

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

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No. J-11015/26/1995-IA-II.(M)

Dated: 11th May, 2015
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To,

**M/s CESC Limited,
CESC House, Chowringhee Square,
Kolkata,
West Bengal -700001**

Subject: Transfer of Environmental Clearance of Sarshatali Opencast Captive Coal Mining (3.5 MTPA) Cum Washery (3.2 MTPA) in a lease area of 613 Ha Project located in District Burdwan West Bengal from M/s Calcutta Electricity Supply Corporation Limited to M/s CESC Limited- reg.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 1994 and subsequent amendment thereto had accorded Environmental Clearance (EC) for **Sarshatali Opencast Captive Coal Mining (3.5 MTPA) Cum Washery (3.2 MTPA) in a lease area of 613 Ha Project located in District Burdwan West Bengal** to **M/s Calcutta Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC)** and subsequently transferred to **M/s Integrated Coal Mining Limited (ICML)** subject to compliance of terms and conditions stipulated in the EC letter No. J-11015/26/1995-IA.II (M) dated October 14, 1998 and March 13, 2011.

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.

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. 43020/20/2014-CPAM dated 16th March, 2015 has informed MoEFCC that MOC has recently approved 23 coal blocks (15 coal blocks from Schedule II and 8 coal blocks from Schedule III of the Ordinance) through bidding to different successful bidders/ companies. MOC has requested this Ministry to facilitate transfer of the Environment Clearance and Forest Clearance of these blocks to the new successful bidders before 31.03.2015.

WHEREAS Ministry of Coal vide Vesting Order under clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 7 and sub-rule (1) of rule 13 and Order no. 104/5/2015/NA dated 23rd March, 2015 has allocated the **Sarshatali Opencast Captive Coal Mining (3.5 MTPA) Cum Washery (3.2 MTPA) in a lease area of 613 Ha Project located in District Burdwan West Bengal to M/s CESC Limited, CESC House, Chowringhee Square, Kolkata, West Bengal -700 001** as the successful bidder.

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 vesting Order no. 104/5/2015/NA dated 23rd March, 2015 and MoEFCC Gazette Notification S.O. 811(E) Notification dated 23.03.2015, the EC granted vide letter no. **J-11015/26/1995-IA.II (M) dated 14th October, 1998 to M/s CESC Limited and subsequently transferred to M/s Integrated Coal Mining Limited (ICML) vide letter no. J-11015/26/1995-IA.II (M) dated March 13, 2011 for Sarshatali Opencast Captive Coal Mining (3.5 MTPA) Cum Washery (3.2 MTPA) in a lease area of 613 Ha Project located in District Burdwan West Bengal** is hereby transferred back to M/s

CESC Limited, CESC House, Chowringhee Square, Kolkata, West Bengal -700 001
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-11015/26/1995-IA.II (M) dated 14th October, 1998 and 13th March, 2011** shall remain unchanged.
- (iii) The successful bidder 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) Successful bidder shall be liable for compliance of all court directions. if any.



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Director

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2. Secretary, Department of Environment & Forests, Government of West Bengal, Secretariat, Kolkatta.
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6. Member-Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, Curzon Road Barracks, A-2, W-3 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi.
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