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The Managing Director,
Reynolds Construction Company
Jabi District, Abuja FCT,
Nigeria.

Request for information on the activities of Reynold Construction Company (RCC) at a rock-blasting site in the precincts of Ogunmakin, Ogun State, a border community with Oyo State

Dear Sir/Ma,

I write on behalf of the Interactive Initiative for Social Impact (The Interactive), a social research and non-governmental organisation in Abuja. First, I commend the commitment of Reynolds Construction Company (RCC) in resolving hazards and impacts relating to the environment, health and safety through a methodologically structured risk assessment program. In the light of resolving hazards and effects relating to the environment, health and safety, the Interactive requests further understanding and clarification from RCC on **its activities at the rock-blasting site in the precincts of Ogunmakin Ogun State, a border community with Oyo State.**

While on a visit to Orile Ogunmakin in July, we gathered that "fly rocks" from your company's blasting site affects a significant number of buildings in the community. The activities on the site also cause persistent vibration of the ground, which are potential risks to the health and safety of the environment and people in the community.

Consequent to this, we request the documents for the following;

1. The environmental impact assessment (EIA) that was carried out on the said blasting site before the commencement of activities in 2013;
2. Copies of the two different Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between RCC and the host community signed in 2014 and 2019.



We also seek further understanding and clarification from RCC with regards to the following;

1. Why each house in the community was given N100,000 as compensation even before the start of blasting operations by RCC
2. What CSR activities are RCC carrying out in the community.
3. Whether the hall provided by RCC for the community was meant solely as a safe haven for the community members to keep their heads away from fly-rocks when your company blasts rather than for events.

We make this request in the public interest and in accordance with the provisions of Section 1(1-3) of the Freedom of Information, FOI Act, 2011.

We believe that providing accurate information about the **activities of RCC at a rock-blasting site in the precincts of Ogunmakin, Ogun State, a border community with Oyo State as we have requested**, will afford RCC a balanced reporting in our piece. We hope it will also promote your transparency and accountability on matters relating to environment, health and safety.

We trust you will treat this request within the seven-day window stipulated by Section 4 of the FOI Act with diligence and respect.

Should you need any information, kindly reach me through samad@dataphyte.com/
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Yours sincerely,



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