

Ref. No. EML/MOEF/ 23/23

Date: Mar 27, 2023

To

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

Sir,

In continuation to the earlier ADS raised and replies given by Essar Minmet Limited mentioned from reference no 2 to 11.

This has reference to the above mentioned **ADS letter from MOEF &CC reference no.12 dated 14th Mar 2023** on the proposal for setting up a green field Pellet Plant by M/s. Essar Minmet Ltd., at Paradeep.

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EAC Observations:

Ref no 10: 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. Based on our request to Member Secretary Odisha State Pollution Control Board for taking up the matter of early conducting of Public Hearing for Beneficiation Plant at Tikarpada Keonjhar, Member secretary OSPCB has sent a reminder to Collector & District Magistrate, Keonjhar vide letter no. 3961 / IND-II-PH-956 dated 18-03-2023 requesting to suggest the Date, Time and Venue for conducting Public Hearing.

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. 3961/IND-II-PH-956 dated 18-03-2023.



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STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA

[Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change Govt. of Odisha]
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No. 3961 / IND-II-PH-956

Date 18.03.2023

Speed Post/Email: dm-keonjhar@nic.in

Reminder-IV

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- 194, dtd 12.01.2023, 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.

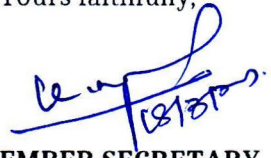
As per the recommendation by the Expert Appraisal Committee in its 13th meeting held on 14-15th September 2022 that, Pellet plant and Beneficiation plant are both interlinked projects, hence EC of the Pellet plant could not be considered without EC of the Beneficiation plant.

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, 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.

Based on the above context, 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@ospcboard.org with 40 days in advance.

Yours faithfully,


MEMBER SECRETARY

Encl: As above



Memo No 3962 /dt. 18.03.2023

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 3963 /dt. 18.03.2023

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 3964 /dt. 18.03.2023

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 3965 /dt. 18.03.2023

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-198 dtd 12.01.2023 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 3966 /dt. 18.03.2023

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