OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Accreditation of the EIA Consultants with Quality Council of India / National Accreditation Board of Education and Training (QCINABET) – reg.

In continuation of Ministry’s O.M. of even number dated 2nd December, 2009, 18th March, 2010, 28th May, 2010, 28th June, 2010 and 9th August, 2010 (available on Ministry’s website http://www.envfor.nic.in) and after due consideration of the representations received from various EIA consultants, the following decisions have been taken:

1. The 265 Consultants (list enclosed) who have applied to the QCI for accreditation / registration till 30th September, 2010 will be permitted to appear before State Level Expert Appraisal Committee/State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEAC/SEIAA) for Category ‘B’ projects and Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for Category ‘A’ projects till 31st December, 2010. These 265 Consultants will also be permitted to certify various documents, as consultants, such as EIA/EMP.

2. No consultant whose name does not figure in the uploaded list as of 30th September, 2010 would be permitted to appear before SEAC/SEIAA or EAC or certify any documents.

3. There is no requirement for accreditation to a foreign consultant if the foreign consultant concerned is assisting to or is a partner of an accredited Indian EIA Consultant. However, if a foreign consultant acts alone, he will need to get accredited with the QCI/NABET.

This O.M. issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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