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Ministry of Environment and Forest
IA Division

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Subject: EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006 - Clarification regarding EIA Clearance for Change in Product-Mix.

Pursuant to the new Environment Impact Assessment Notification of 14th September 2006 (EIA 2006) replacing the EIA Notification of 27th January 1994 and its various amendments (EIA 1994) and in terms of the provisions of Para 12 of EIA 2006, the Ministry had earlier issued Interim Operational Guidelines on 13th October 2006. Further to these Guidelines, the following clarification is issued for Environment Clearance for the category of products involving change in Product- Mix.

- (i) In cases of change in Product -Mix, changes in the quantities or numbers of products may be allowed without prior Environmental Clearance by the concerned State Pollution Control Board provided such changes in the quantities of products are in the same category and are within the previously granted overall total limits.
 - (ii) Projects involving modernization of the existing unit with increase in the total production capacity beyond the threshold limit specified in the Schedule to the Notification, through change in process or technology or change in the product mix or debottle-necking or a combination of these, involving increase in pollution load will obtain prior Environment Clearance from the concerned regulatory authority under the EIA Notification, 2006.
2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Additional Director

To:

1. All State Environment Departments
2. All State Pollution Control Boards
3. All Officers of IA Division, MoEF
4. UT Administrations

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