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

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To

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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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