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The aforementioned plots have always been put to use by us strictly in accordance with the terms of the aforesaid leases for industrial purposes for which they were leased out to us since occupation. Our Factory located on the said plots is considered as the premier and leading pharmaceutical manufacturing company in Andhra Pradesh. The Company in all its existence of over 50 years in Andhra Pradesh has been making significant contributions to the society at large, and to Government of Andhra Pradesh in particular.

When the Government enacted the Azamabad Industrial Area (Termination and Regulations of Leases) Act 1992, all the lessees in Azamabad Industrial Area have no alternative except to challenge the Constitutional Validity of the Act. Ultimately when the matter was being argued before the Apex Court in the year 1995, the Court made clear that the Act in so far as it is not making any distinction between those lessees who have violated the agreed terms and conditions and those who have strictly complied with the lease terms by carrying the industrial activity, is bad. These observations from the Apex Court made the State Government to give an undertaking for bringing necessary amendments to the Act. The Apex Court made clear that in so far as those lessees who have adhered to the lease terms and who are carrying the industrial activity, shall not be subjected to any adverse terms and conditions. The Hon'ble Supreme Court under its order dated 7-2-1995, in the above matters, directed the Government of Andhra Pradesh to consider making these leasehold rights as freeholds.

Having regard to the undertaking given by the Government of Andhra Pradesh before the Hon'ble Supreme Court the Government of Andhra Pradesh filed a Status Report on 2-5-1995 indicating the status of each industrial unit in Azamabad Industrial Estate. The

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