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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

(Impact Assessment Division)

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Dated: 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub.: Exemption of Environment Clearance for Thermal Power Plant using Waste Heat recovery Boilers (WHRB) without any auxiliary fuel etc.**

The Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 under the environment (Protection) Act, 1986, as amended vide S.O. 1599 (E) dated 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 provides exemption to Thermal Power Plant from the requirement of prior environment clearance.

2. This Ministry has received many proposals of environmental clearances for setting up new or expansion of captive power plants employing Waste Heat Recovery Boilers (WHRB) without any auxiliary fuel in the existing Cement Plants, Integrated Steel Plants, Metallurgical Industries (Ferrous and Non-ferrous) and other industries, having potential for heat recovery to utilise the same for power generation.

3. The spirit of exempting requirement of environmental clearance for the Thermal Power Plant using waste heat boilers without any auxiliary fuel vide S.O. 1599 (E) dated 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 is to promote energy conservation, reduce green house emissions and in larger interest of the environment including climate change.

4. In view of the above, it is hereby clarified that setting up new or expansion of captive power plants employing WHRB without using any auxiliary fuel, in the existing Cement Plants, Integrated Steel Plants, Metallurgical Industries (Ferrous and Non-ferrous) and other industries having potential for heat recovery, does not attract the provisions of EIA Notification 2006, read with subsequent amendments therein.

5. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.



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**Director**  
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To,

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