

AHPL/MoEF&CC/2023-24/07

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To,

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Ref:

- I. File No.: 11-150/2010-IA.III1H, Government of India, MoEF&CC (Impact Assessment Division), Development of Project Multi cargo port with supporting utilities and infrastructure facilities at Hazira, Surat, Gujarat by M/s Adani Hazira Port Limited dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 -for Forest Land Inclusion
- II. MoEF&CC Letter regarding name change from AHPPL to AHPL dated 15.01.2021
- III. OM, MoEF&CC dated 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022, F.NO. IA3-22/10/2022-IA.III(E177258), regarding clarification on calculating the validity of prior Environmental Clearance (EC) granted under the provisions of EIA Notification 2006, which involve Forest Land.
- IV. Ref- F.No. 8-35/2015 and F.No. 8-36/2015, Stage II,-Forest Clearance.

**Sub:** Submission of Six-Monthly EC Compliance Report regarding Environment and CRZ Clearance granted to AHPL for Forest Land Inclusion (Letter vide- MoEF&CC F. No. 11-150/2010\_IA.III dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020)

Sir,

M/s Adani Hazira Port Limited (earlier named as Adani Hazira Port Pvt Ltd) had proposed the development of a Multi Cargo Port in Hazira, Surat District with supporting utilities and infrastructure facilities for its master plan spanning over an area of 873.27 ha which included forest land of 376.64 ha. The proposal was issued ToR on 07.04.2011 and the required EIA studies and Public Hearing (14.08.2012) was undertaken, project was recommended by Gujarat Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) vide letter No. ENV-10-2012-31-E dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and was appraised to the EAC for obtaining Environment and CRZ clearance. As the diversion of forest land was under process at the time of EC so the same was excluded from the EC granted to AHPPL vide letter no. F.No.11-150/2010-IA-III dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013.

Hence, the total area available for port development was 496.63 Ha. AHPL commenced first five-year port development in the area available. In the first five years AHPPL has constructed 6 berths out of the proposed 12 berths, a total of 24.87 MMTPA of cargo was handled in the last financial year 2021-22 out of the approved 84.1 MMTPA. Now out of 376.64 Ha applied forest land, the Stage-I forest clearance has been granted over an area of 301.0199 Ha vide order dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016(210.1594 Ha.) and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (90.8605 Ha.) as mentioned below.

The Stage I - forest clearance (*In principle approval*) for diversion of 210.1594 ha of reserved forest land vide letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 bearing F. No. 8-36/2015-FC and Stage I forest clearance for diversion of 90.8605 ha of reserved forest land vide letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 bearing F. No. 8-35/2015-FC was obtained in October 2016 by AHPL.


After obtaining the Stage I forest clearance, AHPL approached MoEF&CC for inclusion of forest land in the approved area of port by expansion of earlier EC &CRZ clearance. MoEF&CC granted ToR for conduct of EIA studies on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 vide F. No. 10-80/2018-IA-III. EIA studies were conducted, and the project was recommended by GCZMA vide letter number ENV-10-2020-172-Tcell dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Subsequently the proposal was appraised by EAC and EC&CRZ clearance was granted for inclusion of 301.0199 Ha area in the already approved area of AHPL vide F. No. 11-150/2010\_IA.III dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

The Stage-II forest clearance is obtained for diversion of 90.8605 ha of reserved forest land Ref-F.No. 8-35/2015-FC is granted on 22.09.2022 and diversion of 210.1594 ha of reserved forest land Ref-F.No. 8-36/2015-FC is granted on 28.09.2022.

As the current port operation is being carried out as per the EC &CRZ clearance granted vide F.No.11-150/2010-IA-III dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013 only and AHPL is submitting the compliance of EC &CRZ clearance granted vide F.No.11-150/2010-IA-III dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013 to the authorities regularly.

We would like to state that, no development activities have been carried out for the development in the said forest area after obtaining Environment & CRZ Clearance, during the compliance period i.e. April 2023 to September 2023. Henceforth, AHPL will submit Six monthly EC compliance report for the EC & CRZ Clearance (AHPL vide F. No. 11-150/2010\_IA.III dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020) after commencement of development work in the above referred forest land parcel.

For, **Adani Hazira Port Limited,**

  
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