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## Reg. Environmental Clearance of 1320 MW Thermal Power Plant of Welspun Energy UP Pvt Ltd proposed at village Dadri Khurd, Mirzapur.

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To,

Members of Experts Appraisal Committee

Coal and Thermal Power Projects, MoEF

[Attachment: Site Inspection Report of the proposed power plant]

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to bring the notice of the Experts Appraisal Committee, Coal and Thermal Power Projects of Ministry of Environment and Forests that the factors considered in selecting the location of proposed thermal power plant by Welspun Energy UP Pvt Ltd at village Dadri Khurd is false and misleading. The proposed project will have immense impact on ecology, wildlife, water resource and human health. We have arrived at this finding based on our research as well as a site inspection visit conducted by our expert team comprising of faculty members of the Banaras Hindu University, journalists and our own members on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

In the course of the site inspection, we found that there are serious discrepancies between ground reality and the facts mentioned in the EIA report. For instance, a road is declared as common road in the EIA report is in reality a forest road owned by Forest Department, as is evident from the signboard put up there. Further, the entire project area was found to be good forest area, and a habitat of several protected animals like Sloth Bear, Swamp Deer, Mugger Crocodile, Bengal Monitor, Chinkara and Peafowl which are Scheduled I species according to Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. Several other important facts like importance of Upper Khajuri Dam, presence of Khajuri river, Wyndham fall and most importantly, the Banaras Hindu University Campus nearby do not find any mention in the EIA report submitted to the MoEF. These, among others, are some of the critical issues which are ignored by the project proponent. We have highlighted most of them in our report.

We have prepared a Report outlining the findings and observations of our experts with supporting photographic evidence. We are attaching the same with this letter as a Report for your information and necessary action. We believe that the findings of this Report will persuade the EAC that the EIA Report prepared by the project proponent is misleading and false, and that the thermal power plant in the proposed site would have serious and irretrievable impacts on the wildlife, water resource, human health, environment and ecology of the area.

We strongly recommend that for the reasons outlined above, the project should not be granted Environmental Clearance and strict actions should be taken against the project proponent for such blatant misrepresentation.

Thanking you

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