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To All Members

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Sub: Latest Clarifications issued by MNRE on Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2019 - reg

Ref: Office Memorandum of MNRE in File No. 283/1 6/2023-GRID SOLAR dated 09.02.2024.

Please find enclosed herewith a soft copy of the Office Memorandum of MNRE cited above.

In this connection, we wish to inform you that those who are in the Solar PV Markets, are making a panic marketing, by spreading the news that only the domestically manufactured PV Panels as found in the ALMM, would be hereafter approved by the MNRE for setting up of Solar Power Projects and the imported Solar PV Panels may not be allowed for setting up in the Solar Power Projects in India.

Accordingly, now the MNRE on its own has issued a detailed clarification vide above referred Office Memorandum. The gist of the clarifications is as below;

- a. The ALMM [Approved List of Models & Manufacturers] for Solar PV Modules, is being re-imposed with effect from 1st April, 2024.
- b. The ALMM will apply as per the Law, only to those projects which are sponsored/subsidized by the Government. ALMM will apply to the Government or Its agencies procuring power for its own consumption or for distribution to the people through Distribution Companies. ALMM will apply to Solar PV Rooftops and PM KUSUM; which are subsidized. The ALMM will not apply to projects set up under open access or as captive by private parties. In other words, ALMM will not be applicable for people who set up their own capacity.

In addition to the above clarification, the following clarification is also issued, even in respect of the specified projects as mentioned in Para b) above by the MNRE.



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- c. Aforesaid order of even no. dated 10th March 20231 inter-alia conveyed that the projects commissioned by 31st March 2024, will be exempted from the requirement of procuring Solar PV modules from ALMM. However, now, it has been decided that the relaxation in ALMM shall apply to all cases where the projects are in advanced stage of construction and the order for the modules has been placed before 31st March 2024. That the plant is in advanced stages of construction and the irrevocable LC has been opened before 31st March 2024 will be subject to verification."

Therefore, the Grid connected and Rooftop / GISS Projects of members as proposed or commissioned for captive use or otherwise, will not be in any way obligated to the conditions of the ALMM any manner and accordingly, members can source the Solar PV Panels, according to their choice, considering the price and quality and this is not anyway restricted to only domestic manufacturers as approved by the MNRE in the approved list (ALMM). This is for the clarification of all members, who have invested or interested to invest in the Solar Energy Projects either on their Rooftops / GISS or as Grid connected projects.

With Warm Regards

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