

Additional Agenda for the 168/ 63rd Unit Approval Committee Meeting for Odisha SEZs to be held on 18.10.2023 at 17.00 hrs through Video Conference.

Additional Agenda No. 1: Non-submission of Date of Commencement of Production of M/s Vedanta Resources Ltd, a trading unit at Vedanta Ltd SEZ, Jharsuguda.

M/s. Vedanta Resources Limited was permitted for setting up a unit at Vedanta Limited Special Economic Zone, Jharsuguda, Odisha, vide Letter of Approval No. SEZ/LOA/V-2(Odisha)/2020/09 dated 16.06.2020 for authorized operations namely Service Activity (Trading of Alumina). The unit vide their letter dated 18.06.2020 accepted all the terms and conditions as referred in LoA. BLUT executed and subsequently accepted on 17.07.2020. Sub-lease deed in this respect has been accepted by this office on 21.12.2020.

The Letter of Approval was extended for 01 (one) year w.e.f. 16.06.2021 to 15.06.2022 vide letter dated 18.06.2021. The Letter of Approval was further extended for another 01 (one) year w.e.f. 16.06.2022 to 15.06.2023 as decided in 150/58th UAC held on 02.11.2022 and same has been intimated to the Unit vide this office letter dated 28.11.2022.

At present, the unit vide its letter dated 14.04.2023 has requested for further extension of Letter of Approval No. SEZ/LOA/V-2 (Odisha)/2020/09 dated 16.06.2020 for two years. This office vide letter No. SEZ/LOA/V-2 (Odisha)/2020/98 dated 26.04.2023 and subsequent expediter dtd. 15.09.2023 has requested to comply Rule 19(4) of SEZ, Rule 2006 and submit a Chartered Engineer's certificate stating that two-third of activities including construction, relating to the setting up of your Unit has been completed, along with future road map of your project. Reply is awaited till date.

In terms of Rule 19(4) of SEZ Rules, 2006, "the Letter of Approval shall be valid for one year within which period the Unit shall commence production and the Unit shall intimate date of commencement of production or activity to the Development Commissioner" and in terms of Rule 19(5) of SEZ Rule, 2006 "If the unit has not commenced production within the validity period or the extended validity period under sub-rule (4), the Letter of Approval shall be deemed to have been lapsed with effect from the date on which its validity period expired".

The Letter of Approval No. SEZ/LOA/V-2 (Odisha)/2020/09 dated 16.06.2020 has expired w.e.f. 16.06.2023 and the unit has neither commenced production nor complied Rule 19 (4) of SEZ, Rules 2006, the LOA is deemed to be lapsed w.e.f 16.06.2023.

Matter is placed before the UAC for discussion and decision please.