

No.J-11015/62/2009-IA-II (M) Pt.  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change  
IA-II (Coal Mining) Division

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Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

To,

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**Sub: Revalidation/Transfer of Environmental Clearance of Sitanala Underground Coking coal Project of 0.3 MTPA (Steel Grade I- Washery-IV) in District Bokaro (Jharkhand) to M/s Steel Authority of India Limited - reg.**

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendment thereto had accorded Environmental Clearance (EC) for **Sitanala Underground Coking coal Project of 0.3 MTPA (Steel Grade I- Washery-IV)** in a total mine lease area of 321 ha located in District Bokaro (Jharkhand) to M/s Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) subject to compliance of terms and conditions stipulated therein vide letter No.J-11015/62/2009-IA.II (M) dated 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2010.

WHEREAS the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide judgment dated 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 read with the order dated 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 has cancelled the allocation of 204 coal blocks and issued directions with regard to such coal blocks wherein the Central Government in pursuance of the said directions has to take immediate action to implement the said order.

WHEREAS in pursuance of the judgment and order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the nominated authority has, in accordance with provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Second Ordinance, 2014 and the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Rules, 2014 conducted the auction of the mines.

WHEREAS Ministry of Coal (MOC) has requested vide letter No. 103/17/2015/NA dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 this Ministry to facilitate transfer of the Environment Clearance of the block to the successful allottees.


WHEREAS Ministry of Coal vide Allotment Order under clause (c) of sub-rule (2) of rule 7 and sub-rule (1) of rule 13 and Order No. 103/17/2015/NA dated 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2015 has allotted the **Sitanala Underground Coking coal Project of 0.3 MTPA (Steel Grade I- Washery-IV)** in a total mine lease area of 321 ha located in District Bokaro (Jharkhand) to M/s Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) as the successful allottee.



WHEREAS vide Gazette Notification S.O.811 (E) Notification dated 23.03.2015, MOEFCC has made amendments to paragraph 11 in the Gazette Notification S.O.1533 (E) dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006. Vide the said amendment; where an allocation of coal block is cancelled in any legal proceeding; or by the Government in accordance with law, the environmental clearance granted in respect of such coal block may be transferred, subject to the same validity period as was initially granted, to any legal person to whom such block is subsequently allocated, and in such case, obtaining of "no objection" from either the holder of environment clearance or from the regulatory authority concerned shall not be necessary and no reference shall be made to the Expert Appraisal Committee or the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee concerned.


WHEREAS in light of the MOC Allotment Order No.103/17/2015/NA dated 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2015, transfer of EC is not warranted as the Successful Allottee M/s SAIL is already in possession of the EC letter No.J-11015/62/2009-IA.II (M) dated 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2010. However, the said EC is hereby revalidated in favour of M/s Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) for **Sitanala Underground Coking coal Project of 0.3 MTPA (Steel Grade I- Washery-IV)** in a total mine lease area of 321 ha located in District Bokaro (Jharkhand), subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Any change in scope of work will attract the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the EIA Notification, 2006 in conjunction with the subsequent amendments/circulars.
- (ii) All conditions stipulated in the EC letter No.J-11015/62/2009-IA.II (M) dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2010 shall remain unchanged.
- (iii) The allottee shall be liable, if any, for any act of violation of the EP Act, 1986/EIA Notification 2006/subsequent amendments and circulars which it has inherited during the revalidation.
- (iv) The allottee shall be liable for compliance of all court directions, if any.

  
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