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To,

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi-110003

Kind Attention: Director, Impact Assessment (Coal Mining Projects)

Subject: Request for grant of TOR for Mangrol-Valia Lignite Mine, Taluka - Mangrol and Valia in District Surat and Bharuch of Gujarat

File No: J-11015/325/2010-IA.II(M)

Dear Sir,

Our company, Gujarat Industries Power Co Ltd. (GIPCL) is operating a Lignite Mine in Taluka Mangrol and Valia in District Surat and Bharuch of Gujarat for 4.2 MTPA lignite production over 2080 ha for which EC was granted vide letter no. J-11015/ 38/ 99-IA.II(M), dated 21-07-2003. The chronology of subsequent developments is discussed briefly below and listed in tabular format along with supporting documents in **Enclosure-1**.

TOR application for expansion of mine production from 4.2 MTPA to 7.4 MTPA and area expansion from 2080 to 3710 ha was submitted in 2011 and considered in EAC dated 18-19th April 2011. As the area of external dump was more, MOEF vide letter dated 19.05.2011 directed to reduce the area from the proposed 3710 ha by accommodating the external dumps over the lignite bearing area, which can be re-handled later. MOEF issued letter no. J-11015/325/2010-IA.II(M), dated 22.09.2011 scheduling the project for presentation in subsequent EAC meeting of 17.10.2011. GIPCL submitted letter dated 03.10.2011 seeking time extension. MOEF subsequently rescheduled the presentation and communicated vide their letter dated 03.11.2011 for giving presentation on revised data due to reduction in area. The presentation was held in meeting dated 28-29 Nov, 2011 for reduction in area from 3710 to 3019 Ha. TOR was issued vide MOEF letter no. J-11015/325/2010-IA.II(M), dated 11th January 2012.

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After this, the company (GIPCL) applied for Extension of TOR for a period for one year vide letter no. GIPCL/SLPP/Mangrol-Valia/EC/8755, dated 07.11.2013 and subsequently on 26.11.2013 on the basis of MOEF MO no.J-11013/41/2006-IAII(I) dt 22.03.2010. Company again submitted letter no. GIPCL/SLPP/Mangrol-Valia/EC/ dated 28.02.2014 informing MOEF that the Mining Plan has been submitted to MOC for further action. The project was considered in the EAC meeting of 27-28th Feb 2014 and TOR was extended for 1 year i.e. up to 10.01.2015. A letter to this effect was issued on 21.05.2014.

The company prepared a Draft EIA/EMP Report on the basis of TOR and submitted to Gujarat State Pollution Control Board for Public Hearing. The Public hearing was conducted on 02.04.2013 and 05.04.2013 in Surat and Bharuch district respectively, as per the provisions of EIA Notification 2006.

Final EIA/EMP Report after incorporating Public Hearing documents was submitted to MoEF&CC vide letter no. GIPCL/SLPP/Mines/EC/9386, dated 19.12.2014. The proposal came for presentation in 35th EAC (Thermal & Coal Mining Projects) meeting scheduled for 14-15th May, 2015 wherein GIPCL requested the Ministry to postpone the presentation for the next EAC meeting. The project was therefore deferred. The proposal was again included in the subsequent EAC of 11-12th June, 2015. The Company (GIPCL) requested to defer the proposal for presentation due to more time required for preparing for final proposal vide letter no. GIPCL/SLPP/Mines/EC/4546, dated 06.06.2015. The same was recorded in the Minutes of Meeting.

In the interim period since June 2015, based on meetings and discussions held with mining experts and view of the constraints that will arise in land acquisition, it was decided by the management of GIPCL that the mine lease area shall not be expanded but be limited to that sanctioned in EC dated 21.07.2013 i.e. 2080 Ha. Accordingly, the maximum production possible was going to be 5.4 MTPA instead of 7.4 MTPA submitted to MOEF. Due to change in production and mine lease area, Mining Plan was revised and submitted to Ministry of Coal for approval.

The Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan for 5.4 MTPA over an area of 2080 ha has been submitted to Ministry of Coal by us on 19.01.2018. It is due for presentation and appraisal.

In view of the above developments of enhancement of capacity from 4.2 to 5.4 MTPA in same mine lease area, we are desirous of revising our submitted proposal of 7.4 MTPA over 3019 Ha.

Since the validity of TOR and monitored environmental data has lapsed, we are now applying for fresh ToR, in line with the directions of MOEF&CC stating "validity of TOR of 2012 has since been expired. Please submit the proposal afresh for TOR", in response to our previous application for amendment in TOR dated June 11, 2018 (online application no. IA/GJ/CMIN/22951/2010).

As the public hearing has been already been conducted for a larger area (3019 ha against 2080 ha now) and higher production (7.4 MTPA against 5.4 MTPA now), we humbly submit to the MOEF to kindly give consideration to the same public hearing in the fresh ToR, wherein our proposal is one of lesser magnitude.

In view of the above, please find enclosed **Enclosure-2** containing revised Form I and Pre Feasibility Report along with supporting Annexures for grant of fresh Terms of Reference for enhancement of capacity from 4.2 to 5.4 MTPA in same mine lease area of 2080 ha. We again humbly request you to take into view the public hearing conducted on 02.04.2013 and 05.04.2013 in Surat and Bharuch district respectively for a larger area and production and grant us a fresh ToR based on the Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan under approval process at Ministry of Coal.

We request you to kindly consider our application for presentation before EAC at earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

For Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited



(N. K. Purohit)

Chief General Manager (Mines)

Enclosures:

1. Chronology of events along with supporting documents
2. Revised Form-I and Pre-Feasibility Report along with supporting Annexures for 5.4 MTPA production over same ML of 2080 Ha.

