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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
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To
M/s R.K. Consultants  
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Subject: Debarring of M/s R.K. Consultants, Jodhpur from the list of accredited Environmental Consultants-regarding

Reference is invited to the discussions during the 10th meeting of Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for environmental appraisal of mining projects held on 22nd-24th December, 2010, wherein the following proposals were considered:

(i) Sandstone (Minor Mineral) Mining Project of Shri Thekedar Dinesh Kumar Pandey, located in Village Talbharti, Tehsil & District Karauli, Rajasthan.

(ii) Quartz, Mica, Kyanite & Vermiculite Mining Project of Radha Kishan Sharma located in Village Dhangras, Tehsil Sahara, District Bhilwara, Rajasthan.

(iii) Silica Sand Mining Project of Shri Devendra Kumar Sharma located near Village Nangal, Tehsil Pahari, District Bharatpur, Rajasthan.


2. M/s R.K. Consultants, Jodhpur was the Environmental Consultant in all the above projects. It was pointed out during the meeting that the Ambient Air Quality (AAQ) data contained in the EIA reports of the above mentioned projects were exactly the same in respect of some stations. In response to the
observations made by the EAC, it was clarified by the Environmental Consultant present during this meeting that it was a mistake which had crept in during preparation of report due to cut and paste. The Expert Appraisal Committee did not agree to this clarification as the data became suspicious and unreliable and therefore, recommended for rejection of all the five projects listed above.

3. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has examined the matter and accepted the recommendations of Expert Appraisal Committee and rejected all the five projects listed above. Further, taking cognizance of the misleading data contained in the EIA reports of the above mentioned projects prepared by M/s R.K. Consultants, Jodhpur, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has also decided to take punitive action against the Consultant who has prepared these EIA reports.

4. Accordingly, it has been decided to debar M/s R.K. Consultants, Jodhpur from preparing any EIA report for the purpose of obtaining environmental clearance in terms of the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 for a period of three(3) years with immediate effect.

5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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