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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Accreditation of the EIA Consultants with Quality Council of India / National Accreditation Board of Education and Training (QNABET) – Clarifications to the issues raised.

In an effort to streamline the system, procedure, mechanism and to involve competent environment professionals in the whole process of preparing and implementing EIA/EMP as per Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, Ministry has taken initiative to accreditate the qualified and experienced Consultants including those working in public sector undertakings/laboratories through Quality Council of India (QCI) / National Accreditation Board of Education & Training (NABET).

2.0 To further clarify the facts, a series of lectures were delivered on "Ministry's Initiatives: Accreditation of the EIA Consultants with QCI/NABET" to create awareness among consultants, NGOs, SEIAA/SEAC during the Awareness Workshops organized by the QCI at Mumbai, Maharashtra (20th March, 2010); Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh (27th March, 2010); Kolkata, West Bengal (10th April, 2010); New Delhi (17th April, 2010); Chennai, Tamil Nadu (19th April, 2010) and Ahmedabad, Gujarat (26th April, 2010) to improve the quality of EIA/EMP reports. QCI has publicized these Awareness Workshops all over the country through various Newspapers and Dr. P. B. Rastogi, Director represented Ministry in all the workshops

3.0 During deliberations, following issues were generally raised by different Participants in different meetings and are being clarified by the Ministry as follows:

S.N.	Issues Raised	Clarifications
I.	Whether accreditation is necessary for CRZ clearance also?	CRZ clearance also involves appraisal of environmental impacts and their mitigations by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC), hence accreditation is necessary for appraisal process for CRZ approval.
II.	Whether date for accreditation will be extended beyond 30 th June, 2010?	No extension of the last date beyond 30 th June, 2010 is proposed.
III.	Can a client approach for TOR presentation even if a Consultant is not accredited by 30 th June, 2010.	Project Proponent can appear before Expert Appraisal Committee and make submission and presentation even without a Consultant. However, any Consultant to appear before EAC after 30 th June, 2010 for any purpose would need to be accredited.
IV.	Can TOR presentation be done in MoEF, even if the last date is not extended?	No

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