

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION PLANNING BOARD

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CIRCULAR

Subject: National Accreditation Board of Education & Training (NABET) Accredited EIA Consultants for preparation of Environmental and Social Safeguards Management System (ESMS) related reports and monitoring of their implementation

With an objective to address the environmental & social issues pertaining to infrastructure projects, NCRPB had adopted an Environmental & Social Management System (ESMS) in April 2010 for **all NCRPB funded projects**. The project implementing agencies were accordingly requested to incorporate the ESMS requirements in their project reports.

2. However, it is observed that the quality of the ESMS reports furnished by Implementing Agencies are not of the requisite standard. Also, there is inadequate monitoring of various environmental and social safeguards during project implementation, which is a matter of great concern.

3. In this regard, it is stated that Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India, vide its Office Memorandum No. J-11013/77/2004-IA II(I) dated 2.12.2009, stipulated that all prospective EIA consulting firms should get accredited with Quality Council of India (QCI) / National Accreditation Board of Education & Training (NABET) for carrying out the necessary EIA works. The consulting firms thereafter need to include accreditation certificate in all their environment related reports (copy enclosed).

4. Accordingly, it has been decided to follow the accredited list of consultants/panel prepared by MoEF for preparation of Environmental and Social Safeguards Management System (ESMS) related reports and monitoring of their implementation in respect of all NCRPB funded projects.

5. All participating State Governments and their implementing agencies are, therefore, requested to avail the services of NABET Accredited EIA Consultants for the aforesaid works.

6. While the current list of accredited consultants for various sectors is available at the weblink www.qcin.org/nabet/EIA/documents/Accredited_consultants.pdf agencies may follow the QCI website as below:-

website www.qcin.org/nabet> 'EIA Accreditation Scheme'> Status of EIA Consultant Organisation'> 'List of accredited EIA consultant organisations with accredited sectors'

7. The agencies, therefore, need to strictly adhere to the ESMS requirements and ensure its proper monitoring during implementation of infrastructure projects.

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To

As per list enclosed.

F. No. J-11013/77/2004- IA II (I)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(I.A. Division)

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Dated 2nd December, 2009

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Accreditation of the EIA Consultants with Quality Council of India (QCI)/
National Accreditation Board of Education and Training (NABET)**

The Environmental appraisal of Development Projects is undertaken as per the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 based on the EIA and EMP Reports prepared by the project proponents in assistance with their Consultants. It has been felt in the Ministry that there is a need to enhance the quality of EIA Reports as the Consultants generally, undertake preparation of EIA / EMP Reports in many sectors and in some instances without requisite expertise and supporting facilities like laboratories for testing of samples, qualified staff etc. The good quality EIA Reports are pre-requisite for improved decision making.

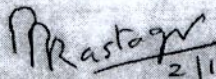
2. In view of the above, a series of discussions were held with the National Accreditation Board of Education and Training (NABET) and the Quality Council of India (QCI) to evolve a framework for registration of the Consultants including those working in Public Sector Undertakings/Laboratories.

3. After detailed consideration of the issues relating to accreditation of the Consultants, following decisions have been taken:

- All the Consultants/Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) working in the area of Environmental Impact Assessment would be required to get themselves registered under the scheme of Accreditation and Registration of the NABET/QCI.
- Consultant would be confined in the consultancy only to the accredited sectors and parameters for bringing in more specificity in the EIA document.
- The QCI would put in place detailed procedure for registration of Consultants for taking up the assignments in category 'A' and 'B' projects as detailed in EIA Notification, 2006. The QCI would maintain full transparency on accredited Consultants, procedure followed for accreditation, feed back and evaluation mechanism for Consultants for quality of EIA / EMP Reports.

- After accreditation, the Consultants would need to include a Certificate in this regard in the EIA/EMP Reports prepared by them and data provided by other Organizations/Laboratories including their status of approvals etc.
 - The EIA Consultants may like to see further clarification on the subject through the website of NABET/QCI (www.qcin.org).
 - All the Member Secretaries of various Expert Appraisal Committee (EACs) would inform the Consultants in their respective meetings, the need to get accredited with NABET/QCI.
4. It is decided, in the above factual matrix that no EIA/EMP Reports prepared by such Consultants who are not registered with NABET/QCI shall be considered by the Ministry after 30th June, 2010.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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