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Dear Mr Corry

Sub: Bauxite Mining in Niyamgiri Hills

Thank you for your recent letter which was addressed to our Chairman.

The Supreme Court of India (the 'Court') has already investigated in detail the matters to which your letter refers and in respect of which it is the appropriate final authority. The Court's examination also covered a series of other issues concerning the above project (environmental impacts for instance). We understand that the Court was satisfied that these have been addressed as part of the plans we have made with our joint venture partner. We were required to provide evidence that **the local community in the area of the project had been consulted and the majority were supportive.** The statement made by our Chairman at our Annual General Meeting aimed to draw attention to the fact that this consultation process had already taken place under the framework of the applicable law.

Our group of companies, in common with many large Indian businesses, has an established track record of working with a large number of NGOs and local community organisations, concerning sustainable development issues. We welcome feedback to our activities from interested parties and should like, once again, to offer Survival International the opportunity to meet with us to discuss our joint venture with the Orissa State Mining Corporation.

We would also like to use this opportunity to increase your own understanding of our group of companies and the way that we approach our business activities and sustainable development matters.

For your reference, we enclose a copy of our recently published and independently verified Sustainable Development Report. We hope you will find it interesting and useful.

Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Srinanth Cidambi", written over a horizontal line.

Srinanth Cidambi
Director - Investor Relations