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To

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Subject: Expansion of Steel Plant (Sponge Iron, 4,60,000 to 6,10,000 TPA; Steel Ingot/Billets 2,00,000 to 3,60,000 TPA; Rolling Mill 1,80,000 TPA and Pig Iron 1,80,000 TPA) and Captive Power Plant (FBC boiler 20 MW & WHRB 20 MW) at Phase-I, Industrial Growth Centre, Siltara, Raipur, Chhattisgarh by M/s Raipur Alloys and Steel Ltd. (currently M/s Sarda Energy and Minerals Ltd.) - regarding extension of validity of Environmental Clearance (EC) and transfer of EC from M/s Raipur Alloys and Steel Limited to M/s Sarda Energy and Minerals Limited

Ref. : (i) Ministry's EC letter of even no. dated 28.9.2007
(ii) Your letter no. SEML/052B/1552 dated 18.6.2012

Sir,

This is in continuation of this Ministry's letter referred above and your letter under reference, wherein you have requested for extension of validity of the aforesaid environmental clearance and also requested to change the name in the aforesaid EC M/s Raipur Alloys and Steel Limited to M/s Sarda Energy and Minerals Limited.

2.0 The proposal referred above was placed before the Reconstituted Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry) in its 3rd meeting held during 3-5th December, 2012. It was noted that M/s. Raipur Alloys & Steel Limited was incorporated under companies Act 1956 on 6th July 1973 and M/s. Chhattisgarh Electricity Company Ltd. was incorporated on 23rd January 1998. Thereafter, M/s. Chhattisgarh Electricity Company Limited has got merged with M/s. Raipur alloys & Steel Limited as per the orders of Hon'ble High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur dated 11th May, 2007. The name of M/s. Raipur Alloys & Steel Limited has also been changed to M/s. Sarda energy & Minerals Limited" (SEML) as per Fresh Certification of incorporation dated 2nd August 2007.

3.0 Further, it was noted that above cited environmental clearance expansion facilities/units, sponge iron plant (1,50,000 TPA) along with WHRB needs to be installed. The Pig Iron (BF) and 20 MW WHRB were dropped. The Steel Ingot/Billets facility and Rolling Mill were commissioned. The reason for delay is due to law & order problem (naxalite

activity) in the villages near captive iron ore mine and hence, due to unavailability of raw material, the establishment of sponge iron plant is delayed. The situation is expected to improve in future.

4.0 After taking into consideration the aforesaid facts, the committee recommended for the extension of validity of environmental clearance by a period of five years w.e.f 28.9.2012 subject to the specific and general environmental conditions and the transfer of above environmental clearance from M/s Raipur Alloys and Steel Ltd. to M/s Sarda Energy and Minerals Ltd.


5.0 The Ministry accepts the recommendation of the REAC (Industry) and has no objection for change of name in the environmental clearance accorded by this Ministry's letter no. J-11011/498/2006-IA II (I) dated 28.9.2007 as M/s Sarda Energy and Minerals Ltd. in place of M/s Raipur Alloys and Steel Ltd. subject to satisfactory compliance to all the stipulated specific and general conditions. You are also requested to obtain 'Consent to Establish' and 'Consent to Operate' from the State Pollution Control Board in the name of M/s Sarda Energy and Minerals Ltd.

6.0 Further, the Ministry extends the validity of the Environmental Clearance letter no. J-11011/498/2006 - IA II (I) dated 28.9.2007 for a period of five years with effect from 28.9.2012 subject to the specific and general environmental conditions.

7.0 All other conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance letter no. J-11011/498/2006 - IA II (I) dated 28.9.2007 shall remain the same.

8.0 The company shall obtain fresh environmental clearance in case of any change in the scope of the project.

9.0 This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Sundar Ramanathan)
Deputy Director(S)

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Department of Environment, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Chhattisgarh.
2. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.
3. The Chairman, Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board, Nanak Niwas, Civil Lines, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
4. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Eastern), Regional Office (Western Zone), E-3/240, Arera Colony, Bhopal - 462 016, Madhya Pradesh.
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