



## Green Rating for Reducing Industrial Pollution

### Project Title

Sustainable Industrialization: Building Stakeholder Capacities and Involvement

### Budget

UNDP – USD 750,000

### Duration

December 2007 – December 2012

### Partners

Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India; Centre for Science and Environment

### Project Location

New Delhi, India

### Challenges

India's major mineral reserves lie in areas that are home to India's poor and some of its tribal population. Mining and mineral-based industries have already destroyed large tracts of forests, polluted rivers and deprived millions of people of their land and livelihoods. This industrial pollution has also had a direct impact on human health. A study of the World Bank puts the health costs of environmental degradation in India at US \$ 7 billion a year. The impact of industrial pollution is likely to increase without proper policy and institutional safeguards.

### Response

The project aims at strengthening the capacity of key actors to monitor, advocate and regulate industrial pollution. These actors include industries, regulatory bodies and communities. The project will provide incentives to industries to improve their environmental performance and give them 'green' ratings on a voluntary basis. This will help reduce pollution by Indian companies, introduce transparency about their work and put public pressure on them to constantly upgrade their efforts in this area. The project will also help improve regulation of industrial pollution by reviewing and strengthening the legal and administrative systems.

### Impact

This project attempts to bring about a change in the mind sets of people in the industry, consumers and investors, so that environmental concerns are addressed.



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