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 Government of India
 Ministry of Environment & Forests

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Dated the 9th May, 2011

To

M/s Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited
 Dalmiapuram – 621 651
 Distt. Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu

Subject: Expansion of Aminabad & Khairulabad Limestone Mines (ML area 95.345 ha, production capacity 0.30 MTPA to 1.10 MTPA) of M/s Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited at Villages Aminabad & Khairulabad, in Ariyalur Taluka & District in Tamil Nadu – Environmental clearance regarding.

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- (v) Fugitive dust emissions from all the sources should be controlled regularly. Water spraying arrangement on haul roads, loading and unloading and at transfer points should be provided and properly maintained.
- (vi) Measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs / muffs.
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- (ix) A separate environmental management cell with suitable qualified personnel should be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the Organization.
- (x) The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year wise expenditure should be reported to the Ministry and its Regional Office located at Bangalore.

- (xi) The project authorities should inform to the Regional Office located at Bangalore regarding date of financial closures and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of land development work.
- (xii) The Regional Office of this Ministry located at Bangalore shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the officer (s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports.
- (xiii) The project proponent shall submit six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated environmental clearance conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, its Regional Office Bangalore, the respective Zonal Office of Central Pollution Control Board and the State Pollution Control Board. The proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the environmental clearance conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and shall update the same periodically. It shall simultaneously be sent to the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore, the respective Zonal Officer of Central Pollution Control Board and the State Pollution Control Board.
- (xiv) A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zila Parisad/ Municipal Corporation, Urban Local Body and the Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal. The clearance letter shall also be put on the website of the Company by the proponent.
- (xv) The State Pollution Control Board should display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional office, District Industry Centre and the Collector's office/ Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.
- (xvi) The project authorities should advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned, within 7 days of the issue of the clearance letter informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and a copy of the clearance letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board and also at web site of the Ministry of Environment and Forests at <http://envfor.nic.in> and a copy of the same should be forwarded to the Regional Office of this Ministry located at Bangalore.

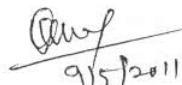
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6. Failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
7. The above conditions will be enforced inter-alia, under 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 of Tamil Nadu and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.
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6. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.
7. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, 76, Mount Road, Guindy, Chennai - 600032.

8. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (SZ), Kendriya Sadan, IVth Floor, E&F Wings, 7th Main Road, IInd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034.
9. Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, A 2, W3 Curzon Road Barracks, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001.
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- (xx) Provision shall be made for the housing of construction labour within the site with all necessary infrastructure and facilities such as fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile STP, safe drinking water, medical health care, crèche etc. The housing may be in the form of temporary structures to be removed after the completion of the project.
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B. General conditions

- (i) No change in mining technology and scope of working should be made without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

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- (iii) At least four ambient air quality-monitoring stations should be established in the core zone as well as in the buffer zone for RSPM (Particulate matter with size less than 10micron i.e., PM₁₀) and NO_x monitoring. Location of the stations should be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets and frequency of monitoring should be undertaken in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board.
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- (vii) Industrial waste water (workshop and waste water from the mine) should be properly collected, treated so as to conform to the standards prescribed under GSR 422 (E) dated 19th May, 1993 and 31st December, 1993 or as amended from time to time. Oil and grease trap should be installed before discharge of workshop effluents.
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- (ix) A separate environmental management cell with suitable qualified personnel should be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the Organization.
- (x) The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year wise expenditure should be reported to the Ministry and its Regional Office located at Bangalore.

- (xi) The project authorities should inform to the Regional Office located at Bangalore regarding date of financial closures and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of land development work.
- (xii) The Regional Office of this Ministry located at Bangalore shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the officer (s) of the Regional Office by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports.
- (xiii) The project proponent shall submit six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated environmental clearance conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, its Regional Office Bangalore, the respective Zonal Office of Central Pollution Control Board and the State Pollution Control Board. The proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the environmental clearance conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and shall update the same periodically. It shall simultaneously be sent to the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore, the respective Zonal Officer of Central Pollution Control Board and the State Pollution Control Board.
- (xiv) A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zila Parisad/ Municipal Corporation, Urban Local Body and the Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal. The clearance letter shall also be put on the website of the Company by the proponent.
- (xv) The State Pollution Control Board should display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional office, District Industry Centre and the Collector's office/ Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.
- (xvi) The project authorities should advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned, within 7 days of the issue of the clearance letter informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and a copy of the clearance letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board and also at web site of the Ministry of Environment and Forests at <http://envfor.nic.in> and a copy of the same should be forwarded to the Regional Office of this Ministry located at Bangalore.

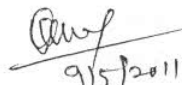
5. The Ministry or any other competent authority may alter/modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.
6. Failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
7. 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 of Tamil Nadu and any other Court of Law relating to the subject matter.
8. The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31st March in Form-V as is mandated to be submitted by the project proponent to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be put on the website of the company along with the status of compliance of environmental clearance conditions and shall also be sent to the respective Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore by e-mail.

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4. Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of Tamilnadu, Chennai
5. The Secretary (Environment), Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Fort. St. George, Chennai-600009.
6. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.
7. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, 76, Mount Road, Guindy, Chennai - 600032.

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Dated 13th January 2005
2006

To,

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15, Barakhamba Road, Post Box 364,
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Subject:-Expansion of Aminabad and Khairulabad Limestone Mine(95.34.5ha.) of
M/s. Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Ltd. (0.30 MTPA) located in Village(s)
Aminabad and Khairulabad , Tehsil Ariyalur , District Perambalur, Tamil
Nadu- environmental clearance- regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No.ND/SR/A&K/ dated 7.11.2005 alongwith your application and subsequent letter No.DP:DIM:MOEF:AK:01/2006dated 02.01.2006 on the subject mentioned above. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has examined the application. It has been noted the proposal is for renewal of lease of the existing Aminabad and Khairulabad Limestone Mine with a total lease area of 95.34.5 ha, consisting of wasteland (Government land and private land). Of the total lease area, area to be excavated is 49.1 ha, 0.10 ha. is for infrastructure, 1.17 ha. is for roads, 4.48 ha. is for green belt and safety zone and 40.5 ha. is for area under mining activity(presently). No forestland is involved. No ecologically sensitive area falls within 10 Km. Radius of the mine site. The project does not involve displacement of people. The production capacity of the mine is 0.30 million tones per annum (MTPA) of limestone. Mineral transportation of 900 TPD is by road to the linked cement plant. Working is opencast by mechanized method involving drilling and blasting. Ultimate working depth is 63.5 m RL. Present working depth is 76 m RL. Mining will intersect water table. The area has been declared as semi-critical by State Ground Water Department. Average water requirement of the mine is 160 m³/day, out of which 156 m³/day will be met from mine sump water and 4 m³/day from ground water. No solid waste generation is envisaged. Indian Bureau of Mines(IBM) has approved mining scheme on 31.12.2003. The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has granted NOC on 2.11.2005.

Public hearing was held on 26.03.2004. Life of the mine at the rated capacity is about 9 years. Capital cost of the project is Rs. 90.00 lakhs.

2.0 The Ministry of Environment and forests hereby accords environmental clearance to the above mentioned Aminabad and Kairulabad Limestone Mine of M/s. Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Ltd. to production 0.30 MTPA of limestone involving lease area of 95.345 ha under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 1994 and its subsequent amendments subject to terms and conditions mentioned below:

A. Specific Conditions

- (i) Prior approval of the CGWA shall be taken for mining below water table.
- (ii) Top soil, if any, should be stacked properly with proper slope at ear marked site(s) with adequate measures and should be used for greenbelt development.
- (iii) Check dams and siltation ponds of appropriate size should be constructed wherever required to arrest silt and sediment flows within the lease area. The water so collected should be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development etc. The drains should be regularly desilted and maintained.

Garland drain (size, gradient & length) and sump capacity should be designed keeping 50% safety margin over and above the peak sudden rainfall and maximum discharge in the area adjoining the mine site. Sump capacity should also provide adequate retention period to allow proper settling of silt material. Sedimentation pits should be constructed at the corners of the garland drains.
- (iv) Drills should be wet operated or with dust extractors.
- (v) Controlled blasting should be practiced and only during daytime. The mitigative measures for control of ground vibrations to arrest the fly rocks and boulders should be implemented.
- (vi) Crusher should be operated with high efficiency bag filters, water sprinkling system should be provided to check fugitive emissions from crushing operations, haulage roads, transfer points, etc.
- (vii) Water sprinkling arrangements to control the fugitive dust generation from the haulage roads and to the crusher should be provided.
- (ix) Measures shall be taken for maintenance of vehicles used in mining operations and in transportation of mineral ore. The vehicles should be covered with tarpaulin and should not be overloaded.

- (x) Progressive Mine Closure Plan shall be implemented. The higher benches of the excavated void/mine pit of an area of 89.595 ha. ^{to be} converted into a water reservoir, shall be terraced and plantation done to stabilize the slopes. Peripheral fencing shall be done along the excavated area.
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 - (xii) A Final Mine Closure Plan along with details of Corpus Fund should be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests 5 years prior to closure of mine for approval of the Ministry.
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C. All the conditions stipulated by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board vide their letter No. T6/TNPCEB/F 5640B-Mine/RS/PMLR/2005 dated 2.11.2005 should be complied with.

3. The Ministry or any other competent authority may stipulate any further additional condition for environmental protection.
4. Failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance.
5. 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 alongwith their amendments and rules.



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