

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 16, 2009

Mr. Andrew Liveris  
Chairman and CEO  
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Dear Mr. Liveris and Members of the Board:

This coming December marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the chemical disaster in Bhopal, India. It is with urgency that we write to urge Dow Chemical Company -- which wholly owns Union Carbide -- to immediately take steps towards remediation and redress. We request that Dow ensures that a representative appear in the ongoing legal cases in India regarding Bhopal, that Dow meets the demands of the survivors for medical and economic rehabilitation, and cleans up the soil and groundwater contamination in and around the factory site.

The "polluter pays" principle in the domestic laws of both India and America state that the polluter, rather than the public agencies or taxpayers, should be held responsible for its environmental pollution in its entirety.

According to Amnesty International, the Bhopal disaster poisoned more than half a million people and gassed 7,000 to death. Almost 25 years later, the chemical disaster continues to wreak havoc on the people of Bhopal. Another 15,000 have died and at least 15 people still die each month from the health effects of their gas exposure.

At the time of your company's acquisition of Union Carbide, Bhopal survivors, supporters, and Dow shareholders warned Dow against acquiring the company because of its pending liabilities. As the parent company of Union Carbide, Dow bears the responsibility for Union Carbide's liabilities.

Beginning in 1967, Union Carbide dumped thousands of tons of toxic chemicals in and around its Bhopal factory. A host of international organizations and independent investigators have concluded that Union Carbide was responsible for inadequate technology, double standards in safety and emergency-preparedness, and reckless cost-cutting of security systems at the plant.

Furthermore, mutagenic and carcinogenic chemicals leached into the drinking water supply for 25,000 Bhopal residents and found their way into the breast milk of nursing women. While menstrual disorders, cancer and other diseases usually plague those

contaminated by the gas and water - birth defects, retardation and stunted growth often afflict their children.

Despite repeated public requests and protests around the world, Union Carbide has refused to appear before the Bhopal District Court to face the criminal charges pending against it for the disaster. Union Carbide was served with a summons to appear in Bhopal District Court in 1992 and publicly stated it would not respond to the summons. Although Dow Chemical set aside \$2.2 billion in 2002 to put towards Union Carbide's pending asbestos liabilities in the United States, it has continued to evade the liabilities it inherited from Bhopal.

Bhopal is widely regarded as the worst industrial disaster in human history, a catastrophe with widespread implications for the chemical industry, globalization, and human rights. However, the disaster continues, and is likely to worsen.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding Dow's plans to meet these responsibilities.

Sincerely,



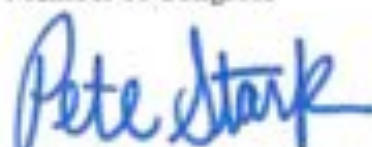
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