

Tel: +92 21 3568 3030 Fax: +92 21 3568 4239 www.bdo.com.pk

2nd Floor, Block-C Lakson Square, Building No.1 Sarwar Shaheed Road Karachi-74200 Pakistan

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THATTA CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED ON THE STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE CONTAINED IN LISTED COMPANIES (CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE) REGULATIONS, 2019

We have reviewed the enclosed Statement of Compliance with the Listed Companies (Code of Corporate Governance) Regulations, 2019 (the Regulations) prepared by the Board of Directors of Thatta Cement Company Limited (the Company) for the year ended June 30, 2023 in accordance with the requirements of regulation 36 of the Regulations.

The responsibility for compliance with the Regulations is that of the Board of Directors of the Company. Our responsibility is to review whether the Statement of Compliance reflects the status of the Company's compliance with the provisions of the Regulations and report if it does not and to highlight any non-compliance with the requirements of the Regulations. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of the Company's personnel and review of various documents prepared by the Company to comply with the Regulations.

As a part of our audit of the financial statements we are required to obtain an understanding of the accounting and internal control systems sufficient to plan the audit and develop an effective audit approach. We are not required to consider whether the Board of Directors' statement on internal control covers all risks and controls or to form an opinion on the effectiveness of such internal controls, the Company's corporate governance procedures and risks.

The Regulations require the Company to place before the Audit Committee, and upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, place before the Board of Directors for their review and approval, its related party transactions and also ensure compliance the requirements of section 208 of the companies Act, 2017. We are only required and have ensured compliance of this requirement to the extent of the approval of the related party transactions by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Audit Committee.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention which causes us to believe that the Statement of Compliance does not appropriately reflect the Company's compliance, in all material respects, with the requirements contained in the Regulations as applicable to the Company for the year ended June 30, 2023.

KARACHI DATED: October 3,2023 UDIN: CR202310166A2MJEIxw0

600 Vonali

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS Engagement Partner: Tariq Feroz Khan

BDO Ebrahim & Co. Chartered Accountants BDO Ebrahim & Co., a Pakistan registered partnership firm, is a member of BDO international Limited, a UK company limited by guarantee, and forms part of the international BDO network of independent member firms.

## Statement of Compliance with Listed Companies [Code of Corporate Governance] Regulations, 2019

For the year ended June 30, 2023

The Company has complied with the requirements of the Regulations in the following manner:

- 1. The total number of directors are seven as per the following details:
  - a. Male: six
  - b. Female: one
- 2. The composition of the board is as follows: Independent Directors: four Other Non-Executive Directors: two Executive Director: one Female Director: one
- 3. The Directors have confirmed that none of them is serving as a Director in more than seven listed companies, including this Company;
- 4. The Company has prepared a 'Code of Conduct 'and has ensured that appropriate steps have been taken to disseminate it throughout the company along with its supporting policies and procedures;
- 5. The Board has developed a vision/mission statement, overall corporate strategy and significant policies of the company. The Board has ensured that complete record of particulars of the significant policies along with their date of approval or updating is maintained by the company;
- 6. All the powers of the Board have been duly exercised and decisions on relevant matters have been taken by the Board/Shareholders as empowered by the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2017 ['Act'] and these Regulations;
- 7. The meetings of the Board were presided over by the Chairman and, in his absence, by a director elected by the Board for this purpose. The Board has complied with the requirements of Act and the Regulations with respect to frequency, recording and circulating minutes of meeting of the Board;
- 8. The board have a formal policy and transparent procedures for remuneration of directors in accordance with the Act and these Regulations;
- 9. The Board has arranged Directors' Training program for the following:

Mr. Khawaja Muhammad Salman Younis – Chairman Mr. Muhammad Aslam Shaikh - Chief Executive Ms. Naheed Memon - Director Mr. Saleem Zamindar - Director Mr. Noor Muhammad - Director Mr. Kamran Munir Ansari-Director

- **10.** The Board has approved appointment of chief financial officer, company secretary and head of internal audit, including their remuneration and terms and conditions of employment and complied with relevant requirements of the Regulations;
- 11. Chief financial officer and chief executive officer duly endorsed the financial statements before approval of the Board;

12. The board has formed following Committees as required under CCG, 2019 which comprises of members given below:

Name of Members		Audit Committee
1.	Ms. Naheed Memon	Chairperson of Committee
2.	Mr. Khawaja Muhammad Salman Younis	Member
3.	Mr. Saleem Zamindar	Member

Name of Members		Human Resource and
		Remuneration Committee
4.	Mr. Noor Muhammad	Chairman
5.	Mr. Muhammad Aslam Shaikh	Member
6.	Mr. Kamran Munir Ansari	Member

Name of Members		Risk Management Committee
7.	Mr. Saleem Zamindar	Chairman
8.	Mr. Noor Muhammad	Member
9.	Mr. Kamran Munir Ansari	Member

- 13. The terms of reference of the aforesaid committees have been formed, documented and advised to the committee for compliance;
- 14. The frequency of meetings of the committee were as per following:

Name of Committee	Number of Meetings held
	during year from July 1,
	2022 to June 30, 2023
Audit Committee	Five
Risk Management Committee	Four
Human Resource and Remuneration Committee	Тwo

- 15. The Board has outsourced the internal audit function and also appointed a Head of Internal Audit who are suitably qualified and experienced for the purpose and are conversant with the policies and procedures of the Company;
- 16. The statutory auditors of the company have confirmed that they have been given a satisfactory rating under the Quality Control Review program of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan and registered with Audit Oversight Board of Pakistan, that they and all their partners are in compliance with International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) guidelines on code of ethics as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan and that they and the partners of the firm involved in the audit are not a close relative (spouse, parent, dependent and non-dependent children) of the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, head of internal audit, company secretary or director of the company;
- 17. The statutory auditors or the persons associated with them have not been appointed to provide other services except in accordance with the Act, these Regulations or any other regulatory requirement and the auditors have confirmed that they have observed IFAC guidelines in this regard;
- 18. We confirm that all requirements of regulations 3, 6, 7, 8, 27, 32, 33 and 36 of the Regulations have been complied with.

**19.** Explanation for non-compliance with requirements, other than regulations 3, 6, 7, 8, 27, 32, 33 and 36 (non-mandatory requirements) are noted below:

S. No.	Requirement	Explanation	Reg. No.
1	committee, designated as the nomination committee, of such number and class of directors, as it	Since the constitution of the Committee is non-mandatory, therefore the responsibilities prescribed for the nomination Committee are being taken care of by the Board of Directors.	29

Muhammad Aslam Shaikh Chief Executive Officer

Khawaja Muhammad Salman Younis Chairman

Karachi: September 26, 2023