

F. No.J-11015/96/2004-IA.II (M)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
IA Division

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jorbagh Road, N Delhi - 3
Dated: 6th May, 2019

To,

M/s Bharat Aluminium Company Limited
Aluminium Sadan, Core 6,
Scope Office Complex,
7 Lodhi Road, **New Delhi** - 3

Sub: Chotia-II Captive coal mining project of 1 MTPA of M/s Bharat Aluminium Company Limited in mine lease area of 316.826 ha in Salaigot Village, Tehsil Podiuprodha, District Korba (Chhattisgarh) - Amendment in Environmental Clearance - reg.

Sir,

This refers to your online proposal no. IA/CG/CMIN/50275/2016 dated 31st October, 2018 on above subject, and further communication vide letter dated 27th February, 2019 and 6th April, 2019.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has granted environmental clearance dated 18th July, 2018 in favour of M/s Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) for Chotia-II Captive coal mining project of 1 MTPA in mine lease area of 316.826 ha located in Salaigot Village, Tehsil Podiuprodha, District Korba (Chhattisgarh), subject to compliance of certain terms and conditions, which *inter-alia* included the following:-

'4(ii) The environmental clearance for the capacity of 1 MTPA (opencast) shall be valid for a period up to one year. Meanwhile, the project proponent shall comply with the observations of the EAC for single EC against the combined mining lease and mining plan, to consider continuance of the project thereafter.'

3. Now the proposal has been submitted for amendment in the said environmental clearance to revise the above condition for single environmental clearance against the combined mining lease and mining plan.


4. The proposal was considered by sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee in its meeting held on 21st February, 2019. Based on recommendations of the EAC and subsequent deliberations in the Ministry, it is hereby clarified that validity of the environmental clearance dated 18th July, 2018 remains for a period of 30 years or life of the mine, whichever is earlier. The project may continue to operate accordingly, subject to compliance of the terms and conditions stipulated therein.

5. Meanwhile, the project proponent shall comply with the requirements set by the EAC in its meeting held on 21st January, 2019 for revalidation of the environmental clearance dated 10th November, 2005 for Chotia-I project, as mandated under the Ministry's Notification dated 6th April, 2018 in this regard.



6. It is further clarified that after revalidation of the environmental clearance for Chotia-I project, the proposal for single environmental clearance against the combined mining lease and the mining plan, or otherwise, shall be considered by the sectoral EAC as admissible in the EIA Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments therein.

7. This issues with approval of the competent authority.


6/5/2019
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3. The Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, Curzon Road Barracks, A-2, W-3 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi
4. The Secretary, Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Secretariat, Raipur
5. The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi - 32
6. The Member Secretary, Chhattisgarh State Environment Conservation Board, 1-Tilak Nagar, Shiv Mandir Chowk, Main Road, Avanti Vihar, Raipur - 492001 (Chhattisgarh)
7. The District Collector, Korba, Government of Chhattisgarh
8. Monitoring File 9. Guard File 10. Record File. 11. Notice Board