

Government of West Bengal Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises Mines Branch

4, Abanindranath Tagore Sarani (Camac Street), Kolkata-700016

NO. 90- ICE/0/MIN/GEN-MIS/27/2021

Date: 17/02/2022

ORDER

Whereas it has come to the notice of the department that various sand blocks were auctioned by the district authorities and highest bidders for the same were selected through competitive bidding.

And whereas, these highest bidders submitted one third of the bid premium amount to obtain Letter of Intent (LOI)

And whereas many of them could not get Environmental Clearance (EC) due to various regulatory issues like change in NGT guidelines etc.

Hence it has been decided that all such highest bidders who deposited 1/3rd of bid money shall be allowed to apply for the Environment Clearance (EC) by submitting application to the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) within 31st March, 2022. The application shall be processed as per existing guidelines. The lease in such cases shall be executed as per the process mandated in the tender documents.

If any lessees fail to submit application to the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) within 31st March, 2022 for seeking Environmental clearance, it would be presumed that lessee is forfeiting all their rights, including deposited bid money in the said tender.

Sd/-

Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

NO. 90/1(49)- ICE/0/MIN/GEN-MIS/27/2021

Date: 17/02/2022

Copy forwarded to:

- 1) The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment for kind information.
- 2) The Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board & Member Secretary, SEIAA for kind information and necessary action.
- 3) The Principal Secretary and LRC, Deptt. of L & LR and RR&R, for information.
- 4) The Chairman & Managing Director, WBMDTCL for information.
- √5-26) District Magistrates (all) for information and necessary action.
 - 27) The Director of Mines and Minerals, West Bengal
 - 28-49) All District Land & Lad Reforms Officers(all) for information and circulation.

Secretary

to the Government of West Bengal