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**C I R C U L A R**

Sub: **EIA Notification dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 – Follow up action reg.**  
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In continuation of earlier circular dated 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 wherein it is clearly mentioned that no cases are to be considered in-house without obtaining recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee as per EIA Notification, 2006. The internal processing of all the proposals under EIA Notification, 1994 whose investment is less than Rs. 5.00 Crores has been completely dispensed with as mentioned in the above referred circular. The developmental activities under the EIA Notification, 2006 are categorized based on the potential impacts and not on investment criteria. Therefore, in-house processing of the proposals with investment less than Rs. 5.00 Crores as used to be under the earlier EIA Notification, 1994 is not applicable any more under the new notification.

In view of the above, all the concerned officers are requested not to process any developmental project costing less than Rs. 5.00 Crores in-house internally. Instead, all the developmental proposals should be invariably placed before the Expert Appraisal Committee for consideration for the award of Term of Reference or grant of Environmental Clearance as the case may be as per EIA Notification, 2006.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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**Director**

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