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To

The Director,
Directorate of Town & Country Planning,
Anna Salai, Chennai – 2

Sir / Madam,

Sub: CMDA - Enforcement Cell - EIA Compliance - Meeting held on 23.12.2019 on the issue of securing Compliance Certificate as a part of obtaining Completion Certificate - Minutes of the meeting held on 23.12.2019 - Communicated - Reg.

Ref: 1) Govt. H&UD Department letter No.22594/UD1/2019-2 dated 17.12.2019

 Govt. H&UD Department letter No.22594/UD-1(1)/2019-2 dated 27.12.2019

With reference to above, a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 23.12.2019 regarding the issue of securing Environmental Compliance Certificate as a part of obtaining Completion Certificate is enclosed.

Encl: Minutes of the meeting held on 23.12.2019

Yours faithfully,

for MEMBER-SECRETARY

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Minutes of the meeting held on 23.12.2019 at 11.00 AM by the Principal Secretary Environment & Forest at PWD Conference Hall, Secretariat, Chennai-9, on the of securing Compliance Certificate as a part of obtaining Completion Certificate.

## Members present:

- Thiru Shambu Kallolikar, I.A.S,
   Principal Secretary to Government,
   Environment & Forest Department, Secretariat.
- Thiru Rajesh Lakhoni, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government Housing & Urban Development Dept.,
- Dr. D. Karthikeyan, I.A.S., Member-Secretary, CMDA.
- 4. Thiru Chandrasekhar Sakhamuri, I.A.S., Director of Town and Country Planning.
- 5. Thiru Dr. K.V. Shanmugam, I.A.S. (Retd.) Chairman, SEIAA
- 6. Thiru K.V. Venkatachalam, I.F.S., Chairman, TNPCB
- 7. Tmt. N. Usha, Additional Secretary to Government (Technical), H&UD Department, Secretariat

The CREDAI has represented to the Chief Secretary, Govt. Tamil Nadu relating to the issue of Environmental Clearance / Compliance to be furnished at the time of issue of Planning Permission / Completion Certificate at CMDA.

"As per the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forest Department Notification dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006; all the constructions exceeding 20,000 Sq.mts. have to obtain Environmental Clearance before commencement of the construction. After completion of construction in all respects satisfying Completion Certificate (CC) norms the builder/applicant has to apply for CC. At present, at the time of issuing CC, CMDA insists the compliance report on the Environmental Clearance conditions issued by SEIAA. This procedure has been followed with reference to the Letter received from SEIAA in Lr.No.SEIAA/TN/General/2016 dated 05.05.2016 and also a subsequent letter issued by the Member Secretary, SEIAA in Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/C No./006713/2018 dated 07.08.2018".

In this regard, a meeting was organised by the Principal Secretary to Govt., Environment & in the meeting Principal Secretary to Govt., Housing & Urban Development Department, Member Secretary, CMDA, Director, DTCP, Chairman TNPCB and Chairman SEIAA were present in the meeting. The issue of insisting the Environmental Compliance report at the time of issue of CC was discussed in detail and the following decision has been taken:

- CMDA issue CC after completion of construction in all respects satisfying CC norms
  which mainly concentrate on the buildings constructed as per the Development
  Regulations and with reference to the Completion Certificate norms issued as per the
  direction of Hon'ble High Court order dated 23.08.2006 before February 2019 and
  as per TNCDBR after February 2019.
- 2. TNPCB Chairman has informed that powers have been delegated to TNPCB to verify the Environmental compliance at the time of issue of Consent to Operate.
- 3. It is also observed that once, the builder obtained Environment Clearance and started construction, they have to approach the TNPCB and make an application at each stage of the construction and in turn the TNPCB looks in to compliance of the conditions mentioned in the Environmental Clearance. Hence, the Environmental Compliance is the work looked after by the TNPCB and the compliance is part of the issue of Consent to Operate (CTO) issued by TNPCB. In view of the above, it was decided that CMDA need not insist compliance report on the Environmental conditions issued in the Environmental Clearance at the time of issue of CC. The applicant should take CTO as per applicable rules from Competitive Authority.

Sd/- dt.08.01.2020

Principal Secretary H&UD Department

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Principal Secretary
Environment & Forest Dept.

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