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Dated 23rd July, 2019

To

The Additional Chief Secretary,
Department of Forests, Environment & Climate Change,
Government of Jharkhand,
Nepal House, Ranchi.

Sub: Proposal for use of 1.612625 ha forest land for *Prospecting Exploration* of coal in Pacchwara South Coal Block in favour of Neyvelli Uttar Pradesh Limited *Prospecting Exploration* in Dumka district of Jharkhand.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter No.Van Bhumi-12/2019-2357/Va.Pa. dated 27.6.2019 of the State Government, Jharkhand on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of decision of Regional Empowered Committee held on 17.7.2019, the Central Government, hereby, conveys “**approval**” for proposal for use of 1.612625 ha forest land for *Prospecting Exploration* of coal in Pacchwara South Coal Block in favour of Neyvelli Uttar Pradesh Limited in Dumka district of Jharkhand, subject to the following conditions and stipulations:

- 1) The User Agency Shall be allowed exploratory drilling of a maximum of 15 boreholes of 4” diameter over 1.612625 ha of forest land.
- 2) The prior approval of Govt. of India under Section 2 of FC Act for prospecting in this forest area under consideration is only for resource assessment and mapping and does not confer in any manner any right to the State Government to divert such forest land under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for mining purpose in future in favour of this user agency or any other mining company on the plea that forest clearance for prospecting has been granted.
- 3) The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value to an extent of 5% of the total prospecting lease area i.e. 5% of 387.889 ha forest land.
- 4) Additional amount of the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

- 5) User Agency shall prepare a plan to plant 20 tall trees per bore-hole area. The cost of preparation of plan and plantation shall be borne by the User Agency. State Government shall ensure that the plants are planted on abandoned bore-hole area or degraded forest land, as per prescription of working plan.
- 6) All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through **e-portal** (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- 7) User Agency shall seek permission of concerned Divisional Forest Officer before entering into the forest area and borehole shall be dug with prior permission of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer and also furnish detailed report thereof on completion of the project.
- 8) Proper plugging of borehole shall be made after exploration activities are complete to the satisfaction of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 9) No tree felling shall be undertaken for exploration activities. Project activities shall be restricted to clearing of bushes and lopping of tree branches if any for the purpose of site preparation.
- 10) The user agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora and fauna in the surrounding. Any damage done in this regard shall be compensated by the user agency from the project cost as per assessment of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 11) The user agency may use the existing forest road/path with prior information to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The user agency is allowed to use 1.452 ha of forest land for construction of temporary path as proposed by the State Government. The area used for path during the prospecting work shall be restored to its original status of forest after completion of prospecting work.
- 12) Any change in the diameter of borehole and number of bore holes will be reported to the concerned Regional Office in advance for consideration and recommendations to the Central Government.
- 13) Adequate measures shall be taken by the user agency to ensure that prospecting activities do not harm the wildlife in the area. Any damage done in this context, shall be compensated by the user agency as per assessment, by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 14) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and no work shall be allowed after sunset.
- 15) In case, rights over forest land proposed to be used for prospecting purpose, has already been settled in favour of eligible claimants as per provisions of the Forest Rights Act, 2006, the claimants shall either be compensated appropriately or location of borehole by suitable re-located.

- 16) Initially the permission for prospecting will be granted for two years from the date of issue of this approval which can be extended for one more year on the recommendation of the State Government with convincing justification.
 - 17) In case of violations of conditions by the user agency, the permission for prospecting of minerals shall be suspended by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. Further it shall be enquired by the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State Government and report to be submitted to the concerned Regional Office for appropriate action.
 - 18) The samples collected during the prospecting shall be used purely for investigation purposes and shall in no case be used for trade or commerce purpose.
 - 19) To minimize disturbance to the wildlife, user agency shall take all possible measures to minimize noise during prospecting operations and halt the prospecting activities during night and during such periods in the day as may be advised by the concerned Chief Wildlife Warden, concerned State Forest Department.
 - 20) The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the MoEF&CC Guidelines F. No. 11-96/2009-Fc dated 4th July, 2014 issued by the Ministry regarding drilling in the forest land.
 - 21) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
 - 22) The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
3. The user agency shall submit six monthly compliance reports through the State Government of conditions stipulated in the paragraph-2 above in this Regional Office.

Yours faithfully,


(Sujoy Dutta)
Technical Officer (Forestry)

Copy to:-

1. The Deputy Secretary, RO(HQ), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests, Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Jharkhand, Van Bhavan, Doranda, Ranchi.
3. The PCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FC), Forests, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Jharkhand, Van Bhavan, Doranda, Ranchi.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Dumka Forest Division, Jharkhand.

5. The Deputy General Manager, Pachwara South Coal Mine Project, NUPPL Ltd.,
Dumka, Jharkhand.
- ✓ 6. Guard File.

Sujoy Dutta
23/7/19
Technical Officer (Forestry)



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Deputy General Manager,
Pachwara South Coal Mine Project,
NUPPL, Dumka

विषय :- Requesting permission to enter into the forest area for drilling of Exploratory Boreholes and to use forest land for construction of temporary pathway.

प्रसंग :- भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, राँची के पत्र संख्या-FP/JH/MRL/18/2015-3304 दिनांक-23.07.2019 तथा आपका पत्रांक-PSCMP/GM/2019/08/10 दिनांक-10.08.2019

महाशय,

उपर्युक्त विषयक प्रसंग में सूचित करना है कि पचवाड़ा साउथ कोल ब्लॉक में 1.612625 हे० वनभूमि में भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, राँची के पत्र संख्या-FP/JH/MRL/18/2015-3304 दिनांक-23.07.2019 द्वारा "Prospecting Exploration" हेतु कुल-22 शर्तों के साथ "Approval" प्रदान की गई है।

उपरोक्त के क्रम में आपके पत्रांक-PSCMP/GM/2019/08/08 दिनांक-08.08.2019 द्वारा अनुपालन समर्पित किया गया है।

पुनः भारत सरकार के प्रासंगिक पत्र के आलोक में आपके द्वारा वनभूमि में कुल-15 बोर होल में अन्वेषण कार्य तथा अस्थायी पहुँच पथ निर्माण हेतु अनुरोध किया गया है।

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एवं शर्त संख्या-11 में सन्निहित "The user agency may use the existing forest road/path with prior information to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The user agency is allowed to use 1.452 ha of forest land for construction of temporary path as proposed by the State Government. The area used for path during the prospecting work shall be restored to its original status of forest after completion of prospecting work." के आलोक में उक्त वर्णित कार्य हेतु कार्यानुमति प्रदान की जाती है। प्रयोक्ता अभिकरण द्वारा किसी भी रूप में प्रस्तावित क्षेत्र के अतिरिक्त वनभूमि में गैर वानिकी कार्य नहीं करेंगे।

विश्वासभाजन,

Chandra
10-08-19

वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी,

दुमका वन प्रमंडल, दुमका।

10/8/19