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Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Exemption from Public Consultation for the projects / activities located within the Industrial Estates / Parks - regarding**

In order to facilitate understanding of the qualifying criterion providing exemption from public consultation for the projects or activities located within the industrial estates / parks, and to streamline the procedural requirements for environmental clearances to such projects/activities in terms of the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, following clarifications are being issued for compliance with immediate effect: -

- (i) The exemption from public consultation, as provided under para 7(i) III Stage (3)(i)(b) of EIA Notification, 2006, to the projects or activities located within the industrial estates or parks, if applicable as under:
  - (a) Which were notified by the Central Government or the State/UT Governments, prior to the said Notification coming into force on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006
  - (b) Which obtain prior environmental clearances as mandated under the EIA Notification, 2006 [item 7(c) of the schedule to the said Notification].
- (ii) The exemption from public consultation, as provided under para 7(i) III Stage (3)(i)(b) of the EIA Notification, 2006, is also applicable to the projects or activities (located within the industrial estates and parks), which were granted Terms of Reference (ToR/Standard ToR) prior to environmental clearances to such industrial estates/parks, subject to validity of the ToRs.




(iii) The exemption from public consultation, as provided under para 7(i) III State (3)(i)(b) of the EIA Notification, 2006, shall not be applicable to the following projects or activities (located within the industrial estates / parks) listed as under:

Sl. No. in Schedule of EIA Notification, 2006	Project or Activity
1 (d)	Thermal power plants
1 (e)	Nuclear power projects and processing of nuclear fuel
2 (a)	Coal washeries
2 (b)	Mineral beneficiation
3 (a)	Metallurgical industries (ferrous and non-ferrous)
3 (b)	Cement plants
4 (a)	Petroleum refining industry
4(b)	Coke oven plants
4 (c)	Asbestos milling and asbestos based products
4 (f)	Skin/hide processing including tanning industry
5 (g)	Distilleries
5 (i)	Pulp & paper industry
5 (j)	Sugar industry

2. This OM is issued in supersession to the earlier OMs dated 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2014; 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2014; and 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority:

  
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To

1. All the officers of IA Division
2. Chairperson / Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs
3. Chairman of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
4. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board
5. Chairpersons / Member Secretaries of all SPCBs/UTPCCs

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