## File No. 10-138/2008-IA.III [Proposal No. IA/GJ/NCP/261191/2022]

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

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Dated: 15th July, 2022

To

M/s Adani Ports and SEZ Limited Adani House, Nr. Mithakhali Circle, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad- 380009.

Subject: "Multi Product SEZ" at Mundra, District Kutch, Gujarat by M/s Adani Ports and SEZLimited-Further consideration for amendment in specific conditions of Environmental and CRZ Clearance [Proposal No. IA/GJ/NCP/261191/2022 and File No. 10-138/2008- IA.III].

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal no. IA/GJ/NCP/261191/2022 submitted to this Ministry on March 11, 2022, seeking amendment in Environmental and CRZ Clearance for the aforementioned project as per the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

- 2. The project proponent, vide online application IA/GJ/NCP/261191/2022, dated March 11, 2022, has requested for amendment in EC letter No. 10-138/2008-IA.III, dated July 15, 2014, stating that while granting EC & CRZ clearance by the Ministry, certain conditions were stipulated by the Ministry based on the recommendations of the EAC. The PP has proposed to amend the Specific Conditions No. (x) & (xi) regarding the restriction of industrial activity in the CRZ area other than port related activities and the No Development Zone till mangrove/creek plan finalization.
  - (x) PP shall demarcate the CRZ area on land with GPS coordinates in consultation with GCZMA the agency which has done the HTL/LTL demarcation for the area. There shall be no allotment of plot/s in CRZ area to industries. No industrial activity within CRZ area except the port and harbor & the foreshore facilities shall be allowed as committed.
  - (xi) Till the approval of action plan for conservation and protection of creeks/mangrove area, the CRZ area within SEZ shall be demarcated as "No Development Zone". PP shall not allow/ undertake any development in CRZ area of SEZ.
- 3. It has been informed that, as the Mangrove Conservation Action Plan is now approved, PP has fully complied with the specific condition no. (xi) under the EC & CRZ clearance dated July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, and therefore the condition of the CRZ area of SEZ as "No Development Zone" needs revision. Moreover, these CRZ area can be used for carrying out permissible activities either by APSEZ or any Industry through specific permissions and

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therefore the specific condition no. (x) under EC & CRZ clearance dated 15th July, 2014 on "No allotment of plots in CRZ area to Industries" needs revision.

4. In view of the above, PP has requested for following amendments:

Specific condition no.	Specific condition	Proposed amendment	Remarks
(x)	PP shall demarcate the CRZ area on land with GPS coordinates in consultation with GCZMA the agency which has done the HTL/LTL demarcation for the area. There shall be no allotment of plot/s in CRZ area to industries. No industrial activity within CRZ area except the port and harbor & the foreshore facilities shall be allowed as committed	CRZ area can be used for carrying out permissible activities either by APSEZ or any Industry through specific permissions and therefore the specific condition no. (x) under EC & CRZ clearance dated 15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2014 on "No allotment of plots in CRZ area to Industries" needs revision.	• APSEZ has set up multiproduct SEZ to facilitate Industrial Development by utilizing its area optimally. APSEZ to carry out permissible activities & allot plots to individual industries to carry out permissible activities within CRZ area of SEZ in line with CRZ Notification, 2011 and its amendment till date. Individual industries will obtain CRZ clearance from concerned authorities to carry out permissible activities within CRZ area.
(xi)	Till the approval of action plan for conservation and protection of creeks/mangrove area, the CRZ area within SEZ shall be demarcated as "No Development Zone". PP shall not allow/undertake any development in CRZ area of SEZ.	As Mangrove Conservation Action Plan is now approved, so APSEZ has fully complied with the specific condition no. (xi) under EC & CRZ clearance dated 15th July, 2014 and therefore condition of CRZ area of SEZ as "No Development Zone" needs revision.	

- The EAC, taking into account the clarification provided by the Ministry and submissions made by the PP, had a detailed deliberation in its 297<sup>th</sup> meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and recommended the proposal for the amendment in Environmental and CRZ Clearance as mentioned above in para 3.7.3 issued by the Ministry to M/s Adani Ports and SEZ Limited, vide F. No. 10-138/2008-IA.III and dated July 15th, 2014 with the following conditions:
- i. CRZ area within the project boundary can be used for carrying out permissible activities either by APSEZ or any Industry through specific permission. However, if activities other than those recommended by the GCZMA earlier is proposed, fresh recommendations need to be obtained.
- ii. Individual industries/APSEZ will obtain CRZ clearance afresh from concerned authorities to carry out permissible activities within CRZ area.
- iii. All the recommendations stipulated in the Mangrove Conservation Plan to be implemented in totality.



- iv. All other conditions mentioned in the letter No. 10-138/2008-IA.III and dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 shall remain unchanged.
- As per the recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords amendment in Environmental and CRZ Clearance vide F. No. 10-138/2008-IA.III and dated 15th July 2014 as mentioned above in the para no. 4 subject to the conditions mentioned at para no. 5.
- 7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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