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

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Dated: 13, February, 2023

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,

This has reference to the ministries letter dated 09, November, 2022 regarding your online application made vide proposal no. IA/OR/IND/198977/2021 for grant of Environmental Clearance.

2. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered in 13th meeting of Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry-1 Sector) held on 14-15th September, 2022. Wherein the EAC recommended the proposal for grant of Environment Clearance subject to stipulation of certain specific conditions and general conditions.

3. The matter was examined by the Ministry as per the Ministry, and ADS dated 09, November, 2022 was raised indicating 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.

4. 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, ADS was raised on 9/11/2022 to expedite the process of EC application for the integrated Iron Ore Beneficiation plant.

5. Ministry has received response from PP vide letter dated letter dated 03.01.2023, The matter has been again examined in the Ministry and is noted that the Public Hearing for the integrated Iron Ore Beneficiation plant of 14.3 MTPA is still not completed. Granting EC to instant project without clarity on the fate of the beneficiation plant may create a fait-accompli situation and also a deviation from the extant rule position.

6. In view of the 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.

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandeepan B.S.', written over a horizontal line.

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