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To,

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forest,

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Jamshedpur-831011

Dated: 01/06/2015



Subject – Status of Forest (Conservation) Act regarding Jaduguda lease in favor of UCIL in East Singhbhum district.

## This has reference to your letter no. 1618/Jamshedpur- 11 Dated 17/10/2014

Lease for Jaduguda Mines was granted from 16.10.1967 to 15.10.1987 for an area Of 1312.62 acres in the villages of Ichra, Bhatin, Tilaitand and Mechua. Lease area involved 134.424 hectares of forest land in the villages of Ichra, Bhatin and Mechua. On 04.12.1986 application for first renewal of Jaduguda Mining Lease was submitted to the State Government of Bihar. On 01.09.2006 application for second renewal of Jaduguda Mining Lease was submitted to State Government of Jharkhand. The Mining Operation Continued under the provision of rule no 24A (Renewal of Mining Lease) of Minerál Concession Rules 1960, Government of India (Annex–1). The Mining activity continued with compliance of the provisions made in Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957, Mineral concession rules 1960 and Mineral Conservation and Development Rules 1988.

The Application for diversion of forest land of 1312.62 acres of forest land in the villages of Ichra, Bhatin and Mechua was submitted to Divisional Forest Conservator Dhalbhum on 16.06.1989 under the forest (Conservation) Act 1980. This application was made as per central Government guidelines issued in October 1980 (Annex-2). This guideline gives the provision to continue mining without forest land diversion to the mines whose Lease has been granted before 1980. Against the original application made by UCIL in 16.06.1989 forest land was

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diverted to UCIL on 20.04.1998. This diversion of Forest land was after the expiry of original Mining lease and it doesn't not have any expiry date. The Mining activity in Jaduguda continued till 07.09.2014. The activity was stopped as per the instruction of District Mining Officer Singhbhum East District.

On 24.09.2014 application was submitted to District Welfare officer for conducting forest right committee meeting and Gram Sabha in the villages of Ichra, Mechua and Bhatin. Accordingly UCIL received the No Objection Certificate (NOC) from District Commissioner Singhbhum East on 03.03.2015 under Scheduled Tribes and other traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest rights) Act, 2006. UCIL submitted online application in Form B for diversion of forest land in form B for diversion of 134.42 hectares of forest land in Ichra, Bhatin, Mechua (Jaduguda) Mining Lease under Section-2 of the proposals by the State Governments and other authorities in respect of renewal of leases, which have been earlier, granted clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on 21.03.2015.

We feel that the above will establish the legality of mining operation in Jaduguda Lease.

With Regards

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