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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Clarification with regard to Environmental Auditors and reputed institutions for providing 'no increase in pollution load certificate' in the context of Notification no. S.O. 980(E) dated 2nd March, 2021 - reg.

The Ministry has issued a Notification vide S.O. 980(E) dated 2nd March, 2021 exempting the requirement of EC for any increase in production capacity in respect of processing or production or manufacturing sectors with or without any change in (i) raw material-mix or (ii) product-mix or (ii) quantities within products or (ii) number of products including new products falling in the same category or (iv) configuration of the plant or process or operations in existing area or in areas contiguous to the existing area for which prior EC has been granted, provided there is no increase in pollution load.


2. The project proponent shall furnish a no increase in pollution load certificate, from the environmental auditor or reputed institutions empanelled by the State Pollution Control Board or Union Territory Pollution Control Committee or Central Pollution Control Board or Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, to avail the benefit of the above Notification.

3. In this regard, the undersigned is directed to clarify that 'environmental auditors' as mentioned in the notification shall include all QCI-NABET accredited EIA consultants for the respective sectors and category (A or B), provided the same consultant has not rendered consultancy service for proposed expansion of the said project. Further, the consultant accredited for Category B projects shall not audit Category A project. It is also clarified that 'reputed institutions' as mentioned in the notification shall include CSIR laboratories specializing in the relevant sectors for the purpose of providing 'no

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increase in pollution load certificate' for any development project seeking to avail benefit of the provision of the above Notification.

4. This is issued with the approval of the competent authority.


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To

1. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).
2. Chairman of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
3. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs
4. All the Officers of I.A. Division
5. Chairpersons/Member Secretaries of all SPCBs/UTPCCs

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