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To,
The Director (IA-III)
Infrastructure and Miscellaneous Projects + CRZ
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi-110003.

Sub: Submission of Form-I and Draft Terms of Reference for Kochi Water Metro Project

Sir,

Kochi Metro Rail Ltd (KMRL) is a joint venture of the Government of India and Government of Kerala incorporated in 2012 to address the traffic issues of Kochi city. KMRL, in line with the directives of the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India has spearheaded the task of setting up an integrated transportation system for Kochi. The proposed project recommends sixteen (16) identified routes connecting thirty-eight (38) jetties across ten (10) island communities across a 76 km network in Ernakulam.

The project aims to provide a safe, modern and reliable alternate transport mode to the islanders of Kochi City and thereby increase the opportunities available for the islanders. The project will also decrease the carbon footprint of Kochi City. The project involves the modernisation of existing jetties, construction of shore terminals, boatyards and operation of inland ferries.

In pursuance of the above, to obtain Prior Environmental Clearance from MoEF&CC, we are uploading the following documents:

- Form-I
- Proposed Terms of Reference for EIA Study
- Project Report

Although the project aims at revamping an existing water transportation system thereby reducing the land traffic and reducing the pollution levels in Kochi, it had to be classified as a Category 'A' project only due to its proximity to Vembanad Backwaters. Considering the nature of activities of the proposed project, it may be classified as a Category 'B' project for the purpose of EIA.



We request you to kindly peruse the proposals being submitted and issue the TOR for conducting the Rapid EIA Study.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,



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for Kochi Metro Rail Limited

Encl: As above