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The General Manager (Listing Compliance),
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Kind attn. : Dhara Barot, Assistant Manager

Scrip Code – 500 790

Subject : Clarification/ Confirmation on the news item appearing in "The Financial Express" on 10th December, 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

This has reference to your email dated 10th December, 2015 bearing the above subject.

Our response is as below:

"The Complaint filed by Ministry of Consumer Affairs with the NCDRC was listed on 9th December, 2015 for pronouncement of order for further testing of samples. The reports for all 13 samples provided by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs that were sent to accredited government referral laboratory CFTRI, Mysore for testing as per the Order of the Hon'ble Commission dated 15th October, 2015, are still awaited.

We are disappointed that the Hon'ble Commission has yesterday given Order directing further testing of 16 samples at Export Inspection Laboratory, Mumbai.

100% of the samples tested show MAGGI Noodles is safe for consumption and indicate lead to be much below the limit stipulated by the regulatory authorities. This was earlier validated by the reports from 3 accredited laboratories mandated by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court to test the samples. We have always been confident of the quality of our product and had agreed to the testing of the 13 samples at government accredited referral laboratory CFTRI, Mysore at the instance of NCDRC, even though extensive testing of samples at the accredited laboratories have found the product safe.

In recent months alone, Nestlé India has conducted over 3,500 tests representing over 200 million packs in both national as well as international accredited laboratories for testing and all reports are clear. In addition to these, various countries including USA, UK, Singapore, Australia and others have found MAGGI Noodles exported from India to be safe for consumption.

Nestlé India does not add Monosodium Glutamate (Flavour enhancer E 621) to MAGGI noodles manufactured in India. Monosodium Glutamate (MSG) are present through natural sources. The amino acid – glutamate - is one of the most abundant and important amino acids of proteins. It is found in all foods that contain protein, such as cheese, milk, mushrooms, ground nuts, tomatoes, and many vegetables. MAGGI Noodles contains glutamate from hydrolysed groundnut protein, onion powder and wheat flour.

The regulatory authorities do not stipulate any limit for MSG."

Trust above clarifies the matter to your satisfaction.

Thanking you,

Yours very truly,

NESTLÉ INDIA LIMITED

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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT- LEGAL & COMPANY SECRETARY