



Bangkok, 19th. June 1913

His Excellency

Chow Phya Wongsu Nuprabadh

Minister of Ways and Communications.

Your Excellency,

We the undersigned Directors of the Siam Cement Company have the honour to place before Your Excellency's kind consideration a proposition regarding the Royal Railway Department and the Siam Cement Co.

The Siam Cement Co. which has been registered with a capital of Tes 1,200,000- consisting of 3/4 Siamese and 1/4 European shareholders, will manufacture cement with raw material (lime) to be taken from Chong Kae (kilometer 130 from Bangkok) on the Northern line. The factory will be at Bang Poh (Bang Sue district) near to the river.

We therefore have to depend entirely on the Royal Railway Department for the transport of raw material and as loading and unloading several times would make the raw material too costly, we find it necessary to have a siding from Bang Sue station to the factory (distance about 2,400 meters) in order to have the wagons of raw material run direct from Chong Kae to the factory without further handling. Without such a siding it would be very difficult indeed for the Company to manufacture cement at rates that would make the

business



Business financially successful.

The cost of the siding will not exceed 80,000 ticals and we beg to propose and respectfully recommend for Your Excellency's kind support the following scheme :-

The siding to be built by the Royal Railway Department and to remain the property of the Royal Railway Department.

The expense of construction to be shared equally by the Royal Railway Department and the Company.

We make such a proposition(1st) because it would be very difficult for a private enterprise to build a line on account of expropriation etc. (2nd) because it is a fair business transaction. The freight that the Company will pay the Royal Railway Department will vary from a minimum of 50,000 a year to a maximum that may exceed 100,000 ticals a year, therefore the Royal Railway Department will have a considerable increase in its traffic through the Siam Cement Co. It seems to us that if the Royal Railway Department spent a capital of 40,000 ticals for the construction of the siding, from a business point of view the capital is well invested.

Another reason which we feel sure will appeal to Your Excellency's feelings is that a national enterprise of this kind deserves the support of

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the authorities, the object of the Company being to save the country from paying away to foreigners about 75,000 ticals annually and by installing a new industry add to the prosperity of the people.

Finally we would mention that the factory will be ready to work in about a year's time, therefore it is desirable that the siding should be finished about the same time as the Company cannot start operation without this railway siding.

We have the honour to remain

Your Excellency's Obedient Servants

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