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Ref No: HSE/PRPC/2019

Date: 06.07.2019

To,

Member Secretary, Industrial Projects-2,
Vayu Wing, 3rd Floor, MoEFCC,
Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi - 110003

Sub: Consideration of Project under Category "A" For Environmental Clearance

Ref: (1) Proposal no IA/HR/IND2/72123/2018

(2) TOR letter no No.IA-J-11011/43/2018-IA-II (I) dated 5th Apr 2018

Respected Sir,

This is in connection with Ligno-Cellulosic 2G Ethanol Plant (100 KLD) with proposal no IA/HR/IND2/72123/2018 submitted on 20.02.19 and updated EIA report submitted on 07.06.19 and Form-2 in reply of your Essential Details Sought (EDS) of 16.06.19 .

We have again received EDS on 02.07.19 mentioning that "*The project activity requires appraisal approval at state level by the concerned SEAC*".

It may be noted that this project is driven through central ministry to improve ambient air quality in NCR region and of nation importance and monitored closely by MoPNG and having below mentioned additional benefits:

- Feedstock used are Agricultural residues like rice straw/wastes (Cellulosic Non-food Biomass) reducing GHG emissions
- Resulting in SMOG free in NCR
- In line with Govt. Of India initiative for blending of ethanol in fuel
- Socio economic benefit to farmers in nearby villages
- The project will implement advanced second generation ethanol producing & manufacturing techniques
- Indigenous technology
- Foreign exchange saving due to reduction in crude import

The chronology of Environmental Clearance application is as follows:

(1) Form-1 submitted by Panipat Refinery on 20.02.18.

(2) Standard Terms Of Reference (ToR) granted on 05.04.18.

- (3) Public Hearing exemption recommended during 39th EAC held during 25th July'18-27th July'18.
- (4) EIA report submitted in MoEFCC on 07.08.18.
- (5) Amendment in ToR w.r.t Public Hearing waiver awaited from MoEFCC.
- (6) Since PH waiver has not been received, finally Public Hearing conducted on 27.03.19.
- (7) Final EIA with Public Hearing Report submitted on 07.06.19.
- (8) Form-2 submitted in MoEFCC on 22.06.19.

Since PR has submitted all relevant documents starting from 20.02.2018 in MoEFCC only consideration of our proposal for grant of Environmental Clearance is pending to be presented before EAC. We request as a special case EC process of the subject project should be completed by MoEFCC only instead of diverting to SEAC from Category "A" to "B1" as per gazette notification (Annexure-I) dated 13.06.19 wherein substantial delay is anticipated.

Considering the environmental and social benefits to the surrounding area and public at large by installation proposed 2G Ethanol Project at Panipat, it is requested for considering the project under Category "A" with Environmental Clearance (EC) consideration in next EAC meeting.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,


(Praveen Nagpal) 06/07/2019

Chief General Manager
(Health, Safety & Environment)

Enclosures: as above