

F. No. J-11011/136/2009-IA.II(I)  
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To

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**Subject:** Expansion of Aluminium Smelter Plant from 0.26 MTPA to 0.72 MTPA and Captive Power Plant from 650 MW to 1650 MW by **M/s. Aditya Aluminium (A Division of M/s Hindalco Industries Limited)** at Village Lapanga, Rengali, C.D. Block, **District Sambalpur in Odisha – Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance – regarding.**

1. This refers to the application of M/s. Aditya Aluminium (A Division of M/s Hindalco Industries Limited) made vide proposal no. IA/OR/IND/115361/2019 dated 19/10/2019 along with Form 6 and sought for validity extension of the environmental clearance accorded by the Ministry vide letter no. J-11011/136/2009- IA-II(I) dated 29/11/2012. The proposed project activity is listed at Sl. No. 3(a) Metallurgical Industries (Ferrous and Non-ferrous) under Category “A” EIA Notification, 2006 and the proposal is appraised at Central level.
2. The proposal cited above was considered during the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Reconstituted Expert Appraisal Committee [EAC] (Industry-I) held on 21-23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019. The EAC proceedings of the proposal cited above is given as below.

**Details submitted by the project proponent**

3. M/s. Aditya Aluminium (A Division of M/s Hindalco Industries Limited) has been granted Environmental Clearance by the Ministry for expansion of Aluminium Smelter Plant from 0.26 MTPA to 0.72 MTPA and Captive Power Plant from 650 MW to 1650 MW at Village Lapanga, Rengali, C.D. Block, District Sambalpur in Orissa vid letter no. J-11011/136/2009- IA-II(I) dated 29/11/2012. Subsequently amendment to the EC was granted vide letter dated 14/06/2013 and 14/08/2018.

*Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance titled “Expansion of Aluminium Smelter Plant from 0.26 MTPA to 0.72 MTPA and Captive Power Plant from 650 MW to 1650 MW by M/s. Aditya Aluminium (A Division of M/s Hindalco Industries Limited) at Village Lapanga, Rengali, C.D. Block, District Sambalpur in Odisha”*



4. The implementation status of the EC is furnished as below:

S.No.	Product	Phase I (Operational)	Phase II (To be implemented)
i.	Aluminium Smelter	0.36 MTPA	0.36 MTPA
ii.	Captive Power Plant	900 MW (6 x 150 MW)	750 MW (5 x 150 MW)

5. At present, the Phase-I facility of 0.36 MTPA Aluminium Smelter and 900 MW Captive Power Plant is installed and commissioned and the plant is in full-scale operation. The metal produced from the plant is of high purity and more than 90% is exported to companies like Boeing, Mitsubishi, Hyundai & others. Other common facilities like railway siding & raw material handling system, water intake and storage facilities, road and other infrastructure facilities, ash handling & disposal system etc., have also established.
6. The phase II facility of 0.36 MTPA Aluminium smelter and captive power plant of 750 MW (5x150 MW) along with its ancillary facilities could not be implemented within the validity period due to market fluctuations and decline in LME Price for Aluminium in last five years. The CTO for the Phase-I facilities is valid till 31.03.2023 for Aluminium Smelter & 31.03.2020 for CPP Units.
7. The phase-II facility [0.36 MTPA Aluminium smelter and captive power plant of 750 MW (5x150 MW) along with its ancillary facilities] will be executed remaining period of 3 years and will be implemented within the stipulated time period, i.e., 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

#### Observations of the Committee

8. The Committee noted that project proponent was unable to implement Phase II facility due to market fluctuations and decline in London Metal Exchange (LME) price for Aluminium in last five years. The committee also noted that a CBI investigation is in progress regarding the company. In this regard, PP informed that the said CBI investigation is related to the Talabira II and III coal Blocks. The Project Proponent further informed that the coal for the existing operations is being/ will be taken from coal mines namely Gare Palma IV/4 and IV/5 and Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited where no investigation is pending or going on.

#### Recommendations of the Committee

9. In view of above and after detailed deliberations, the Committee recommended to extend the validity of the Environmental Clearance for a period of three years beyond 28/11/2019, i.e., from 29/11/2019 to 28/11/2022 subject to following conditions:
- M/s. Aditya Aluminium (A division of M/s Hindalco Industries Limited) shall abide by all orders and judicial pronouncements, made from time to time, passed by any judicial or executive authority (including CBI) so far as they pertain to the present proposal directly or indirectly.
  - All other terms and conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance accorded vide letter no. J-11011/136/2009- IA-II(I) dated 29/11/2012, 14/06/2013 and 14/08/2018 shall remain unchanged.



**Decision of MoEF&CC**

10. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the application based on the recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry-I) and hereby decided to **grant extension of validity of the environmental clearance for the above-mentioned project up to three years i.e., from 29/11/2019 to 28/11/2022** as per the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 as amended subject to following conditions.
- i. M/s. Aditya Aluminium (A division of M/s Hindalco Industries Limited) shall abide by all orders and judicial pronouncements, made from time to time, passed by any judicial or executive authority (including CBI) so far as they pertain to the present proposal directly or indirectly.
  - ii. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance accorded vide letter no. J-11011/136/2009- IA-II(I) dated 29/11/2012, 14/06/2013 and 14/08/2018 shall remain unchanged.
11. The project proponent shall obtain fresh environmental clearance in case of change in scope of the project, if any.
12. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

  
(A.K. Agrawal)  
Director

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