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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Change in configuration from 2x600 MW Sub-Critical Technology to 2x660 MW Super-Critical Technology Imported Coal Based Thermal Power Project at villages Erukkattanchery, Kazhizppanallur and Manichkapangu, in Tarangambadi Taluk, in Nagapattinam Distt., in Tamil Nadu and others - Amendment of environmental clearance - reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your letter no.CPCL/MoEF/13-14/021, dated 24.06.2013 requesting for amendment in the environmental clearance accorded by this Ministry vide its letter of even no. dated **20.01.2011**.

2. The Ministry of Environment & Forests had accorded environmental clearance for 2x600 MW Imported Coal Based TPP proposed to be set up at villages Erukkattanchery, Kazhizppanallur and Manichkapangu, in Tarangambadi Taluk, in Nagapattinam Distt., in Tamil Nadu, on 20.01.2011 as per the procedure laid in the EIA Notification, 2006.

3. Subsequently, the aforesaid environmental clearance was challenged before the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in the matter of Appeal No. 12 of 2011. The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in its judgment dated 30.05.2012 had directed the Ministry to "appraise the project based on updated EIA report both on terrestrial and marine ecology and also based on objections / suggestions received (if any) on the aforesaid updated reports". The Hon'ble Tribunal had also suspended the environmental clearance until the appraisal mentioned above is carried out and the Ministry takes a decision.

4. In pursuance to the directions of the Hon'ble NGT, the updated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports (terrestrial and marine) was placed before the Expert Appraisal Committee (Thermal Power) in its meetings held during October 8-9, 2012; November 5-6, 2012; December 4, 2012; and January 7-8, 2013. The Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) had noted that the project proponent shall submit para-wise response

/remarks/information on the order of the NGT. That the EAC had also decided that the response shall be submitted in the form of an affidavit duly signed by the Competent Authority in the organization and notarized. The EAC had also decided that the response/ remarks/ information shall be accompanied by a Board Resolution certifying that the signatory of the affidavit providing response/remarks/information submitted is authorized to sign. The EAC had further advised M/s Chettinad Power Corpn Pvt. Ltd. to provide a copy of the revised EIA report to the appellant immediately.

5. It is noted that the EAC after detailed deliberations of the updated EIA reports and the issues flagged by Coastal Action Network and the corresponding response made by M/s Chettinad Power Corpn. Pvt. Ltd. have finally recommended that the environmental clearance earlier recommended stands upheld as no purpose in particular environmental and social concerns could be solved by further delaying implementation of the project. The EAC however have also recommended that few additional conditions earlier not prescribed shall be further added/prescribed.

6. The Ministry accepted the recommendation of the EAC (Thermal Power) for amendment / stipulation of additional conditions to the environmental clearance accorded to the project on 20.01.2011 and additional conditions over and above the conditions stipulated in the Ministry's letter of even no., dated 20.01.2011 was issued vide its letter dated 13.06.2013.

7. The request for change in configuration has been examined and in acceptance of the recommendation of the Expert Appraisal Committee (Thermal Power) made in its 32nd Meeting held during September 12-13, 2011, the following changes as mentioned under shall be made in this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 20.01.2011 and 13.06.2013.

- a) The figures 2x600 MW mentioned in the subject matter and at para no. 2 of this Ministry's letter of even no., dated 20.01.2011 and in the subject matter of this Ministry's letter of even no., letter dated 13.06.2013 shall be now read as "2x660 MW Super-Critical Technology".
- b) Under para no. 4, the specific condition no. (viii) read as "*Sulphur and ash contents in the coal to be used in the project shall not exceed 0.6 % and 34 % respectively at any given time. In case of variation of coal quality at any point of time, fresh reference shall be made to MoEF for suitable amendments to environmental clearance condition wherever necessary*", shall be now read as under:

"Sulphur and ash contents in the imported coal to be used in the project shall not exceed 0.6 % and 8.8 % respectively at any given time. The calorific value of the imported coal shall be not less than 5000 Kcal/kg. In case of variation of coal quality at any point of time, fresh reference

shall be made to the Ministry of Environment & Forests for appropriate consideration”.

3. All other conditions mentioned in this Ministry’s letters of even no. **20.01.2011** and **13.06.2013** shall remain the same.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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3. The Chairman, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.
4. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Pollution Control Board, No. 76, Mount Road, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032
5. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi- 110032.
6. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office (SZ), Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor E&F Wings 17th Main Road, 1 Block , Koranmangala, Bangalore -560 034.
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