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Dated: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Clarification on the validity of the ECs granted for integrated projects with captive mines – reg.**

The Ministry is in receipt of a request for clarification on validity of the Environmental Clearances (EC) in respect of the mining component of integrated projects with captive mines.

2. The matter has been examined in the Ministry as per the provisions of EIA Notification 2006 and it is to clarify that the validity of the EC for steel plant or cement plant, or any other industry, as a part of an Integrated Project, shall be seven years, which shall be further extendable for three years for start of production operations by the said plant.

3. Further, as per the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006, the validity of EC for captive mining projects refers to the project life as estimated by the Expert Appraisal Committee subject to a maximum of thirty years and has no bearing on the validity of the Environmental Clearance (EC) granted for the Industry which would be as per the clarification provided at point number 2 above.

4. In view of the above, it is clarified that the validity of the EC in respect of captive mines of any integrated project shall be read as per the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for mining projects.

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



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Director

To

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2. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs.
3. Chairman of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
4. Chairpersons/Member Secretaries of all SPCBs/UTPCCs.
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