

The status of Environmental Clearance accorded by Ministry of Environment and Forests, I.A. Division, New Delhi to M/s HINDALCO INDUSTRIES LIMITED, CHOTAMURI, Jharkhand for expansion of Alumina Refinery from 125000 MT/Year (nominal) Alumina Production capacity to 575000 MT per year(nominal) **for a period Oct'13 – Mar'14.**

Your letter ref. no. J-11011/131/2005-IA.II(I) dated 20.09.05

#### A. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

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i)	The gaseous emissions from various units shall conform to the standards prescribed from time to time. The State Board may specify more stringent standards for the relevant parameters keeping in view the nature of the industry, its size and location. At no time the emission level should go beyond the prescribed standards. In the event of failure of any pollution control system adopted by the unit, the respective unit should not be restarted until the control measures are rectified to achieve the desired efficiency. Ambient Air Quality data should be regularly monitored and records maintained and report submitted to the Ministry /CPCB/Jharkhand State Pollution Control board once in six months.	<p>a) Pollution control equipments are designed to ensure the gaseous emissions conform to the standards prescribed by statutory authority.</p> <p>b) Ambient Air Quality data is regularly monitored and records are maintained and sent to State Pollution Control Board regularly. Please refer Annexure – I- AAQ monitoring records.</p>
ii)	There shall be no discharge of process effluent. As reflected in the EIA/EMP report, the process waste water generation shall increase from 528m <sup>3</sup> /d to 5092m <sup>3</sup> /d. About 802m <sup>3</sup> /d of waste water will be recycled. Remaining 4290m <sup>3</sup> /d will be recycled back to the process after treatment in the ETP. In addition, efforts shall be made to re-use wastewater from the existing plant. The domestic wastewater shall be treated in STP to meet prescribed standards. The company shall undertake water conservation measures by recycling of	<p>a) Process ETP has been commissioned. Based on present plant capacity, process effluent is being fully recycled in the plant process. During rainy season/accumulated rain water is discharged to the river after getting treated in ETP in conformance with the standards.</p> <p>b) We have initiated a series of actions to reduce fresh water consumption. These actions are primarily focusing on reducing fresh water consumption, in-process recycling of effluents and use excess condensate to replace fresh water intake.</p>

	power plant blow downs and domestic effluent in the refinery process. The storm water management shall be by use of water for sprinkling, recycling to process, ash moisturing and plant keep up.	c) Domestic STP has been commissioned and operating satisfactorily. The treated water is being reused for gardening and dust suppression.
iii)	In plant control measures for checking fugitive emission from spillage/raw materials handling shall be provided. Water sprinklers shall be provided to control the fugitive emissions from the active red mud disposal areas and ash coverage in inactive areas.	<p>a) Water sprinkling system in bauxite and coal storage and handling system is installed and is being operated to mitigate fugitive dust emission.</p> <p>b) Dust suppression system in red mud disposal areas has been strengthened. Sprinkling system is being extended to additional areas as and when exposed. Sprinkling is carried out during summer and windy season and will be continued.</p> <p>c) Water sprinkling is done through mobile tankers along the roads, inside &amp; outside the periphery of the plant.</p>
iv)	The particulate emissions from the calciners shall be controlled by installation of electrostatic precipitator. The particulate emissions shall not exceed 50mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> . The company shall install bag filters to control the emissions from the alumina kiln. All the boiler stacks shall be provided with stack height as per the CPCB guidelines. The boiler and calciner stacks shall be equipped with continuous monitoring device to check SPM emission levels.	Pollution control devices have been commissioned along with the ESP and are connected to chimney stack in calciner & boilers complying with the CPCB guidelines. Continuous emission monitoring system to check SPM emission levels has been provided to the kiln and boiler stack and are working satisfactorily.
v)	The company shall adopt dry disposal system for red mud disposal and shall provide geo membrane lining in red mud storage area. The ground water quality shall be monitored at various depths around the red mud ponds and action plan in this regard shall be submitted to the Ministry. The company shall rehabilitate the abandoned red mud pond areas with development of green cover.	<p>a) The dry disposal of mud is being practiced already (Since June'02) in existing red mud pond.</p> <p>b) NGRI, Hyderabad has conducted a comprehensive study of 57 ground water sources in the 1 km radius of the RMP during pre and post monsoon season of 2006-07. The report suggests that there is no impact due to the red mud storage. The ground water quality is being monitored once in six month since June'06, during pre-monsoon and post</p>

		<p>monsoon period. Total 57 ground water points, identified by NGRI Hyderabad and JSPCB, are monitored within a radius of 1 km of the pond for salient parameters. The report suggests that there is no impact due to the red mud storage. The study was further continued during 2008-09 , 2009-10 &amp; 2011-12 and it is extended for the year 2013-14. The hydrogeological, geophysical, remote sensing, water level and water quality-monitoring data base, prima facie, does not indicate, contamination of groundwater from the red mud stacking or red mud ponds. The report suggests that there has been no significant change as regards fluorides, chlorides and TDS concentrations during the last 5 year period.</p> <p>c) Green belt cover of Red Mud Pond: Abandoned red mud pond pond#2 has been rehabilitated through green cover in phases starting from the year 2005. Expertise (external agency) for development of green cover by TERI a leading organization in this field has been taken. 6000 trees sapling of different species have been planted over Nine acres of abandoned Red Mud Pond #2. The survival rate is 98%.</p> <p>d) Around 15000 saplings of different species planted over abandoned RMP#2. The survival rate is 95%.</p>
vi)	As and when the new pond for red mud disposal is to be constructed, it shall be lined with geo lining to prevent leaching of effluent into the ground water.	New red mud pond will be provided with Geo-textile lining, as and when constructed.
vii)	Green belt of adequate width and density shall be developed in 5 ha. of area in addition to 48.97 ha of plant area already under green belt as per the CPCB guidelines.	<p>Complied.</p> <p>a) A total of 15 acres has been covered with green belt by planting about 15000 tree saplings since June 2005 around the company premises. (b) Also refer specific condition(v) Approx 3000 sapling is have been planted during 2011-12 plant and township area.</p> <p>c) We have planted approx 5200 saplings of plant 2012 to 2013 of Ashok, Saagwaan, Gamhar, Chatni, Neem, Babool, Sisham, Pipal,and</p>

		<p>survival rate is 95% as measured Banyan in and around the factory premises.</p> <p>This year we have planted approx 2397 saplings comprising of Ashok, Gamhar, Sisham in and around the factory premises.</p>
viii)	Occupational Health Surveillance of the workers shall be done on a regular basis and records maintained as per the Factories Act.	OHS for employees are carried out regularly on routine basis at regular interval by our Medical Centre and records are maintained and no adverse impacts/deterioration has been evidenced.
ix)	All the recommendations of the Charter for Corporate Responsibility for Environment Protection (CREP) for the aluminium sector shall be strictly implemented.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Dry disposal of red mud is being practiced since 2002 and the same shall be continued.</li> <li>2) New Red Mud Pond will be provided with Geo-textile lining as and when constructed.</li> <li>3) Alumina calciners are provided with ESP to maintain emission of 50 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>.</li> <li>4) New power plant is provided with an ESP to achieve emission less than 100mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>. A continuous online monitoring system has been installed for monitoring the emissions.</li> <li>5) Dry flyash handling system is adopted for captive coal power plant.</li> <li>6) 100% Flyash is being utilized for Flyash brick making and backfilling of coal mine pit at CCL Rajrappa, 45 km from Muri.</li> <li>7) We are in touch of some cement and brick making industry for the utilisation of Red mud.</li> </ol>
x)	The environmental clearance for the expansion of alumina refinery and establishment of coal based co-generation proposal is subject to the condition that the company shall not undertake any construction or operation of the proposed expansion activity till the environmental clearance for the linked mining proposal is obtained.	Environmental clearance has been obtained for the new mines leases linked to this project namely Kujam 1, Kujam II & Amtipani.
<b>B. GENERAL CONDITIONS:</b>		
i)	The project authorities must strictly adhere to the stipulations made by the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board and the State Government.	The stipulations made by Jharkhand State Pollution Control board/State govt. are being adhered to.
ii)	No further expansion or modifications in	Complied

	the plant should be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.	
iii)	Adequate ambient air quality-monitoring stations should be established in the downward direction as well as where maximum ground level concentration of SPM, SO <sub>2</sub> and NO <sub>x</sub> are anticipated in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board. Data on ambient air quality, fugitive emission and stack emissions shall be regularly submitted to this Ministry including its Regional Office at Bhubaneswar and the State Pollution Control Board/Central Pollution Control Board once in six months.	Complied. Please refer Annexure-I- AAQ monitoring report and Annexure –II for stack monitoring report.
iv)	Industrial waste water shall be properly collected, treated so as to conform to the standards prescribed under GSR 422 (E) dated 19 <sup>th</sup> May, 1993 and 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 1993 or as amended from time to time. The treated wastewater should be utilized for plantation purpose.	Refer specific condition (ii) (a)
v)	The overall noise levels in and around the plant area shall be kept well within the standard (85 dBA) by providing noise control measures including acoustic hoods, silencers, enclosures etc. on all sources of noise generation. The ambient noise levels should conform to the standards prescribed under EPA Rules, 1989 viz. 75 dBA (daytime) and 70 dBA (night time).	Noise levels in existing plant is largely within stipulated standard. However, use of Personal Protective equipments like ear plug/ear muffs to reduce the noise level are in practice in few areas like ball mill. Acoustic enclosures are provided in various areas to reduce sources of noise generation.
vi)	The project proponent shall also comply with the environmental protection measures and safeguards recommended in the EIA/EMP report. Further, the company must undertake socio-economic development activities in the surrounding villages like community development programmes, educational programmes, drinking water supply and health care etc.	a) The EMP's are being implemented as committed in the EIA report. b) Company is regularly undertaking various community development programmes. The annual expenditures incurred during the period on Community Development Programs are 2004-05 (17 lakhs), 2005-06 (21 Lakhs), 2006-07 (32 Lakhs), 2007-08 (67 lakhs), 2008-09 (47 Lakhs), 2009-10 (67.7 Lakhs), 2010-11 (81.07Lakhs) , 2011-12 (80 Lakhs). & 2013-14 (Aprox. 86 Lakhs)

		During last 6 months company's activities in socio-economic field has been enclosed as Annexure –III.
vii)	The project authorities will provide requisite funds both recurring and non-recurring to implement the conditions stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests as well as the State Government along with the implementation schedule for all the conditions stipulated herein. The funds so provided should not be diverted for any other purposes.	Complied.
viii)	The Regional Office of this Ministry at Bhubaneswar/Central Pollution Control Board/State Pollution Control Board will monitor the stipulated conditions. A six monthly compliance report and the monitored data along with statistical interpretation should be submitted to them regularly.	Being Complied.
ix)	The project proponent should inform the public that the project has been accorded environmental clearance by the ministry and copies of the clearance letter are available with the State Pollution Control board/Committee and may also be seen at website of the Ministry of Environment and Forests at <a href="http://envfor.nic.in">http://envfor.nic.in</a> . This should be advertised within seven days from the date of issue of the clearance letter, at least in two local newspapers that are widely circulated in the region of which one shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned and a copy of the same should be forwarded to the Regional office.	Informed Public through two local Hindi News Papers namely "Prabhat Khabar" & "Hindustan" dated 30 Sept'05 that the project has been accorded environmental clearance by Ministry. Copies of the same has been forwarded to Regional Office at Bhubaneswar on 31 <sup>st</sup> July'2006.
x)	The Project Authorities should inform the Regional Office as well as the Ministry, the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of commencing the land development work.	a) Date of financial closure & approval of project: 26 July'04. b) Date of commencing land development work: 10 Oct'05.