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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

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Dated: 13.05.2020

To

M/s Usha Martin Ltd.
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Sub: Coal Based Captive Thermal Power Plant of 2x10 MW at Village Tatisilwai, District Ranchi in Jharkhand by M/s. Usha Martin Ltd. – reg. amendment of EC regarding permission to transport coal by road.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer your online application No. **IA/JH/THE/138854/2020** dated 27.01.2020 for seeking permission to transport coal by road for the above mentioned project.

2. It has been noted that Environmental Clearance (EC) for the above project was accorded vide letter dated 07.04.2011. Subsequently, the Ministry vide letter dated 9.10.2019 granted:-

- a) ex-post facto permission for sourcing of coal through e-auction and transportation by road for a period of three years i.e. till 31.03.2018;
- b) permission to transport coal by road for further period of three years, i.e. till 31.03.2021; from
 - i. Sikini mines- 124.4 km
 - ii. Magadh Mines- 145.5 km
 - iii. Amrapali mines- 141.9 km, and
- c) amendments regarding sourcing coal through e-auction, land requirement to 22.437 acres instead of 12.278 acres and ash content to 41.7% instead of 34%.

3. It has been noted that the 2x10 MW Captive Power Plant was established to ensure the uninterrupted power supply to Steel Wire and Wire rope plant to prevent breakage of wire to ensure internationally acceptable wire ropes particularly for use in critical safety applications. The wire rope plant is providing employment to 4400 workmen.

4. It was informed that the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its judgment dated 25.8.2014 and 24.9.2014 cancelled allocation of Lohari Coal Block which was to cater coal requirement to the captive power plant. The plant started its operations with commissioning of 1st Unit on 31.3.2012 and 2nd Unit on 31.12.2012. At present, the company has been sourcing coal through e-auction from nearby mines of Central Coalfields Ltd. But during recent times e-auction is very much irregular which resulted in coal shortage as well as high production costs. It was informed that the company was forced to stop its production of one unit for 82 days in the year 2019.

5. It has been informed that the auctioned quantity has reduced by 47% and 59% in FY 19 and FY20 (till Dec 2019) respectively as compared to quantity offered during FY18 which reduced the chances of winning the required quantity of coal for the Power Plant.

6. The Coal requirement for the power plant is 0.183 MTPA. The coal quantity of 500 tonnes per day involving to & fro movement of 40 tippers per day with capacity 25 tonnes. It has been now proposed to procure coal by road from a) West Bokaro Ghato Mines & Jamadoba Mines of Tata Steel, and b) Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd., Ranchi through Bilateral agreement/Window Sale. The Traffic Impact Assessment Report has been submitted for the proposed routes of coal transportation. The details of these routes are as below:

Routes	Length, km	Length of Stretch (in km) w.r.t. Type				Type of road
		Single Lane (<5.5 m)	Intermediate (≥ 5.5 m)	Two Lane (≥ 7 m)	Multi-lane (≥ 10 m)	
Route-1: HEC Plant to CPP.	64.77	0.90	2.80	2.02	59.05	Black top: 64.57 & Concrete: 0.2 km
Route-2: West Bokaro OC coal mine of Tata Steel to CPP.	66.76	0.90	0.00	0.30	65.56	Black Top: 66.76 km

7. The traffic sufficiency assessment has been estimated. The percentage utilisation of road after taking into consideration of existing traffic and incremental is in the range of 32-116%. Where existing traffic is exceeding the design service volume of the road, it has been proposed to restrict the movement of trucks to the time period between 9 pm to 8 am only, when the traffic is lean.

8. The baseline air quality has been collected at various locations along the route. Incremental concentrations have been predicted and the cumulative concentrations including baseline data are within the ambient air quality standards.

9. It has been informed that all other environmental and safety measures will be implemented such as dust control measures at unloading point, covering trucks with tarpaulin cover, maintenance of vehicles and following Central Motor Vehicles Act and Rules for maintaining road safety.

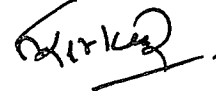
10. The matter was placed before the Re-constituted Expert Appraisal Committee (Thermal Power) in its meetings held on 21.2.2020. In acceptance of the

recommendations of the EAC in its meeting held on 21.2.2020 and in view of the information/documents/clarifications furnished by you, with respect to the above mentioned power project, **the Ministry hereby accords permission to transport coal by road through additional routes from West Bokaro Ghato Mines & Jamadoba Mines of Tata Steel Ltd. and Heavy Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd., Ranchi for a period two years** subject to following additional conditions:

- i. The coal shall be transported through Route-1: HECL, Ranchi during lean traffic period (9 pm to till 8 am).
 - ii. Water sprinkling is to be carried out at the road stretch near Tatisilwai village to control secondary dust.
11. All other conditions mentioned in the EC vide dated 07.04.2011 and amendment letter dated 9.10.2019 shall remain the same, as applicable.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. S. Kerketta)
Director, IA.I

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110001.
2. The Chairman, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.
3. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.
4. The Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (ECZ), Bungalow No. A-2, Shyamali Colony, Ranchi- 834002.
5. The Secretary (Environment), Forests and Environment Department Government of Jharkhand.
6. The Chairman, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, TA Building, HEC Complex, P.O. Dhurwa, Distt. Ranchi.
7. The District Collector, Ranchi District, Govt. of Jharkhand.
8. Guard file/Monitoring file.
9. Website of MoEF&CC.


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