

Date: 01.06.2021

The Member Secretary,  
Expert Appraisal Committee (Coal Mining),  
Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Indira  
Paryavaran Bhawan, JorBagh,  
New Delhi-110003

**Sub: Application for Terms of Reference (TOR) for Sahapur East Coal Mine (ML Area 659 Ha)  
for 0.70 MTPA coal production by Underground coalmining in part of Pali Tehsil of  
Umaria district and Sohagpur Tehsil of Shahdol district of Madhya Pradesh.**

Dear Sir,

Ministry of Coal, Government of India vide their vesting order no. NA-104/12/2020-NA dated February 3, 2021 (copy enclosed) has allotted the Sahapur Coal Mine in favour of Chowgule and Company Private Limited as a successful bidder for the sale of coal. The prior allottee of the said block was M/s National Mineral Development Corporation Limited. Before de-allocation of Coal Block by Hon'ble Supreme Court in 2014, the company had already made considerable progress in obtaining statutory clearances. The Mining Plan & Mine Closure Plan was approved for the block on vide letter no. 13016/31/2010-CA-I dated 27.12.2012 (copy of approval letter enclosed). On the environmental clearance front, the coal mine had received a Terms of Reference on 23.5.2013 vide letter no. J-11015/280/2010-IA-II(M). The EIA/EMP was prepared based on the baseline data collected for summer season. Public hearing was held on 27.08.2013.

The Sahapur East underground Coal project was recommended for Environment Clearance previously for production capacity of 0.7 MTPA vide letter no. J-11015/280/2010-IA.II (M) dated 08.07.2014 in favour of the prior allottee M/S National Mineral Development Corp. Ltd. with the specific condition which states that 'The formal environmental clearance will be issued only after the Stage-I clearance for the forest land involved in the project has been obtained and submitted. For the purpose, a maximum time limit of one year will be provided to the proponent during which the project will be kept in abeyance'. The EC has not been formally granted.

Before granting the final Environmental Clearance, the Sahapur East coal block was de-allocated by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide their Judgement dated 25.08.2014 and as per Ministry of Coal promulgated The Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Ordinance, 2014 notification the said coal block was cancelled

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The project is since then delisted at MOEF&CC website. We are applying for Terms of Reference based on the approved mining plan and mine closure plan.

Hence, as per the requirement of EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments, we hereby submit the following on the website of MoEF&CC as per the required format:

- i. Duly filled form 1
- ii. Brief Summary
- iii. Project on toposheet
- iv. Pre-feasibility report
- v. Proposed ToR file
- vi. Board Resolution for authorization to signatory
- vii. kml file of project boundary

The vesting order for block and approval letter of revised mine plan and mine closure plan are enclosed with this covering letter.

We request you issue us the Terms of Reference (TOR) to prepare the EIA/EMP report.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

**For Chowgule and Company Private Limited**

**Authorized Signatory**

**Shiv Nath Jha**

**Enclosed: As above**

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