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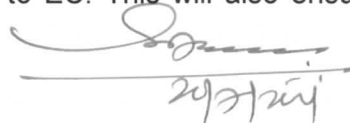
Date 20/07/2021.

- Sub** Re-Rolling/Cold Rolling units/Cold Rolled Coils established or operating with Consent to Establish/Operate form SPCB required Environment Clearance
- Ref** 1 Order dated 12th February, 2020 of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in O.A. No. 55/2019 (WZ) in the matter of Gajubha Jesar Jadeja vs Union of India & Ors.
- 2 Ministry of Environment Forest & climate Change, Govt. of India letter No. IA-J-11013/8/2019-IA-II(I) dtd. 22/10/2020.

As per EIA Notification 2006 secondary metallurgical industries are to be appraised for EC as category B projects under schedule 3(a) Metallurgical industries. In case of secondary metallurgical processing industries units, those projects involving operation of furnaces only such as induction and electric arc furnace, submerged arc furnace, and cupola with capacity more than 30000 tons per annum (TPA) would require Environmental Clearance.

Vide order dtd. 12/02/2020 Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, in O.A. No. 55/2019 (WZ) in the matter of Gajubha Jesar Jadeja vs Union of India & Ors. directed MoEF&CC to (i) define secondary metallurgical units for the purpose of EIA process, (ii) clarification about the types of furnace under applicability of MoEF&CC notification 2006, (iii) clarifying re-rolling vs. cold rolling in the context of Environmental Clearance. Therefore, for further smoothening the EC process for present unit and proposals in future, the MoEF&CC may consider issuing further clarifications.

In order to address to instant and similar cases where such re rolling/cold rolling units are established or operating with a CTE/CTO from the concerned State Pollution Control Boards, the Ministry may consider directing the State Pollution Control Boards to get a list of all such cases and take further quick actions so that they apply for EC and get covered by the EIA notification 2006. Since, these units are established or operating under the CTEs/CTOs obtained from a statutory authority i.e. the respective State Pollution Control Boards, a period of one year may be allowed for this recommended conversion to EC. This will also ensure that the units remain in

  
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operation for the allowed period and closures, unemployment and related social issues/unrests are avoided. During this period of one year, they will have to follow all the conditions imposed under the CTE.CTO."

1. "12. It would appear from the sequence of events that the position that subsisted earlier in respect of Cold Rolled Coils (CRC) of stainless steel was quite obscure as it was not clear as to whether such activity would require environmental clearance under the EIA notification, 2006. The MoEF upon consideration of the expert opinion appears to have now clarified that such industry do require prior environmental clearance but, having regard to the fact that there were a large number of such mills operating on the strength of CTE and CTO, opportunity should be provide to such units to fall within the EC regime by granting a period of at least one year to operate for the purpose."

**In compliance of the Hon'ble NGT Order dtd.12/02/2020 in the aforesaid matter, the Re-Rolling/Cold Rolling units/ Cold Rolled Coils established or operating with Consent to Establish/Operate shall apply for Environment Clearance & obtain Environment Clearance from competent authority under the EIA notification 2006 on or before 22/10/2021. Failing in which further legal action will be initiated as per Hon'ble National Green Tribunal given in above order dtd. 12/02/2020.**

The above circular will be in force with immediate effect.

This is issued with approval of competent authority of the Board.

DA: N.G.T. order



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