

Ref. No. EML/MOEF/ 23/14

Date: Feb 21, 2023

To

The Member Secretary,
Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry -I),
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
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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

Sir,

In continuation to the earlier ADS raised and replies given by Essar Minmet Limited mentioned from reference no 2 to 7.

This has reference to the above mentioned **ADS letter from MOEF &CC reference no.8 dated 13th Feb 2023** on the proposal for setting up a green field Pellet Plant by M/s. Essar Minmet Ltd., at Paradeep.

EAC Observations:

Point no 6 : In view of above, PP is again 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.

PP information on EAC observation and current status:

Point no. 1: Based on Letter Ref No EML/General/22/119 Dtd 30/12/2022 of Essar Minmet Ltd, addressed to The Member Secretary Odisha State Pollution Control Board (OSPCB) to expedite the Public Hearing Process for submission of Final EIA report to MoEFCC for appraisal, Member Secretary OSPCB has written a letter to Collector- Keonjhar vide letter no. 194 /IND-II-PH-956 dated 12/01/2023 requesting to suggest a date, time and venue for conducting Public Hearing for the Beneficiation Plant and inform Member Secretary OSPCB office.

Point no. 2: Our 14 MTPA Pelletization Complex with Slurry pipeline is registered under National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP). The review meeting on this is conducted by Ministry of Steel, GOI and sometimes all related Govt. Ministries like MOEF&CC, Road Transports & Highways, and Railway officials are called. The issue of Public Hearing date for our Beneficiation Plant at Tikarpada-Keonjhar was discussed on 7th Feb 2023 based on our monthly report of Jan 2023 submitted on NIP status.

Point no. 3: Essar Minmet Ltd senior officials are continuously pursuing the matter with the State Govt. officials on issuance of Public Hearing date. It is understood that Odisha Truck Owner's Association is opposing the transportation through slurry pipeline. While the State Govt. is addressing the issue, no Public Hearing for many industries including ours has taken place. We are hoping that Public Hearing will be held shortly.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
For Essar Minmet Limited


P C Mohapatra
Director



Enclosed:

1. Letter from Member Secretary – OSPCB has written to the Collector, Keonjhar requesting to conduct the PH vide letter no. 194/IND-II-PH-956 dated 12-01-2023.
2. Issues raised in NIP monthly status report in Jan 2023.



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[Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change Govt. of Odisha]
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No. 194 (mvi) IND-II-PH-956

Date 12.01.2023

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Reminder-III

To

The Collector & District Magistrate, Keonjhar

Sub: Public Hearing proposed by M/s Essar Minmet Limited for installation of 14.3 MTPA capacity Iron ore Beneficiation Plant at Tikarpada in the District of Keonjhar - reg.

- Ref: I. This office letter no- 1134, dtd 27.06.2022, letter no 7005 dated 22-04-2022, letter No.2986 dated 23-02-2022, letter No.15806 dated 11-10-2021.
II. Letter no- EML/General/23-02 dtd 04.01.2023 of CEO & MD of M/s Essar Minmet Limited

Sir,

In inviting reference to the subject cited above and letters under reference, this is to intimate that the unit has applied for Environmental Clearance for Pellet Plant of capacity 14MTPA for which Public Hearing has already been conducted 05.01.2022 and the proceedings has already forwarded to the Secretary, MoEF&CC, Govt of India. But the Public hearing date, time and venue is not fixed for the installation of 14.3 MTPA capacity Iron ore Beneficiation Plant at Tikarpada in the District of Keonjhar till date.

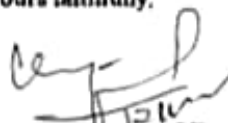
As per the recommendation by the Expert Appraisal Committee in its 13th meeting held on 14-15th September 2022 that Pellet plant and Beneficiation plant are both interlinked projects, hence EC of the Pellet plant could not be considered without EC of the Beneficiation plant.

It may be noted that as per EIA notification 2006 and amended thereafter, of MoEF&CC, Govt of India, an environmental Public Hearing is mandatory to obtain Environmental Clearance from the concerned authority. As requested by the unit (copy enclosed), Environmental Clearance application of the Pellet plant will be lapsed within 75 days from the ADS issued date. Public hearing is essential to obtain EC for Beneficiation plant and which can only be achieved after Public hearing is done.

Till date this office has not received any communication regarding the above subject matter. Earlier you were requested to fix a Date, Time and Venue for conducting Public Hearing of aforesaid project.

Under the above circumstances, I would request you to suggest a Date, Time and Venue for conducting Public Hearing of the above proposal to this office through Email: publichearing@ospboard.org with 40 days in advance.

Yours faithfully,


MEMBER SECRETARY

Encl: As above



Memo No 195 /MNL/dt. 12.8.23

Copy forwarded to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi for information and necessary action.



Chief Env. Engineer

Memo No 196 /MNL/dt. 12.8.23

Copy forwarded to the Nodal Officer, Deputy Collector, Judicial, Collectorate, Keonjhar for information and necessary action. He is requested to pursue the matter with the Collector & District Magistrate, Keonjhar for early finalization of date, time and venue for public hearing of the proposal.



Chief Env. Engineer

Memo No 197 /MNL/dt. 12.8.23

Copy forwarded to the Director, Env.-cum-Special Secretary Deptt. of Forest, Env. & Climate Change, Govt. of Odisha for information and necessary action.



Chief Env. Engineer

Memo No 198 /MNL/dt. 12.8.23

Copy forwarded to the Regional Officer, SPC Board, Keonjhar for information and necessary action. He is requested to coordinate with the District Administration for finalization of Date, Time & Venue as requested vide this office memo no- 11138 dtd 27.06.2022 memo No. 7009 dated 22-04-2022 ,memo No. 2988 dated 23-02-2022 and memo No. 15811 dated 11-10-2021 to intimate the same to the undersigned for further action.



Chief Env. Engineer

✓ Memo No 199 /MNL/dt. 12.8.23

Copy forwarded to The CEO & Managing Director, M/s Essar Minmet Ltd., 3rd Floor, UCCI Building, Plot No.1/1C, N6-IRC village, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar - 751015 for information.



Chief Env. Engineer

NIP Project of Essar Minmet Limited (Jan 2023)

Name of NIP Project	Current Issue (s)	Pending with	Status	Intervention Required from IMSC
14 MTPA – Pelletization Project of Essar Minmet Limited	In view of “ Forest Clearance “ already available for Utility Corridor” of NHAI ,so exclusive forest clearance permission for ROW of Slurry & Return water pipeline may be waived by MoEF & CC.	MOEF & CC	This point was discussed earlier during IMSC meeting.	For waiver of Forest Clearance where NHAI is already obtained Forest Clearances.
	Special Credit Window should be provided to the projects classified under NIP with faster credit approval and disbursal process	Help required from Dept of Economic Affairs	This point was discussed earlier during IMSC meeting.	Special Credit Window should be provided.
New Issues	SEZ for Pelletization Complex – State Govt. recommendation is required	Govt. of Odisha	The Project is proposed to be put up as a composite SEZ, for which ‘In-Principle’ approval has already given by the Board of Approvals, Department of Commerce, Govt. of India in 111th meeting held on 28th July,2022.	We already requested Govt. of Odisha for SEZ recommendation. We request IMSC for pursuing Govt. of Odisha for grant of NOC.
	Public Hearing for Beneficiation Plant at Tikarpada , Keonjhar	Govt. Of Odisha	Public Hearing date was given for 10 th Jan-2022 however it was postponed due to COVID pandemic situation. New date yet to be decided by Administration.	Request may be sent to Govt. of Odisha for giving date for Public Hearing.