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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Time-Extension for Renewable Energy (RE) Projects considering disruption due to lockdown due to COVID-19.

- 1. This is in continuation to the MNRE's O.M.s of even no. dated 17th April, 2020 regarding Time-Extension for Renewable Energy (RE) Projects due to lockdown due to COVID-19.
- 2. The MNRE, vide its O.M. of even no. dated 17.04.2020, had directed all RE implementing agencies of the MNRE to treat lockdown due to COVID-19, as Force Majeure and that they may grant extension of time for RE projects equivalent to the period of lockdown and additional 30 (thirty) days for normalisation after end of such lockdown. States/ UTs were also requested to treat lockdown due to COVID-19, as Force Majeure and to consider granting appropriate time extension on account of such lockdown.
- 3. It is hereby clarified that for the purpose of the MNRE's said OM Dated 17.04.2020:
 - a) In line with Ministry of Home Affairs Order Nos. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 15th April, 17th May and 30th May, 2020, the period of lockdown is to be treated from 25th March, 2020, when the lockdown started, to 31st May, 2020.
 - **b)** All projects through RE Implementing agencies designated by the MNRE and the projects under various schemes of the MNRE are covered under the said OM.
 - c) The timelines for intermediate milestones of a project may also be extended within the extended time provided for commissioning as per paragraph 2 above.
 - d) The Developers, of the projects covered under **3(b)** above, may also pass on the benefit of such time-extension, by way of granting similar time-extensions, to other stakeholders down the value chain like Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) contractors, material/ equipment suppliers, Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), etc.
- 4. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (NRE & Power).

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