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Dear Mr. Kumar,

Sub. Environmentally Sound management and final disposal of PCBs in India – a GEF/UNIDO/GOI project

I would like to draw your kind attention to the Bhilai PCB project being implemented jointly by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), and SAIL-BSP at Bhilai Steel Plant, Bhilai. This is one of the prestigious projects which has been given the highest priority by the Government of India under its National Implementation Plan (NIP) to fulfill their commitments under the Stockholm Convention on POPs to which the Government of India is a Party.

As you are aware, this project started in the year 2011 after Steel Authority of India Limited conveyed the decision vide their letter No. EMDD/TCH/PCB/GEH dated 13 September 2011 to host the facility at its Bhilai Steel Plant and to provide co-financing for civil work for the static facility for the disposal and treatment of PCBs at Bhilai Steel Plant. The UNIDO awarded the work of contract for supply of equipment, installation and commissioning to M/s Ramky Enviro Engineers Limited in December 2011 with a completion period of twenty-four months.

The project suffered delay in getting statutory environmental clearances from State and Central government authorities. Also, delays in decision of the Town & Country Planning for issuance of the notification on the Revised Draft master Plan (2031), approval of Bhilai Nagar Nigam (Corporation) for building permission, permission of district authority for overhead tank construction. This has resulted in inordinate delays getting the Building permission from the competent authorities. Due to pending statutory clearances of installation/commissioning of the remaining work of infrastructure facilities that are under BSP's scope is causing a lot of uncertainty and delays in the commissioning of the PCBs facilities at BSP. M/S Ramky has already supplied all the equipment including plascon system (under Part A supply) imported from Australia in December 2019. Equipment under Part-B have already been erected and ready for commissioning. M/S Ramky has been given the target to commission the facility by December 2020.

We request you to kindly use your good office to secure all necessary clearances and permission from the competent authorities soonest possible so that the remaining infrastructure be completed without further delay and enable M/s Ramky to complete the commissioning in time.

Yours sincerely,

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