



F.No. J-11015/37/2004-IA.II (M)(Part)
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Sub: Transfer of Environmental Clearance for Karwahi Opencast Coal Mine Project Sub-Block Gare IV/7 (production capacity 1.2 MTPA in an ML area of 335.736 ha) located in Tehsil Karwahi District Raigarh (Chhattisgarh) from M/s Monnet Ispat & Energy Limited to M/s Sarda Energy and Minerals Limited - Transfer of Environmental Clearance (EC) - reg.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendment thereto, had accorded Environmental Clearance (EC) to Karwahi Opencast Coal Mine Project Sub-Block Gare IV/7 (production capacity 1.2 MTPA in an ML area of 335.736 ha) to M/s Raipur Alloys & Steel Ltd located in Tehsil Karwahi District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh subject to compliance of terms and conditions stipulated in the EC letter No. J-11015/37/2004-IA.II (M) dated 30th September, 2005.

2. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide judgment dated 25th August, 2014 read with the order dated 24th September, 2014 has cancelled the allocation of 204 coal blocks and issued directions with regard to such coal blocks wherein the Central Government in pursuance of the said directions has to take immediate action to implement the said order.

3. In pursuance of the judgment and order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the nominated authority has, in accordance with provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Second Ordinance, 2014 and the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Rules 2014 conducted the auction of the mines.

4. Ministry of Coal (MOC) vide its O.M. letter no. 43020/20/2014-CPAM dated 16th March, 2015 has informed MoEFCC that MOC has recently approved 23 coal blocks (15 coal blocks from Schedule II and 8 coal blocks from Schedule III of the Ordinance) through bidding to different

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successful bidders/ companies. MOC has requested this Ministry to facilitate transfer of the Environment Clearance and Forest Clearance of these blocks to the new successful bidders before 31.03.2015.

5. Ministry of Coal vide Vesting Order under clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 7 and sub-rule (1) of rule 13 and Order no. 104/18/2015/NA dated 23rd March, 2015 has allocated the Karwahi Opencast Coal Mine Project Sub-Block Gare IV/7 (production capacity 1.2 MTPA in an ML area of 335.736 ha) located in Tehsil Karwahi Dist. Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, to M/s Monnet Ispat & Energy Limited, Registered Office at Monnet Marg, Mandir Hasaud, Raipur Chhattisgarh as the successful bidder as the successful allottee.

6. Vide Gazette Notification S.O.811 (E) Notification dated 23rd March, 2015, MOEFCC has made amendments in paragraph 11 in the Gazette Notification S.O.1533 (E) dated 14th September, 2006. Vide the said amendment; where an allocation of coal block is cancelled in any legal proceeding; or by the Government in accordance with law, the environmental clearance granted in respect of such coal block may be transferred, subject to the same validity period as was initially granted, to any legal person to whom such block is subsequently allocated, and in such case, obtaining of "no objection" from either the holder of environment clearance or from the regulatory authority concerned shall not be necessary and no reference shall be made to the Expert Appraisal Committee or the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee concerned.

7. Pursuant to the MOC vesting Order no. 104/18/2015/NA dated 23rd March, 2015 and MoEFCC Gazette Notification S.O. 811(E) dated 23.03.2015, the EC granted vide letter no. J-11015/37/2004-IA.II (M) dated 30th September, 2005 to M/s Raipur Alloys & Steel Ltd for **Karwahi Opencast Coal Mine Project Sub-Block Gare IV/7 (production capacity 1.2 MTPA in an ML area of 335.736 ha) located in Tehsil Karwahi Dist. Raigarh, Chhattisgarh** was transferred to M/s Monnet Ispat & Energy Limited, Registered Office at Monnet Marg, Mandir Hasaud, Raipur Chhattisgarh vide letter dated 11th May, 2015 subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Any change in scope of work will attract the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 in conjunction with the subsequent amendments/circulars.
- (ii) All conditions stipulated in the EC letter No. J-11015/37/2004-IA.II (M) dated 30th September, 2005 shall remain unchanged.
- (iii) The successful bidder shall be liable, if any, for any act of violation of the EPA 1986 / EIA Notification 2006 /subsequent amendments and circulars which it has inherited during the transfer.
- (iv) Successful bidder shall be liable for compliance of all court directions, if any

8. Ministry of Coal (MoC) vide Allotment order No. NA-104/18/2020-NA dated 8th March, 2021 from O/o Nominated Authority (constituted under section 6 of The Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015), to Sarda Energy and Minerals Limited, incorporated in India under the Companies Act, 1956 with corporate identity number L27100MH1973PLC016617, whose registered

office is at 73 A Central Avenue, Nagpur, Maharashtra - 440018, India and principal place of business is at 1st Floor, Vanijya Bhawan, Jail Road, Devendra Nagar Square, Raipur, Chhattisgarh 492001, India (the "successful bidder")

9. In light of MOC Allotment order NA-104/18/2020-NA dated 8th March, 2021 and MoEFCC Gazette Notification dated 23rd March, 2015, the EC granted vide letter No. J-11015/37/2004-IA.II (M) dated 30th September, 2005 and 11th May, 2015 to M/s Raipur Alloys & Steel Ltd and to M/s Monnet Ispat & Energy Limited respectively for Karwahi Opencast Coal Mine Project Sub-Block Gare IV/7 (production capacity 1.2 MTPA in an ML area of 335.736 ha) located in Tehsil Karwahi District Raigarh, (Chhattisgarh) is hereby transferred to M/s Sarda Energy and Minerals Limited subject to the conditions mentioned in EC dated 30th September, 2005 and 11th May, 2015.

10. M/s Sarda Energy and Mineral Ltd. will have to bear all liability w.r.t. non-compliances of existing EC, regulatory proceedings, etc., if any pending with M/s Monnet Ispat & Energy Ltd.

This issues with approval of the competent authority.


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Director

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5. The District Collector, Raigarh, Government of Chhattisgarh.
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