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Memo No-30 Date:-25/01/2021

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Koraput Forest Division
Koraput.

Sub: Proposal for Diversion of 38.062 ha. of forest land (23.153 ha. in Koraput district and 14.909 ha. in Rayagada district) for establishment of Alumina Refinery with Co-generation Power Plant at Kansariguda – Regarding identification of Compensatory Afforestation (CA) land and Drafting of CA scheme.

Ref: **Your office memo No. 6546 dt. 14.12.2020.**

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the memo No. cited above it is to report you that the under signed with the local Forest staff and Tahasildar, Lxmipur, concerned Revenue Inspector, Amin and representatives of the Hindalco Industries (Aditya Birla Group) jointly inspected and verified the CA land site over 38.5 ha. in Mauza Pipalpadar on 07.01.2021. The site is Govt. Non-forest land with status Abada Ajogya Anabadi having kissam pahar and free from encroachment. The joint verification report details land schedule, DGPS survey map on village sheet and Survey of India topo sheet No. E44F4 showing the CA site duly authenticated by us is enclosed here with for favbouur of your kind information & necessary action.

On site inspection it is noticed that the non-forest CA land hosts degraded forest growth with blank areas at places. On an average blank patches can be planted with @ 200 seedlings per ha. followed by Aided Natural Regeneration practices (ANR). The existing forest species can be tended with silvicultural operations with required soil and moisture conservation measures. As per MoEF guidelines of CA vide F.No. 11-423/2011-FC dt. 8.11.2017 a total of 38,500 nos. (@ 1,000 plants/ha.) are required to be planted at the site. However, due to existing forest growth only (38.5 ha. x 200 nos.) 7,700 nos. of seedlings can be planted there. Therefore, balance (38,500 – 7,700) 30,800 can be planted in nearby Hatimali DPF of this range where the above balance seedlings can be planted over 19.25 ha or 20 ha @1600 plants per ha. The said forests land is completely barren caused due to heavy biotic interferences. Even no roots stocks of forest species are found that except around 15 nos. Of Mango, Kusum & simal trees occurring here and there and around 200 nos. of

degraded teak should be available in one corner of the site. The forest land finds place on Survey of India topo sheet No. E44K13 & the site showing the GPS co-ordinates & a DGPS map of the boundary is enclosed herewith for favour of your kind reference. Plants @ 1600/ Hectare can be planted there on Govt. approved Bald hill cost norm with required soil & moisture conservation measures. Two Hectare additional area having proposed due to presence of above trees species & exposed rocks noticed at the site totalling to 22 Hectares. This for your kind information & necessary action.

Yours faithfully


Forest Range Officer
LALIMPUR RANGE
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Encl :

- 1) Authenticated land schedule DGPS Survey map of CA site on village sheet of Pipalpadar.
- 2) Joint verification report duly signed by Revenue and Forest officials and representative of Hindalco Industries.
- 3) Authenticated Survey of India Topo sheet No. E44F4 showing non-forest CA site.
- 4) Survey of India Topo sheet No. E44K13 showing plantation site in forest land of Hatimali DPF over 22 ha.
- 5) DGPS surveyed map of the forest land in Hatimali DPF.