

Ref. No. EML/MOEF/ 23/46

Date: Jun 13, 2023

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

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Subject: Additional Information Sought for grant of Environmental Clearance for setting up of 2X7 MTPA Pellet Plant at Paradeep, Jagatsinghpur District, Odisha

Ref:

- 1) Our Proposal No IA/OR/IND/198977/2021
- 2) Additional Information sought by MOEF& CC (Impact Assessment Division) Ir ref no F.No.IA-L-11011/38/2021-IA.II (I) dated 09th November, 2022.
- 3) Email ADS alert from MOEF&CC dated 24th Nov 2022
- 4) Our reply dated 02/12/2022
- 5) Email ADS alert from MOEF&CC dated 15th Dec 2022
- 6) Email ADS alert from MOEF&CC dated 30th Dec 2022
- 7) Our reply dated 03/01/2023
- 8) Email ADS alert from MOEF&CC dated 13th Feb 2023
- 9) Our reply dated 21/02/2023
- 10) Email ADS alert from MOEF&CC dated 1st Mar 2023
- 11) Our reply dated 13/03/2023
- 12) Email ADS alert from MOEF&CC dated 14th Mar 2023
- 13) Our reply letter dated 27/03/2023 uploaded on 28/03/2023
- 14) Email ADS alert from MOEF&CC dated 28th Mar 2023
- 15) Our reply letter dated 10/04/2023 uploaded on 11/04/2023
- 16) Latest Email ADS alert from MOEF&CC dated 13th Jun 2023

Dear Sir,

In continuation to the earlier ADS raised and replies given by Essar Minmet Limited mentioned from reference no 2 to 16.

This has reference to the above mentioned **Latest ADS letter from MOEF &CC reference no.16 dated 13th Jun 2023** on the proposal for setting up a green field Pellet Plant by M/s. Essar Minmet Ltd., at Paradeep.

EAC Observations:

Ref no 2: A proposal for EC, as per the details given below has been examined by the Member Secretary. The said proposal has not been accepted on account of the Additional details sought as per the statement uploaded on the portal of Ministry. Please upload the Additional details sought by Member Secretary.

PP information on EAC observation and current status:

1. The matter for Public Hearing for Beneficiation Plant is continuously being pursued with Principal Secretary Industries- Govt. of Odisha, Collector-Keonjhar and Member Secretary - Odisha State Pollution Control Board.
2. The matter of Public Hearing for linked project Beneficiation plant at Tikarpada-Keonjhar was again taken up with Member Secretary – OSPCB on 26th May 2023 vide letter no. EML/General/23/44. Same is enclosed for reference.
3. Based on our request letter to Joint Secretary-MOEF&CC dated 25th May 2023, MOEF&CC conveyed to Member Secretary –OSPCB on 8th Jun 2023 to conduct Public Hearing for Beneficiation Plant at Tikarpada-Keonjhar to avoid any undue delay in project execution. Same is enclosed for reference.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
For Essar Minmet Limited



P C Mohapatra
Director



Enclosed:

1. EML letter dated 26th May 2023 to Member Secretary - OSPCB.
2. MOEF &CC letter dated 8th Jun 2023 to Member Secretary - OSPCB.

Ref No. EML/General/23/44
Date 26-05-2023



To
The Member Secretary,
Odisha State Pollution Control Board
Govt. of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar- 751001

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Sub: EC for our Pellet Plant at Paradeep and Beneficiation Plant at Tikarpada

Ref: Your Letter to Collector letter no. 3961/IND-II-PH-956 dated 18-03-2023.

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Sir

This has reference to our letter ref no. EML/General/23/02 dated 04-01-2023.

We have applied for Environment Clearance of Pellet plant and Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of MOEF&CC has recommended EC on 14th Sep 2022 subject to completion of Public Hearing for Beneficiation Plant at Tikarpada. However, EC was not issued for the Pellet Plant considering as linked project to Beneficiation Plant vide OM no. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II(I) dated 24-12-2010.

MOEF & CC have issued the Additional Details Sought (ADS) on 9/11/2022 for the Pellet Plant asking for the status of Public Hearing of Beneficiation Plant. Subsequently, several reminders issued by MOEF & CC on the same matter.

The Public Hearing (PH) for Beneficiation Plant was originally planned on 10/01/2022 and subsequently got postponed due to outbreak of Covid-19 Pandemic, Panchayat and Municipal elections etc.

Based on our request letter given earlier, you were kind enough to convey to Collector-Keonjhar on the issuance of Public Hearing Date at the earliest.

It is more than a year now, in spite of our continuous follow-up, neither a date has been notified for PH nor any correspondence received mentioning the reason for the delay. In the circumstances, the delay in EC is severely impacting the project cost and schedule.

We are also following for Public Hearing date with the Collector-Keonjhar.

We request you to kindly expedite the Public Hearing of Beneficiation Plant at Tikarpada, Keonjhar at the earliest.

Your cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

For Essar Minmet Limited

S S Mohanty

CEO & MD

Enclosed:

1. ADS issued by MOEF&CC on 9th Nov 2022
2. Latest Email reminder from MOEF&CC on 14/05/2023

BY SPEED POST

F. No. IA-L-11011/38/2021-IA.II(I)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Impact Assessment Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
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New Delhi – 110003

Dated: 09, November, 2022

To

M/s Essar Minmet Limited
3rd Floor UCCI Building Plot No. 1/1C N6-IRC village, Nayapalli
Bhubaneswar - 751015, Odisha,
Email: amol.dangore@essarservices.co.in

Subject: Installation of 2 X 7 MTPA Greenfield Pellet Plant by M/s Essar Minmet Limited,
located at Paradeep, District Jagatsinghpur, Odisha- Regarding

Sir,

Reference is invited to your online application made vide proposal no. IA/OR/IND/198977/2021 dated 27.07.2022 received through PARIVESH Portal for grant of Environmental Clearance (EC).

2. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered in 13th meeting of Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry-1 Sector) held on 14-15th September, 2022. The minutes of the meeting and all the project documents are available on PARIVESH portal which can be accessed at <https://parivesh.nic.in>.

3. The EAC, in its 13th meeting of Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry-1 Sector) held on 14-15th September, 2022, based on information & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations recommended the proposal for grant of Environment Clearance subject to stipulation of certain specific conditions and general conditions.

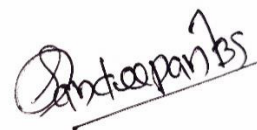
4. It is reported by the PP that this is an interlinked project, Iron Ore Beneficiation plant of 14.3 MTPA at Tikarpada - Keonjhar district for which TOR was obtained on 12/04/2021. The EIA study completed in March-May 2021 and Draft EIA report submitted to OSPCB on 27th Sep -2021. The Public Hearing was announced for 10th Jan 2022. Due to COVID surge in Keonjhar during this period it was postponed as per State Govt. order. Then Panchayat Election in April 2022 and due to Code of Conduct the date of Public Hearing was not declared. Same is being pursued and we expect the date of Public Hearing by end of October 2022. The final EIA-EMP shall be submitted to MoEFCC for consideration by November 2022. Being a smaller unit compared to Pellet Plant it can be completed in 24 months and 30 months required to construct Pellet plant. Hence both the units will be commissioned simultaneously along with completion of underground slurry pipeline of 250 km in 2 years' duration.

5. The matter has been examined in the Ministry as per the Ministry's OM dated 24/12/2010 for consideration of Integrated and Inter-linked projects. The said OM, inter-alia, mentioned that the proposals relating to the various sector have been considered by the respective EACs and their recommendations made, these proposals will be processed on individual files for obtaining simultaneous approval of the Competent Authority in the Ministry. It has been admitted by the PP that instant project is an inter-linked project and EAC has also raised this issue that without beneficiation plant, how PP will implement this instant project.

6. In view of the extant rule position as per above said OM dated 24.12.2010 and submission of PP as well as observation of EAC, PP is advised to expedite the process of EC application for the integrated Iron Ore Beneficiation plant of 14.3 MTPA at Tikarpada - Keonjhar District for further action on the instant project in the Ministry.

7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



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Dangore, Amol - ESIPL - Finance (MUM)

From: monitoring-ec@nic.in
Sent: 14 May 2023 00:05
To: Dangore, Amol - ESIPL - Finance (MUM)
Cc: monitoring-ec@nic.in
Subject: Reminder for ADS Proposal Alert

Your Proposal IA/OR/IND/198977/2021 has been examined and it is observed that project proponent has not submitted the requisite information as sought by the EAC/Ministry since last 30 days (Auto calculated by system). In view of the above Project Proponent is requested to submit the Additional information Sought for further consideration by the EAC/Ministry, failing which the proposal will be auto delisted in next 60 days (Auto calculated by system)

F. No. IA-J-11011/38/2021-IA.II(I)
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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Impact Assessment Division)

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Dated: 08th June, 2023

To

The Member Secretary,
Odisha State Pollution Control Board,
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Bhubaneswar -12 Odisha.
Email: member.secy@ospcboard.org

Subject: Facilitating Public Hearing for Iron Ore Beneficiation plant of 14.3 MTPA at Tikarpada - Keonjhar district by M/s Essar Minmet Limited-regarding.

Sir,

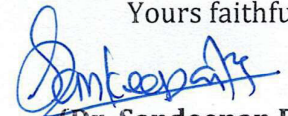
This has reference to the letter dated 25/05/2023 received in the Ministry from M/s Essar Minmet Limited regarding the facilitating Public Hearing for Iron Ore Beneficiation plant of 14.3 MTPA at Tikarpada - Keonjhar district by M/s Essar Minmet Limited. The Project proponent has submitted that it is more than a year that they have been following up with Government of Odisha for the Public Hearing beneficiation plant at Keonjhar but the Public Hearing process is yet to be completed. (Copy attached).

2. The matter has been examined in the Ministry and it is noted that the above-mentioned project is an interlinked project to Installation of 2 X 7 MTPA Greenfield Pellet Plant by M/s Essar Minmet Limited, located at Paradeep, District Jagatsinghpur, Odisha- which has been considered in 13th meeting of Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry-1 Sector) held on 14-15th September, 2022 and recommended.

3. In view of above, the undersigned is hereby directed to request SPCB to conduct the Public Hearing as per provisions of EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments, to avoid any undue delay in project execution.

4 This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



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