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Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
Impact Assessment Division

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Dated: June 02, 2014

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification with regard to requirement of Environmental Clearance for "Mining of minerals" at the time of mine renewal, under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006, as amended from time to time -regarding

This is regarding the requirement of environmental clearance at the time of renewal of mining lease in respect of mining projects, which have already been obtained environmental clearance under the EIA Notification, 2006 as amended from time to time.

2. As per amendment notification S.O. 674 (E) dated 13th March, 2013, no fresh environmental clearance is required for a mining project or activity at the time of renewal of mining lease, which has already obtained environmental clearance under the EIA Notification, 2006.


3. Ministry has received representations with regard to the applicability of aforesaid notification dated 13th March 2013, i.e., will it apply to the mine leases falling for renewal after 13th March, 2013 or it will also apply to the mine leases having environmental clearance under the EIA notification 2006 which have applied for environmental clearance to MoEF/SEIAA at the time of mine renewal and whose cases are pending for taking decision.

4. The matter was referred to the Ministry of Law and Justice, who has opined as follows:

"It is implied from the notification as amended in 2013, that the requirement of environmental clearance shall not be applicable at the time of renewal of mining lease for all cases including pending cases if the environmental clearance has already been obtained under the notification of 2006."

5. Necessary action in the matter may be taken as per aforesaid advice of the Ministry of Law & Justice.

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


(Dr. V.P. Upadhyay)
Director

To:-

1. All the officers of I.A. Division / ROs of MoEF.

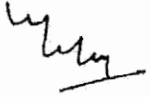
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2. Chairpersons/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs.
3. Chairman, CPCB.
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(Dr. V.P. Upadhyay)
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