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To

The Member Secretary,
Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry -I),
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi – 110003

Subject: Reply to ADS for grant of Environmental Clearance for setting up of 2X7
MTPA Pellet Plant at Paradeep, Jagatsinghpur District, Odisha

Reference:

1. EIA Notification No. SO 1533 dated September 14, 2006 and SO 3067(E) dt. 01.12.2009.
2. Proposal No IA/OR/IND/198977/2018 dated 19th February 2021
3. ADS dated 9th November 2022

Sir,

This has reference to the ADS dated 09/11/2022 and subsequent reminder of 24/11/2022. We submit the following for your kind consideration and further processing for issuance of Environment Clearance of our Pellet Plant at Paradeep.

As mentioned in the communication dated 9/11/2022, we have been advised to expedite the process of EC application for the Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of capacity 14.30 mtpa at Tikarapara –Keonjhar district for further action on the instant project in the ministry.

The Pellet plant equipment foundation needs piling and Site conditioning at Paradeep which is a complex process and it will take at least 7 to 8 months additional time as compared to Beneficiation Plant site at Tikarapara where no piling is envisaged.

The Beneficiation plant process is very simple and has primary grinding for liberation and two stage beneficiation viz., gravity (spirals) and High Gradient Magnetic Separation. The No. of equipment and drives per module are very less as compared to the pellet plant. Moreover, the pellet plant has No. of long lead items which require 22 to 24 months for delivery whereas beneficiation has no such long lead items.

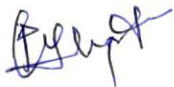
Thus beneficiation plant construction can be completed within 22months but pellet plant requires at least 30 months.

The current status of the EC application for Beneficiation plant is that, the Govt of Odisha has originally planned to conduct the public hearing on 10/01/2022 and deferred due to outbreak of pandemic. We have been informed that the Public Hearing date will be declared once the "Make in Odisha Conclave-2022" gets concluded in the first week of December 2022. We are expecting the submission of EC application for beneficiation by 28/02/2023.

Meanwhile we request that our EC for Pellet plant be issued to commence construction activities which will be positive enabler to complete the site development and infra development before onset of 2023 monsoon.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
For Essar Minmet Limited



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Director

