

## Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited

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No:MMRCL/ML-3/Car Depot/Aarey/ESZ/Obj/16

MMRC/ML-3 February 29th, 2016

To. The Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003

Sub: - Eco Sensitive Zone around Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mumbai

:- Objections/suggestions for exclusion of Metro Car Depot and related activities from ESZ

Ref:- Draft notification issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change New Delhi Notification dt. 22nd January 2016.

Sir/Madam,

Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (MMRC) is implementing the prestigious projectof Mumbai Metro Line 3 (Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ) with the financial assistance of Japan International Co Operation Agency (JICA). Car depot of the ML-3 is planned at Aarey colony Goregao; in Mumbai. The car depot at Aarey colony is falling within the proposed notified area of Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) as marked vide referred notification dt. 22/01/2016 from the boundary of Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mumbai.

We are herewith submitting our objections/suggestions to exclude the area required for Car depot and related activities of ML-3 in Aarey colony from ESZ. The same are shown in encosed plan may be deleted from proposed ESZ.

Thanking you.

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Encl: Objections/suggestions (3 Copies) & plan (2 Copies)

Yours faithfully,

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Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (MMRC) is implementing the prestigious project of Mumbai Metro Line 3 (Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ) with the financial assistance of Japan International Co Operation Agency (JICA). It is 33.5 km long underground corridor with 27 (i.e. 26 UG + 1 At grade) stations, and connects major employment centres, Domestic and International terminals of Airport and several areas, which are not served by Suburban Railways. The details of approvals of the project are as below:

Central Cabinet approval: 27/06/2013

Loan agreement signed by JICA: 17/09/2013

Notification under Metro Act (2009) by MoUD: 18/09/2013 (Alignment & Aarey car depot)

State Cabinet Approval: 26/02/2014 GR of State Government: 03/03/2014

## 2. Metro Line 3 when completed will:

- a. Provide high quality public transport system throughout Mumbai city and suburbs within accessible/approach distance of 1 to 2 km.
- Provide Connectivity: Nariman Point, Cuffe Parade (WTC), Fort, Lower Parel (Senapati Bapat Marg), Worli, Prabhadevi, Shivajipark, Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), Bandra (Govt.) Colony, MIDC area and SEEPZ.
- c. Population of about 30 lakhs, living in municipal wards of A, C,D,E, G South, G North, H East, K East will be in the influence area of the line and will be able to leave their private vehicles and commute by public transport.
- Multimodal integration and Interchange with other Public Transport: Central Railway at Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST), Western Railway at Churchgate, Mumbai Central, Metro Line 1 at Marol Naka and Monorail at Mahalaxmi and with State Transport (ST) terminus at Mumbai Central.

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- Activities of handing over of land and commencement of car depot civil preparatory works
  were carried out well before the notification issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and
  Climate change.
- The 30 Ha & 3 Ha area agreed by GoM in Aarey colony is already included in Draft Development Plan-2034 of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) as ear depot and related activities.
- As per proposed facilities total land requirement for metro car depot and related activities in Aarey colony is approx 62 Ha (Plan as enclosed). It is necessary to delete the said area from Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ).
- 10. The plot is at a aerial distance of more than 2 Km from the Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP). On the North boundary of the car depot plot is the Aarey Powai Road, on the South boundary is the Jogeshwari-Vikroli link road, Marol Maroshi road is intersecting the plot. The proposed area includes Reliance 200 KW substation and concrete mixing plant and other residential developments as indicated on the enclosed drawing. The plot on three side is surrounded by the busy roads which collectively carry more than 50,000 vehicles daily.
- 11. Aarey is not declared forest but open grassland owned by Government of Maharashtra. The land is used for non-forest purpose for years.

## SUGGESTIONS:

In view of above, following suggestions needs to be incorporated in ESZ:

 To exclude land admeasuring 62 Ha required for metro car depot & related activities in Aarey colony from Eco Sensitive Zone with following coordinates;

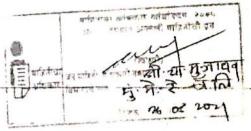
	Location of plot	Latitude	Longitude 72°52'51.17"	
Sr No		19°08'16.62"		
1	North West side		72°53'20.47"	
2	North East side	19°8'1.72"		
-2	South East side	19°7'45.34"	72°53'11.69"	
3		19°7'49.48"	72°52'36.84"	
4	South West side	19 7 49.46		

2. To make modification in table at page No.23 of notification dt. 22/01/2016:-

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