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Subject: Catalytic Reformer at Barauni Refinery of Indian Oil Corporation Environment clearance.

Ref: Ministry's clearance letter no J-11011/10/89-IA dated 25.07.1989

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1.	The project authority must strictly adhere to stipulations made by the State Government and the State Pollution Control Board.	• With Ref. No.(ROB)NOC-1471/20/1220 Dated-01.09.2021 Permission from BSPCB, under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, available with validity till 31.08.2026. • Complied.
2.	The project authority will not increase the throughput capacity of the refinery from the existing level.	 Prior approval of ministry is always taken before carrying out any expansion or modification of the plant. Complied
3.	The project authority must submit a rapid EIA report within 6 months and comprehensive EIA report within 18 months to this Ministry for review.	 The EIA report has already been submitted. Complied.
4.	Gaseous emissions of sulphur dioxides, hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen should not exceed the standard prescribed by the Central/ State Pollution Control Board. At no time the emission level should be beyond the stipulated standard. In the event of failure of any pollution control system adopted by the unit, the respective unit should be put out of operation immediately and should not be restarted until the control systems are rectified to achieve the desired efficiency.	 Process emissions at Barauni Refinery conform to the standards prescribed under the EPA rules. Total SO₂ emissions from existing units at Barauni Refinery are within the stipulated limit of 815 kg/hr as per latest EC. Complied.
5.	The project authority will recycle the effluent to the maximum extent possible either as process water or for afforestation.	 Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) of 1000 m3/hr capacity and Biological Treatment Plant (BTP) of 1400 m3/hr capacity have been provided for treatment of effluent. Treated effluent is completely reused in refinery operations, horticulture and eco ponds make up.

		• Complied.
6.	The entire quantity of liquid effluent coming out of the complex should conform to MINAS both in terms of quantity and quality before discharge into the drainage system. The process plant effluent should be discharged through pipeline/closed channel.	 No effluent is being discharged to river Ganga since Oct 2013 and the line going to river Ganga has been dismantled. The treated water quality is within MINAS. Complied.
7.	The project authority must set up minimum of four air quality monitoring stations at different locations of the plant and in the nearby areas. The air quality will be monitored as par standard procedure. The monitoring of gaseous emissions should also include oxides of nitrogen and hydrocarbons. All the stacks of the plant must be provided with continuous automatic stack monitoring equipment and stacks emission levels must be recorded and furnished to the State Pollution Control Board once in three months and to this Ministry once in six months.	 Eight manual (four in Refinery, one in township, three in periphery villages) air quality monitoring stations have been set up. Ambient air quality is checked twice in a week. Three continuous online air monitoring stations provided for ambient air quality monitoring covering 8 parameters viz PM 10, PM 2.5, SO2, NOx, CO, NH3, Benzene and Ozone. The stations are also directly connected online with servers at CPCB and Bihar State Pollution Control Board (BSPCB). The results are furnished to the BSPCB and the MoEF&CC (Regional office, Ranchi) at regular intervals as prescribed. Continuous on-line stack analyzers for monitoring of SO2, NOx, CO & PM have been installed and connected to CPCB server for 24 nos. of stacks. Stack emissions from all units are sampled once in two months except Sulfur Recovery Unit (which is monitored monthly basis) and results on stack emission, and work zone monitoring data are furnished to the BSPCB and MoEF&CC (Regional Office, Ranchi). Complied.
8.	The liquid effluent quality must be assured on daily basis. At least five water quality monitoring stations must be set up in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board. This should include the monitoring of oil content in the river. If the effluent quality exceeds the standard prescribed at any time, the corresponding units of the plant which are contributing to the excessive pollutant loads shall be immediately stopped and operation must not be restarted till the quality of effluent discharged from the units are brought down to the required levels.	 Effluent quality monitoring points has been set up in consultation with BSPCB. The results are regularly furnished to the BSPCB and regional office, MoEF&CC, Ranchi. Online effluent analyzers have been installed at the discharge of treated effluent and connected to CPCB and BSPCB server. No effluent is being discharge to river Ganga since Oct 2013 and the line going to river Ganga has been dismantled. Complied.

9.	The project authority will ensure that the effluent treatment plant will be commissioned and operational within the next three months.	 Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) of 1000 m3/hr capacity and Biological Treatment Plant (BTP) of 1400 m3/hr capacity have been provided for treatment of effluent. Complied.
10.	The project authority must submit a disaster management plan duly approved by the nodal agency of the State within a period of three months. Disaster management plan should include the worst accident scenario and its probable consequence.	 Comprehensive On-site and Off-site Disaster Management Plan exist in refinery and updated regularly as per PNGRB guidelines. On-site & Off-site mock drills are conducted quarterly and annually respectively. The Off-site drill is conducted with involvement of District Authority. The certificate provided by TPI is attached as Flag-1. Complied.
11.	The project authority will start construction only after the approval of Chief Controller of Explosive and a copy of consent letter should be made available to the Ministry.	 The approval of Chief controller of Explosive was taken before construction. Complied.
12.	No change in design of stacks should be made without the prior approval of the State Pollution Control Board. Alternate pollution control system and/or proper design (stacks injection system) of the stacks should be made to minimize hydrocarbon emission due to failure in the flare system in the plant.	 No change is done without prior approval of statutory bodies. Low NOx burners are provided in furnaces to minimize hydrocarbon emission in stacks. Complied
13.	The project authority must provide necessary infrastructure facilities to the construction worker during construction.	 The project is already under operation. The condition is not applicable at present. However, construction work for BR-9 is going on. The construction workers are from nearby village only. Complied
14.	The project authority must take adequate measure to bring down the noise level. The protective measures taken by the project authority should be made available to this Ministry.	 Adequate noise control measures have been taken in new facilities in the project. For personnel working in the proximity of high noise generating equipments, appropriate PPEs are used, and exposure is controlled through job rotation, education and awareness about PPEs compliance. Six monthly monitoring report of noise level at different locations of plant are provided to MoEF&CC Complied.

15. The project authority will assess the • The ground water is checked by MoEF&CC certified agency at different locations in Refinery impact on ground water contamination and nearby villages. by the leachates and the remedial • The report is submitted to BSPCB and MoEF&CC. measures taken by the project authority Complied. should be submitted to this Ministry for review. The project authority will also monitor the quality of ground water in the nearby areas and report should be submitted to the State Pollution Control Board once in every three months and to this Ministry once in six months. 16. The project authority must set up • A full fledged laboratory facility is available at Barauni Refinery for testing of gaseous emission laboratory facilities in the existing and water quality. Moreover, MoEF&CC premises for testing and analysing approved third party monitoring is also done. gaseous emissions and water quality. Complied. 17. The project authority must submit a • Total plot area of the refinery: 887.83 acres. revised green belt details for the plant • Green belt area in Refinery: 43.8 acres. and township to this Ministry within • Green belt area in Refinery Township: 82.19 acres. three months for approval. The green Total green belt area: 125.99 acres. belt should be with a minimum tree Total 1,36,208 nos. Trees planted during period density of 1000 trees per acre. from 1995 to 2021-22. Total 13,100 nos. Trees planted in year 2021-22. • Since, there is no further land available for tree plantation in Refinery and township hence, an **Forest** agreement has been done with department on 21.10.2021 for 1,65,000 nos. trees plantation in 180 Hectare land. Application been submitted to MoEF&CC dated has 26.10.2021 for amendment in EC for the same. EAC meeting for approval is awaited. **Being complied** Additional area under the control of the 18. Forestation is done at all places wherever plant utilities are not used. project which is not being used for the Additional tree plantation also done in Refinery plant utilities should be afforested and Township and nearby areas. funds for this purpose should be suitably Complied provided. 19. A separate environmental management • A separate Environment Management Cell with well equipped dedicated pollution control cell with suitably qualified people to laboratory exists at Barauni Refinery. carry out various functions related to Complied. environmental management should be set up under the control of a senior technical person who will directly report

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	to the head of the organization.	
20.	The fund provision (capital and recurring expenditure) for the environmental control measure should not be diverted for any other purpose. The implementation schedule for environmental control measure should be strictly followed.	 All facilities envisaged for environmental protection and monitoring have been provided in Barauni refinery expansion project. In addition to one time investment in facilities for combating pollution, separate funds are allocated and utilized for specific activities such as bioremediation of sludge, environment monitoring and studies related to environment etc. Complied.
Further	Stipulations	
1.	The Ministry of Environment and forest or any other competent authority may stipulate any further conditions after reviewing the impact assessment report or any other report prepared by the project authority.	Noted for compliance.
2.	The above condition will be enforced, inter-alia, under the water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974; the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.	Noted for compliance.
3.	The Ministry reserves the right to withdraw the clearance as and when necessary in the interest of the environmental protection.	Noted for compliance.