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Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Impact Assessment Division

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Dated: 23rd September, 2015

To,

M/s Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam Ltd.

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Sub.: Mining of Mineral Sand, Bajri and Boulder (Minor Mineral) River Aasan Lot No. 14/6 with proposed production capacity of 2,50,000 TPA (ROM) by M/s Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam (GMVN) Limited, located at village-Sabhawala, Indripur, Lakshmipur & Sahaspur, Tehsil-Vikasnagar, District-Dehradun, Uttarakhand (MLA 32.709 ha) - Information/ Clarification regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to your above mentioned proposal for Environmental Clearance. The Proposal of EC was appraised by the Reconstituted Expert Appraisal Committee in its 37th meeting held during August 25-27, 2015 wherein the Committee deferred the proposal and noted that the Consultant has not prepared the EIA/EMP Report in-line with the Annexure-III of EIA Notification, 2006. There are several deficiencies viz. (i) Disaster management plan is not adequate and needs to be revised; (ii) Action Plan along with budgetary provisions on the issues raised during Public Hearing are not prepared adequately; (iii) There is no proper page numbers and index mentioned in the EIA/EMP Report; (iv) The EIA/EMP report along with Annexures are not legible; (v) Certified location map and distance certificate from the State Government with respect to protected areas has not been submitted; (vi) NOC from Sarpanch has not mentioned the capacity of water; (vii) List of flora/fauna and endangered species are not accurate; Plant species w.r.t. river bed are not explored; (viii) Green belt species proposed are not adequate. PP needs to resubmit the revised name of species; (ix) TOR compliance no. 44 w.r.t. impact on mining on plankton was not addressed properly; (x) PP has not done the replenishment study. PP informed that they had requested IIT Roorkee, vide letter dated 19.04.2015 for replenishment study. The Committee is of the view that Ministry issued TOR in 2013 and PP had given the replenishment study work to IITR only in April 2015. PP needs to conduct the replenishment study for appraising before the EAC; and (xi) The Committee noted that Mine Plan has been approved by Department of Mining & Geology, Uttarakhand vide letter dated 03.03.2015 and the Public Hearing was held on 16.07.2014 i.e. prior to approval of the Mine Plan. Thus the Public was informed about the Mining Proposal with a draft Mine Plan only. In view of the above, it was decided by the Committee that the comments of the Mining & Geology Department be secured

on material changes, if any, in the Final Mine Plan compared to the said Draft Mining Plan submitted by the Proponent to the Public.

2. Keeping these in view, you are requested to revise the EIA/EMP Report which also includes the above said information and submit online to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Vayu Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003 for further necessary action on the matter.

Yours faithfully,

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