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URGENT (Cyclone Related).

Dated 19th October, 2013.

To, Sri Manoj Ahuja, IAS, Commissioner of Sales Tax, Odisha, Banijya Kar Bhawan, Cuttack.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Request for extension of time for Return filing due to <u>Dislocation by cyclonic storm "Phailin" and floods.</u>

Your honour is aware that due to devastating cyclonic storm "Phailin" followed by incessant rains and floods, there is extensive damage to the plant machinery, buildings, godowns as well as to the available stocks with the millers in the affected districts. While Ganjam district is the worst affected, most of the other districts like Khurda, Puri, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Bhadrak, Balasore and Mayurbhanj etc. have also been affected. Restoration of Power and communication system is likely to be delayed in view of the vast devastation. Staffs and workers have left and rushed to their villages to take care of the families.

It will be very difficult for most of the dealers to compile data and file "Returns under all Acts for the tax period ending September, 2013 (both monthly & quarterly)" by the <u>scheduled due date of 21st October, 2013</u> which falls just day after tomorrow. There are about 1290 Rice Mills in our State out of which more than 400 Rice Mills are only in the worst affected Ganjam District.

In view of above, we most humbly request your honour *to kindly consider extension of time* for filing of Sales Tax Returns under all Acts for the tax period ending September, 2013 *by one month* and oblige.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: The Principal Secretary, Finance Dept, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sd/-. (Santosh Kr. Agrawal), Secretary.