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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests**

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Dated: 25th January, 2012

To

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Sub: 43 MW Captive Thermal Power Plant within existing M/s Welspun Corp. Limited at Village Varsamedi, Taluk Anjar, in Kutch District, in Gujarat - regarding amendment of environmental clearance

Sir,

This has reference of this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 14.08.2007 and your subsequent communication dated 23.09.2010, 20.10.2010, 22.08.2011 and 22.09.2011 requesting the Ministry to split the environmental clearance of 123 MW into 43 MW and 1x80 MW separately.

2. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has examined the proposal. Land area required for the project is 20 acres of which green belt will be developed in an area of 7 acres. The fuel will be used as imported coal and lignite in the ratio of 70:30. The imported coal requirement and lignite coal requirement will be 840 MT/day and 210 MT/day respectively. The coal will be imported through Kandla or Mundra ports and lignite will be obtained from Panandhro Lignite Mines at a distance of 60 km from the plant. The imported coal will have a sulphur content of 1% and ash content of up to 6%. The lignite will have sulphur content 1% and ash content of 15.5 %. The ash generated will be 82 MT/day which will be used in the brick manufacturing unit of the company and will be partly sold to the nearby brick and cement manufacturing units. It is proposed to install a single stack of 94 m. Water requirement of 5000m³/day will be met from the Gujarat Water Infrastructure Limited for which permission has been obtained. No National Park / Wildlife Sanctuary or any other eco-sensitive area is located within 10 km radius of the project. Public hearing for the project was held on 8.03.2007.

3. The Ministry of Environment and Forests hereby accords environmental clearance to the above project under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 subject to stipulation of the following Specific and General conditions:

A. Specific Conditions:

- (i) High Efficiency Electrostatic Precipitators (ESPs) shall be installed to ensure that particulate emission from the proposed plant does not exceed 50µg/Nm³.
- (ii) Adequate dust extraction system such as cyclones/ bag filters and water spray system in dusty areas in coal handling and ash handling points, transfer areas and other vulnerable dusty areas shall be provided.

- (iii) A stack of 94 m height shall be provided with continuous online monitoring equipments for SO_x, NO_x and Particulate Matter. Exit velocity of flue gases shall not be less than 15 m/sec. Imported coal with ash content and sulphur content not exceeding 6 % and 1% respectively and lignite with ash content and sulphur content not exceeding 15.5 % and 2.2 % respectively shall be used in the ratio of 70:30.
- (iv) Ash shall be collected in dry form and its 100% utilization shall be ensured from day one of the commissioning of the plant.
- (v) Mercury and other heavy metals (As, Hg, Cr, Pb etc.) shall be monitored in the bottom ash as also in the effluents emanating from the existing ash pond. No ash shall be disposed off in low lying area.
- (vi) Ash pond shall be lined with HDPE/LDPE lining or any other suitable impermeable media such that no leachate takes place at any point of time. Adequate safety measures shall also be implemented to protect the ash dyke from getting breached.
- (vii) Water requirement shall not exceed 5000 m³/day. Treated effluent conforming to the prescribed standards shall be re-circulated and reused in the plant. No effluent shall be discharged outside the plant boundary.
- (viii) Closed circuit cooling system with cooling tower shall be provided.
- (ix) A well designed rain water harvesting system shall be put in place which shall comprise of rain water collection from the built up and open area in the plant premises. Action plan and road map for implementation shall be submitted to the Regional Office of Ministry.
- (x) Green Belt shall be raised in 7 acres of plant area. Tree density shall not less than 2500 per ha with survival rate not less than 80 %.

B. General Conditions:

- (i) A Corporate Environmental Policy shall be formulated and after due approval of the Board of Directors of the Company shall be submitted to the Ministry within six months. The policy shall specifically address issues of adherence to environmental policy so formulated and environmental clearance conditions stipulated for the power project and also others including matters related to violations of stipulated conditions (if any) to the Board.
- (ii) A sewage treatment plant shall be provided (as applicable) and the treated sewage shall be used for raising greenbelt/plantation.
- (iii) Adequate safety measures shall be provided in the plant area to check/minimize spontaneous fires in coal yard, especially during summer season. Copy of these measures with full details along with location plant layout shall be submitted to the Ministry as well as to the Regional Office of the Ministry.
- (iv) Storage facilities for auxiliary liquid fuel such as LDO and/ HFO/LSHS shall be made in the plant area in consultation with Department of Explosives, Nagpur. Sulphur content in the liquid fuel will not exceed 0.5%. Disaster Management Plan shall be prepared to meet any eventuality in case of an accident taking place due to storage of oil.

- (v) Regular monitoring of ground water level shall be carried out by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers. Monitoring around the ash pond area shall be carried out particularly for heavy metals (Hg,Cr,As,Pb) and records maintained and submitted to the Regional Office of this Ministry. The data so obtained should be compared with the baseline data so as to ensure that the ground water quality is not adversely affected due to the project.
- (vi) Monitoring surface water quantity and quality shall also be regularly conducted and records maintained. The monitored data shall be submitted to the Ministry regularly. Further, monitoring points shall be located between the plant and drainage in the direction of flow of ground water and records maintained. Monitoring for heavy metals in ground water shall be undertaken.
- (vii) First Aid and sanitation arrangements shall be made for the drivers and other contract workers during construction phase.
- (viii) Noise levels emanating from turbines shall be so controlled such that the noise in the work zone shall be limited to 75 dBA. For people working in the high noise area, requisite personal protective equipment like earplugs/ear muffs etc. shall be provided. Workers engaged in noisy areas such as turbine area, air compressors etc shall be periodically examined to maintain audiometric record and for treatment for any hearing loss including shifting to non-noisy/noise less areas.
- (ix) Regular monitoring of ground level concentration of SO₂, NO_x, PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀ and Hg shall be carried out in the impact zone and records maintained. If at any stage these levels are found to exceed the prescribed limits, necessary control measures shall be provided immediately. The location of the monitoring stations and frequency of monitoring shall be decided in consultation with SPCB. Periodic reports shall be submitted to the Regional Office of this Ministry. The data shall also be put on the website of the company.
- (x) Provision shall be made for the housing of construction labour (as applicable) within the site with all necessary infrastructure and facilities such as fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, 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.
- (xi) The project proponent shall advertise in at least two local newspapers widely circulated in the region around the project, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned within seven days from the date of this clearance letter, informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and copies of clearance letter are available with the State Pollution Control Board/Committee and may also be seen at Website of the Ministry of Environment and Forests at <http://envfor.nic.in>.
- (xii) A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zila Parisad / Municipal Corporation, urban local Body and the Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/representations, if any, received while processing the proposal. The clearance letter shall also be put on the website of the Company by the proponent.
- (xiii) An Environmental Cell shall be created at the project site itself and shall be headed by an officer of appropriate seniority and qualification. It shall be ensured that the head of the Cell shall directly report to the Head of the Organization. The status report on the functioning of the Cell shall be submitted to the Regional office of the Ministry

periodically. The Cell shall comprise of an expert in Marine Biology, Fishery and Mangroves preservation.

- (xiv) The proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the stipulated environmental 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 MOEF, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and the SPCB. The criteria pollutant levels namely; SPM, RSPM (PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀), SO₂, NO_x (ambient levels as well as stack emissions) shall be displayed at a convenient location near the main gate of the company in the public domain.
- (xv) The environment statement for each financial year ending 31st 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 along with the status of compliance of environmental clearance conditions and shall also be sent to the respective Regional Offices of the Ministry by e-mail.
- (xvi) The project proponent shall submit six monthly reports on the status of the implementation of the stipulated environmental safeguards to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, its Regional Office, Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Board. The project proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the environment of the environmental clearance conditions on their website and update the same periodically and simultaneously send the same by e-mail to the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- (xvii) Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment & Forests will monitor the implementation of the stipulated conditions. A complete set of documents including Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Environment Management Plan along with the additional information submitted from time to time shall be forwarded to the Regional Office for their reference during monitoring. Criteria pollutants levels including NO_x (from stack & ambient air) shall be displayed at the main gate of the power plant.
- (xviii) Separate funds shall be allocated for implementation of environmental protection measures along with item-wise break-up. These cost shall be included as part of the project cost. The funds earmarked for the environment protection measures shall not be diverted for other purposes and year-wise expenditure should be reported to the Ministry.
- (xix) The project authorities shall inform the Regional Office as well as the Ministry regarding the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the dates of start of land development work and commissioning of plant.
- (xx) Full cooperation shall be extended to the Scientists/Officers from the Ministry / Regional Office of the Ministry at Bhopal / CPCB/ SPCB who would be monitoring the compliance of environmental status.

4. The Ministry of Environment and Forests reserves the right to revoke the clearance if conditions stipulated are not implemented to the satisfaction of the Ministry. The Ministry may also impose additional environmental conditions or modify the existing ones, if necessary.


5. The environmental clearance accorded shall be valid for a period of 5 years to start operations by the power plant.

6. Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

7. In case of any deviation or alteration in the project proposed including coal transportation system from those submitted to this Ministry for clearance, a fresh reference should be made to the Ministry to assess the adequacy of the condition(s) imposed and to add additional environmental protection measures required, if any.

8. The above stipulations would be enforced among others under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules there under, Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 1989 and its amendments, the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 and its amendments.

Yours faithfully,


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Director

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110001.
2. The Secretary (Environment), Forests and Environment Department Government of Gujarat.
3. The Chairman, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.
4. The Chairman, Gujarat State Pollution Control Board, Paryavaran Bhawan, Sector 10-A, Gandhi Nagar- 382010- with a request to display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional Office, District Industries Centre and Collector's office for 30 days.
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 (WZ), E-5, Kendriya Paryavaran Bhawan, Arera Colony, Ravishankar Nagar, Bhopal - 462016.
7. The District Collector, Kutch District, Govt. of Gujarat.
8. Guard file.


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