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To
All Concerned

Dear Sir,

Meeting to discuss the Impact of blanket ban on Plastic bags imposed in Pune @ MCCIA, Tilak Road

Greetings and Best wishes for the New Year on behalf of MCCIA, Pune!!

As you are aware, the General Body of PMC has banned all types of plastic bags in Pune through a resolution on passed on 23 Dec 2009,. This has a background of problems created due to improper disposal of used plastic bags.

Ban on bags below 50 microns was already in existence as per Maharashtra State Notification 2006, which was being implemented and accepted by all manufacturers, traders and consumers. In spite of this we understand that the sudden enforcement of total ban is causing lot of inconvenience to all. Further, it is also reported that PMC has started implementation immediately from 24 December 2009 and PMC officials are carrying out seizure of all types of bags, imposing heavy fines to users, traders, etc.

There are many aspects to this issue as regards segregation and proper disposal of used plastic bags. There are specific guidelines by the State & Central Government for proper segregation and disposal of degradable & non-degradable solid waste. Local Government is supposed to adhere to these guidelines.

We have received requests from various stakeholders to have a joint meeting to discuss the impact of ban on plastic bags. In this connection, we have organized a meeting of representatives of various concerned groups including associations, traders, NGO's & the PMC as per the following schedule:

Day & Date: **Thursday, 11 February 2010**
Time: **3.30 pm to 4.00 pm Registration & Tea**
4.00 pm to 6.00 pm Discussion Meeting
Venue: **Lakaki Board Room, Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries & Agriculture**
Tilak Road, Pune 411 002

You are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting and participate in the deliberations.

Thanking you,

With kind regards,

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Additional Director General