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Subject: Call for information on Best Water Saving Practices in Industrial Water Use for Selected Industries

Dear Friends,

The Society for Promoting Participative Ecosystem Management (SOPPECOM) is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation working in the area of Natural Resource Management (NRM), primarily in rural areas. Within the broad spectrum of rural livelihood issues, water resource management, along with land, biomass and renewable energy, forms the core of SOPPECOM's concerns. In its initial phase it piloted various action research programmes around sustainable use of land and water, low external input cropping practices, alternative technology for buildings and water storage structures that have helped develop broad norms for equitable access to resources and their sustainable use. Since 2004, SOPPECOM has played the role of anchoring a 'Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India', henceforth 'Forum', which is a loose network of individuals and organisations working on issues related to water conflicts in India. More on the Forum and SOPPECOM can be found on their respective websites at www.waterconflictforum.org and www.soppecom.org

The Forum has currently undertaken thematic activities in the Mahanadi basin one of which is 'Conflicts around Industrial-Agricultural water allocations'. Allocations are crucially influenced by water requirement norms and practices. As part of this theme we are attempting to study industrial water allocation and water use practices in industries in the Mahanadi Basin (i.e. Chhattisgarh and Odisha) and exploring water saving technologies and practices available relevant to the three major industries in the basin, namely, i) coal-fired thermal power plants, ii) mines and iii) sponge iron plants. We invite you to send us any information you may have with respect to water saving technologies and practices within industries of this nature, not necessarily from the Mahanadi basin. We would request you to include a) brief description of the water saving technology and/or practice, (including as many salient points as possible), b) the place/institution where it has been studied and if possible where you know it is being practised and c) source of further information about them. This will help us build a roster of technologies and practices from which we would later pick some of the promising ones for further study and dissemination. We would also very much appreciate it if you could also suggest the name of an expert whom we could consult in respect of the particular technology or practice(s).

Sincerely

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