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2. Industry’s CFO application received at RO, Nellore on 04.09.2019 through APOCMMS.
4. CFO Committee meeting held on 16.09.2019.

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The A.P. Pollution Control Board vide reference 1st cited, issued CFE Order to M/s. Southern Silica Mines, Sy.Nos.1154/1, 1155, 1160 & 1161, Yeruru (V), Chillakur (M), SPSR Nellore District to carryout Mining of Silica Sand – 8912.5 tons / month (1,06,950 TPA), which expired on 31.01.2019.

The A.P. Pollution Control Board vide reference 2nd cited, received an application for Consent for Operation of the industry to carryout Mining of Silica Sand – 106950 TPA.

The RO, Nellore vide reference 3rd cited, forwarded the CFO verification report to ZO, Vijayawada.

The CFO application of the industry along with inspection report of the EE, RO, Nellore was placed before the CFO Committee meeting held on 16.09.2019.

The Committee observed that i) the industry obtained Environmental Clearance was expired on 28.01.2019, ii) the Board issued CFE Order was expired on 31.01.2019, iii) the Industries & Commerce Department, GoAP issued renewal of the mining lease vide G.O.Ms.No.174 Dt.06.06.2003 for a period of 20 years with effect from 20.01.2002 and the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Nellore vide Procds.Dt.21.07.2005 issued commencement of mining operations for a period of 20 Years i.e. from 20.01.2002 to 19.01.2022, v) As per the approved mine plan submitted by the mining unit for the period from 2017 to 2023, the production capacity mentioned as 1,76,475 Tons after deducting set backs from the spring channel, buffer zone, power line and the production capacity is in the range from 31500 tons/annum to 38925 tons/annum and Committee recommended to direct the industry to obtain amendment for EC from SEIAA & CFE amendment from the Board.

After detailed discussion, the Committee recommended to reject the CFO application of the industry as the industry’s Environmental Clearance (EC) validity expired on 28.01.2019 and the industry requires Extension of validity of EC and also requires EC Amendment for the production capacity of 38925 tons/annum as per the approved mine plan, as against the permitted capacity of 1,06,950 Tons/Annnum.

In view of above, the CFO application submitted by the industry vide reference 2nd cited is hereby REJECTED for the above stated reasons.
It is also brought to your notice that operation of the industry without Consent for Operation of the Board is violation of Section 25/26 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 21/22 of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, which attract penal provisions of the said Acts, in the interest of public health and environment.

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