## F. No. J-11013/77/2004-IA\*II (I) Government of India Ministry of Environment and Forests (I.A. Division)

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Accreditation of the EIA Consultants with Quality Council of India / National Accreditation Board of Education and Training (QCINABET) – reg.

In continuation of Ministry's O.M. of even number dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2009, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 and 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 (available on Ministry's website http/www.envfor.nic.in) and after due consideration of the representations received from various EIA consultants, the following decisions have been taken:

- 1. The 265 Consultants (list enclosed) who have applied to the QCI for accreditation / registration till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 will be permitted to appear before State Level Expert Appraisal Committee/State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEAC/SEIAA) for Category 'B' projects and Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for Category 'A' projects till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010. These 265 Consultants will also be permitted to certify various documents, as consultants, such as EIA/EMP.
- No consultant whose name does not figure in the uploaded list as of 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 would be permitted to appear before SEAC/SEIAA or EAC or certify any documents.
- 3. There is no requirement for accreditation to a foreign consultant if the foreign consultant concerned is assisting to or is a partner of an accredited Indian EIA Consultant. However, if a foreign consultant acts alone, he will need to get accredited with the QCI/NABET.

This O.M. issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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