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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests

BY SPEED POST

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To ✓

M/s Thermal Powertech Corporation (India) Ltd.  
G-103, Srinivasa Towers,  
Begumpet  
Hyderabad – 500 016.

*Sub: 3x660 MW (Stage-I: 2x660 MW; and Stage-II: 1x660 MW) Super Critical Coal Based Thermal Power Plant at village painampuram, in Muthukur Mandal, in Nellore Distt., in Andhra Pradesh - reg. Environmental Clearance.*

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to your letter no. TPCIL/EC/2009, dated 11.08.2009 on the subject mentioned above. The Ministry of Environment & Forests has examined the application.

2. It has been noted that the proposal is for setting up of 3x660 MW Coal Based Supercritical TPP in two stages viz. Phase-I: 2x660 MW and Phase-II: 1x660 MW). Land required will be 1367 Acres. Beneficiated Indian and imported coal will be used in the ratio of 70:30. Coal linkage from Mahanadi Coal Fields has been obtained. Imported coal will be transported from Krishnapatnam Port by conveyor belt. The blended coal will have about 26% Ash content and Sulphur content of 0.59%. Sea water from the Bay of Bengal will be used for operation of the plant. Water requirement will be 334464 cum/day. Stack height will be 275 m (Bi-Flue) for Stage-I and 275 m (single Flue for Stage-II). Total Coal required will be 6.90 MTPA. Ash pond area will be 210 Acres. Buckingham Canal is at a distance of 100 m in the western side of the plant boundary. A creek is located 150 m away from the boundary of the plant in the southern side. There are no national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, bio-sphere, tiger, elephant reserves, heritage sites etc. within 10 km of the plant boundary. The project does not attract the provisions of CRZ regulations. Permitted activities has been carried out in CRZ area. Public hearing was held on 07.08.2009. Total Cost of the project will be Rs 10,153 Crores.

3. The project has been considered in accordance with the provisions of the EIA notification issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests vide S.O. 1533 (E), dated September 14, 2006.

4. Based on the information submitted by you, as at Para 2 above and others, the Ministry of Environment and Forests hereby accords environmental clearance to the above project under the provisions of EIA notification dated September 14, 2006, subject to the compliance of the following conditions:

- (i) Status of implementation of 100 % utilization of Fly Ash generated shall be submitted to the Ministry within six months of operation of the plant.

- (ii) Stack(s) of 275 m height (Bi-Flue for Stage-I and Single Flue for Stage-II) shall be provided with continuous online monitoring equipments for SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and PM. Exit velocity of flue gases shall not be less than 25 m/sec. Mercury emissions from stack shall also be monitored on periodic basis.
- (iii) Possibility for installation of combined intake with neighbouring Power plants shall be examined and in the event of non-feasibility adequate justification shall be submitted within a period of six months.
- (iv) High Efficiency Electrostatic Precipitators (ESPs) shall be installed to ensure that particulate emission does not exceed 50 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>.
- (v) Adequate dust extraction system such as cyclones/ bag filters and water spray system in dusty areas such as in coal handling and ash handling points, transfer areas and other vulnerable dusty areas shall be provided.
- (vi) Fly ash shall be collected in dry form and storage facility (silos) shall be provided (as applicable). 100% fly ash utilization shall be ensured from 4th year onwards. Unutilized fly ash shall be disposed off in the ash pond in the form of slurry form. Mercury and other heavy metals (As, Hg, Cr, Pb etc.) will be monitored in the bottom ash as also in the effluents emanating from the existing ash pond. No ash shall be disposed off in low lying area.
- (vii) Ash pond shall be lined with HDP/LDP lining. Adequate safety measures shall also be implemented to protect the ash dyke from getting breached.
- (viii) Closed cycle cooling system with natural draft cooling towers shall be provided. The Effluents shall be treated as per the prescribed norms.
- (ix) No ground water shall be extracted for the project work at any stage.
- (x) Hydro-geological study of the area shall be reviewed annually and results submitted to the Ministry and concerned agency in the State Govt. In case adverse impact on ground water quality and quantity is observed, immediate mitigating steps to contain any adverse impact on ground water shall be undertaken.
- (xi) Minimum required environmental flow suggested by the Competent Authority of the State Govt. shall be maintained in the Channel/ rivers even in lean season.
- (xii) The treated effluents conforming to the prescribed standards should be only discharged. Arrangements shall be made that effluents and storm water do not get mixed.
- (xiii) A sewage treatment plant shall be provided and the treated sewage shall be used for raising greenbelt/plantation.
- (xiv) Rainwater harvesting should be adopted. Central Groundwater Authority/ Board shall be consulted for finalization of appropriate rainwater harvesting technology within a period of three months from the date of clearance and details shall be furnished.
- (xv) Adequate safety measures shall be provided in the plant area to check/minimize spontaneous fires in coal yard, especially during summer season. Copy of these

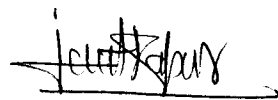
measures with full details along with location plant layout shall be submitted to the Ministry as well as to the Regional Office of the Ministry.

- (xvi) Storage facilities for auxiliary liquid fuel such as LDO and/ HFO/LSHS shall be made in the plant area in consultation with Department of Explosives, Nagpur. Sulphur content in the liquid fuel will not exceed 0.5%. Disaster Management Plan shall be prepared to meet any eventuality in case of an accident taking place due to storage of oil.
- (xvii) Regular monitoring of ground water in and around the ash pond area including heavy metals (Hg,Cr,As,Pb) shall be carried out, records maintained and six monthly reports shall be furnished to the Regional Office of this Ministry. The data so obtained should be compared with the baseline data so as to ensure that the ground water quality is not adversely affected due to the project.
- (xviii) Shelter Belt consisting of 3 tiers of plantations around the plant of 100 m width and adequate tree density shall be developed.
- (xix) First Aid and sanitation arrangements shall be made for the drivers and other contract workers during construction phase.
- (xx) Noise levels emanating from turbines shall be so controlled such that the noise in the work zone shall be limited to 75 dBA. For people working in the high noise area, requisite personal protective equipment like earplugs/ear muffs etc. shall be provided. Workers engaged in noisy areas such as turbine area, air compressors etc shall be periodically examined to maintain audiometric record and for treatment for any hearing loss including shifting to non noisy/less noisy areas.
- (xxi) Regular monitoring of ground level concentration of SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, RSPM and Hg shall be carried out in the impact zone and records maintained. If at any stage these levels are found to exceed the prescribed limits, necessary control measures shall be provided immediately. The location of the monitoring stations and frequency of monitoring shall be decided in consultation with SPCB. Periodic reports shall be submitted to the Regional Office of this Ministry. The data shall also be put on the website of the company.
- (xxii) A good action plan for R&R (if applicable) with package for the project affected persons be submitted and implemented as per prevalent R&R policy within three months from the date of issue of this letter.
- (xxiii) An amount of Rs 32.0 Crores shall be earmarked as one time capital cost for CSR programme. Subsequently a recurring expenditure of Rs 6.4 Crores per annum shall be earmarked as recurring expenditure for CSR activities. Details of the activities to be undertaken shall be submitted within one month along with road map for implementation.
- (xxiv) As part of CSR programme the company shall conduct need based assessment for the nearby villages to study economic measures with action plan which can help in upliftment of poor section of society. Income generating projects consistent with the traditional skills of the people besides development of fodder farm, fruit bearing orchards, vocational training etc. can form a part of such programme. Company shall provide separate budget for community development activities and income generating programmes. This will be in addition to vocational training for individuals imparted to take up self employment and jobs.

- (xxv) Provision shall be made for the housing of construction labour within the site with all necessary infrastructure and facilities such as fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile STP, safe drinking water, medical health care, crèche etc. The housing may be in the form of temporary structures to be removed after the completion of the project.
- (xxvi) The project proponent shall advertise in at least two local newspapers widely circulated in the region around the project, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned within seven days from the date of this clearance letter, informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and copies of 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 <http://envfor.nic.in>.
- (xxvii) A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zila Parisad / Municipal Corporation, urban local Body and the Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/representations, if any, received while processing the proposal. The clearance letter shall also be put on the website of the Company by the proponent.
- (xxviii) A dedicated Environment management Cell with suitable qualified personnel shall be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the Organization.
- (xxix) The proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the stipulated EC conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and shall update the same periodically. It shall simultaneously be sent to the Regional Office of MOEF, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and the SPCB. The criteria pollutant levels namely; SPM, RSPM, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> (ambient levels as well as stack emissions) shall be displayed at a convenient location near the main gate of the company in the public domain.
- (xxx) The project proponent shall also submit six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated EC conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well by e- mail) to the respective Regional Office of MOEF, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and the SPCB.
- (xxxii) The environment statement for each financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March in Form-V as is mandated to be submitted by the project proponent to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be put on the website of the company along with the status of compliance of EC conditions and shall also be sent to the respective Regional Offices of the Ministry by e-mail.
- (xxxiii) The project proponent shall submit six monthly reports on the status of the implementation of the stipulated environmental safeguards to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, its Regional Office, Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Board. The project proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the environment of the environmental clearance conditions on their website and update the same periodically and simultaneously send the same by e-mail to the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests.

- (xxxiii) Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment & Forests will monitor the implementation of the stipulated conditions. A complete set of documents including Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Environment Management Plan along with the additional information submitted from time to time shall be forwarded to the Regional Office for their use during monitoring. Project proponent will up-load the compliance status in their website and up-date the same from time to time at least six monthly basis. Criteria pollutants levels including NO<sub>x</sub> (from stack & ambient air) shall be displayed at the main gate of the power plant.
- (xxxiv) Separate funds shall be allocated for implementation of environmental protection measures along with item-wise break-up. These cost shall be included as part of the project cost. The funds earmarked for the environment protection measures shall not be diverted for other purposes and year-wise expenditure should be reported to the Ministry.
- (xxxv) The project authorities shall inform the Regional Office as well as the Ministry regarding the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the dates of start of land development work and commissioning of plant.
- (xxxvi) Full cooperation shall be extended to the Scientists/Officers from the Ministry / Regional Office of the Ministry at Bangalore / CPCB/ SPCB who would be monitoring the compliance of environmental status.
4. The Ministry of Environment and Forests reserves the right to revoke the clearance if conditions stipulated are not implemented to the satisfaction of the Ministry. The Ministry may also impose additional environmental conditions or modify the existing ones, if necessary.
5. The environmental clearance accorded shall be valid for a period of 5 years to start operations by the power plant.
6. Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
7. In case of any deviation or alteration in the project proposed including coal transportation system from those submitted to this Ministry for clearance, a fresh reference should be made to the Ministry to assess the adequacy of the condition(s) imposed and to add additional environmental protection measures required, if any.
8. The above stipulations would be enforced among others under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules there under, Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 and its amendments, the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 and its amendments.
9. Any appeal against this environmental clearance shall lie with the National Environment Appellate Authority, if preferred, within 30 days as prescribed under Section 11 of the National Environment Appellate Act, 1997.

Yours faithfully,



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DIRECTOR

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110001.
2. The Secretary (Environment), Forests and Environment Department Government of Andhra Pradesh.
3. The Chairman, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.
4. The Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Pollution Control Board, Paryavarana Bhawan, A-3, Industrial Estate, Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad -500 018.
5. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi- 110032.
6. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office (SZ), Kendriya Sadan, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor E&F Wings 17<sup>th</sup> Main Road, 1 Block , Koranmangala, Bangalore -560 034.
7. The District Collector, Nellore District, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.
8. The Director (EI), MOEF.
9. Guard file.
10. Monitoring file.

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