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**STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT  
IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY,  
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Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board Premises,  
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No. SEIAA/TN/EC/8 (a)/028/F.100/2008      Dated: 03.01.2009

To

The Authorised Signatory,  
M/s Tata Communications,  
VSB Mahatma Gandhi Road,  
Fort, Mumbai - 400 001.

Sir,

Sub: SEIAA - M/s Tata Communications IDC., - Construction of Internet Data Centre at Survey Nos.782, 784 & 222, Kallikuppam, Korattur Village, Ambattur Taluk, Thirvallur District. - Environmental Clearance – Reg.

This has reference to your application No. Nil, dated 28/05/2008 submitted to the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Tamil Nadu seeking Environmental Clearance under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006. The proposal has been appraised by the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee in its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2008 and 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November 2008 as per the prescribed procedure in the light of provisions under the EIA Notification, 2006 on the basis of the mandatory documents enclosed with the application Viz., the Application Form- I, Form-IA, Conceptual plan and further details furnished by the proponent.

It is noted, interalia that the project proposal involves the construction of an IT Building. The area of the plot is 84,457 sq.m and the total built-up area as reported is 36,854 Sq.m comprising of Stilt floor 2 nos + 7 floors. Water requirement of the project is 764 KLD and intake of fresh water is 530 KLD, which will be met from the supply of CMWSSB & TWAD Board. It is proposed to construct a 100 KLD capacity Sewage Treatment Plant. The treated sewage will be used for flushing and gardening. Total parking area is for 191 cars and 232 two wheelers. Solid Waste generation has been projected as 0.59 T/day. 3.2 T/year E-waste generation has

been projected. The power required is of 11.20 MVA and backup DG sets, proposed are 4 x 4250 KVA. The total cost of the project is about Rs. 150 Crores.

The project activity is covered in 8(a) of the Schedule and is of 'B 2' category. It does not require Public Consultation as per Para 7 (i) III. Stage (3) (d) "Public Consultation" of EIA Notification, 2006.

The SEAC after due consideration of the relevant documents submitted by the Project Proponent and additional clarifications furnished in response to its observations have recommended to the SEIAA, Tamil Nadu to grant Environmental Clearance to this project subject to certain conditions. The proposal was considered by the SEIAA, Tamil Nadu in its meeting held on 26.12.2008 and as the public consultation is not required for the project, the SEIAA hereby accords Environmental Clearance to the above project under the provisions of EIA Notification dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 based on the recommendations of the SEAC subject to the strict compliance of the following terms and conditions:

#### **PART A- SPECIFIC CONDITIONS - Environment Management Measures**

##### **Construction Phase**

- i) "Consent for Establishment" shall be obtained from the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and a copy shall be submitted to the SEIAA, Tamil Nadu before taking up of any construction activity at the site.
- ii) All required sanitary and hygienic measures shall be in place before starting construction activities and they shall be maintained throughout the construction phase.
- iii) A First Aid Room shall be provided in the project site during construction of the project.
- iv) Adequate drinking water and sanitary facilities shall be provided for construction workers at the site. The safe disposal of waste water and solid wastes generated during the construction phase should be ensured.
- v) All the labourers to be engaged for construction shall be screened for health and adequately treated before and during their employment on the work at the site.

- vi) For disinfection of waste-water, system using ultra violet radiation shall be adopted.
- vii) For Solid-waste management, composting arrangements shall be provided for biodegradable waste at site.
- viii) All the topsoil excavated during construction activities shall be stored for use in horticulture/ landscape development within the project site.
- ix) Disposal of muck during construction phase shall not create any adverse effect on the neighboring communities and be disposed off only in approved sites with the approval of competent authority with necessary precautions for general safety and health aspects of people.
- x) Soil and ground water samples shall be tested to ascertain that there is no threat to ground water quality by leaching of heavy metals and other toxic contaminants.
- xi) Construction spoils, including bituminous materials and other hazardous materials, shall not be allowed to contaminate watercourses. The dump sites for such materials must be secured so that they shall not leach into the ground water.
- xii) Low sulphur diesel shall be used for the diesel generator sets to be used during construction phase. The air and noise emission shall conform to the standards prescribed in the Rules under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- xiii) Vehicles hired for bringing construction materials to the site should be in good condition and shall conform to air and noise emission standards, prescribed by TNPCB/CPCB. The vehicles should be operated only during non-peak hours.
- xiv) Ambient air and noise levels shall conform to residential standards both during day and night. Incremental pollution loads on the ambient air and noise quality should be closely monitored during construction phase.
- xv) Fly ash shall be used as building material in the construction as per the provision of Fly ash Notification of September, 1999 as amended in August, 2003.

- xvi) Ready mixed concrete must be used in building construction.
- xvii) Storm water control and its re-use shall be as per CGWB and BIS standards for various applications.
- xviii) Water demand during construction should be reduced by use of pre-mixed concrete, curing agents and other best practices prevalent.
- xix) Permission to draw / accessing water for construction shall be obtained from the competent authority prior to construction of the project.
- xx) Separation of grey and black water should be done by the use of dual plumbing line for separation of grey and black water.
- xxi) The entire grey water ie 100% shall be treated by decentralized treatment.
- xxii) Fixtures for showers, toilet flushing and drinking water should be of low flow type by adopting pressure reducing devises / sensor based control.
- xxiii) Use of glass may be reduced up to 40% to reduce the electricity consumption and load on air conditioning. If necessary, high quality double glass with special reflecting coating in windows shall be used.
- xxiv) Roof shall meet the prescriptive requirement as per the Energy Conservation Building Code by using appropriate thermal insulation material to fulfill requirement.
- xxv) Adequate measures to reduce air and noise pollution during construction shall be adopted, conforming with the norms prescribed by the TNPCB on noise limits.
- xxvi) Opaque wall shall meet the prescriptive requirement as per Energy Conservation Building Code which is mandatory for all air conditioned spaces by use of appropriate thermal insulation material to fulfill requirement.
- xxvii) The project proponent shall install the recharge pit up to weathered rock.
- xxviii) The project proponent shall dispose the surplus earth for earth filling.
- xxix) The Proponent shall furnish an undertaking that they will abide by the conditions / recommendations mentioned in the EMP report furnished by them.

## **Operation Phase**

- i) The installation of the sewage treatment plant (STP) shall be certified by an independent expert and a report in this regard shall be sent to the SEIAA before the project is commissioned for operation. Discharge of treated sewage shall conform to the norms & standards prescribed by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.
- ii) For disinfection of waste-water, system using ultra violet radiation shall be adopted.
- iii) The unit shall furnish separate plan of action for disposal of treated sewage during monsoon.
- iv) Rain water harvesting for roof run-off and surface run-off, as per plan submitted shall be implemented. Before recharging the surface run off, pre-treatment with screens, settlers etc. must be done to remove suspended matter, oil and grease.
- v) Permission to draw water for operation shall be obtained from the competent authority prior to operation of the project.
- vi) A First Aid Room shall be provided during operation of the project.
- vii) The domestic solid waste generated shall be properly collected, segregated & composted in the organic waste converter within the premises with respect to organic waste.
- viii) The STP sludge shall be composted along with other biodegradable solid waste and used as manure.
- ix) The Plastic wastes shall be segregated and disposed through recyclers.
- x) Any hazardous waste including biomedical waste shall be disposed off as per applicable rules & norms with necessary approval of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.
- xi) The acoustic enclosures shall be installed at all noise generating equipments such as DG sets, air conditioning systems, etc. and the noise level shall be maintained as per MoEF /CPCB /TNPCB guidelines/norms both during day and night time.

- xii) The green belt design along the periphery of the plot shall achieve attenuation factor conforming to the day and night noise standards prescribed by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board for residential land use. The open spaces inside the plot shall be suitably landscaped and covered with vegetation of suitable variety.
- xiii) The proponent shall plant at least 200 trees as part of green belt development.
- xiv) Incremental pollution loads on the ambient air quality, noise and water quality shall be periodically monitored after commissioning of the project.
- xv) Application of solar energy shall be incorporated for illumination of common areas, lighting for gardens and street lighting in addition to provision for solar water heating. A hybrid system or fully solar system for a portion of the apartments shall be provided.
- xvi) Traffic congestion near the entry and exit points from the roads adjoining the proposed project site shall be avoided. Parking shall be fully internalized and no public space should be utilized.
- xvii) A report on the energy conservation measures conforming to the energy conservation norms prescribed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency shall be prepared incorporating details about building materials & technology; R & U factors etc and submitted to the SEIAA in three month's time.
- xviii) The Proponent shall obtain necessary permission from the Competent Authority for the extraction of ground water / transport of water to the project for the construction and operation stages.
- xix) The collection and storage of the E-waste shall be carried out scientifically and same have to be disposed through authorized recyclers.

#### **PART-B. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. It is mandatory for the Project proponent to furnish to the SEIAA, Half yearly compliance report in Hard and Soft copies on 1<sup>st</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> December of each calendar year in respect of the conditions stipulated in the prior Environmental Clearance.
2. In the case of any change(s) in the scope of the project, a fresh appraisal by the SEIAA shall be obtained.

3. The SEIAA reserves the right to add additional safeguard measures subsequently, if found necessary and to take action including revoking of the Environmental Clearance under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to ensure effective implementation of the suggested safeguard measures in a time bound and satisfactory manner.
4. All other statutory clearances such as the approvals for storage of diesel from the Chief Controller of Explosive, Fire Services and Rescue Department, Civil Aviation Department, Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, State / Central Ground Water Authority, Coastal Regulatory Zone Authority, other statutory and other authorities as applicable to the project shall be obtained by the project proponent from the competent authorities.
5. The project proponent shall advertise in at least two local newspapers widely circulated in the region, one of which shall be in the vernacular language informing the public that
  - i) The project has been accorded Environmental Clearance.
  - ii) Copies of clearance letters are available with the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.
  - iii) Environmental Clearance may also be seen on the website of the SEIAA.The advertisement shall be issued within 7 days from the date of issue of the clearance letter and a copy of the same shall be forwarded to the SEIAA.
6. All the stipulations stated under Part A and Part B above would be enforced in addition to the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Public Liability (Insurance) Act, 1991 and EIA Notification, 2006.
7. Under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, legal action shall be initiated against the project proponent if it was found that Construction of the project has been started without obtaining Environmental Clearance, and for action for any violation of any condition stipulated in Part – A & Part – B of the Environmental Clearance.

8. This Environmental Clearance is subject to final orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of Goa foundation Vs. Union of India in Writ Petition (civil) No.460 of 2004 as may be applicable to this project.
9. This Environmental Clearance is valid for five years from the date of issue.

**Member Secretary,  
State Environment Impact  
Assessment Authority,  
Tamil Nadu.**

Copy to: -

1. The Secretary to Government, Environment & Forests Dept,  
Govt.of Tamil Nadu, Fort St.George, Chennai-9.
2. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan,  
CBD Cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi 110032.
3. The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,  
76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai-600 032.
4. The CCF, Regional Office, Ministry of Environment & Forest (SZ),  
Kendriya Sadan, IV floor, E&F wings, 17<sup>th</sup> Main Road,  
Koramangala II Block, Bangalore - 560034.
5. Monitoring Cell, I A Division, Ministry of Environment & Forests,  
Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, New Delhi 110003.
6. Stock File.