## No. J-110105/363/2009-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

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Sir,

Subject: Collection of Minor Minerals (Reta, Bajri, Boulder) from the River Bed of Gola River by M/s Uttarakhand van vikas nigam, located in Tehsil(s) Haldwani and Lal Kuan in the East Tarai and the Haldwani Forest Division, district Nainital, Uttarakhand – Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance regarding.

Ref: Proposal No. IA/UK/MIN/8724/2011;

This is with reference to proposal of M/s Uttarakhand Van Vikas Nigam is for Amendment w.r.t. the extension of validity of EC coterminous with the validity of Forest Clearance i.e. 22nd January, 2023. The EC was granted vide Letter No. J-11015/363/2009-IA-II(M) dated 13.04.2011 for an annual collection of 1,17,00,000 tonnes(117 Lakh tonnes) of Minor Minerals (Reta, Bajri, Boulder) from the River Bed of Gola River by M/s Uttaranchal Forest Development Corporation, located in Tehsil(s) Haldwani and Lal Kuan in the East Tarai and the Haldwani Forest Division, district nainital, Uttarakhand.

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

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- 3. Project Proponent has submitted that Environmental Clearance was granted vide Letter No.J-11015/363/2009-IA-II(M) dated 13.04.2011 for an annual collection of 1,17,00,000 tonnes(117 Lakh tonnes) of Minor Minerals (Reta, Bajri, Boulder) from the River Bed of Gola River by M/s Uttaranchal Forest Development Corporation, located in Tehsil(s) Haldwani and Lal Kuan in the East Tarai and the Haldwani Forest Division, district Nainital, Uttarakhand. Para 6 of EC letter 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 No.J-11015/363/2009-IA-II(M) dated 13.04.2011 for a period of 10 years or till the forestry clearance whichever is earlier....".
- 4. Project Proponent vide its Proposal No. IA/UK/MIN/8724/2011 dated 29.08.2020 has applied for amendment in EC w.r.t. the extension of validity of EC coterminous with the validity of Forest Clearance i.e. 22nd January, 2023. PP has stated that MoEF&CC vide its letter F. No. 8-61/1999-FC dated 23.01.2013 granted Forest Clearance for a period of 10 years and is valid till 22.01.2023. Since, EC is also valid for a period of 10 years i.e. till 12.04.2021, therefore, PP has requested for extension of validity of Environmental Clearance coterminous with the validity of Forest Clearance i.e. 22nd January, 2023 for hassle free operations.
- 5. Based on the documents submitted and discussion held during 21st EAC meeting held on 23-25, September, 2020 the Committee recommended the proposal of extension of validity of Environmental Clearance dated 13.04.2011 till 22.01.2023 subject to the following additional conditions.
  - I. The PP has to furnish the Certified Environmental Clearance Compliance report.
  - II. All other terms and conditions prescribed under EC dated 13.04.2011 shall remain unchanged.
- 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 23-25, September, 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. 22nd January, 2023 for M/s Uttarakhand Forest Development Corporation located at Gaula River Reserve, khanan haldwani located at Gaula River Reserve Forest, District Nainital, Uttarakhand. All other terms & conditions of the Environmental Clearance granted vide J-11015/363/2009-IA-II(M) dated 13.04.2011 shall remain same and Environmental Clearance is valid up to 22.01.2023.

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- 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 date 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. These issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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- 3). The Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Uttarakhand, Secretariat, Dehradun.
- 4). Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Uttarakhand, Secretariat, Dehradun.

- 5). The Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Region, Ministry of Environment and Forests, B-1/72, SectorA, Aliganj, Lucknow-226020.
- The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, CBDcum-Office complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi-1100032.
- 7). The Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, A-2, W3, Curzon Road Barracks, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001.
- 8). The Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Environment Protection & Pollution Control Board, E-115, Nehru Colony, Hardwar Road, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- 9). The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Indian Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440 001.
- 10). The District Collector, Nainital District, Uttarakhand.
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