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LEAVES  
OF  
IMPORTANT  
SURVIVAL  
TREES  
IN  
INDIA —  
MAHUA,  
KHEJDI,  
ALDER,  
PALMYRA  
AND  
OAK

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## Sub: Round Table Discussion on Remediation of Hazardous Waste in and around UCIL, Bhopal

Dear Dr. Boralkar,

The site at the Union Carbide India Ltd. (UCIL), Bhopal, is known to be contaminated with hazardous waste for about three decades now. The toxic chemical waste, plant structure, along with the contaminated soil and groundwater in and around the UCIL continue to affect the health of the local community. Over the years, there have been several studies to assess the level of contamination and outline the fate of the UCIL site. Governments at the state and center along with Judiciary at the highest level are involved for several years to address this serious public health concern. However, the situation at the ground remains unchanged.

A positive aspect is that many experts and institutions have looked into this problem and provided their opinion on assessment of contamination and remediation of the toxic waste, plant structure, soil and groundwater

We, at Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) realise that there has been no occasion over the last three decades, where all stakeholders such as from academia, scientific community, regulatory bodies and civil society have come together to discuss the specifics on 'what' and 'how' of remediation and collectively develop an actionable way forward.

We also take this opportunity to put at rest any apprehensions on the objective of the meeting due to the matter being under judicial deliberation. The discussion would be purely technical in nature focusing on how to move ahead. It would refrain from identifying and critiquing any person/institute. It would be held under the 'Chatham House Rule', therefore information/opinion discussed would not be attributed to any individual/institution in the future.

**We invite you to participate in a two-day round table discussion during April 25–26, 2013 at CSE office, India Habitat Center, Lodhi Road New Delhi.** My colleague Amit Khurana will get in touch with your office regarding the details.

We do hope you will accept this invitation. Please do let us know if you need any more clarifications. We look forward to hearing from you.

With my very best wishes,

Yours cordially,

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Deputy Director General

Founder Director  
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