OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Amendment in Environmental Clearance conditions related sourcing of coal for the Thermal Power Plants in the State of Meghalaya in pursuanta to the proceeding of the Committee Constituted by Hon’ble NGT held on 25.03.2019-reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer the letter of MoEF&CC Regional Office, Shillong vide dated 18.4.2019 regarding recommendations made in the the minutes of 11th Sitting of the Committee constituted by the Hon’ble NGT held on 25.3.2019 headed by the Hon’ble Justice B.P. Katakay, former Judge, Guwahati High Court.

2. The Committee headed by the Hon’ble Justice B.P. Katakay, having regard to the fact that the illegal activities of coal mining is rampant in the State of Meghalaya, which however has been directed to be stopped by the Hon’ble National Green Tribunal and also for non-compliance of the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Developmental Regulation) Act, 1957 as well as environmental Laws, is of the view that a condition of non-use of the coal from the local sources is required to be added in the Environmental Clearance granted to other Captive Power Plant, by the appropriate authority, viz. MoEF &CC and State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA). Accordingly, the Additional Director General (C), MoEF&CC, North Eastern Regional Office, Shillong has been directed to take necessary action to the appropriate authority in the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India so that a decision in that regard can be taken at the earliest, keeping in mind the public interest involved.

3. The Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Shillong has furnished the details of nine (9) Environmental Clearances issued by the Ministry/SEIAA, Meghalaya for standalone thermal power plants including Captive Power Plants.

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<td>Cement Plant (Clinker 1.42; Cement 1.5 MTPA) along with Captive Power Plant (25 MW) near Village Umlaper, District Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya by M/s Amrit Cement Industries Limited</td>
<td>25 MW</td>
<td>17.03.2010</td>
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<td>J-11011/75/2009-IA.II[Ill] (Industry-I Sector)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Expansion of Cement Plant (from 900 TPD-2600 TPD along with 18 MW Captive Power Plant at Thangska, Jaintia Hills District by M/s Meghalaya Cements Ltd.</td>
<td>18 MW</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>1x93 MW Imported Coal Based Thermal Power Plant at village Lumshnong, in Khielhati Taluk, in Jaintia hills District., in Meghalaya by M/s Meghalaya Power Ltd.</td>
<td>43 MW</td>
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<td>Cement (1.5 MTPA), Clinker (1.3 MTPA) along with Captive Power Plant (25 MW) at Thangskaik, Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya by M/s Adhunik Cements Ltd.</td>
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<td>Ferro Alloy Plant (Fe-Si, 8,490 MTPA) along with Captive Power Plant (10 MW) at Villages Riwing, BPO Seinduly, Near Riango, via Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya by M/s Shree Shakambari Ferro Alloys Pvt. Ltd.</td>
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<td>Grain Based Distillery (100 KPLD) with Co-Generation Power Plant (3.5 MW) at New Industrial Area (MIDC), Byrnihat, District Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya by M/s CMJ Breweries Product Ltd.</td>
<td>3.5</td>
<td>26.02.2013</td>
<td>MoEF&amp;CC</td>
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10. M/s Mathian Alloy Ltd. | Information is not available |

4. The SEIAA, Meghalaya has already stipulated such condition prohibiting use of local coal source for 8 MW Thermal Power Plant of M/s Meghalaya Power Ltd. (at Sl. No.4) vide their letter dated 29.7.2019.

5. The matter has been appraised by the EAC (Thermal Power) in its 29th meeting held on 26.6.2019. In acceptance of the recommendations of the reconstituted Expert Appraisal Committee (Thermal Power) held on 26.6.2019 and in view of the information/clarification furnished by the Regional Office, Shillong, with respect to the above mentioned 09 power projects, the Ministry hereby stipulates the following additional conditions in the Environmental Clearances of Power Projects mentioned at Sl.No.1,2,3,5,6,7,8 and 9 at para-3 above to discourage illegal mining in Meghalaya State.

i. Local coal source from Meghalaya State shall not be used for operation of power plant unless the Coal mine in Meghalaya has a valid Mining Lease and Approved Mine Plan under Mines and Minerals (Development and
Regulation] Act, 1957 & its amendments and connected Regulations. In addition, the Coal Mine from the State of Meghalaya shall also have valid Environmental Clearance (leases with more than 5 ha under EIA Notification, 1994; leases with more than equal to 5 ha under EIA Notification, 2006 up to 15.1.2016; all coal mining leases irrespective of lease area from 15.1.2016 onwards).

ii. The Project Proponent shall submit the source of the coal mine, its location, along with boundary co-ordinates of lease, quantity of coal transported along with the mode of transportation, copies of valid mining lease, approved mine plan and Environmental Clearance to the Ministry and its Regional Office before sourcing the coal from Meghalaya State. Further, this information is to be updated and submitted along with the Six Monthly EC compliance report to the Ministry and its Regional Office.

6. All other conditions mentioned in the Environmental Clearances dated 17.03.2010, 25.03.2009, 3.6.2011, 04.05.2010, 19.10.2009, 30.09.2010, 26.10.2010 and 26.02.2013 shall remain the same, as applicable.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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4. The Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forest and
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5. The Chairman, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)
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6. The Chairman, Meghalaya Pollution Control Board, “ARDEN”, Lumpyungngad,
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7. The Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of
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8. The Member Secretary, IA (Coal Mining) Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
11. Website of MoEF&CC.

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