

F. No. J-11015/348/2005-IA.II(M)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Impact Assessment Division)

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Dated: 30th January, 2023

To

M/s Lloyds Metals & Energy Limited,
A2, 2nd Floor, Madhu Estate,
Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Lower Parel,
Mumbai – 400013, Maharashtra.

Subject: Surjagarh Iron Ore Mine of M/s. Lloyds Metals & Energy Limited for mining of Iron Ore with production capacity of Iron Ore: 10.0 MTPA (ROM), Waste: 1.769 MTPA (Total Excavation: 11.769 MTPA) along with crushing and screening plant(250 TPH – 2 No. Semi mobile Jaw Crusher, 200 TPH – 4 No. Mobile Jaw Crusher, 200 TPH – 4 Nos. Mobile/Semi Mobile Screens, 400 TPH – 5 Nos. Mobile/Semi Mobile Screens, 200 TPH – 6 Nos. Mobile Cone Crusher) in the mine lease area of 348.09 Ha located near Village Surjagarh, Tehsil Etapalli, District Gadchiroli, Maharashtra - Environmental Clearance (Violation under SOP) - regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to the online proposal no. IA/MH/MIN/408171/2022 for grant of Environmental Clearance to M/s. Lloyds Metals & Energy Limited for mining of Iron Ore in Surjagarh Iron Ore Mine with production capacity of Iron Ore: 10.0 MTPA (ROM), Waste: 1.769 MTPA (Total Excavation:11.769 MTPA) along with crushing and screening plant (250 TPH - 2 No. Semi mobile Jaw Crusher, 200 TPH - 4 No. Mobile Jaw Crusher, 200 TPH - 4 Nos. Mobile/Semi Mobile Screens, 400 TPH - 5 Nos. Mobile/Semi Mobile Screens, 200 TPH - 6 Nos. Mobile Cone Crusher) in the mine lease area of 348.09 Ha, located near Village Surjagarh, Tehsil Etapalli, District Gadchiroli, Maharashtra.

2. The Project Proponent submitted that the Terms of Reference (ToR) was accorded by the Ministry vide Lr No. J-11015/348/2005-IA.II(M) dated 18.07.2022 under Ministry's SOP dated 07.07.2021. Project Proponent submitted the proposal for grant of Environmental Clearance vide online proposal no. IA/MH/MIN/408171/2022 dated 04.12.2022 along with final EIA/EMP report as per the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

3. The proposal was considered and recommended by the EAC in its EAC meeting held during 27th - 28th December, 2022 for grant of Environmental Clearance under Ministry's SOP dated 07.07.2021 subject to compliance of certain conditions including the following:

- i. Total budgetary provision with respect to Remediation plan and Natural & Community Resource Augmentation plan is Rs. 26.64/- Cr. Therefore, Project Proponent shall be required to submit a bank guarantee of an amount of Rs. 26.64/- Cr towards Remediation plan and Natural and Community Resource Augmentation plan with the SPCB prior to the grant of EC.

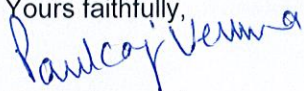
- ii. The project proponent shall be required to submit a bank guarantee of an amount of Rs. 26.64/- Cr towards Remediation plan and Natural and Community Resource Augmentation plan with the SPCB prior to the grant of EC. The bank guarantee validity shall be five years.
- iii. Remediation plan shall be completed in 3 years whereas bank guarantee shall be for 5 years. The bank guarantee will be released after successful implementation of the remediation plan and Natural and Community Resource Augmentation Plan, and after the recommendation by regional office of the Ministry, Expert Appraisal Committee and approval of the Regulatory Authority.
- iv. The bank guarantee shall be released after successful implementation of the EMP, followed by recommendations of the EAC and approval of the regulatory authority.

4. The Ministry accepts the recommendations of the EAC, it is requested to submit the bank guarantee of Rs. 26.64/- Cr with the State Pollution Control Board for consideration of the project for Environmental Clearance. The bank guarantee shall be released after successful implementation of the remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan, and after the recommendation by Regional Office of the Ministry, Expert Appraisal Committee and approval of the Regulatory Authority.

5. The Project Proponent estimated the penalty amount of Rs 5.48 Cr as per SOP dated 07.07.2021. The Ministry vide its OM dated 28th July, 2022 issued the direction regarding imposing penalty on violation cases as per provisions of the Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) dated 7th July, 2021. It has been directed that penalties levied as per the provisions of the above mentioned SoP shall be remitted by the project proponent into the fund which is maintained by the concerned State Pollution Control Board.


6. EC shall be issued on submission of proof regarding bank guarantee and payment towards penalty amount from State Pollution Control Board.

7. This issues with approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Pankaj Verma)
Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

- I. **The Deputy Director General of Forests (C)**, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur- 440 001.
- II. **The Chairman**, Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th floor, Opp. PVR Cinema, Sion Circle, Mumbai-400 022. It is requested to send the confirmation regarding the submission of bank guarantee by **M/s Lloyds Metals & Energy Limited (Project proponent) equivalent to the amount of Rs. 26.64/- Cr towards remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan and payment proof of Rs 5.48 Cr as per SOP dated 07.07.2021.**
- III. **The District Collector**, Gadchiroli District, Govt. of Maharashtra.
- IV. Guard File.


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