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Subject: EIA Notification 14 September 2006 – Interim Operational Guidelines till 13 September 2007 in respect of River Valley and Hydro-Electric Power Project applications made under EIA 1994.

Pursuant to the new Environment Impact Assessment Notification of 14 September 2006 (“EIA 2006”) replacing the EIA Notification of 27 January 1994 and its various amendments (“EIA 1994”), and in terms of the provisions of *Para* 12 of EIA 2006, the Ministry had earlier issued Interim Operational Guidelines on 13th October, 2006 and 21st November, 2006. Further to these Guidelines, the following Guidelines are issued in respect of River Valley and Hydro-Electric Power Project applications made under EIA Notification, 1994 with the approval of Competent Authority:

- i. In respect of cases where site clearance has been accorded before 14th September, 2006 and EIA and EMP has been prepared and public hearing has been conducted; appraisal etc. will be in accordance to the procedure given in EIA Notification, 1994.
- ii. In respect of cases where site clearance has been accorded before 14th September, 2006 but EIA and EMP and public hearing have not been completed; appraisal under EIA Notification, 1994 will be done only for those cases where receipt of the complete documents including public hearing

conducted as per EIA Notification, 2006 is made by 30th June, 2007. Other such cases will be appraised under EIA Notification, 2006.

- iii. In respect of cases where site clearance has not been accorded but which were pending with the Ministry prior to 14th September, 2006 Notification; site clearance is not required and all such cases have to be processed as per EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006.

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