

**F.No. J-11015/360/2009-IA.II(M)**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
Impact Assessment Division  
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To,

**M/s Uttaranchal Forest Development Corporation**  
Uttarakhand Van Vikas Nigam,  
Khanan Ramnagar Aamdanda,  
Nainital-244715.

**Sub.: Collection of Minor Mineral (Reta, Bajri and Boulder) from the River Bed of Kosi River by M/s Uttarakhand Van Vikas Nigam Khanan Ramnagar Kosi located in Tarai West Forest Division, Ramnagar, District Nainital, Uttarakhand (254.0 ha)-Extension of validity of EC regarding.**

Sir,

This is with reference to proposal no. IA/UK/MIN/8711/2011 of M/s Uttarakhand Van Vikas Nigam Khanan Ramnagar Kosi is for Amendment w.r.t. the extension of validity of EC coterminous with the validity of Forest Clearance i.e. 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023. The EC was granted vide Letter No. J-11015/360/2009-IA.II(M) dated 13.04.2011 for Collection of Reta, Bajri and Boulder (Minor Mineral) from the River Bed of Kosi River by M/s Uttaranchal Forest Development Corporation, located in Tarai West Forest Division, Ramnagar, District Nainital, Uttarakhand (254.0 ha).

2. As per EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006 as amended from time to time, the project falls under Category A or Activity 1(a) as the mining lease area is more than 100 ha.

3. PP has submitted that Environmental Clearance was granted vide Letter No. J-11015/360/2009-IA. II(M) dated 13.04.2011 wherein at Para 6 of EC letter it has specifically mentions that, "The Ministry of Environment and Forests has examined the application in accordance with the EIA Notification, 2006 and hereby accords environmental clearance for a period of 10 years or till the forestry clearance whichever is earlier, subject to implementation of the following conditions and environmental safeguards." PP submitted that MoEF&CC vide its letter F. No. 8- 61/1999-FC (pt-I) dated 15.02.2013 granted Forest Clearance for a period of 10 years and is valid till 15.02.2023. Since, EC is also valid for a period of 10 years i.e. till 13.04.2021, therefore, PP has requested for extension of validity of EC coterminous with the validity of Forest Clearance i.e. 15th February, 2023 for hassle free operations and applied for extension of validity of EC vide its Proposal No. IA/UK/MIN/8711/2011 dated 21.11.2020 and the proposal was considered in the 24th EAC meeting held during 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

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4. Based on the discussion held and documents submitted by PP, Committee **recommended** the proposal M/s Uttarakhand Van Vikas Nigam Khanan Ramnagar Kosi for amendment w.r.t. the extension of validity of EC coterminous with the validity of Forest Clearance i.e. 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 subject to submission of the following:

- I. As mentioned in the EC Letter No. J-11015/360/2009-IA.II(M) dated 13.04.2011 that the Jim Corbet National Park is located within buffer zone of the mine at a distance 6.2 km NW from the mine lease boundary and also location of Shivalik elephant reserve within the core zone, PP need to submit NBWL Clearance.
- II. NOC from the Statutory bodies as required to be obtained.
- III. RO Compliance Report.
- IV. All other Term and conditions stipulated in the Environment Clearance letter dated 13.04.2011.

5. Project proponent has forwarded the letter dated 29.01.2013 through an email dated 24.02.2021, where in it is mentioned that the minimum aerial distance of Corbett Tiger Reserve from the Kosi river mining area has been certified as 10.5 km as per the GPS location and report of Division Forest Officer submitted by Director, Corbett Tiger Reserve vide Lr. No. 1350/9-2(1) dated 19.01.2013. PP also submitted the letter dated 14.12.2020 and 3.01.2021.

6. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has examined the proposal in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and further amendments thereto; and after accepting the recommendation of EAC meeting held during 9th -10th December, 2020 hereby decided to accord the amendment of Environmental Clearance under the provisions there to the above mentioned proposal for grant of extension of validity of EC coterminous with the validity of Forest Clearance i.e. 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023. All other terms & conditions of the Environmental Clearance granted vide J-11015/360/2009-IA.II (M) dated 13.04.2011 shall remain same and Environmental Clearance is valid up to 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

7. The PP shall implement the conditions prescribed in Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining 2020, as applicable for PP. Implementation report with supporting documents & photographs before and after shall be submitted to the Regional Office of MoEF&CC before 1st July of every year for the activities carried out during previous year.

8. The Ministry or any other competent authority may alter/modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.

9. 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.

10. The above conditions will 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 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and rules made

there under and also any other orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India/High Court and any other Court of law relating to the subject matter.

11. Any appeal against this environmental clearance shall lie with the national Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

12. PP shall also obtain the NOC from the statutory bodies as required to be obtained.

13. These issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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