

**265.60** Proposed expansion of standalone grinding unit project at Sy. No.817/1 of Yadwad Village, Gokak Taluk, Belgaum District by M/s Katwa Cements Pvt. Ltd. - **Online proposal No:SIA/KA/IND/209230/2021** (SEIAA 34 IND 2021)

This is the proposal for the expansion of standalone cement clinker grinding and blending unit from 100TPD to 400TPD capacity. The proponent was operating the unit with CFE from KSPCB dated 06.07.1984 for 100TPD. Since the CFE issued prior to the EIA Notification 2006 & also there is no expansion of the unit, the proponent has not obtained EC.

The proponent applied for EC under B2 category as per the Office Memorandum dated 24<sup>th</sup> December 2013 issued by MoEF & CC, GoI. As per this OM all standalone grinding units listed in the schedule as category B will be categorized as B2 subject to the condition that transportation of raw materials and finished products shall be primarily through railways. Also the transportation by railways should not be less than 90% of the traffic (inward and outward put together).

During appraisal the proponent was not able to justify to categorize the project as B2 category and proper justification about the transportation by railways should not be less than 90% of the traffic (inward and outward put together). Proponent to clarify about minimum quantity (inward & outward put together) to be transported by road.

The proponent informed that they will comeback for appraisal after getting the proper clarification from EAC, MoEF&CC, GoI about the summary of the OM. The committee after discussion decided to defer the appraisal of the project proposal.

**Action: Member Secretary, SEAC to put up the proposal before SEAC after submission of the clarification sought.**

