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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Impact Assessment Division

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Dated: 23rd September, 2014

To,

M/s Bharat Aluminium Company Limited
P.O. Balco Nagar
Korba- 495684
Chhattisgarh

Subject: Expansion of Mainpat Bauxite Mine (ML area 639.169 ha) from 0.45 MTPA to 0.75 MTPA of M/s Bharat Aluminium Company Limited at villages Kesra, Kudardih and Sapnadar, Sitapur Tehsil, Sarguja District, Chhattisgarh- Extension of EC regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to your letter no. BALCO/MM/ENV/2012-13 dated 11.12.2012 regarding the extension of validity of EC dated 17.09.2008 issued to above mentioned project:

2. The Environmental Clearance for expansion of capacity from 4.5 LTPA to 7.5 LTPA was granted by the MoEF for the period of two years on 17th September, 2008 under the EIA, Notification 2006 subject to compliance of certain specific conditions. On compliance of these conditions the aforesaid EC was further extended up to the lease period i.e. 8th July 2012. The letter was issued on 26.10.2010 extending the EC till the mine lease renewal along with amendments in certain conditions. The proposal of extension of EC was considered in EAC meeting held during June 26-28, 2013. It was informed to the Committee that there is no change in existing mine lease area, production capacity (7.5 LTPA) and mining technology.

3. The Committee deliberated the issues with regard to MoEF Notification dated 13th March, 2013. As per this notification, "No fresh Environmental Clearance would be required for a mining project or activity at the time of renewal of mine lease which has already obtained Environmental Clearance under this (S.O. 1533 (E) dated 14th Sept 2006) notification. In view of this, and also since there is no change in existing mine lease area, production capacity (7.5 LTPA) or mining technology, therefore the Committee recommended extension of EC till the life of mining or period of 30 years from date of issue of the present Environmental Clearance whichever is earlier."
4. The matter was examined in the Ministry, along with the clarification issued by Ministry vide no. L-11011/152012-IA.II(M) pt. 02.06.2014 with regard to requirement of EC for “Mining of Minerals” at the time of mine renewal, under the provisions of EIA notification, 2006. It has been decided to accept the recommendation of EAC and EC is extended till the life of mining i.e. 7 years from the date of issue of EC letter i.e. 17th September, 2008. All the conditions stipulated in the extension letter of even no. dated 26.10.2010 shall be strictly complied.

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

(Dr. V.P. Upadhyay)
Director

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(i) The Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001.
(ii) The Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Chhattisgarh,
(iii) The Secretary, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Chhattisgarh, Chhattisgarh.
(iv) The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-office complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032
(v) The Chairman, Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board, Nanak Niwas, Civil Lines, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
(vi) The Chief Conservator of Forests (Eastern), Regional Office (Western Zone), E-3/240, Arera Colony Bhopal-462016, Madhya Pradesh
(viii) The Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, A2, W3 Curzon Road Barracks, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001.
(ix) The District Collector, Sarguja District, Chhattisgarh.
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