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Ref. No.: ETP/Poll-Control/1912/2021-22

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To,  
The Member Secretary  
Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC; Ind-2)  
Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road,  
New Delhi - 110 003

**Sub.** : Application for grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) in respect of Expansion of Sugar Factory from 4500 TCD to 7500 TCD, Co-gen Plant from 15 MW to 22 MW & Molasses based Distillery from 30 KLPD to 105 KLPD (Molasses/Cane Juice) by **Vishwasrao Naik Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. (VNSSKL)**, located at R. S. No. 182, 224, 223, 175, 189, 183, 162, A/P: Yashwantnagar, Chikhali, Tal.: Shirala, Dist.: Sangli, Maharashtra.

**Ref.** : EC obtained from MoEFCC, New Delhi vide letter No. J-11011/71/2002-IA II (I) dated 29.09.2003 for establishment of 30 KLPD molasses based distillery unit. Copy enclosed at **Enclosure-I**.

**Dear Sir,**

This has reference to Environmental Clearance granted for establishment of 30 KLPD molasses based distillery unit from MoEFCC, New Delhi vide letter No. J-11011/71/2002-IA II (I) dated 29.09.2003.

Now, in light of VNSSKL participated in National Biofuel Policy 2018, the management has planned to expand distillery from 30 KLPD to 105 KLPD (on Molasses/Cane Juice). Only Ethanol will be produced under expansion i.e. 75 KLPD and same will be solely used for EBP Programme.

As per the provisions of "EIA Notification No. S.O. 1533 (E)" dated 14.09.2006; as amended vide Notification No. "S.O. 1960 (E)" dated 13.06.2019; the proposed expansion of Sugar Factory, Cogeneration Plant are listed at activity 5(j) and 1(d) while distillery activity at 5(g-i & ii). Now, as per amended notification vide No.: S.O 980(E) dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, the expansion of distilleries that manufacturing Ethanol for use as fuel for blending shall be appraised as **Category B2** project. Accordingly, our expansion project from 30 KLPD to 105 KLPD shall be appraised as B2 category project at Centre level. As the Sugar, Cogen & Distillery projects are located in same premises as an integrated project complex, the entire proposal of expansion of Sugar, Cogen and Distillery is being submitted at 'Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC); New Delhi' for grant of EC.

Accordingly, we are submitting the application in Form-2 format and allied information as required w.r.t. project on Parivesh Portal of Ministry. Kindly, consider our application for grant of EC at earliest.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

  
**Shri Ramchandra Patil**  
Managing Director

Encl.: As Above.