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മണിയാർ ജലവൈദ്യുത പദ്ധതി

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(എ)	മണിയാറിൽ വൈദ്യുതി ഉൽപാദിപ്പിക്കുന്ന പദ്ധതിക്കായി കെ.എസ്.ഇ.ബി കാർബറണ്ടം യൂണിവേഴ്സൽ ലിമിറ്റഡുമായി ഉണ്ടാക്കിയ കരാർ കാലാവധി നീട്ടാൻ കമ്പനി സർക്കാരിന് കത്ത് നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ; എങ്കിൽ ആ കത്തിന്റെ പകർപ്പ് ലഭ്യമാക്കാമോ?	(എ)	മണിയാറിൽ നിന്നും വൈദ്യുതി ഉൽപാദിപ്പിക്കുന്ന പദ്ധതിക്കായി കെ.എസ്. ഇ.ബി. ലിമിറ്റഡും കാർബോറണ്ടം യൂണിവേഴ്സൽ ലിമിറ്റഡുമായി ഉണ്ടാക്കിയ കരാർ കാലാവധി ദീർഘിപ്പിക്കുന്നതുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് കമ്പനി സംസ്ഥാന സർക്കാരിന് 11.10.2021-ൽ കത്ത് നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. കത്തിന്റെ പകർപ്പ് <b>അനുബന്ധമായി ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്നു.</b>

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To  
The Principal Secretary,  
Power Department,  
Government of Kerala.

Respected Sir,

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Sub: Request for extension of Maniyar Hydro Electric Project Tenure.  
Ref: Agreement dated 18.05.1991 between CUMI & KSEB / File No. 161/B1/2021/PD

At the outset, we express our sincere thanks to the Government of Kerala, for the patronage extended to our operations in Kerala for the past 60 years. We also express our sincere thanks to the Minister of Industries, Sri. P Rajeev, for the courtesy extended to Our Chairman with respect to the additional investment proposals in Kerala.

Carborundum Universal Limited, "CUMI" part of Murugappa Group, has started its operation in 1960's in the state of Kerala, for the manufacture of ceramic grains, which are carried out using electric arc and resistance furnaces. The manufacturing process necessitates continuous availability of electricity for running the furnaces. CUMI has nine manufacturing units in Kerala producing various ceramic materials and providing direct employment opportunities to more than 1000 people and an equal number of people indirectly. The current manufacturing activities of CUMI requires about 28 MVA of power and is one of the largest base load Industrial consumer of the Kerala State Electricity Board Limited.

The Government of Kerala had issued a Small Hydro Power Policy GO(MS) No. 23/90/PD dated 07/12/1990, permitting the private sector agencies to undertake small/mini/micro hydel schemes for generation of power in Kerala. The purpose of the aforesaid order was to plug the large gap between demand and availability of power in Kerala, and to ensure the survival of the existing industries in the state. CUMI had approached the State of Kerala for allotment of the Maniyar Hydel Project, a Twelve-Megawatt hydro project in the River Kakkad Basin, which was considered favorably by the State and allotted the project vide order dated 18.01.1991 as a CPP project. Thereafter, an agreement was executed on 18.05.1991 between KSEB and CUMI for Commissioning and operation of Maniyar Hydro Electric Project on the River Kakkad and CUMI had successfully commissioned the project in a record time and commenced generation of electricity from the year 1994 with the support of Government of Kerala and Kerala State Electricity Board.

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The captive power project has helped CUMI in making further investments in the state of Kerala. The mineral business of CUMI has since 1960's been expanding its operations and investments in the state progressively and today has reached a commendable level with a turnover of about Rs 500 Crores, per annum which includes exporting of its products of worth around Rs 100 Crores to overseas customers located in Europe, USA, and Asia Pacific. The recent focus of the company to increase its presence in international business requires it to maintain operational efficiencies and product performances at par with international standards. While the business could source its raw material requirements from the domestic and international sources, the other important factor which determines the operational efficiency is availability of electricity at a competitive rate on a consistent basis. While we reflect on the reasons for the success and continued expansion of the business activities of CUMI in the state of Kerala for the past 60 years, the prime reason for the same is the Maniyar Captive Power Plant allotted by the Government of Kerala to the company, which caters to about 25% of the overall power requirement of the company and has also helped the business to be competitive in the manufacturing of its products, while ensuring the continuous availability of the power.

The Maniyar Hydro Electric Power project, allotted to CUMI on a BOOT basis has to be surrendered to KSEBL as per the terms and conditions listed in the agreement executed between CUMI and KSEBL (in accordance with the Government Policy Conditions) during the year 2024. The new investment and expansion programs considered by CUMI, especially those catering to meet the demands from overseas customers necessitates its operations to be sustainable in terms operational efficiencies and cost competitiveness. Since the activities bank on consumption of power, the support of a small hydel project is essential for maintaining its operational and cost efficiencies.

The floods during 2018 has ravaged Maniyar plant and the company has made significant investments both during 2018 and 2019 with a view of long-term sustenance of the hydel power plant. Though the generations during these periods were below the peak generations, the improved infrastructures would provide long term benefits. Considering the losses suffered and the power security needed, we request the extension of Maniyar Hydel works to be operated by CUMI.

CUMI is planning for further investments for expansion of factories at Kafamassery & Koratty with an aim to improve the volumes in the coming days in a cleaner way.

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We therefore earnestly appeal to the Government of Kerala, to consider the extension of the tenure of the Maniyar Hydroelectric Project by another 25 years on the same terms and conditions, so that, while the business would be assured of continuous availability of power that would also reinforce the confidence of the company and its stake holders to continue with its expansion projects in the state of Kerala.

For Carborundum Universal Limited



N Ananthaseshan  
Managing Director

Cc To: Minister for Electricity & ANERT  
Government of Kerala

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a circular stamp, representing the Section Officer.

Section Officer