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Civil Engineering and Constructions

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To:

Adv. Sigi Ben Ari

HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual

Re: Demolition of a Residential Building in Idhna, (West Bank) Block 2, Parcel: 114

Following your inquiry regarding the option of demolishing the captioned home using explosives, I note the following:

- 1. As indicated in my opinion of June 30, 2014, the roofs of the structure are constructed monolithically with a continuous static scheme.
- 2. Demolition using explosives may case cracks and severe damage to the half of the building that is not slated for demolition.
- 3. Additionally, the sub-structure that is slated for demolition is located in a densely populated area and close to structures and property belonging to other parties. Demolition using explosives may cause shocks and tremors in the vicinity and its effects may case cracks in adjacent structures.
- 4. During the demolition of the ceiling of the first floor of the residential [unit], the ceiling may collapse onto the ceiling underneath, and, the load created by the demolition is an overload for the ceiling beneath, which would lead to the collapse of the ground floor ceiling (this is known as "progressive collapse").

For your attention,

Respectfully,

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[signed]

Wissam Bassoul, Structural Engineer