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Ref: GBHPL/AHEP/MoEF/ EC Ext/18

**The Director/Member Secretary- Hydro**  
Ministry of Environment and Forest Climate Change,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh,  
New Delhi -110003

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Request for Environment Clearance validity Extension of 300 MW Alaknanda Hydro Electric Project in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand by M/s GMR (Badrinath) Hydro Power Generation Pvt. Ltd:**

**Ref: Environmental Clearance Letter No.J-12011/12008-IA.I dated 12.03.2008**

We wish to bring to your kind attention that the 300 MW Alaknanda Hydro-Electric Project located in Chamoli District of Uttarakhand have received Environmental Clearance (EC) from MoEF &CC vide Letter No.J-12011/12008-IA.I dated 12.03.2008. As per the General conditions of Environmental Clearance, the clearance is valid for 10 years from date of issuance of EC for commencement of construction works.

At this juncture, we wish to inform you that the commencement of project construction is getting inordinately delayed on account of stay on construction of this project along with other 23 projects in the state of Uttarakhand by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its orders dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in Civil Appeal No. 6736/2013. (Copy of the order is attached for your ready reference)

As you are kindly aware that, post 2013 flood in the state of Uttarakhand, the Hon'ble Supreme court ordered MoEF &CC to constitute an Expert Body for examining the reasons for such flood and role of construction of Hydro Power Projects on such incidents. Consequently, MoEF &CC is examining the matter and final recommendations is yet to be filed by MoEF &CC in Supreme Court for deciding the matter by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

The project have received all required clearances/approvals including land acquisition and it is ready for construction since 2013. However, we are unable to proceed with construction on account of Supreme Court stay order. Since the delay is unforeseen in nature beyond our control, we request MoEF &CC to extend the validity of Environmental Clearance as per the policy.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,  
**For GMR (Badrinath) Hydro Power Generation Pvt.Ltd.**

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