



## **Colaba- Bandra-SEEPZ Metro 3 Corridor**

### **\*National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi clears Metro Car Depot at Aarey\***

**Mumbai, September 20, 2018:** National Green Tribunal (NGT) in the case of Vanshakti and Others Vs Union of India started hearing in application No. 34/2015 (Western Zone) from July 2015. The final hearing was held today at Principal Bench of NGT at New Delhi. After detailed hearing the NGT directed the Applicants to either withdraw their application else final order will be passed. Accordingly Vanshakti has withdrawn their Application and the case is finally disposed off.

The Principal Bench of NGT at New Delhi on 14/05/2018 had issued an interim order restraining MMRC from dumping of debris, reclamation and cutting of trees during the pendency of the Application.

The Applicants Vanshakti reiterated that there is Status Quo in entire Aarey colony with reference to orders of NGT dt. 20/07/2015 & 19/08/2015. NGT observed that the primary plea of the applicants was to declare ESZ around SGNP. As The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide notification dt. 05/12/2016 declared the ESZ which excluded land earmarked for car depot in Aarey, the plea is no more valid.

Commenting on the outcome Ms. Ashwini Bhide Managing Director said “With this all legal hurdles are cleared and car depot works can progress in full swing.