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Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

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No. J-11015/1140/2007-IA-II(M) Pt. file

Dated: 28th October, 2015

To,

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M/s NTPC Limited,
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Sub: Revalidation/Transfer of Environmental Clearance of Dulanga Opencast Coal Mining Project of 7 MTPA in an area of 785.37 ha (803.71 ha - 18.34 ha) (Latitude 21° 50' 40" N to 22° 01' 30' N and Longitude 83° 42' 06" E to 83° 53' 43" E) in Ib valley coalfields, District Sundergarh (Orissa) – 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 **Dulanga Opencast Coal Mining Project of 7 MTPA in an area of 785.37 ha (803.71 ha - 18.34 ha) (Latitude 21° 50' 40" N to 22° 01' 30' N and Longitude 83° 42' 06" E to 83° 53' 43" E) in Ib valley coalfields, District Sundergarh (Orissa) to M/s National Thermal Power Corporation Limited** subject to compliance of terms and conditions stipulated therein vide letter No. **J-11015/1140/2007-IA.II (M) dated 3rd March, 2014.**

WHEREAS the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide judgment dated 25th August, 2014 read with the 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 Hon'ble 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.

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WHEREAS Ministry of Coal (MOC) vide letter No. **13016/38/2015-CA-III dated 18th September, 2015** has informed that, their Ministry has allotted 8 Coal Mines through allotment routes to 3 different allottees. MOC has requested this Ministry to facilitate transfer of the Environment Clearance and Forest Clearance of these blocks to the successful 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. **103/32/2015/NA dated 8th September, 2015** has allotted the **Dulanga Opencast Coal Mining Project of 7 MTPA in an area of 785.37 ha (803.71 ha - 18.34 ha) (Latitude 21° 50' 40" N to 22° 01' 30' N and Longitude 83° 42' 06" E to 83° 53' 43" E) in Ib valley coalfields, District Sundergarh (Orissa) to M/s National Thermal 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 in light of the MOC Allotment Order No. **103/32/2015/NA dated 8th September, 2015**, transfer of EC may not be warranted as the Successful Allottee **M/s National Thermal Power Corporation Limited** is already in possession of EC letter No. **J-11015/1140/2007-IA.II (M) dated 3rd March, 2014**.

However, the said EC may be considered for revalidation in favour of **M/s National Thermal Power Corporation Limited for Dulanga Opencast Coal Mining Project of 7 MTPA in an area of 785.37 ha (803.71 ha - 18.34 ha) (Latitude 21° 50' 40" N to 22° 01' 30' N and Longitude 83° 42' 06" E to 83° 53' 43" E) in Ib valley coalfields, District Sundergarh (Orissa)** subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Any change in scope of work will attract the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 in conjunction with the subsequent amendments / circulars.
- (ii) All conditions stipulated in the EC letter No. **J-11015/1140/2007-IA.II (M) dated 3rd March, 2014** shall remain unchanged.




- (iii) The allottee shall be liable, if any, for any act of violation of the EP Act, 1986 / EIA Notification 2006/subsequent amendments and circulars which it has inherited during the revalidation/ transfer.
- (iv) Allottee shall be liable for compliance of all court directions, if any.


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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Secretary, Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional office (EZ), Ministry of Environment & Forests, A-31, Chandrashekarpur, Bhubaneswar – 751 023, Odisha.
4. The Member Secretary, Orissa State Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilkanthanagar, Unit VIII, Bhubaneswar – 751012, Odisha.
5. The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi -110 032.
6. The Member-Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, Curzon Road Barracks, A-2, W-3 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi.
7. The Advisor, Coal India Limited, SCOPE Minar, Core-I, 4th Floor, Vikas Marg, Laxmi nagar, New Delhi.
8. The District Collector, **Sundergarh**, Government of Odisha.
9. Monitoring File 10. Guard File 11. Record File 12. Notice Board.


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