dismissing the writ petition, had allowed the Company to either avail of statutory remedy under the Karnataka Land Revenue Act 1964 or to approach the civil court for better relief if the Company is so very keen by impleading necessary parties in the suit.

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- e) Thereafter, during 2013, the Company had filed a suit before the City Civil Court of Virajpet, for a declaration that the changes made by the Revenue Authorities in the revenue records from “Redeemed Sagu” to “Reserve Forest Land’ is illegal and for a further declaration that the said land has become “Redeemed Land”, subsequent to grant of lease and payment of timber value and cultivated with tea plants, as per the Rules which prevailed when the lease was granted.
- f) The City Civil Court, Virajpet, which heard the matter since 2013, has passed an Order on 3rd December 2021, wherein the Court has dismissed the suit filed by the Company on the ground that it does not have jurisdiction to hear the said suit. Further, the Court has directed its office to send the copy of the said judgement to the Tahsildar and Deputy Commissioner concerned to take necessary action against the erring revenue officials as observed and to submit the report to the State Government with intimation to the Court. There is no order in the judgement for take over the said land, as wrongly stated in the media news.
- g) The company is consulting with its legal advisors on further recommended course of action to be pursued in this regard to protect its interests.

As evident from the above facts of the matter, the news item which appeared in the website “www.economictimes.com” was partially incorrect in terms of stating that the City Civil Court has ordered taking over the said land from the Company. Thus, this matter is currently having no bearing/impact on the operations/performance of the Company and do not attract the provisions of Regulation 30 of the SEBI Listing Regulations for disclosures to the Stock Exchanges.

We would also like to confirm that the Company is not aware of any other information (that has bearing on the operations / performance of the Company) which has not been disclosed to the stock exchanges, as required under Regulation 30 of SEBI Listing Regulations.

Kindly take the above on record.

Thanking you,

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