



GBLD/SMR/MOEF&CC/2019-20/287

Date: 22.11.2019

To,

The Member Secretary,

Industrial Projects - 2,

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (IA Division),

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road,

New Delhi-03

Godavari Biorefineries Ltd

Sir,

**Subject:** Environmental Clearance for expansion of Distillery unit M/S. Godavari Bio refineries Ltd. (Distillery Division) from 320 KLPD to 400 KLPD at Sameerwadi, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District, Karnataka - 587 316 by change of raw material.

**Ref:**

1. Office Memorandum no. F.No. 22-33/2019-IA.III dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 the Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (IA Division)
2. Environmental Clearance obtained from MOEF&CC, New Delhi No. J-11011/272/2009-IA II (I) dated July 07, 2009
3. Corrigendum to the EC (reference 2) no. J-11011/272/2009-IA II (I) dated June 01, 2011 for change in product mix.
4. Extension of EC validity no. J-11011/272/2009-IA II (I) dated February 03, 2015.

With reference to the above subject and the reference letters cited above, We hereby wish to bring your notice that we are operating the distillery unit in the name Godavari Biorefineries Limited having capacity 320 KLD at Sameerwadi, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District, Karnataka.

We have obtained prior Environment Clearance for distillery of capacity 320 KLPD using Grains/Cassava/ Tapioca /Sugar cane juice/Beet sugar juice/ Molasses as raw material from MOEF&CC, New Delhi vide reference 2, 3 & 4 above.

We now intend to expand the distillery unit capacity from 320 KLPD to 400 KLPD by changing over to B-heavy molasses / sugarcane syrup as raw material in place of C-grade Molasses to produce ethanol. The activity falls under Category 'A', Schedule 5(g) of EIA Notification 2006.

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The Central Government has published the National Policy on Bio-fuels, 2018 stipulating Ethanol Blended with Petrol (EBP) Programme; Considering this policy MOEF & CC vide Notification no. S.O. 345(E) dated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019, published certain relaxation in grant of environmental clearance for such units propose to produce ethanol under EBP program. One of the special provisions is to consider the applications seeking prior environmental clearance for production of ethanol as B2 project for appraisal under the EIA notification.

Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (IA Division) has examined and taken note of the representation by distilleries, that the **ethanol production can be increased by use of B-heavy molasses/sugar cane juice/sugar syrup/ sugar in place C-grade molasses without any increase in the total pollution load and without any additional plant and machinery.** Considering the above, MoEF CC has come out with an Office Memorandum no. F.No. 22-33/2019-IA.III dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019. In the said Office Memorandum, it is suggested that all such proposals should make application in Form I for granting Environmental Clearance (EC). Accordingly, Form I is submitted along with a report substantiating that there is no increase in pollution load by enhancing the production of ethanol; by changing the raw material.

In view of the above, we request you to kindly consider our application and grant Environment Clearance (EC).

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
For M/S. Godavari Bio refineries Ltd.

  
Suhas Uttam Godage,  
General Manager



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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(IA Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan  
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Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Incidental increase in the production of ethanol due to use of B-heavy Molasses/Sugar cane Juice/ Sugar Syrup/ Sugar without any increase in the total pollution load – requiring of prior environmental clearance under the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 - regarding.**

The Ministry is in the receipt of representations for waiver of requirement of prior environmental clearance under the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 for the incidental increase in the production of ethanol due to use of B-heavy Molasses/Sugar cane Juice/ Sugar Syrup/ Sugar **without any increase in the total pollution load** in the existing distilleries or sugar mills for which environmental clearance was already granted.

2. It has also been informed that due to incentives provided by the Government of India, sugar mills shall undertake production of ethanol from B-heavy Molasses/Sugar cane Juice/ Sugar Syrup/ Sugar, and because of the better yield of the ethanol there will be increase in the ethanol production beyond the EC granted capacity, **even without any expansion of existing plant and machinery or technology.**

3. In the above context, reference is invited to para 7(ii)(a) of EIA Notification, 2006 read with subsequent amendments expansion, which reads as follows:

*“All applications seeking prior environmental clearance for expansion with increase in the production capacity beyond the capacity for which prior environmental clearance has been granted under this notification or with increase in either lease area or production capacity in the case of mining projects*




*or for the modernisation of an existing unit with increase in the total production capacity beyond the threshold limit prescribed in the Schedule to this notification through change in process and or technology or involving a change in the product –mix shall be made in Form I and they shall be considered by the concerned Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee within sixty days, who will decide on the due diligence necessary including preparation of Environment Impact Assessment and public consultations and the application shall be appraised accordingly for grant of environmental clearance.”*

4. Reference is also made to para 7(ii)(b) of the EIA Notification, 2006 that stipulates no requirement of prior environmental clearance, in case where change in the configuration of the plant involves no increase in pollution load and production capacity.

5. In light of the claim of the no increase in the pollution load, it is hereby suggested that all such proposals may be considered under para 7(ii)(a) of EIA Notification through application in Form-I. The concerned Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee may exercise due diligence and consider such proposals for grant of environmental clearance.

6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
(Sharath Kumar Pallerla)  
Director

To

1. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).
2. Chairman of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
3. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs
4. All the Officers of I.A. Division
5. Chairpersons/Member Secretaries of all SPCBs/UTPCCs

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