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The General Manager Corporate Relations Department BSE Limited Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers Dalal Street Mumbai 400 001 Scrip Code: **500770**  The Manager, Listing Department National Stock Exchange of India Ltd Exchange Plaza, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Plot No. G Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex Bandra (E) Mumbai 400 051 Symbol: **TATACHEM** 

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### Sub: Disclosure regarding impact of Covid-19 pandemic on the Company's operations

# Ref.: Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirement) Regulations, 2015 read with SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/84 dated May 20, 2020

Further to our disclosures dated March 25, 2020 and May 11, 2020 on the plant operations, an update relating to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant lockdown on the Company's operations is provided herewith.

#### Limited impact on business operations

Tata Chemicals Limited is a global business with manufacturing operations in four continents. The immediate impact of the Covid-19 pandemic with respect to customer and governmental reactions to the crisis have been varied.

In India, the Company was affected by national lockdown in number of ways but the recovery is fast underway due to number of steps undertaken by the Company.

The Company's largest site in Mithapur, Gujarat continued to produce Tata Salt with no disruptions and are operating today at higher than normal volumes in order to supply the market with this essential product. Mithapur operations achieved record monthly production and despatches for Tata Salt in May 2020.

Production of soda ash and sodium bicarbonate is recovering after a lull in the first phase of the lockdown as our customers' own operations come back onstream. Together these three products represent approximately 90% of the revenue from the site.

Globally, as of May 2020, the Company's sales volumes of soda ash and bicarbonate were over 70% of the same period last year, with the UK operation ahead of last year.

UK operation has not suffered any disruption in production or sales with customer demand remaining strong. Export markets served by the US operation have witnessed a slowdown in part due to Covid-19 restrictions in the markets serviced. In Kenya, while there was no disruption in production related to Covid-19, despatches to customers in India and SE Asian countries were delayed for a period of time on account of complete or partial lockdowns in these regions.

In India, the Company's two newer operations in Mambattu, Nellore (Andhra Pradesh) and Cuddalore (Tamilnadu) were shut down as per the Government directives and remained shut, except for essential safety and maintenance work. The sites started limited operation in May 2020 following the relaxation of local restrictions and are currently meeting customer demand in full. Given the scale of their current operations, this would not have material impact on the results of the Company.

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Our service to farmers and agriculture sector was largely unaffected barring early logistics issues which were quickly resolved.

All safety protocol related to Covid-19 as advised by the Government are being implemented and observed at the Plants. The Company adopted a work from home policy for non-site based employees.

#### Potential impact of Covid-19 on operations

The Company operates within the business to business (B2B) sector with no direct sales to consumers (B2C). Many of our products are classified as essential serving the food, hygiene, pharma and container glass sectors where demand has not suffered significantly due to the pandemic.

The Company continues to closely monitor national and international sourcing and supply positions to identify any potential material risks. The Company has so far not experienced any specific issue in our raw material sourcing. This quarter will see the effects of the national lockdown in India as well as some logistics disruption in SE Asia, the precise value of which cannot be quantified in this very fluid and changing environment.

#### Existing contracts/agreements and non-fulfilment of the obligations if any:

The Company at present continues to fulfil its obligations with respect to all the existing contracts and agreements. The Company does not foresee any material impact on account of non-fulfilment of obligation by any party in existing contracts or agreements.

#### Capital and liquidity

There has been no material change in the Company's liquidity position since it reported the same in its results for the year ended March 31, 2020; a very positive liquidity position in India with no borrowings and sufficient credit lines available. The customers continue to pay within normal credit terms and the Company remains committed to paying its suppliers on time. The Company has also instituted, across all its operations, aggressive and focused cost control programs and a deferment of all but completely necessary capital expenditure to build up and conserve its already healthy cash position.

## Internal Financial Reporting and Control;

There is no impact on internal financial controls due to the Covid-19.

## Annual Financial Results

The Company's financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2020 published on May 15, 2020 were not materially affected by the lockdown. The Notes to Financial Results included the Company's assessment of the carrying value of various assets and liabilities.

You are requested to take the above on record.

Yours faithfully, For Tata Chemicals Limited

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