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RCL/MoEFCC/2018-19/33 **18th December 2018**

The Director,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Govt. of India,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi - 110 003

Respected Sir,

Sub: Submission of Terms of Reference for Kanakadripalli Limestone Mine at Petnikota & Itikyala Villages, Kolimigundla Mandal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh for **Limestone Production – 0.1 MTPA with total excavation of 0.118 MTPA (Limestone : 0.1 MTPA + Top Soil : 0.013 MTPA + Over Burden / Waste: 0.005 MTPA)** - Request for Terms Of Reference - Reg.

Ref: Memo No. 510020/2018/AI-MINES-III-INDS, dt. 04.10.2018.

The Ramco Cements Limited (RCL) is proposed to operate Kanakadripalli Limestone mine with 0.1 MTPA production capacity at Petnikota & Itikyala Villages, Kolimigundla Mandal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh.

RCL has submitted the initial application on 23.02.2017 for Limestone Production of 1.0 MTPA vide proposal No. IA/AP/MIN/62752/2017. During the EAC meeting held on 20-03-2017 Committee sought clarification on following points:

- A KML file of the mine lease area
- A Certificate from the Department of Industries & Commerce that the mine lease is valid as on date and has been granted to M/s Ramco Cements.
- As the proponent mentioned that it was an agricultural area, number of families whose patta lands are involved, the number of families doing agriculture and number of dwelling units involved within the project area.

RCL presented replies to the clarification points during meeting held on 18.09.2017. EAC committee noticed in KML file on Google that the Mining has already been carried out in the proposed mining lease area. EAC sought clarification from State Mine & Geology Department, Andhra Pradesh on the following points:

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- Whether mining has been done in the Kanakadripalli Limestone Mining Lease area or not. If done. Whether it was done by the lease holder M/s Ramco Cements Limited or someone else.

- Submit past production data, if any, pertaining to Kanakadripalli Limestone Mining Lease.

  Clarification Submitted: ***In reply to the above point, MoEFCC has written to Department of Mines & Geology(DMG), Ibrahimpatnam, Govt of Andhra Pradesh seeking clarification. Department of Mines & Geology(DMG), Ibrahimpatnam, Govt of Andhra Pradesh has replied to MoEFCC that RCL has not started Mining Operations and not done any mining in the subject mining lease area, some local villagers have done the same for their livelihood***

  Further as the lessee has not started any mining operations, the question of past production data does not arise. (Copy of the letter is enclosed as Annexure - 1)

Proposal was reconsidered for appraisal on 18.09.2017. During appraisal, committee returned the proposal citing that the Lease validity period is very less and short period for commissioning of the Cement Plant and advised RCL to apply afresh, after receipt of valid extension period.

RCL now has obtained renewal of lease validity period vide letter No. 510020/2018/AI-MINES-III-INDS, dt. 04.10.2018 for 3 more years i.e., up to 13.10.2021. ***(Copy of the letter is enclosed as Annexure - 2)***

Environmental Clearance for cement plant was recommended by EAC (Industry – I).

RCL would also like to submit that during preparation of Mining plan, keeping view of other three captive mines, M/s ***Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) advised RCL to reduce the quantity of mining to 0.1 million tonnes per annum, against the 1.0 million tons per annum, as requested by RCL, in their earlier application.*** Now, as per the advice of IBM, RCL proposes to reduce Limestone Production to 0.1 MTPA with total excavation of 0.118 MTPA (Limestone : 0.1 MTPA + Top Soil : 0.013 MTPA + Over Burden / Waste: 0.005 MTPA)

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Earlier TOR application was filed for 1.0 MTPA Limestone production. The present application is for 0.1 MTPA Limestone production. As per the advise of MOEFCC, RCL is herewith applying afresh the proposal for TOR with valid extension period (Enclosed as **Annexure - 2).**

In this connection, we are herewith re-submitting our application with the following documents for approval of the Terms of Reference (TOR) to prepare the Environment Impact Assessment Study as per the EIA Notification SO 1533 dated 14th Sep 2006 and Amendments thereon.

a) Form 1
b) Terms of Reference
c) Pre - Feasibility Report
d) Kml file
e) Brief Note

We humbly request the Ministry to approve the Terms of Reference to enable us to obtain the Environmental Clearance as per SO 1533 Notification.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,
For The Ramco Cements Limited,

P. B. Gopalakrishna
Authorized Signatory

Encl: as above.

Annexure - 1

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY::IBRAHIMPATNAM

Lr.No.1306239/R4-1/2018.

Dated: 04.06.2018.

From
B.SREEDHAR, I.A.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Industries & Commerce (M) Dept., &
Director of Mines & Geology (FAC),
5th Floor, Anjaneya Towers,
Ibrahimpatnam-521 456, Krishna Dist

To
The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, (IA – II Division), Vayu-305 Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110003.

Sir,

Sub:- Mines & Minerals – Department of Mines & Geology, GoAP – Environment Clearance proposal of M/s. Ramco Cements Limited for mining of Limestone from Kanadadripalli Limestone Mines at Petnikota & Itikyala Villages, Kolimigundla Mandal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh – Information submission – Reg.

Ref:- 1. Letter No. J-11015/18/2017-IA-II (M), date: 05.10.2017 from MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi.
2. Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Banaganapalli Lr.No. 478/M4 /2000, dt: 28.03.2018 received on 24.04.2018.
3. Lr.No. TRCL/Mines/KP Block/162, date: 24.04.2018 from M/s. Ramco Cements Ltd.,

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I invite kind attention to the subject and references cited. Through the reference 1st cited, the Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change, GoI vide Lr.No. J-11015/18/2017-IA-II(M), dt: 05.10.2017 sought for clarification from the Director of Mines & Geology, AP on the points mentioned therein.

Through the reference 2nd cited (Copy enclosed), the Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Banaganapalle submitted report duly inspecting the subject leased area. The ADM&G, Banaganapalle in his inspection report concluded that the old abundant pits falling in the subject area done by the local villagers for their livelihood since long. No circumstantial evidences found in the illegal activity carried out by M/s. Ramco Cements Ltd., Further reported that the lessee has not taken any precautionary steps to control the illegal activity in the subject area, due to companies inaction illegal activity is going on in few places. Finally, reported that their office neither received any complaints on illegal mining from the lessee nor from the villagers.

Through the reference 3rd cited, M/s. Ramco Cements Ltd., requested to furnish comments to MoEF to process TOR proposals for the subject mining lease by Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change.

In this connection the following clarification is submitted herewith.

Sl.No.	Clarification sought for by MoEF&CC	Remarks of the DM&G
1.	Whether mining has been done in the Kanakadripalli Limestone Mining Lease area or not. If done, whether it was done by the lease holder M/s. Ramco Cements Limited or someone else.	As per the ADM&G, Banaganaplle inspection report the lessee Company M/s. Ramco Cements Ltd., has not started mining operations and not done any mining in the subject mining lease area, some local villagers have done the same for their livelihood.
2.	Submit past production data, if any, pertaining to Kandakadriapalli Limestone Mining Lease	Further as the lessee has not started any mining operations, the question of past production data does not arise

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In view of the above the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is requested to take further necessary action on the proposal of M/s. Ramco Cements Limited.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- B.Sreedhar
Director of Mines & Geology

Copy to the Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Banaganapalle.

Copy to M/s. Ramco Cements Ltd., Kumarssamy Raja Nagar- 521457, Jaggayyapet Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.

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FOR DIRECTOR OF MINES & GEOLOGY

ANNEXURE – 2

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (M-III) DEPARTMENT

Memo No.510020/2018/A1-MINES.III-INDS Dated.04/10/2018

Sub: Ind. & Com Dept - Mines & Minerals – Request for according one more extension of time for a period of further (3) years in favour of M/s.The Ramco Cements Ltd., (formerly M/s Madras Cements Ltd.), to establish the Cement plant and for commencement of mining activities for the (4) existing M.L.s for Limestone over a total extent of 1,957.360 Hectares in different Sy.Nos of Petnikota, Itikyala, Kolimigundla, Chinthalayapalle & Kalavatala Villages, Kolimigundla (M), Kurnool District – Reg.

Ref: 1. G.O.Ms.No.136, 137, 138 & 139, Ind & Com (M.II) Dept, dt.15.02.2000.
2. Govt Memo No.17533/M.I(1)/2009, dt.30.09.2010.
3. G.O.Ms.No.96, Ind & Com (M.III) Dept., dt.13.10.2015.
4. Govt Memo No.576/M.III(1)/2015, dt.16.10.2015.
5. From M/s.The Ramco Cements Ltd., Lr.No.TRCL/ Kolimigundla/2018-19/002, dt.07.05.2018.
6. From the DM&G, A.P., Vijayawada Single File No.INC04-14024(42)/4 /2018- R IV SEC-DMG, dt.31.08.2018.

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In the reference 1st cited, Government have granted Four (4) Mining Leases for Limestone over an extent of 1,957.360 Ha in different Sy.Nos of Pentikota, Itikyala, Kolimigundla, Chinthalayapalle & Kalavatala Villages, Kolimigundla (M), Kurnool District, in favour of M/s.Madras Cements Ltd.

2. In the reference 2nd cited, extension of time for a period of (3) years i.e. up to 02.09.2013 was granted to establish the Cement Plant for the (4) existing Mining Leases held by M/s. Madras Cements Ltd.

3. In the reference 3rd cited necessary permission was accorded for change of the name from M/s. Madras Cements Ltd., to M/s.Ramco Cements Ltd., under Rule 62 (1) of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960.

4. In the reference 4th cited, extension of time for further period of (3) years i.e. up to 15.10.2018 was granted to establish the Cement Plant for the (4) existing Mining Leases held by M/s. Ramco Cements Ltd., (formerly Madras Cements Ltd.) with certain conditions.

5. In the reference 5th cited, the lessee Company, M/s. Ramco Cements Ltd., while submitting the reasons for delay in setting up the cement plant in Kolimigundla has requested to accord one more extension of time for a further period of (3) years.

6. In the reference 6th cited, the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Vijayawada has submitted proposal to grant permission for extension of time for further period of (3) years in favour of M/s. The Ramco Cements Limited (Formally M/s.Madras Cements Limited), to establish the Cement Plant and for commencement of Mining operations in the (4) existing Mining Leases held by them stating that the Ministry of EF&CC, New Delhi vide Lr.F.No.J-11015/18/2017-IA-II(M), dt.06.08.2018 informed the lessee company i.e. M/s.Ramco Cements Ltd., that their proposal No.IA/AP/MIN/62752/2018 which was considered in the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) meeting held during 19th to 20th July, 2018 wherein the Committee observed that the

extension given by the Government of File No.INC04-14024(42)/4/2018-R IV SEC-DMG A.P. on 16.10.2015 for three years to enable the lessee company to establish the Cement Plant for (4) mining leases is valid till 15.10.2018 and within the short period it would not be possible for the Project Proponent to establish the Cement Plant.

7. The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Vijayawada has also stated that the lessee company has deposited Rs.12,12,00,000/- to APIIC for the land acquisition of the proposed railway line to be laid common railway line. After grant of Environmental Clearance, the Cement Plant will be established at the cost of about Rs.1,100.00 Crores with employment generation of about 1,200 people. Therefore, the Director of Mines & Geology, AP has requested the Government to consider the request of the lessee company i.e. M/s.Ramco Cements Ltd., for extension of time for a period of 3 years for establishment of cement plant and for commencement of Mining Operations in the (4) existing Mining Leases held by M/s.Ramco Cements Ltd.

8. Government, after careful examination, hereby grant further extension of time for (3) more years in favour of M/s.The Ramco Cements Ltd. (formerly M/s Madras Cements Ltd.) from the date of issue of this Memo to enable the lessee Company to establish the Cement Plant for the (4) Mining Leases granted vide reference 1st cited., subject to the following conditions:

(1) The lessee Company should obtain Environmental Clearance within 11-12 months for the plant & Mines from MoEF after getting extension of Mining Lease from Government.
(2) The lessee Company should construct the Cement plant within (21) months after getting CFE.
(3) No more extensions will be given.
(4) If the plant does not come for production before 13.10.2021, suitable action to cancel the lease will be taken up.

9. The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Vijayawada is requested to take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

B. SREEDHAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MINES)

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Copy to:
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The ADM&G, Banaganapalli, Kurnool Dist.
SF/SCs.

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

P.v.s. Rao
SECTION OFFICER