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Subject: Accreditation of Forest Clearance Consultant Organizations for hand holding of User Agencies – reg.

Sir

It has been observed that most of the User Agencies (UA) in the State lack expertise in preparation of proposals for obtaining clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 (FCA 1980) leading to repeated essential document submission and subsequent delays. In order to remove this hurdle, Himachal Pradesh Forest Department has successfully launched a scheme to accredit Forest Clearance Consultant Organizations (FCCO) through Quality Council of India (QCI) for hand holding the UAs in preparation and submission of proposals under FCA 1980.


Currently, QCI has provisionally accredited nine FCCOs in Category A for large projects and one FCCO in Category B for small projects. An advisory for availing the service of FCCOs has also been issued by this office for the UAs. List of provisionally accredited FCCOs as on 27.02.2023 and advisory have been uploaded on H.P. Forest Department website www.hpforest.gov.in and also enclosed herewith for ready reference. It may be noted that availing the services of FCCO is NOT MANDATORY and is voluntary only. Details of accredited FCCOs can be accessed on QCI website www.qcin.org.


It is therefore requested to kindly circulate above information among all field functionaries and concerned officials for necessary action on their side.

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1. All Pr.CCFs, APCCFs, CCFs (T),CCFs (WL) CFs (T) for information and necessary action.
2. CEO CAMPA for information and necessary action.


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**List of Provisionally Accredited
Forest Clearance Consultant Organizations (FCCO) for Himachal Pradesh
by Quality Council of India as on 24th February 2023**

Sl.no.	Name and address of FCCO	Contact number	e-mail ID
Category A: For larger projects like power, river valley projects, large industrial projects, large linear projects etc			
1	Ecomen Laboratories Pvt Ltd. Second Floor Hall, House NO B-1/8 Sector - H, Aliganj, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 226024	9448286155 9335947474	contactus@ecomen.in
2	Everain Global Services Pvt Ltd. 401, Fourth Floor, Statesman House, 104, Barakhamba Road, Delhi, 110001	9999677158 9999677159	info@everainglobal.com
3	Enkay Enviro Services Pvt. Ltd. 92, Heera Nagar-A, Near Shalimar Bagh, Ajmer Road, Jaipur – 302021 (Rajasthan)	0141 – 4920770, 4920771 9314363996	info@enkayenviro.com
4	IGIS Pvt Ltd 243/196, Rabindranath Tagore Marg, Dehradun, Uttarakhand - 248001	9410529596	contact@igis.in
5	In Situ Envirocare E7/829, Lala Lajpat Rai Society, E-7, Arera Colony, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	8878698009 0755-2446254	admin@insituenvirocare.com
6	Chandigarh Pollution Testing Laboratory E-126, Phase-VII, Industrial Area, Mohali, Punjab- 160055	9814500295 9988308295	eia@cptl.co.in
7	Chaitanya Projects Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. 101, 1st Floor, Tower No. 3 Okaya Center, Block B, Sector 62, Noida – 201301, Uttar Pradesh	9599208301 0120 - 4110472	info@cpcmail.in
8	Min Mec Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. A-121, Paryavaran Complex IGNOU Road, New Delhi - 110030	8383075461	minmec@gmail.com
9	Centre for Envotech and Management Consultancy Private Ltd. Plot no. 522/3458, Near Utkal Hyundai, Opposite Apex College Pahal, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	9861032826 9937901135	cemc_consultancy@yahoo.co.in cemc122@gmail.com
Category B: For smaller projects like small industrial units, small infrastructure services etc			
1	Aranya Consulting Pvt. Ltd D-2, Lane 1, Sector 1 New Shimla, Himachal Pradesh	9418474111 7018698288	aranyaconsultancy777@gmail.com



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Advisory to User Agencies regarding services of accredited Forest Clearance Consultant Organizations in Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh Forest Department has operationalized a scheme for accreditation of Forest Clearance Consultant Organizations (FCCO) that will do hand holding of various User Agencies (UA) in preparation and submission of proposals for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. The UAs may consider following points while availing services of FCCOs:

1. FCCOs are accredited through Quality Council of India based on a set of stringent criteria to ensure standards and quality of service. However, it is NOT MANDATORY for the UAs to avail the services of FCCOs and is purely voluntary.
2. QCI has a robust grievance redressal mechanism and standard operating procedures in place. In case any UA is not satisfied with the conduct or performance of FCCO engaged by them, the UA may take up the matter with QCI which can even withdraw the accreditation granted to the concerned FCCO and during inquiry process can suspend accreditation denying FCCO to do any further business.
3. QCI has been instructed by H.P. Forest Department to ensure that FCCOs charge only reasonable fees from UAs which should also be lower for Government Departments. The UAs shall make payment to the FCCO engaged by them and H.P. Forest Department shall have no liability of costs on account of services provided by FCCOs to the UAs.
4. The UAs are advised to engage, if desired, those FCCOs that have technically best experts like forest officers preferably those retired from posts equivalent to Divisional Forest Officers (DFO), Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) and Range Forest Officers (Forest Ranger) as the preparation of proposal file requires boot on the ground demanding considerable travelling and meeting various Forest Department frontline field functionaries. Similarly, young students of subject relevant to forest clearance purpose within FCCOs also have the capability of intensive travelling and collecting information from even remotest locations in shortest possible time. UAs are advised to go through the list of experts of the accredited FCCOs. Help from QCI may also be taken in this regards by the UA.
5. The list of accredited FCCOs will be available on the websites of QCI (www.qcin.org) and H.P. Forest Department (www.hpforest.gov.in)

This advisory is issued in interest of all concerned.

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