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To,

M. Secretary to Government, SEIAA
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Subject: Request for transferring Approved Terms of Reference (ToR) of previous lessee / owner (M/s Mineral Enterprise Limited) of BBH Iron Ore Mine (Old ML No. 2346), to M/s. JSW Steel Ltd., as per the provision of 'The Mineral Laws Ordinance 2020'.

Reference:

1. The Mineral Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 dated 10.01.2020
2. Environmental Clearance issued by MoEF&CC to M/s Mineral Enterprise Limited vide letter no. J-11015/210/2005. IA.II(M) dated 31.03.2006.
3. Gazette Notification by MoEF&CC vide S.O.(E) 1530, dated 06.04.2018.
4. DMG, Govt. of Karnataka communication declaring M/s. JSW Steel Ltd., as a preferred bidder vide letter no. DMG-2020:MLS:AUC:2018-19 dated 26-07-2019.
5. DMG, Govt. of Karnataka communication to M/s. JSW Steel Ltd., granting Letter of Intent (LOI) vide letter no. DMG-2020:MLS:AUC:2018-19 dated 13-08-2019.
6. DMG, Govt. of Karnataka communication declaring M/s. JSW Steel Ltd., as a Successful bidder vide letter no. DMG-2020:MLS:AUC:2018-19/5180 dated 19-02-2020.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the letters 4,5&6 above, M/s JSW Steel Ltd was declared as Preferred bidder and subsequently issued with the Letter of Intent and Successful Bidder, for the grant of BBH Iron Ore Mine (Old ML No. 2346) over an area of 93.6 Ha in Chitradurga district, of Karnataka State. This is an auctioned block, whose present lease is ending on 31st March, 2020.

For the above mentioned block, Environmental Clearance (EC) was granted under the provisions of EIA Notification, 1994 (reference 2 above). As per the Ministry's Notification (reference 3 above), M/s. Mineral Enterprise Limited has been applied a



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proposal for grant of fresh EC under EIA Notification, 2006 (File No. J-11015/109/2018-IA. II(M)). The Terms of Reference has been approved by the Government of India on 28.01.2019. Now, as per 'The Mineral Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 dated 10.01.2020, the successful bidder of mining leases expiring under the provisions of sub-sections (5) and (6) of section 8A and selected through auction, shall be deemed to have acquired all valid rights, approvals, clearances, licences and the like vested with the previous lessee, for a period of two years.

Accordingly, ToR is required to be transferred from erstwhile lease in the name of new Successful Bidder i.e. M/s JSW Steel Limited, so that the application for getting the new EC under the provisions of the EIA Notification 2006 can be carried speedily for BBH Iron Ore Mines. This will help in accessing the EIA-EMP studies carried out by the NABET accredited consultant, as per the approved ToR, for moving ahead and completing the remaining process so as to obtain the Environmental Clearance.

As desired, an affidavit and undertaking stating the abidance to all the conditions on which the ToR was issued to erstwhile lessee and any additional condition which may be stipulated by the Central Government / State Government at the time of transfer of TOR is enclosed.

Early transfer of ToR would help in continuing and completing the balance work of EIA-EMP studies required for regularization of the Environmental Clearance as per EIA Notification, 2006.

Thanking you,
Yours Faithfully,

Authorised Signatory

For M/s. JSW Steel Ltd.

