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The Managing Director
Empire Cement Ghana Limited
P.O Box 11892
Community 11, Tema

Dear Sir,

ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 35 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 2025 (ACT 1124): VIOLATION OF THE CONDITIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT-CLOSURE NOTICE

The Environmental Protection Authority carried out investigations of alleged air pollution/nuisance from your operations into the ambient environment following several public complaints.

Our investigations revealed that:

- 1) There is sustained emission of visible particulate/gaseous emissions/pollutants from your operations with its negative implications for the environment, adjoining land uses and the public health
- 2) The company failed to submit its quarterly environmental monitoring returns in violation of the Condition of Environmental Permit No. 9.1 in the Schedule to Environmental Permit No. **EPA/MID/EMP/CU 859/25/1013/01/0042947**
- 3) The company has failed to implement key Conditions of Environmental Permit relating to:
 - a) the installation of appropriate State-of-the-Art pollution Control Systems on all pollution discharge units so as to meet the requirements of the *GS 1236:2019*. *This is in violation* of Condition No. 5.1 (1)(a) of the Schedule to Environmental Permit No. **EPA/MID/EMP/CU 859/25/1013/01/0042947**.
 - b) Existing pollution control systems and all auxiliary equipment being in good working conditions to reduce air pollution and comply with permissible limits for fence line air quality and point source/stack emissions in the *GS 1236:2019* contrary to Condition No. 5.1(1)(h)(i) of the Schedule to Environmental Permit under reference.
 - c) Effective maintenance of all dust plants within the factory to prevent/minimise dust emissions into the external environment contrary to Condition No. 5.1(1)(h)(iv) of the Schedule to Environmental Permit under reference.
 - d) The functioning of the pollution control systems at all times to meet the requirements of *GS 1236: 2019* contrary to Condition No. 5.1(1)(h)(iv) of the Schedule to Environmental Permit under reference.

Based on the above, the Authority finds *Empire Cement Ghana Ltd* in breach of sections 5.1(a), 5.1(h)(i), 5.1(h)(iv) and 9.1 of the Schedule to Environmental Permit No. **EPA/MID/EMP/CU 859/25/1013/01/0042947** and hereby direct you to ***shut down the factory operations*** with ***immediate effect*** until you take steps to:

- i) Submit your quarterly environmental monitoring returns in line section 9.1 of the Schedule to Environmental Permit under reference by ***1st October 2026***.

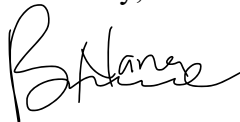
- ii) Install appropriate State-of-the-Art Air Pollution Control Systems in accordance with Condition No 5.1 (1)(a). Take note that the installation of the Air Pollution Control System shall lead to compliance with the ***Ghana Standard for Environment and Health Protection-Requirements for Ambient Air Quality and Point Source/Stack Emissions (GS 1236:2019)***.
- iii) Ensure existing pollution control systems and all auxiliary equipment are in good working conditions to reduce air pollution and comply with permissible limits for fenceline air quality and point source/stack emissions in the *GS 1236:2019* in compliance with Condition No.5.1(h)(i) of the Schedule to Environmental Permit under reference.
- iv) Undertake stakeholder engagement with the impacted community on the impacts of the entity's operations and mitigations. Engagement report should be submitted to EPA.

You are required to notify the Authority on completion of the installation of the State-of-the-Art Air Pollution Control Systems for subsequent inspection and informed decision making. Note that the company can only start operations upon installation of State-of-the Art Air Pollution Control Systems that will meet the emissions standards of the GS 1236:2019 and written permission from the Authority.

Note that failure to comply with this directive may result in the Authority taking such further enforcement action as may be authorised by law, including imposition of administrative penalty and/or additional regulatory sanctions in line with *section 14 of the Schedule to the Environmental Permit No. EPA/MID/EMP/CU 859/25/1013/01/0042947* and under the ***Fees and Charges (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2022 (Act 1080)*** and the ***Environmental Protection Act 2025, (Act 1124)***.

Please be guided accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



PROF. NANA AMA BROWNE KLUTSE
AG. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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- 1) *The Hon. Minister, Ministry of Environment, Science & Technology, Accra*
- 2) *The Chief Executive, Weija-Gbawe Municipal Assembly, Weija.*
- 3) *The Director, EPA Greater Accra West Region, Amasaman.*
- 4) *The Head, EPA Weija Area Office, Weija*