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To,

The Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & CC,
Govt. of India,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi – 110003.

**Sub :Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA)
- Regarding Extension of Validity of Environmental and CRZ Clearance**

Ref :EC granted by MoEF vide Letter No.10-53/2009-I.A.III dtd.22.11.2010

Sir ,

The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) granted approval for the development of a Greenfield airport at Navi Mumbai in July, 2007. The Navi Mumbai Airport is proposed to be developed through Public-Private Participation (PPP) by setting up a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) with CIDCO holding 26% equity. In July 2008, Government of Maharashtra granted approval for development of Navi Mumbai International Airport project on PPP basis and appointed CIDCO as the nodal agency for its implementation.

After obtaining approvals from MoCA and GoM, MoEF granted Environmental and CRZ Clearance for NMIA vide above reference in Nov.2010, with certain conditions to be complied by the project proponent. Since then CIDCO has initiated various activities for project formulation and implementation as detailed below.

Land Acquisition and R&R:

Airport and related activities involve acquisition of 671 ha of private land from 7 revenue villages out of which 292 ha is required for Core Airport area. Similarly Rehabilitation & Resettlement of approx. 3000 households from 10 settlements is required for development of Airport. CIDCO has been carrying out continuous negotiations with Project Affected People (PAP) from the inception of project, for the above activity. Ultimately an innovative package of "developed land for land to be acquired" agreeable to the PAP's was finalised in Nov. 2013. Accordingly, the State Government approved the Land Acquisition Package and Comprehensive R & R Policy vide its GR dtd 1st March 2014 and 28th May 2014 respectively. Since then CIDCO has been implementing the same and the plots are being allotted in pockets specially developed near the airport.

Other Clearances:

Bombay High Court has allowed CIDCO to clear 108.5 Ha of Mangroves for Development of Airport vide its Order dtd. 29th October, 2013. Standing Committee of NBWL has accorded Wild Life Clearance in respect of ESZ of Karnala Bird Sanctuary dtd. 1st August, 2013. Consent of Establishment for development of Airport was obtained from MPCB vide letter dtd. 14th October 2015.

As the EC granted was only for the core airport area, CIDCO applied and obtained CRZ clearance for off-site physical infrastructure of roads, bridges and interchanges, from MCZMA dated 15th February 2016.

Other conditions stipulated by the EC have also been complied by CIDCO such as Regular monitoring of Environmental parameters, Connectivity study for the Airport, Modification of Navi Mumbai Development Plan to include 615 ha of No Development Zone, declaration of Navi Mumbai Airport Influence Notified Area to prevent haphazard development near the airport etc.

Enhancing the connectivity to NMIA is of prime importance. While 10 laning of SionPanvel Expressway has been already completed by PWD, several connectivity improvement projects are in progress near the proposed airport such as widening of NH4B and AamraMarg by MJPRCL, Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) by MMRDA, development of Coastal road from MTHL to NMIA by CIDCO, Passenger Water Transport between Seawoods near NMIA to Ferry Wharf Mumbai, Metro connectivity to NMIA from other parts of MMR etc

Forest Clearance:

The Airport project involves 108.50 Ha of Mangroves and 142 Ha of reserved forest and considering this, CIDCO initiated the process of obtaining Forest Clearance for 250.50 ha area soon after getting the Environmental and CRZ clearance. Stage I forest clearance was obtained in Dec. 2013 and Stage II forest clearance was obtained in April 2017.

Predevelopment works:

One of the major activities involved in the development of NMIA is land development for airport platform using rock fill material generated from the dismantling of Ulwe hill falling within the core airport area. This land development would be taken up in two phases, the phase-I would be developed upto RL (+) 5.50 m using rockfill, at which various utility lines required will be laid and thereafter, phase-II work of land development would be taken up by again rock & finally earth fill upto RL (+) 8.00 m. The land development also includes diversion of Ulwe river which traverses across the airport site, through a channel being developed along the periphery.

The works of land development for NMIA have already been awarded to three agencies and work has been commenced in May 2017 after obtaining Forest Clearance in April 2017.

Similarly, existing overhead EHVT corridors of TATA power and MSETCL passing through the Airport and surrounding area need to be rerouted. Accordingly an optimized alignment of underground duct along the periphery of airport was finalized. At present various clearances are being obtained for implementation of the same.

Selection of concessionaire for NMIA:

The Strategic partner for Airport development through PPP is being selected through a global bidding process. CIDCO would hold 26% equity stake in the Airport SPV. CIDCO commenced the first stage of bidding process by issuing RFQ vide a global tender notice on 5th Feb.2014. Four Bidders who were accorded security clearance by Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI, namely GMR Airports, MIAL, VDPL and MIA Infrastructure were qualified at RFQ stage. RFP documents were issued to the four qualified bidders.. Mumbai International Airport Pvt Ltd. (MIAL) and GMR Airports submitted the bids on bid due date i.e. 13th Feb. 2017. Project will be awarded to Preferred Bidder after approval of Project Monitoring & Implementation Committee (PMIC) and State Cabinet.

CIDCO has been regularly submitting various compliances as per the conditions of Environmental and CRZ Clearance to MoEF, MPCB and CPCB.

It is expected that airport development work will be completed in 3 yrs period and operation of the Airport would start in 2020 however the recent grant of CRZ clearance for EHVT re-routing with conditions might delay the process further.

The Environmental and CRZ Clearance granted by MoEF would expire on 22nd Nov. 2017. The actual work of the Airport could not be taken uptill May 2017 due to various reasons stated above hence it is necessary to extend the validity of the Environmental and CRZ Clearance.

Accordingly, updated **Form I** is enclosed herewith. You are requested to kindly consider the application and grant extension of further 7 years to the Environmental and CRZ Clearance for Navi Mumbai International Airport.

With regards,

Yours faithfully



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Encl : As above.

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