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Rejoinder to the News item published under the headline "TUDA's high-rise plan reaches near dead end" dated 23-05-21 in North East Colours news paper and published in Dainik Sambad dated 24-05-21

"TUDA is Committed to complete the Hire Rise flat township projects in time"

News item as published in North East Colours newspaper dated 23-05-21 under the headline "TUDA's high-rise plan reaches near dead end" and similar news item published in Dainik Sambad dated 24-05-21 has brought the attention of Tripura Urban Planning & Development Authority. In this regard, TUDA would like to highlight the following facts for general information of the public as well as the customers who have booked flats in these township projects:

- 1. The work at Vivevekananda Market Township site is not stopped and is continuing, albeit at less speed due to recent imposition of "Corona Curfew" in Agartala city. We have instructed the construction agency to resume the work with full speed and also helped them to obtain passes for the labourers as well as material transport.
- 2. Regarding the work status at Kunjaban site Township project, it is to mention here that pile testing work and its approval for three towers namely LIG/MIG/HIG block is completed. Vetting of drawing design of LIG,MIG, HIG block is also completed. At first stage, the work of pile foundation of HIG block will be started, as there are good bookings in HIG block. Because of less bookings in MIG and LIG Blocks, there is some delay in starting the work for these two blocks.
- 3. It is a fact that considering interest of customers who had booked and paid their installment in LIG, MIG flats at Kunjaban site, the customers were given an option to switch over to Vivekananda Market site project on in HIG tower at Kunjaban in the vacant flats. However, this is only an option as Vivekananda Market Township work is already started and is in advanced stage. TUDA is equally committed to start and complete the work of Kunjaban Township project within time.
- 4. It is also to mention here that the bookings for these two townships was launched in August, 2019 through online flat booking system of TUDA. After good response, land related issues, building permissions, design and technical vetting and appointment of construction agency was completed in July 2020.
- 5. After completion of all legal formalities, the construction work at Vivekananda Market Township is started in January 2021. It is observed that due to COVID- Pandemic, some customers had changed their decisions regarding investment in the flats and cancelled registrations. Meanwhile, we have given offer to other customers in the waiting list.
- 6. It is a fact that due to Covid situation the process of starting work has taken a long time than what was anticipated earlier. However, TUDA is committed to complete both these township projects in time. As soon as the corona curfew is relaxed, the customer meet will be called and timelines for the construction of townships shall be shared with them.
- 7. As far as Nandannagar Township is concerned, TUDA has not taken any installment from the customers who had registered and did not appoint any construction agency for the project. TUDA shall notify the public as soon as the decision regarding construction of Nandannagar Township Project is taken up in near future.