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To

The Secretary,
State Department of Environment,
Govt. of Orissa, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

Sub: Expansion of Alumina Refinery from 1 MTPA to 6 MTPA and Captive power Plant of 75 MW to 285 MW at Lanjigarh, District Kalahandi in Orissa by M/s Vedanta Alluminium Limited- regarding

This is in continuation of this Ministry's earlier letter of even no. dated 2nd February, 2012 prescribing the terms of reference for undertaking EIA study and conducting public hearing.

2. The plant area involves 28.943 hectares of 'Gramya Jungle Jogya' land. It has been noted that requirement of diversion of forest land from the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 is yet to be resolved. The matter regarding access to the villagers has not been satisfactorily addressed.

3. In view of the above, it has been decided that further action in the matter pertaining to consideration of the proposal for environmental clearance, including the public hearing for expansion of Alumina Refinery and captive power plant, may be taken only after the above mentioned issues have been fully resolved. The TORs issued vide letter dated 2nd February, 2012 will therefore remain in abeyance.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. P. L. Ahujara)
Director

Copy to:

1. The Chairman, Orissa Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118, Neelkanthhanagar, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar- 751 012, Orissa.
2. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi, 110 032.

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3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Eastern Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar – 751023.
4. M/s Vedanta Aluminium Limited, Lanjigarh, Kalahandi, Orissa- 766027.
5. Guard File / Record File.


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