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**MINUTES OF THE 12th MEETING OF STATE LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (SEAC), JHARKHAND HELD FROM 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013**

The 12th meeting of State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Jharkhand was held from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> December 2013 under the Chairmanship of Sh. A.K. Saxena in the Conference Room at 170 C, Ashok Nagar, Ranchi. The following members were present:

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| 1. | Sh. S.B.S Chauhan          | - Member    |
| 2. | Er. S.K. Singh             | - Member    |
| 3. | Dr. R.P. Singh Sangu       | - Member    |
| 4. | Prof. (Dr.) M.C. Mahata    | - Member    |
| 5. | Prof (Dr) Shatrunjay Singh | - Member    |
| 6. | Dr M. Mahto                | - Secretary |

At the outset the members of the committee went through the Minutes of 11th Meeting held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013 and confirmed the same. Besides review of Projects SEAC members deliberated on some other issues and the same are as follows:

1. Sh. A.K. Saxena, Chairman, SEAC informed the Committee members that on request made by Member Secretary, SEIAA he had attended the SEIAA meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The following issues were discussed in his presence:

a) Request made by Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee Integrated in respect of their Municipal Solid Waste Management Project at Mouja Khairbani, Jamshedpur District East Singhbhum, Jharkhand for carrying out monitoring prior to issue of TOR. Since this is a Government project and the funds are available till March 2014 the matter was considered and agreed to subject to PP's own risk. *done*

b) Matter related to S.O. 2731 (E) issued by MOEF Government of India on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 was discussed in view of relaxation of General Conditions which shall apply except for project or activity of less than 5 ha of mining lease area for minor minerals. It was also noted that the above exception shall not apply for project or activity if the sum total of the mining lease area of the said project or activity and that of existing operating mines and mining projects which were accorded environment clearance and are located within 500 metres from the periphery of such project or activity equals or exceeds 5 ha. The matter was deliberated and it was agreed to drop the requirement of Certificate from DFO (as per SEIAA, Jharkhand Guidelines) in respect of above. The Annexure I of SEIAA, Jharkhand guidelines will be modified accordingly. [The point has not been recorded in MOM of SEIAA meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013] *This can be considered in the next SEIAA meeting*

c) Matter related to mining of Brick Earth / Ordinary Earth came up for deliberations and it was agreed to relax the existing conditions. ✓

d) A number of proposals in respect of mining of river bed sand has been received by SEIAA for grant of EC. In view of decisions taken by Government it was agreed to refer the matter to Government and seek their advice regarding policy to be adopted, *In view of latest decision of the govt (MOEF) there should not be any problem*

e) Matter related to manpower (pending for more than six months) and additional PC came up for discussions. It was agreed to expedite the process in respect of both.

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*a detailed proposal may be prepared*  
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- f) Chairman SEIAA expressed his concern about the statement negligible impact due to Stone Mines mentioned in SEAC recommendations in respect of Stone mining Projects. Chairman SEAC informed that all possible environmental issues including CSR, Green Belt development, provision of funds for development, environment protection measures, etc. are deliberated by the committee during the presentations prior to forwarding SEAC recommendations to SEIAA. Chairman SEAC agreed to discuss with other members and modify the language form next meeting which is due from 26<sup>th</sup> December 2013.
2. SEAC members went through the Point B of SEIAA meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2013. The observations are as follows
- i) The proposals for EC for small stone mines which fall under B2 category are being considered without approved mine plans or schemes as such the progressive mine closure plans alongwith financial closure cannot be treated as final. In such a situation conditional EC / TOR's are being recommended by SEAC with contribution towards CSR which includes improving socio economic aspects of the inhabitants of the area. Necessary budget provisions are insisted. However being small quarries with limited manpower (10 to 15 in many cases) CSR and occupational considerations may not get due attention. Still PP's are asked to take into consideration these issues.
- ii) SEAC members felt that they are working under several constraints and their efforts are not being acknowledged / appreciated by SEIAA instead remarks are made without any basis. Another instance is the overlooking of SEAC recommendations (4 cases) made by SEIAA (refer 10<sup>th</sup> SEIAA MOM). The points were brought to the notice of Member Secretary, SEIAA and based on his suggestion a separate note with already available annexures were forwarded to him for review (Copy enclosed). SEIAA in its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting approved all the 4 cases.
3. With regard to the issues mentioned in the Point B of SEIAA meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2013 it was decided that reappraisal will be carried out after joint meeting of SEAC and SEIAA.

Regarding Chairman SEIAA's concern about the statement "negligible impact" action will be taken as assured by Chairman SEAC. In this regard it may be noted that the MOM of SEAC's 11th Meeting held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013 were duly received in SEIAA office on 16<sup>th</sup> December and as such could not be modified.

Members of SEAC went through the sentence "In view of the size of the mine, production rate and the mineral mined the committee felt that the operation of the mine will have negligible impact on the surroundings." And decided to modify it as follows "In view of the size of the mine, production rate and the mineral mined and the assurance given by PP that he will give due consideration to environment by maintaining haul roads and water sprinkling on same, carrying out CSR activities for socio-economic development, development of green belt, due consideration of occupational health of persons engaged in mining the committee felt that the operation of the mine will practically have no major impact on the surroundings". However the above will form a part of EC conditions as have been recommended earlier. The matter will be discussed

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and the MOM of 11th Meeting of SEAC held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013 will be modified and sent to SEIAA after joint meeting of SEAC and SEIAA.


4. SEAC members went through the Office Memorandum dated 24<sup>th</sup> December 2013 issued by MOEF and the recommendations of the Committee which have made categorization of Category 'B' projects / activities into Category 'B1' & 'B2' listed in the Schedule of EIA Notification, 2006 and its amendments. Since these have wide ranging implications it is suggested that a Joint meeting of SEAC and SEIAA may be convened at the earliest. Copy of Office Memorandum is enclosed for ready reference. | 2/25
5. In view of the Office Memorandum dated 24<sup>th</sup> December 2013 issued by MOEF, SEAC felt that the next meeting of SEAC be held after the Joint Meeting and suggests that no proposals should be accepted by SEIAA without approved Mine Plans which have been made mandatory under the above Office Memorandum. | 2/25

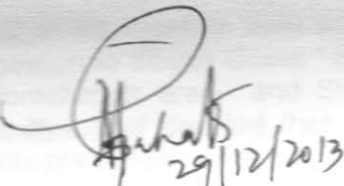
It is requested that a Joint meeting of SEAC and SEIAA may be convened at the earliest to sort out various issues. MOM of SEAC recommendations on various proposals examined by it during the meeting held from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> December 2013 will be forwarded later.



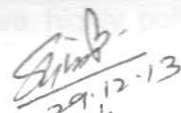
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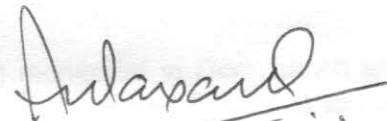
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No. 116

Dated. 30.11.2013

## Subject : Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEIAA dated 12/11/2013

This has reference to the matter under subject and to the discussions Chairman, Members and Secretary, SEAC had with you on 21/11/2013 on various points recorded in the above mentioned MOM. As suggested point-wise clarifications are submitted below for your perusal and necessary action

### 1. Nawada Stone Quarry of M/s Vinayak Minerals, Village Nawada, Tehsil-Domchanch, Dist.- Koderma, Jharkhand. (Area 0.28 ha). (Point No. 11 of MOM)

The above Project came up for presentation before SEAC in its meeting held from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013. Since there are a large number of stone mines and crushers in Domchanch area which is highly polluted - the committee had decided that a team may visit the area in September / October to assess the conditions there. SEIAA in its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> August had suggested that site visit be undertaken with case wise justification. Accordingly, in the SEAC meeting held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September had deliberated on the issue and recorded as follows. Quote " PP has submitted desired information. PP has also submitted data of Ambient Air Quality monitored on 10.09.2013 at 3 stations around the mine as per JSPCB guidelines. The committee asked PP to obtain data (non - monsoon) monitored in Domchanch area from JSPCB and provide to SEAC for its information by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013. This will enable SEAC to know about the Air Quality prevailing in the area". Unquote.

SEAC in its meeting held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September had also made the following suggestion to SEIAA Quote " Since there are a large number of stone mines and crushers in Domchanch area and Shahibgunj area and the same are highly polluted - the committee had decided that a team will visit these areas in September / October to assess the conditions there. SEIAA in its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> August had suggested that site visit be undertaken with case wise justification. Since the idea of visits was to have an overall idea of the Environment there the Committee debated on the issue and decided to recommend to SEIAA to get Regional studies carried out in these areas either directly or request Department of Forests and Environment, Government of Jharkhand or JSPCB to get the same conducted". Unquote

The purpose to ask PP to obtain data (non - monsoon) monitored in Domchanch area from JSPCB and provide to SEAC for its information by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013 was to have an idea of the ambient air quality prevailing in the area. .

Since this is Category B2 Project no EIA / EMP Report is required as such monitoring is also not called for. Further PP in his Appendix II has given mitigation measures to be adopted for control of pollution. Considering the above SEIAA may consider granting EC to Nawada Stone Quarry of M/s Vinayak Minerals Village Nawada, Tehsil- Domchanch, Dist.- Koderma, Jharkhand. (Area 0.28 ha).

### 2. M/s Mittal Cement's 39600TPA Cement Grinding at Village Rangdih, Tehsil-Govindpur, District Dhanbad, Jharkhand (Point No. 13 of MOM)

The above Project came up for presentation before SEAC in its meeting held from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013. PP was asked to submit copies of Accreditation Certificate of QCI NABET in respect of M/s. ENV Developmental Assistance Systems (I) Pvt Ltd, Lucknow as Consultants and Dr S Prasad of Shiva Test House, Patna as Project Co-ordinator to SEAC by 24.08.2013. PP had submitted the same on 21.09.2013.

Copies of the same are attached with this note for kind reference. Considering the above SEIAA may consider granting EC to M/s Mittal Cement's 39600TPA Cement Grinding at Village Rangdih, Tehsil- Govindpur, District Dhanbad, Jharkhand.

**3. Tekrahatu Limestone Mine of M/s Shri Banwarilall Newatia, Village Tekrahatu Singhpokharia, Thana- Kolhan , Dist.- West Singhbhum, Jharkhand (Area 9.187 Ha) (Point No. 13 of MOM)**

The above Project came up for presentation before SEAC in its meeting held from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013. PP was asked to submit information which he duly submitted vide his letter dated 21.09.2013 .

Accordingly, in the SEAC meeting held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September had deliberated on the issue and recorded as follows. Quote " PP has submitted the above information. On seeing the records of production it is observed that the mining continued after expiry of mining lease in 1995, without environmental clearance and there is an increase in production after 1994 and also after 2006 without EC when the EIA stipulations were in force. This a case of violation and an undertaking by the Management stating that that there will not be any violation in future has been submitted. Regarding Compliance Report on conditions stipulated by JSPCB the PP was asked to submit copies of consent application submitted to JSPCB alongwith Environment Statement for past three years. PP has submitted the same" Unquote.

Copies of the clarifications submitted by PP vide his letter dated 21.09.2013 are attached with this note for kind reference. Considering the above SEIAA may consider granting EC. SEAC in its recommendation made to SEIAA had mentioned that SEIAA writes to the State Government to take credible action against PP. In this regard as desired a copy of letter written by MOEF, Government of India to Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi in some other case is enclosed for reference / guidance.

Considering the above SEIAA may consider granting EC to Tekrahatu Limestone Mine of M/s Shri Banwarilall Newatia, Village Tekrahatu Singhpokharia, Thana- Kolhan , Dist.- West Singhbhum, Jharkhand (Area 9.187 Ha)

**4. Harup Bauxite & Laterite Mine Project of, M/s Shri Girish Kumar Popat, Village Harup, Tehsil Bishunpur, Dist.- Gumla, Jharkhand (Area 45.65 Ha) (Point No. 14 of MOM).**

The above Project came up for presentation before SEAC in its meeting held from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013. PP was asked to submit information which he duly submitted vide his letter dated 21.09.2013 .

Accordingly, in the SEAC meeting held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September had deliberated on the issue and recorded as follows. Quote " PP has submitted the above information except for item 1. PP has applied to DMO Gumla for same. On seeing the records of production it is observed that the mining continued after expiry of mining lease on 25.03.2010, without environmental clearance and there is also an increase in production after 1994 and also after 2006 without EC when the EIA stipulations were in force. This a case of violation and an undertaking by the Management stating that that there will not be any violation in future has been submitted". Unquote.

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Considering the above SEIAA may consider granting TOR's to Harup Bauxite & Laterite Mine Project of, M/s Shri Girish Kumar Popat, Village Harup, Tehsil Bishunpur, Dist.- Gumla, Jharkhand (Area 45.65 Ha).

Besides above Member Secretary, SEIAA was requested to expedite action for which decision was taken in the Joint Meeting of SEIAA and SEAC held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Further he was requested to distribute / reorganize the existing manpower and an additional PC for effective functioning. *provide*

The above points are being forwarded to Member Secretary, SEIAA for necessary action.

*A.K. Saxena*  
(A.K. Saxena) 28/11/13  
Chairman, SEAC

Member Secretary  
SEIAA

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Dated March 27, 2012

To

The Secretary  
Department of Environment  
Government of Jharkhand  
Secretariat, Ranchi.

Subject: Hisri (Old) Bauxite Mine of M/s Hindalco Industries Ltd., District Lohardaga, Jharkhand - environmental clearance - regarding.

Sir,

The above mentioned project for enhancement of production of Iron and Manganese ore was received in the Ministry for environmental clearance in terms of the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. While appraising the project, it was observed that the production from the said mine was enhanced after the EIA Notification coming into force without obtaining requisite prior environmental clearance as was required under the EIA Notification, 1994 thereby violating the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

2 Ministry of Environment & Forests has taken a decision that in all such cases involving violation of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, environmental clearance will be issued only after the State Government concerned has initiated credible action on the violation and evidence is provided to MoEF of the credible action taken.

3 Accordingly, the State Government was requested to take action against the above unit by invoking powers under Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for the period for which the unit had operated without obtaining the requisite prior environmental clearance.

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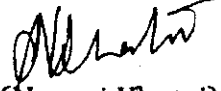
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4 In response to the same, the project proponent has sent us a copy of the following documents (copy enclosed):-

- (i) Affidavit-cum-Declaration from project proponent that violation shall not be repeated.
- (ii) State Pollution Control Board directions for closure of the mine under Section 33A of Water Act and 31A of Air Act.
- (iii) Order-sheet of proceedings along the notice from the Court of District Collector to the project proponent.

5. The above proposal documents have been examined and the undersigned has been directed to convey that the credible action will be deemed to have been initiated only after the State Government has filed a complaint in a judicial Court against the unit. Accordingly, it is requested to initiate action against the unit for the violation made and submit details of the same to the Ministry to enable us to take a decision in this matter.

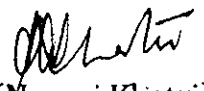
6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
(Neeraj Khatri)  
Dy. Director

Encl. as above

**Copy to:**

1. The Chairman, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, T.A. Division Building (Ground Floor), HEC Campus, P.O. Dhurwa, Ranchi - 834004, Jharkhand.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office (EZ), Ministry of Environment and Forests, A-3 Chandrashekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023.
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(Neeraj Khatri)  
Dy. Director



No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II (I)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests

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Dated 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Guidelines for consideration of proposals for grant of environmental clearance Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 and its amendments – regarding categorization of Category 'B' projects/activities into Category 'B1' & 'B2'.**

The EIA Notification, 2006 mandates prior Environmental Clearance (EC) for new projects or activities including expansion, or modernization of existing projects listed in its Schedule. The Category 'A' projects shall obtain EC from the Central Government and Category 'B' projects from the concerned State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)/Union Territory Environment Impact Assessment Authority (UTEIAA). The EIA Notification, 2006 prescribes that Category 'B' projects, will be further categorized as category 'B1' and 'B2' (except for Township and Area Development Projects) for which the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF) shall issue appropriate guidelines from time to time - provisions under '7.1 Stage(1)-Screening' of the Notification refer. The projects categorized as B1 will require EIA Report for appraisal and to undergo public consultation process (as applicable). Projects categorized as 'B2' will be appraised based on the application in Form-I accompanied with the Pre-feasibility Report and any other documents.

2. In compliance with such a requirement under the EIA Notification and to examine other issues, the MoEF had constituted vide O.M No. J-11013/12/2013-IA-II(I) dated 30.01.2013, an Expert Committee, under the Chairmanship of Director, NEERI, Nagpur. The Committee has since submitted its report. The recommendations of the Committee have been examined by MOEF and the following has been decided w.r.t. categorization of Category 'B' projects/activities into Category 'B1' & 'B2' listed in the Schedule of EIA Notification, 2006 and its amendments:

**I. Mining of Minerals**

**Mining of minor minerals**

As of now, mining projects of minor minerals with less than 50 ha of mining lease area are categorized as Category 'B' as per Notification S.O.2731(E) dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2013. Also vide OM No.L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dated 24.06.2013, guidelines have been issued regarding categorization of mining projects of 'brick earth' and 'ordinary earth' having lease area less than 5 ha as category 'B2' subject to stipulations stated therein.

In the above backdrop, the projects of mining of minor minerals, categorized as Category 'B' are hereby categorized as 'B2' as per the following:

- (i) 'Brick earth' / 'Ordinary earth' mining projects having lease area less than 5 ha will be considered for granting EC as per the aforesaid guidelines issued by MOEF on 24.6.2013.
- (ii) 'Brick earth' / 'Ordinary earth' mining projects with mining lease area  $\geq 5$  ha but  $< 25$  ha and all other minor mineral mining projects with mining lease area  $< 25$  ha, except for river sand mining projects will be appraised as Category 'B2' projects. These projects will be appraised based on following documents:
  - (a) Form -1 as per Appendix-I under EIA Notification, 2006
  - (b) Pre-feasibility report of the project
  - (c) Mining plan approved by the authorized agency of the concerned State Government

Provided, in case the mining lease area is likely to result into a cluster situation, i.e., if the periphery of one lease area is less than 500 m from the periphery of another lease area and the total lease area equals or exceeds 25 ha, the activity shall become Category 'B1' Project under the EIA Notification, 2006. In such a case, mining operations in any of the mine lease areas in the cluster will be allowed only if the environmental clearance has been obtained in respect of the cluster.

- (iii) No river sand mining project, with mine lease area less than 5 ha, may be considered for granting EC. The river sand mining projects with mining lease area  $\geq 5$  ha but  $< 25$  ha will be categorized as 'B2'. In addition to the requirement of documents, as brought out above under sub-para (ii) above for appraisal, such projects will be considered subject to the following stipulations:
  - (a) The mining activity shall be done manually.
  - (b) The depth of mining shall be restricted to 3m/water level, whichever is less.
  - (c) For carrying out mining in proximity to any bridge and/or embankment, appropriate safety zone shall be worked out on case to case basis to the satisfaction of SEAC/SEIAA, taking into account the structural parameters, locational aspects, flow rate, etc., and no mining shall be carried out in the safety zone so worked out.
  - (d) No in stream mining shall be allowed
  - (e) The mining plan approved by the authorized agency of the State Government shall inter-alia include study to show that the annual replenishment of sand in the mining lease area is sufficient to sustain the mining operations at levels prescribed in the mining plan and that the transport infrastructure is adequate to transport the mines material. In case of transportation by road, the transport vehicles will be covered with tarpoline to minimize dust/sand particle emissions.
  - (f) EC will be valid for mine lease period subject to a ceiling of 5 years.

Provided, in case the mining lease area is likely to result into a cluster situation i.e. if the periphery of one lease area is less than 1 km from the periphery of another lease area and total lease area equals or exceeds 25 ha, the activity shall become Category 'B1' Project under the EIA Notification, 2006. In such a case, mining operations in any of the mine lease areas in the cluster will be allowed only if the environmental clearance has been obtained in respect of the cluster.

II. Other projects or activities

The guidelines for categorizing some of the other category of projects or activities into 'B1' or 'B2' out of the category 'B' projects listed in schedule to EIA Notification, 2006, as amended from time to time, are as follows. These projects will be appraised based on Form-1 as per Appendix-I under EIA Notification, 2006, as amended and pre-feasibility report of the project.

S. N. of Schedule	Activities	Category B2	Category B1
1 (d)	Thermal Power Plants	Thermal power plants based on coal/lignite/naphtha and gas of capacity $\leq$ 5 MW.	Thermal power plants based on coal/lignite/ naphtha and gas of capacity $>$ 5 MW and $<$ 500 MW.
2 (b)	Mineral Beneficiation	The mineral beneficiation activity listed in the Schedule as Category 'B', with throughput $\leq$ 20,000 TPA, involving only physical beneficiation.	All other mineral beneficiation activity falling in the Schedule as Category 'B'.
3 (a)	Metallurgical Industries (ferrous & non-ferrous)	All non toxic secondary metallurgical processing industries involving operation of furnaces only, such as induction and electric arc furnaces, submerged arc furnaces, and cupola with capacity $>$ 30,000 TPA but $<$ 60,000 TPA provided that such projects are located within the notified Industrial Estates.	All other non toxic secondary metallurgical processing industries falling in the Schedule as Category 'B'.
3 (b)	Cement Plants	All stand-alone grinding units listed in the Schedule as Category 'B' subject to the condition that transportation of raw material and finished products shall be primarily* through Railways.	All stand-alone grinding units listed in the Schedule as Category 'B' where the transportation of raw material and finished products is not primarily through Railways.
4 (d)	Chlor Alkali Industry	All Chlor Alkali plants with production capacity $<$ 300 TPD (located within notified industrial area) listed in the Schedule as Category 'B'.	All Chlor Alkali plants with production capacity $<$ 300 TPD (located outside notified industrial area) listed in the Schedule as Category 'B'.
4 (f)	Leather/Skin/Hide Processing Industry	All new or expansion projects of leather production without tanning, located within a notified industrial area/estate, listed in the Schedule as Category 'B'.	All others projects listed in the Schedule as Category 'B'


5 (a)	Chemical Fertilizers	Single Super Phosphate (SSP) plants involving only the activity of granulation of SSP powder.	All other Single Super Phosphate (SSP) plants listed in the Schedule as Category 'B'.
5 (d)	Manmade Fibres Manufacturing	All manmade fibre manufacturing units producing fibres from granules or chips.	All other manmade fibre manufacturing units listed in the Schedule as Category 'B'
7 (g)	Aerial Ropeways	All Aerial Ropeway projects, listed in the Schedule as Category 'B', should be categorized as Category B2.	

\* transportation by railways should not be less than 90% of the traffic (inward and outward put together)

3. The guidelines for categorization of Category 'B' projects/activities into Category 'B1' & 'B2' are applicable only to those projects/activities mentioned above. All the other Category 'B' projects/activities listed under the Schedule of EIA Notification, 2006 and its amendments shall be considered as Category 'B1' projects and appraised as per the procedure prescribed in the EIA Notification.

4. The information filled in Form-1 by the project proponent inter-alia relates to land, water and energy requirement, use of hazardous substances, disposal of hazardous waste, emissions from combustion of fossil fuels, emissions from production process, handling and disposal of hazardous waste, etc. In case the concerned SEAC, based on the information provided by the project proponent in Form-1, comes to the conclusion that a project though falling in Category 'B2' as per these guidelines needs to be appraised as 'B1' Category project, it will accordingly be appraised as 'B1' category project notwithstanding the provisions under these guidelines.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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Director  
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To,

1. All the Officers of I.A Division
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3. Chairman, CPCB
4. Chairpersons/Member Secretaries of all the SPCBs/UTPCCs

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