

F. No. J-11011/135/2017-IA.II(I)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Impact Assessment Division)

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To

M/s. Ramco Cements Limited
Kumarasamy Raja Nagar
Taluk Jaggayyapet, District Krishna
Andhra Pradesh-521457.

Subject: Establishment of Greenfield Cement Plant Clinker: 3.15 MTPA Cement: 2.0 MTPA Power: Captive Coal based Thermal Power Plant; 50 MW (2 X 25 MW) by M/s. Ramco Cements Limited at Kalvatala Village, Kolimigundla Mandal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh - regarding Amendment in Environment Clearance

Sir,

This has reference to your online application vide proposal no. IA/AP/IND/63579/2017 dated 21st January, 2019 sought for the amendment in the environmental clearance accorded by the Ministry vide letter no. J-11011/135/2017-IA-II(I) dated 14th January, 2019.

2. M/s. The Ramco Cements Limited (RCL) proposed to establish a cement plant of 3.15 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) Clinker and 2.0 MTPA Cement Plant and 50MW (2 X 25 MW) Coal Based Captive Thermal Power Plant at Kalvatala Village, Kolimigundla Mandal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh which was granted Environmental Clearance by the Ministry vide letter No. J-11011/135/2017-IA.II(I) dated 14.01.2019.
3. As per the Environmental Clearance (EC) granted, the land required for the project is 186.56 Ha (169.66 Ha Private Patta Land + 16.9 Ha Govt. Land). RCL has already acquired 123 Ha [106.1 Ha Private Patta Land + 16.9 Ha Govt. Land (alienated)]. The balance area is under acquisition.
4. In view of difficulty in acquiring the balance private land of 63.56 Ha, M/s RCL requested district collector to expedite allocation of 500 acres for Govt. land which was pending at District Collector office. The District Collector recommended for allotment of 500 acres of Govt. land. Accordingly, the land of 500 acres was allotted to M/s RCL for the project vide G.O.Ms. No. 88 dated 05.02.2019, 500 Acres (202 Ha) by Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

5. Now, M/s RCL proposed to implement the cement plant in the Government Land and residential colony in Pvt Land. Due to realignment of the Cement plant site and colony, the Cement plant site and colony are proposed to be shifted by 800 m towards northern direction.
6. The lat-longs of the realigned project site are 15° 04' 25.70" N - 15° 05' 03.70" N Latitude and 78° 07' 43.80" E - 78° 09' 03.40" E Longitude with average elevation of 295 m AMSL. There is no change in the jurisdiction of the project site.
7. The land category of the earlier site and realigned site are given below:

	Site details as per EC granted	Details of Realigned site
Cement Plant	Total Land: 137.87 Ha (Govt. Land - 16.9 Ha and Private Land - 120.97 Ha)	Total Land: 137.87 Ha (Govt. Land - 137.87 Ha (allotted land by Govt is 202 Ha)
Colony	Total Land - 48.69 Ha (Private Land - 48.69 Ha)	Total Land - 40 Ha (Patta land: 29.27 and Govt land: 10.74 ha)

8. A road connecting Mirjapuram village and State Highway (SH-317) is passing through the EC granted plant site and realigned plant site. Road diversion length in EC granted project site was 2.3 km and in the realigned project site it is 3.98 km.
9. Due to realignment of project site, there is no change in the study area (10 km radius) of the cement plant as Draft and Final EIA Reports are presented for estimating cumulative impacts covering all the Captive mines covering 13 km radius.
10. Distance to Belum Caves is reduced from 3.8 to 3.0 km. NOC was obtained from Archaeology & Museums Department -Vijayawada.
11. The realigned project is free from habitation, vegetation and agricultural activity. Utilization of agricultural land will be reduced compared to earlier site.
12. The barren Government Land will be developed into the Industrial space with 36 % under greenbelt
13. There are no other changes in the proposal for which EC is granted.
14. The proposal was considered in the 4th meeting of Expert Appraisal Committee (EEAC) (Industry-I) held during 20th - 22nd February, 2019. After detailed deliberations, the Committee recommended for the amendment in the environmental clearance dated 14/01/2019 for the shift of project site as mentioned above subject to following additional environmental safeguards.

- i. Limestone shall be transported through closed conveyor only.
 - ii. Dual carriage approach road to the plant site shall be constructed and the implementation status shall be submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry along with the six monthly compliance report.
 - iii. PP shall develop green barrier with native and broad leaved tree species between the plant and proposed colony and along the nallah.
15. The Ministry considered the recommendation EAC and hereby amend the Environmental Clearance dated 14th January, 2019 for realignment and shifting of site as proposed at para 6 &7 above along with the additional environmental safe guards recommended by EAC at para 14 above.
16. All other conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance accorded vide letter no.J-11011/135/2017-IA-II(I) dated 14th January, 2019 shall remain unchanged.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.


A.K. Agrawal
Director

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1. **The Secretary**, Department of Environment, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. **The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(C)**, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (SEZ), 1st and 2nd Floor, Handloom Export Promotion Council, 34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034.
3. **The Chairman**, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.
4. **The Chairman**, Andhra Pradesh State Pollution Control Board, D.No. 33-26-14 D/2, Near Sunrise Hospital, Pushpa Hotel Centre, Chalamalavari Street, Kasturibaipet, Vijayawada – 520 010.
5. **The Member Secretary**, Central Ground Water Authority, A-2, W3, Curzon Road Barracks, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001.
6. **The District Collector, Kurnool** District, Andhra Pradesh.
7. **Guard File / Record file / Monitoring file.**
8. **MOEF&CC Website.**


(A.K. Agrawal)
Director