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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests  
(I.A. Division)

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Dated 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2013

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Consideration of projects regarding Calcined Petroleum Coke units for environmental clearance under EIA Notification, 2006-Clarification regarding.**

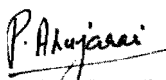
It is observed that under the EIA Notification 2006, Calcined Petroleum Coke Units are being considered under two different activities i.e. 5 (e) i.e. Petrochemical based Processing and 4 (b) i.e. Coke Oven Plants by the various States and this Ministry.

2.0 In order to avoid ambiguity and to maintain uniformity, the matter was referred to the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry) for clarification. The Committee has recommended that Calcined Petroleum Coke Unit should be covered under schedule 4 (b) i.e. coke oven plant of the EIA Notification, 2006 because of the following reasons:

- a. Petroleum coke is a product of petroleum and not a petrochemical.
- b. Coke is a pure Carbon (98%) but not a chemical. In coke calcination, volatile and moisture are taken out from the petroleum coke.
- c. Process regarding the manufacture of Calcined Petroleum Coke as is more similar to Coke Oven Plants than manufacturing of Petrochemicals. No cracking is involved in the process.

3.0 This Ministry on the basis of recommendation of the EAC has decided to consider Calcined Petroleum Coke Units under 4 (b) (i.e. Coke Oven Plant) of the EIA Notification, 2006

4.0 This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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