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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(IA Division)

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Dated: 9th April, 2013

To
M/s. SEPC Power Pvt. Ltd.,
3B, Nawazish, 30 Khader Nawaz Khan Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 006

Subject: CRZ Clearance for proposed extension of Conveyor and Pipelines
passing across the Korampallam Canal, Thoothukudi District, Tamil
Nadu by M/s. SEPC Power Pvt. Ltd. - Reg.

This has reference to your letter No. SEPC/CRZ/MOEF/S10/2012 dated 28.11.2012 seeking prior CRZ Clearance for the above project under the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 2011. The proposal has been appraised as per prescribed procedure in the light of provisions under the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011 on the basis of the mandatory documents enclosed with the application viz., the Questionnaire, EIA, recommendation of State Coastal Zone Management Authority and the additional clarifications furnished in response to the observations of the Expert Appraisal Committee constituted by the competent authority in its meeting held on 28th - 29th January, 2013.

2. It is interalia, noted that the project involves extension of Conveyor and Pipelines passing across the Korampallam canal, Thoothukudi District, Tamil Nadu. The CRZ Clearance has been obtained from MoEF on 06.08.1997 for the Fore Shore facilities but does not cover extension of Conveyor and Cooling water pipeline routing to the new location across the Korampallam surplus canal. The project for which the extension sought is for the Tuticorin Thermal Power Project Stage-IV-1x525 MW. The proposed extension of Conveyor and Pipeline routing would be located within VO Chidamabaranar Port Trust Estate. No demolition work area involved for proposed project. 159840 Cum/day of Sea water is proposed to be conveyed through the pipeline routing envisaged. The location of the Power Plant is outside the CRZ area. Bay of Bengal is located at 1.5 km from the boundary of plant site. The total cost of the project is Rs. 4.5 crores.

3. The Tamil Nadu Coastal Zone Management Authority in its 68th meeting held on 23.08.2012, recommended the project vide letter no. 19268/EC3/2012-1 dated 09.10.2012.

4. The Expert Appraisal Committee, after due consideration of the relevant documents submitted by the project proponent and additional clarifications furnished in response to its observations, have recommended for the grant of CRZ Clearance for the project. Accordingly, the Ministry hereby accord necessary



CRZ Clearance for the above project as per the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011, subject to strict compliance of the terms and conditions as follows:

5. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

- (i) "Consent for Establishment" shall be obtained from State Pollution Control Board under Air and Water Act and a copy shall be submitted to the Ministry before start of any construction work at the site.
- (ii) The pipeline shall be on stilt on the canal. NOC from PWD shall be obtained in respect of construction across the canal.
- (iii) Minimum of 20 m gap shall be provided between the existing railway line and the proposed conveying system to enable movement of boats/ fishing vessels.
- (iv) The spacing of piles shall be equal to the existing piles.
- (v) There shall be continuous monitoring of shoreline changes.
- (vi) The project shall be executed in such a manner that there shall not be any disturbance to the fishing activity.
- (vii) No construction work other than those permitted in Coastal Regulation Zone Notification shall be carried out in Coastal Regulation Zone area.
- (viii) The project proponent shall set up separate environmental management cell for effective implementation of the stipulated environmental safeguards under the supervision of a Senior Executive.
- (ix) The funds earmarked for environment management plan shall be included in the budget and this shall not be diverted for any other purposes.

6. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- (i) Appropriate measures must be taken while undertaking digging activities to avoid any likely degradation of water quality.
- (ii) Full support shall be extended to the officers of this Ministry/ Regional Office at Bangaluru by the project proponent during inspection of the project for monitoring purposes by furnishing full details and action plan including action taken reports in respect of mitigation measures and other environmental protection activities.
- (iii) A six-Monthly monitoring report shall need to be submitted by the project proponents to the Regional Office of this Ministry at Bangaluru regarding the implementation of the stipulated conditions.
- (iv) Ministry of Environment & Forests or any other competent authority may stipulate any additional conditions or modify the existing ones, if



necessary in the interest of environment and the same shall be complied with.

- (v) The Ministry reserves the right to revoke this clearance if any of the conditions stipulated are not complied with the satisfaction of the Ministry.
- (vi) In the event of a change in project profile or change in the implementation agency, a fresh reference shall be made to the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- (vii) The project proponents shall inform the Regional Office as well as the Ministry, the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of land development work.
- (viii) A copy of the clearance letter shall be marked to concerned Panchayat/local NGO, if any, from whom any suggestion/representation has been made received while processing the proposal.
- (ix) Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board shall display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional Office, District Industries Center and Collector's Office/Tehsildar's office for 30 days.

7. These stipulations would be enforced among others under the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Public Liability (Insurance) Act, 1991 and EIA Notification 1994, including the amendments and rules made thereafter.

8. All other statutory clearances such as the approvals for storage of diesel from Chief Controller of Explosives, Fire Department, Civil Aviation Department, Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 etc. shall be obtained, as applicable by project proponents from the respective competent authorities.

9. The project proponent shall advertise in at least two local Newspapers widely circulated in the region, one of which shall be in the vernacular language informing that the project has been accorded CRZ Clearance and copies of clearance letters are available with the State Pollution Control Board and may also be seen on the website of the Ministry of Environment and Forests at <http://www.envfor.nic.in>. The advertisement should be made within 10 days from the date of receipt of the Clearance letter and a copy of the same should be forwarded to the Regional office of this Ministry at Bangaluru.

10. This Clearance is subject to final order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of Goa Foundation Vs. Union of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No.460 of 2004 as may be applicable to this project.

11. Any appeal against this 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.



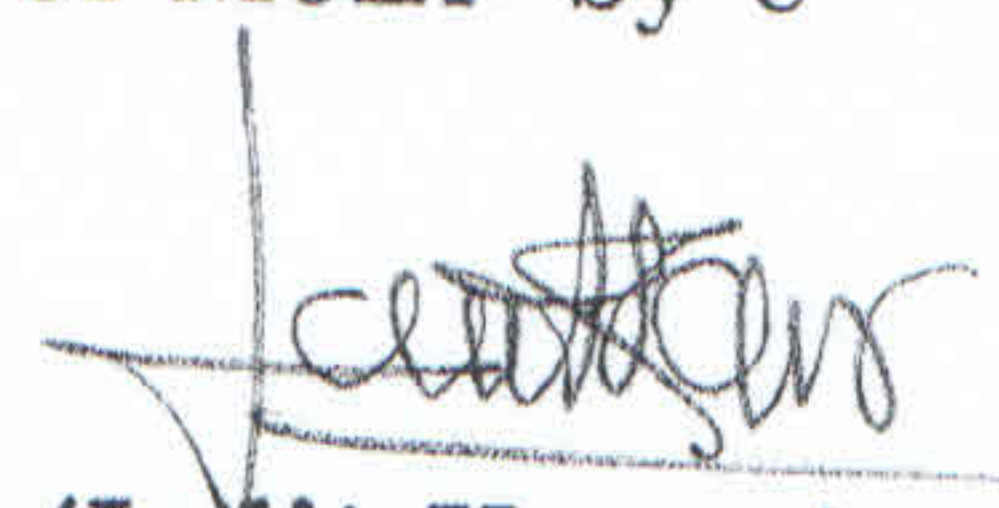
12. Status of compliance to the various stipulated environmental conditions and environmental safeguards will be uploaded by the project proponent in its website.

13. A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zilla Parishad/Municipal Corporation, Urban Local Body and the Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal. The clearance letter shall also be put on the website of the company by the proponent.

14. The proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the stipulated 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.

15. The project proponent shall also submit six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated Clearance conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) to the respective Regional Office of MoEF, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and the SPCB.

16. The environmental 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 Clearance conditions and shall also be sent to the respective Regional Offices of MoEF by e-mail.



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Copy to:

- 1 The Principal Secretary, Department of Environment and Forests, First Floor, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015, Tamil Nadu
- 2 The Chairman, CPCB, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi - 32.
- 3 The Director, Department of Environment, Government of Tamilnadu, Panagal Building, Ground Floor, Saidapet, Chennai-15.
- 4 The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, No. 76, Mount Salai, Gundy, Chennai.
- 5 The CCF, Regional Office, Ministry of Environment & Forests(SZ), Kendriya Sadan, IVth floor, E&F wings, 17th Main Road, Koramangala II Block, Bangalore - 560 034.
- 6 Guard File.
- 7 Monitoring Cell.

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