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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests

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Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2014

**Subject: Guidelines for granting Environment Clearance for expansion of Coal Mining Projects involving one time Production Capacity Expansion in the existing operation – reg.**

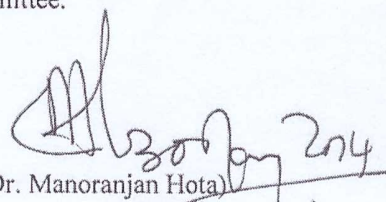
This O.M. may be read in continuation of earlier O.M. of even number dated 07<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 on the subject cited above.

2. The Ministry of Coal had requested this Ministry that the dispensation given for one time capacity expansion for coal mining projects of production capacity up to 8 MTPA as per OM of 07<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 may also be extended to those coal mining projects which have already availed dispensation of one time production capacity expansion under earlier OM of 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2012. They have also pointed out an anomalous situation which has arisen in respect of coal mining projects with capacity above 8 MTPA and up to 16 MTPA, where the transportation of additional production of coal is proposed by means of a conveyor and / or rail transport. While as per OM dated 07<sup>th</sup> January, 2014, the additional production allowed for such projects up to 8 MTPA capacity would be 4 MTPA, for projects with capacity more than 8 MTPA and less than 16 MTPA, the additional production allowed as per the earlier OM of 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 would be less than 4 MTPA. They have requested for removing this anomaly.

3. The matter has been considered in the Ministry of Environment & Forests and it has been decided that the dispensation given for one time capacity expansion for coal mining projects having production capacity up to 8 MTPA, as provided for in the OM dated 07<sup>th</sup> January, 2014, will also be applicable to the projects with capacity up to 8 MTPA, which have already availed the dispensation earlier under OM of 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2012. It has also been decided that the coal mining projects with production capacity exceeding 8 MTPA and up to 16 MTPA may be given further dispensation under the O.M. dated 19.12.2012 to the effect that they could have one time capacity expansion, with additional production up to 4 MTPA if the transportation of additional production of coal is proposed by means of a conveyor and / or rail transport. The other provisions under O.M. dated 19.12.2012 and 07.01.2014 will continue to apply.

4. The above dispensation would be subject to satisfactory compliance with environmental clearance(s) issued in the past as judged by the concerned Expert Appraisal Committee.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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Director

To

1. PS to MEF
2. PPS to Secretary (E&F) / PPS to AS (SS)
3. PPS to JS (AT) / PS to JS (MS)
4. All Officers of IA Division
5. PMO
6. Ministry of Coal