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**Office Memorandum**

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**Subject: Valid and subsisting Environment Clearance.**

The Ministry has received reference on the applicability of the provision of requirement of Environment Clearance (EC) at the time of renewal of lease, even if a valid and subsisting environment clearance is held by a Project Proponent (PP), at the point of time the PP seeks renewal of the mining lease.

After due consideration and examination of relevant judicial pronouncements and the OMs issued in this regards, it is clarified that the Project Proponent which has a valid and subsisting EC for their mining project either under EIA Notification 1994 or EIA Notification 2006, will not be required to obtain fresh EC at the time of renewal of the lease. This is subject to the maximum period of validity of the EC being for mining lease for 30 years.



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