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No. J-11015/400/2006-IA-II.(M)

Dated: 6th July, 2015

To,

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Subject: Transfer of Environmental Clearance of Baranj Opencast Coal Project (2.5 MTPA) in a total lease area of 1457.20 Ha; located in villages Chinchordi Baranj (Mokasa), Chak Baranj, Kesurli Kodhali, Somnala, Bonthala, Tehsil Bhadravati, District Chandrapur Maharashtra from M/s Karnataka Emta Coal Mines Ltd to M/s Karnataka Power Corporation Limited - reg.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendment thereto had accorded Environmental Clearance (EC) for **Baranj Opencast Coal Project (2.5 MTPA) in a total lease area of 1457.20 Ha located in villages Chinchordi Baranj (Mokasa), Chak Baranj, Kesurli Kodhali, Somnala, Bonthala, Tehsil Bhadravati, District Chandrapur Maharashtra to M/s Karnataka Emta Coal Mines Ltd subject to compliance of terms and conditions stipulated in the EC letter No. J-11015/400/2006 - IA.II (M) dated 18th May, 2006.**

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of India vide judgment dated 25th August, 2014 read with its order dated 24th September, 2014 has cancelled the allocation of 204 coal blocks and issued directions with regard to such coal blocks wherein the Central Government in pursuance of the said directions has to take immediate action to implement the said order.

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WHEREAS in pursuance of the judgment and order of the Supreme Court, the nominated authority has, in accordance with provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Second Ordinance, 2014 and the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Rules 2014 conducted the auction of the mines.


WHEREAS Ministry of Coal (MOC) vide its O.M. letter no. 13016/38/2015-CA-III dated 12th May, 2015 from Ministry of Coal informing that, their Ministry has allotted 9 Coal Mines through allotment routes to different allottees. MOC has requested this Ministry to facilitate transfer of the Environment Clearance and Forest Clearance of these blocks to the allottees.

WHEREAS Ministry of Coal vide allotment Order under clause (c) of sub-rule (2) of rule 7 and sub-rule (1) of rule 13 and Order no. 103/14/2015/NA dated 31st March, 2015 has allotted the **Baranj Opencast Coal Project (2.5 MTPA) in a total lease area of 1457.20 Ha located in villages Chinchordi Baranj (Mokasa), Chak Baranj, Kesurli Kodhali, Somnala, Bonthala, Tehsil Bhadravati, District Chandrapur Maharashtra to M/s Karnataka Power Corporation Limited** as the successful allottee.

WHEREAS vide Gazette Notification S.O. 811 (E) Notification dated 23.03.2015, MOEFCC has made amendments to paragraph 11 in the Gazette Notification S.O.1533 (E) dated 14th September, 2006. Vide the said amendment; where an allocation of coal block is cancelled in any legal proceeding; or by the Government in accordance with law, the environmental clearance granted in respect of such coal block may be transferred, subject to the same validity period as was initially granted, to any legal person to whom such block is subsequently allocated, and in such case, obtaining of "no objection" from either the holder of environment clearance or from the regulatory authority concerned shall not be necessary and no reference shall be made to the Expert Appraisal Committee or the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee concerned.

WHEREAS pursuant to the MOC allotment Order no. **103/14/2015/NA dated 31st March, 2015** and MoEFCC Gazette Notification S.O. 811(E) Notification dated 23.03.2015, the EC granted vide letter no. **J-11015/400/2006 - IA.II (M) dated 18th May, 2006** to **M/s Karnataka Emta Coal Mines Ltd Baranj Opencast Coal Project (2.5 MTPA) in a total lease area of 1457.20 Ha located in villages Chinchordi Baranj (Mokasa), Chak Baranj, Kesurli Kodhali, Somnala, Bonthala, Tehsil Bhadravati, District Chandrapur Maharashtra** is hereby transferred to **M/s Karnataka Power Corporation Limited** subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Any change in scope of work will attract the provisions of Environment Protection Act (EPA), 1986 and Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 in conjunction with the subsequent amendments / circulars.
- (ii) All conditions stipulated in the EC letter No. J-11015/400/2006 - IA.II (M) dated 18th May, 2006 shall remain unchanged.
- (iii) The allottee shall be liable, if any, for any act of violation of the EPA 1986 / EIA Notification 2006 /subsequent amendments and circulars which it has inherited during the transfer.
- (iv) The allottee shall be liable for compliance of all court directions, if any.


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