

BHARAT REFRACTORIES P.F. TRUST

(P.F. Trust of SAIL Refractory Unit)

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Annexure- 1

Certificate in lieu of permission required under clause 26(6) of the EPF Scheme

This certificate is being issued to the employees/ ex-employees of Bharat Refractories P.F Trust (SAIL Refractory unit), as per the requirement mandated vide EPFO Circular No. Pension/2022/56259/16541 dated 20th February, 2023.

As per clause 6(vii) of this circular, members are required to submit the proof of remittance of employer's share in Provident Fund on higher wages exceeding the prevalent wage ceiling and proof of joint option under Para 26(6) of EPF Scheme.

Bharat Refractories P.F Trust (SAIL Refractory unit), is an exempted Provident Fund Trust received exemption under Para27A of the EPF & MP Act 1952 and the rules of Bharat Refractories P.F Trust is duly approved by the EPFO.

We hereby certify that the employees / ex- employees of Bharat Refractories P.F Trust (SAIL Refractory unit), are/were members of the Bharat Refractories P.F Trust (SAIL Refractory unit), an exempted Provident Fund Trust received exemption under para 27A of the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952.

As per the approved rules of the Bharat Refractories P.F Trust (SAIL Refractory unit), (Relevant Rules governing the membership, contribution by members and contribution by employer are rule 8, 15 & 16). Employer and employee have been contributing to Provident Fund on full / actual wages / salary ever since the employee becoming a member of the Fund. It is further certified that inspection charges are being paid on actual wages and accounts of Bharat Refractories P.F Trust (SAIL Refractory unit), are being audited by EPFO, from time to time.

Bharat Refractories P.F Trust (SAIL Refractory unit), employees are, therefore, fulfilling criteria stipulated in EPFO circular dated 20.02.2023 and are eligible for exercising option for higher pension. This certificate is being submitted as a proof of remittance of employer's share in Provident Fund on higher wages exceeding the prevalent wage ceiling and proof of joint option under Para 26(6) of Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 to enable the members to submit their option for higher pension.

For & on behalf of Bharat Refractories P.F Trust (SAIL Refractory unit),

(Suman Agarwal - Trustee/Secretary)

SUMAN AGARWAL Secretary ERPF Trust, Bokaro