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To
Director & Member Secretary (Thermal Power)
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi-110003

Sub: Extension of Validity of ToR for Carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study for setting up of 2400 MW coal based Thermal power project by OTPC at Kamakhyanagar, District Dhenkanal, Odisha.

Ref: Approved ToR Letter no. J-13012/43/2012 - IA. II (T) dated 05.03.2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Honorable Reconstituted Expert Appraisal Committee (Thermal Power) of MoEFCC in its 64th meeting held during 7th to 8th January 2013 considered the above mentioned proposal and issued ToR vide Letter No. F. No. J-13012/43/2012 - IA. II (T) dated 05.03.2013 for undertaking EIA EMP study.

Further in this connection, we would like to mention that, we have completed baseline data collection as per approved ToR during the summer season (March-May) 2013. Draft report was prepared and submitted to MoEFCC for conducting PH. Public hearing was conducted on 05.08.2014(PH Proceedings attached as Annexure- 1). Our Final EIA report is ready for submission to the MoEFCC. However, due to following reasons, we expect a delay in submission of Final EIA report.

1) Allocation of coal block

Tentuloi coal block allocated to us has been surrendered by us. In response to MoC notification for allocation of coal block to thermal power plants through Govt dispensing route. OTPC had applied for allocation of Naini, Chendipada & Chendipada-II coal blocks. The Hon'ble Chief Minister Odisha have requested MoC to allocate Chendipada and Chendipada-11 coal block in favour of OTPC. No official allocation has been made so far in spite of several verbal assurances by MoC. This is a pre-requisite for submission of final report.

2) Forest Diversion Proposal

Submission of forest diversion proposal with credible data having submitted is also a pre-requisite for submission of final proposal for environment clearance. In view of State Govt directives and in confirmative with Hon'ble Supreme Court decision that forest land as on 25.10.1980 shall be classified as forest land irrespective of their present classification. The details of forest land as on 25.10.1980 from settlement records are taking considerable time. Therefore, revised forest diversion proposal has not been submitted.

3) Approval of land use by CEA

In accordance with TOR issued by MoEFCC vide letter dtd. 05.03.2013, land use for the project has to be approved by CEA. In view of delay in collecting old settlement records, revised land use have not been submitted to CEA. This issue is also a pre-requisite.

In view of the above, we humbly requested Ministry vide above stated communication for favorable consideration for extending the validity of ToR for another one year i.e. from 5th March 2015 to 4th March 2016 for submission of Final EIA report.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,
For OTPC Limited



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