Before the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (Appellate Jurisdiction)

Appeal No.162 of 2014 and 163 of 2014

Dated: 17th October, 2014

Present: Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Karpaga Vinayagam, Chairperson

Hon'ble Mr. Nayan Mani Borah, Technical Member (P&NG)

Appeal No.162 of 2014

Niko Resources Ltd. Appellant (s)

Versus

Gujarat State Petronet Ltd. & Ors. ... Respondent (s)

Appeal No. 163 of 2014

Niko Resources Ltd. Appellant (s)

Versus

Gujarat State Petronet Ltd. & Ors. ... Respondent (s)

Counsel for the Appellant(s) : Mr. Abhas Kumar

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Ms. Sumiti Yadava for GSPL & GSPCL

Mr. Tushita Ghosh for R-2

Ms. Sonali Malhotra for PNGRB

<u>ORDER</u>

We have heard both the parties in Appeal No. 162 of 2014 and 163 of 2014. It is settled law that the Orders passed in the Review petitions confirming original orders cannot be challenged in the Appeals before this Tribunal as pointed out by Ms. Sonali Malhotra, Learned Counsel for Board.

Admittedly, these Appeals are against the Review Orders and, as such, these Appeals are not maintainable. Hence, these Appeals are dismissed.

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Before parting with this case, we have to point out that some adverse remarks have

been made in the minority order by one of the Members of Board, criticizing the conduct of

the Senior Counsel who appeared before the Board on behalf of the Petitioner.

We feel that the said remarks are irrelevant and unwarranted. It is settled law that, the

judicial authorities, to the maximum extent possible, should refrain from passing strictures

that too against the Senior Counsel, as it will affect their future career.

At this juncture, we shall point out that the said Senior Counsel, has been regularly

appearing before this Tribunal, and we notice that he is upright showing utmost respect to the

courts.

However, it is our duty to advise the said Learned Senior Counsel that he should not

in the future, at any cost, create an impression in the minds of any judicial authority that he is

not behaving well.

In the light of the above, those adverse remarks passed in the minority order against

the said Senior Counsel are hereby expunged.

(Nayan Mani Borah)
Technical Member (P&NG)

(Justice M. Karpaga Vinayagam)
Chairperson

Jp/Vg