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Heidelberg Materials AG acknowledges the mandate of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in monitoring and reporting on business activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The company is committed to maintaining transparency and constructive engagement with all United Nations entities and relevant stakeholders. This approach is integral to the company's operations and reflects a broader commitment to responsible business practice and open dialogue on human rights matters.

The High Commissioner for Human Rights has indicated that Heidelberg Materials AG is considered to be engaged in the activity of "use of natural resources, in particular water and land, for business purposes" as referenced in paragraph 96(g) of report A/HRC/22/63 due to the operations of our subsidiary Hanson Israel in Nahal Raba. In this context, we wish to clarify the following:

Hanson Israel ceased all operations at the Nahal Raba quarry, asphalt plant, and ready-mix concrete plant in 2023. The entire Nahal Raba complex remains closed, and as of today, Hanson Israel does not operate any active facilities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

Heidelberg Materials AG and Hanson Israel have not previously been listed in the database established under Human Rights Council resolution 31/36. Given the absence of any current operational presence in these territories, their inclusion in the updated database does not reflect the present situation.

Since joining the UN Global Compact (UNGC), Heidelberg Materials has been committed to aligning its strategies and operations with the UNGCs principles covering the areas of human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. This engagement reflects a broader

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commitment to ethical business practices and respect for international norms, and continuous improvement across all areas of operation.

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