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

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

With reference to Ministry's O.M. of even number dated 4th December, 2009 available on Ministry's website <http://www.envfor@nic.in>, all the Project Proponents to whom Ministry of Environment and Forests has awarded 'Terms of References' under the EIA Notification, 2006 are hereby informed that final EIA/EMP will be entertained in the Ministry for consideration for the Environment Clearance, only if prepared by Consultants/s accredited by the National Accreditation Board of Education and Training/Quality Council of India (NABET/QCI). **No final EIA/EMP from any Project Proponent prepared by the Non-accredited Consultant will be entertained after 1st July, 2010.**

2. Therefore, all the individuals, firms and organizations, including Government Organizations, Universities and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) working in the area of Environmental Impact Assessment should apply and register under the scheme of Accreditation and Registration of the NABET/QCI well in time.

3. This is also to inform that:

- i) A Consultant would be confined in the consultancy only to the accredited sectors and parameters for bringing in more specificity in the EIA document.
- ii) Detailed procedure for registration of Consultants for taking up the assignments in Category 'A' and 'B' projects as detailed in EIA Notification, 2006 is available at the website of NABET/QCI (www.cqin.org). The QCI would maintain full transparency on accredited Consultants, procedure followed for accreditation, feed back and evaluation mechanism for Consultants for quality of EIA/EMP Reports.
- iii) After accreditation, the Consultants would need to include a Certificate in this regard in the EIA/EMP Reports prepared by them and also data provided by other Organizations/Laboratories including their status of approvals, etc.

iv) The EIA Consultants can approach NABET/QCI for further clarification on the subject through the website of NABET/QCI (www.qcin.org).

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(Dr. P.B. Rastogi)
Director

1. All the Officers of IA Division
2. Chairman/Secretaries of SEIAA/SEACs
3. Website of MoEF
4. Guard File