**Six monthly progress reports of Umiam Stage –IV H.E. Project (2 x 30 MW), Ri-bhoi District, Meghalaya ENDING 31ST DEC, 2020.**

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| **Specification Conditions** | **Status of Compliance** |
| 1. Fuel depots should be opened by the Forest Department to provide fuel wood to the labour force free of cost during the construction period. Providing fuel wood should be charged to the Project and should include in the Project estimates. | 1. The fuel arrangement was provided during the construction stage by the MeSEB. The project was completed in 1992 and ongoing work is mostly comprising of Electro-mechanical works, which are carried out by professionals, within the Power House premises. Hence, there is no loss of vegetation cover. Therefore, the condition is complied with and the same may kindly be waived. |
| 1. To minimize soil erosion and consequent silting of the reservoir cultivation/deforestation/grazing in the vicinity of the reservoir should not be permitted. Comprehensive Afforestation programme should be launched by the Department, in collaboration with the Soil Conservation and Agriculture Department, so that sedimentation flow can be reduced. | i i) Afforestation programmes have been taken  up with the Range Officer, Social Forestry,  Umiam and tree samplings were planted  during the month of July, 2008. |
| 1. Large reservoir created by this Project to be utilized as a tourist spot by providing facilities for water sports, angling and other tourist attractions. | iii) The reservoir is a small pondage with a live  storage of 0.81 Mcum and is located in  between the Nongkhyllem Reserve Forest  and Nongkseh, West Khasi Hills. Owing to its  vicinity to the Reserved Forest, development  of the stated facilities may perhaps not be  encouraged. |
| 1. Restoration of land in the construction may be ensured to prevent erosion. | iv) Restoration of land in the construction areas  has been restored and green covers have  developed around those sites as soon as  construction was completed by the MeSEB.  Hence the condition is complied with and the  same may kindly be waived. |
| 1. It should be ensured that the construction of colonies for the Project involves minimum possible deforestation; compensatory Afforestation and social forestry should be undertaken. | v) The project construction started around 1984  and was completed in 1992. Since, the project  site is located near the Nongkhyllem Sanctuary,  decisions on activities during and after the  construction period, were taken in consultation  with the State Forest Department due to the  eco-sensitive nature of the project site.  Small colonies that were built during the  construction phase have been demolished  on project completion and about 2 to 3 barracks  are left standing for essential maintenance staff  at Dam site. At the Power House site, small  R.C.C. Buildings are utilized by essential  maintenance staff and a football field is also  present. Electricity has been used for cooking  purposes. Moreover, there are green vegetation  covers all around these barracks. Hence, the  condition is complied with and the same may  kindly be waived. |
| 1. A monitoring group should be formed by the State Government, in consultation with National Committee on Environmental Planning and Coordination (NCEPC), so that the suggested safeguards are implemented effectively and flow up action taken as and when necessary. | 1. The Project Authorities are committed to compliance with the recommendations or suggestions put forth by the State Government led monitoring committee. |