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To,

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**Sub: Cement Grinding Unit (200 TPD OPC/PPC) at Dag No.49, Pata No.12, P.O. Tapesia, Village Kamarkuchi (NC), Taluka Panabari, District Kamrup (M), Assam by M/s A.G. Cement Private Limited regarding Environmental Clearance.**

Sir,

This has reference to your letter no. nil dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 along with copy of final EIA report seeking environment clearance under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006.

2. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has examined the proposal. It is noted that M/s A.G. Cement Private Limited have proposed for the Cement Grinding Unit (200 TPD/OPC/PPC) at Village Kamarkuchi (NC), Taluka Panabari, District Kamrup(M), Assam. Total land area required is 9,609 m<sup>2</sup> (0.96 ha), which is a private land. Green belt will be provided in 33% of plant area. No national parks/wild life sanctuaries/reserve forests are located within 10 km radius of the project. No rehabilitation and resettlement is involved. River Digara flows at a distance of 8 km. Proposed project will be located in Seismic Zone V and earthquake resistance structure will be provided. State boundary of Assam and Meghalaya is located at a distance of 5 km. Total cost of the project is Rs. 646.63 Lakhs. Rs. 35.0 Lakhs and Rs.10.50 Lakhs are earmarked towards capital cost and recurring cost/annum for environment pollution control measures.

3. It is also noted that reverse pulse jet type bag filters to clinker crusher and discharge tube/feeder hopper, cement blending silo, packing house and twin-cyclone separator followed by reverse pulse jet type bag filter to cement mill and discharge tube will be provided to control particulate emission within 50 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>. Dust extraction system, bag house, ID Fan, cyclone will be provided to control fugitive emissions. Fly ash will be transported in closed trucks / tankers and will be mechanically transported into silos to mitigate the impact of dust emission.

4. Water requirement of 7m<sup>3</sup>/day will be met from the bore well. Closed circuit cooling water system will be adopted. Clarifier and sludge pond will be provided for the removal of suspended solids. The treated effluent will be used for ash conditioning, dust suppression and green belt development. Service water will be passed through oil separator to remove oil content in the effluent. Domestic effluent (2.7 KLD) will be treated in septic tank followed by soak pit. No process effluent will be generated and discharged outside the premises and 'Zero' discharge will be adopted. All the dust generated will be recycled and reused in the

process. Waste/used/spent oil will be used in the plant for lubrication or sold to authorized recyclers / re-processors. Acoustic enclosures will be provided to D.G. Set. Power (600 KW) will be sourced from Assam Electricity Board (ASEB). DG set (600 KVA) will also be installed for emergency.

5. All the Stand Alone Cement Grinding Units are listed at S. No. 3(b) under Category 'B' and should have been appraised by the SEIAA/SEAC at State level. Due to non-existence of SEIAA/SEAC in Assam, proposal has been appraised by the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry) at the Central level.

6. The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee -1 (Industry) in its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting held during 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> July, 2010. The Committee has recommended the proposal for environmental clearance subject to stipulation of specific conditions along with other environmental conditions. Public hearing was exempted as the project was categorized as category 'B2'

7. Based on the information submitted by you, presentation made by you and your consultant, M/s En-vision Enviro Engineers Ltd., Surat, the Ministry of Environment and Forests hereby accords environmental clearance to the above project under the provisions of EIA Notification dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006 subject to strict compliance of the following Specific and General conditions:

**A. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS :**

- i. Continuous stack monitoring facilities to monitor gaseous emissions from all the stacks shall be provided. Particulate emissions shall be controlled within 50 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> by installing adequate air pollution control system viz. Bag filters and stacks of adequate height etc. Data on ambient air, fugitive and stack emissions shall be submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office at Shillong, Assam State Pollution Control Board (ASPCB) and CPCB regularly.
- ii. The National Ambient Air Quality Standards issued by the Ministry vide G.S.R. No. 826(E) dated 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 shall be followed.
- iii. Gaseous emission levels including secondary fugitive emissions from all the sources shall be controlled within the latest permissible limits issued by the Ministry and regularly monitored. Guidelines/Code of Practice issued by the CPCB shall be followed.
- iv. The company shall install adequate dust collection and extraction system to control fugitive dust emissions at various transfer points, raw mill handling (unloading, conveying, transporting, stacking), vehicular movement, bagging and packing areas etc. All the raw material stock piles shall be covered. A closed clinker stockpile system shall be provided. All conveyers should be covered with GI sheets. Covered sheds for storage of raw materials and fully covered conveyers for transportation of materials shall be provided besides coal, cement, fly ash and clinker shall be stored in silos. Pneumatic system shall be used for fly ash handling.
- v. Asphaltting/concreting of roads and water spray all around the stockyard and loading/unloading areas in the cement plant shall be carried out to control fugitive emissions. Regular water sprinkling shall be carried out in critical areas prone to air pollution and having high levels of SPM and RSPM such as haul road, loading and unloading points, transfer points and other vulnerable areas. It shall be ensured that

the ambient air quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board in this regard.

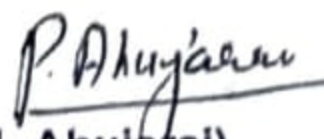
- vi. Efforts shall be made to reduce impact of the transport of the raw materials and end products on the surrounding environment including agricultural land. All the raw materials including fly ash shall be transported in the closed containers only and shall not be overloaded. Vehicular emissions should be regularly monitored.
- vii. Total water requirement for cement plant from bore wells shall not exceed 7m<sup>3</sup>/day. All the treated wastewater shall be recycled and reused in the process and/or for dust suppression and green belt development and other plant related activities etc. No process wastewater shall be discharged outside the factory premises and 'zero' discharge shall be adopted.
- viii. Efforts shall be made to make use of rain water harvested. If needed, capacity of the reservoir shall be enhanced to meet the maximum water requirement. Only balance water requirement shall be met from other sources.
- ix. All the bag filter dust, raw meal dust, coal dust, clinker dust and cement dust from pollution control devices shall be recycled and reused in the process used for cement manufacturing. Spent oil and batteries shall be sold to authorized recyclers / reprocessors only.
- x. Green belt shall be developed in at least 33 % area in and around the cement plant as per the CPCB guidelines to mitigate the effects of air emissions in consultation with local DFO.
- xi. At least 5 % of the total cost of the project shall be earmarked towards the corporate social responsibility and item-wise details along with time bound action plan should be prepared and submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office at Shillong. Implementation of such program shall be ensured accordingly in a time bound manner.
- xii. The company shall provide housing for construction labour within the site with all necessary infrastructure and facilities such as fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile STP, safe drinking water, medical health care, crèche etc. The housing may be in the form of temporary structures to be removed after the completion of the project.

**B. GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

- i. The project authorities must strictly adhere to the stipulations made by the Assam State Pollution Control Board and the State Government.
- ii. No further expansion or modifications in the plant shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- iii. The gaseous emissions from various process units shall conform to the load/mass based standards notified by this Ministry on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 1993 and standards prescribed from time to time. The State Pollution Control Board may specify more stringent standards for the relevant parameters keeping in view the nature of the industry and its size and location.

- iv. At least four ambient air quality monitoring stations should be established in the downward direction as well as where maximum ground level concentration of PM<sub>10</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> are anticipated in consultation with the SPCB. Data on ambient air quality and stack emission shall be regularly submitted to this Ministry including its Regional Office at Shillong and the SPCB/CPCB once in six months.
- v. Industrial wastewater shall be properly collected, treated so as to conform to the standards prescribed under GSR 422 (E) dated 19<sup>th</sup> May, 1993 and 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1993 or as amended from time to time. The treated wastewater shall be utilized for plantation purpose.
- vi. The overall noise levels in and around the plant area shall be kept well within the standards (85 dBA) by providing noise control measures including acoustic hoods, silencers, enclosures etc. on all sources of noise generation. The ambient noise levels shall conform to the standards prescribed under EPA Rules, 1989 viz. 75 dBA (daytime) and 70 dBA (nighttime).
- vii. Occupational health surveillance of the workers should be done on a regular basis and records maintained as per the Factories Act.
- viii. The company shall develop surface water harvesting structures to harvest the rain water for utilization in the lean season besides recharging the ground water table.
- ix. The project proponent shall also comply with all the environmental protection measures and safeguards recommended in the EIA/EMP report. Further, the company must undertake socio-economic development activities in the surrounding villages like community development programmes, educational programmes, drinking water supply and health care etc.
- x. As proposed, Rs 35 lakhs and Rs. 10.5 lakhs shall be earmarked towards capital cost and recurring cost/annum for environment pollution control measures to implement the conditions stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests as well as the State Government. An implementation schedule for implementing all the conditions stipulated herein shall be submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry at Shillong. The funds so provided shall not be diverted for any other purpose.
- xi. A copy of clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zila Parishad/Municipal Corporation, Urban Local Body and the local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal. The clearance letter shall also be put on the web site of the company by the proponent.
- xii. The project proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the stipulated environment clearance conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and shall update the same periodically. It shall simultaneously be sent to the Regional Office of the MOEF at Shillong. The respective Zonal Office of CPCB and the SPCB. The criteria pollutant levels namely; PM<sub>10</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> (ambient levels as well as stack emissions) or critical sectoral parameters, indicated for the projects shall be monitored and displayed at a convenient location near the main gate of the company in the public domain.

- xiii. The project proponent shall also submit six monthly reports on the status of the compliance of the stipulated environmental conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) to the Regional Office of MOEF, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and the SPCB. The Regional Office of this Ministry at Shillong/ CPCB / SPCB shall monitor the stipulated conditions.
  - xiv. The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March in Form-V as is mandated to be submitted by the project proponent to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be put on the website of the company alongwith the status of compliance of environmental conditions and shall also be sent to the respective Regional Office of the MOEF at Shillong by e-mail.
  - xv. The Project Proponent shall inform the public that the project has been accorded environmental clearance by the Ministry and copies of the clearance letter are available with the SPCB and may also be seen at Website of the Ministry of Environment and Forests at <http://envfor.nic.in>. This shall be advertised within seven days from the date of issue of the clearance letter, at least in two local newspapers that are widely circulated in the region of which one shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned and a copy of the same should be forwarded to the Regional office at Shillong
  - xvi. Project authorities shall inform the Regional Office as well as the Ministry, the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of commencing the land development work.
9. The Ministry may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory.
10. The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions if found necessary. The Company in a time bound manner shall implement these conditions.
11. Any appeal against this environmental clearance shall lie with the National Environment Appellate Authority, if preferred within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 11 of the National Environment Appellate Act, 1997.
12. The above conditions shall be enforced, inter-alia under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling and Trans boundary Movement) Rules, 2008 and the Public (Insurance) Liability Act, 1991 along with their amendments and rules

  
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