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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
Impact Assessment (IA) Division

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Dated: 27.02.2018

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Clarification regarding applicability of EIA Notification 2006 for coal tar pitch melting – reg.**

It is to inform that the Ministry is in receipt of a number of requests for clarification on the applicability of EIA Notification 2006 for coal tar pitch melting.

2. The matter was examined in the Ministry and it has been decided that the process of melting of coal tar pitch involves only physical change from solid (granular) form to liquid form and there are no emissions into the air and water.
3. In view of the above, it is informed that coal tar pitch melting does not attract the provisions of the EIA Notification 2006 as amended from time to time. However, other statutory clearances under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972, the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 and CRZ Notification 2016 may be obtained as applicable as per site conditions.
4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

  
(Sharath Kumar Pallerla)  
Director (S)

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