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Media Statment

With reference to the article published by your esteemed Website on 5-6-2017 and titled "32 Tourah Portland Cement workers sentenced to prison for sit in", please note that the said article contained false statements that harm our company's image, where these workers are not TPCC staff, but workers of a security firm that serves our plant and whose contract expired on 30/04/2017. In the said framework, we would like to clarify the truth so that your readership gets true and accurate information as follows:

Regarding the arrest of protestors at TPCC, the Company stresses that those protestors are not staff members, but they work for a security service firm that used to provide its services to the plant and whose contract expired on 30/4/2017. Since the Company was subject to robberies by armed gangs, and most recently a TPCC staff member was shot dead, the Company reconsidered the security arrangements at its plant because of the inability of the old security contractor to secure the plant. The company then decided to contract an efficient specialized security firm.

In a positive initiative by the new security company; it offered a job opportunities to the old security workers to join the new company, however they preferred to strike to and have started a sit-in at the Company premises, preventing the proper work of the company and more important, the safeguard of our own workers (TPCC staff) and assets.

They refused to leave TPCC premises although they had no contractual relationship with the Company. In addition they also interrupted maintenance works and prevented engineers and workers from performing their duties.

The police presence was meant to implement the public prosecutions decision to arrest 4 protest instigators after almost two months of protests. The workers of the security firm resisted the police forces, attempted to block them in and prevented them from enforcing the public prosecutions decision.

In the light of the above, we kindly request your newspaper to publish this correction immediately as these false allegations only serve to harm the Company, its employees, and shareholder

Best regards,
Communication department- TPCC