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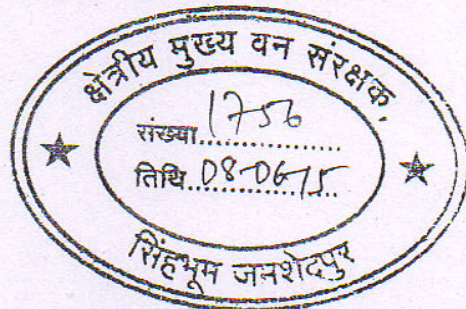
The Regional Chief Conservator of Forest,

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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

In continuation to our reply dated 03.06.2015, we are submitting the following information for further clarification on the subject.

#### Mining Lease

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 (Annexure – 1). 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 deemed lease provision as provided in rule no 24A (Renewal of Mining Lease) of Mineral Concession Rules 1960, Government of India (Annexure – 2). 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. Therefore there was no violation of the MMDR Act 1957. Against the application for lease renewal dated 01/09/2006 lease has been granted from 16/10/1987 to 09/12/2034 (Annexure – 3). 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 (Annexure – 4) thereafter. The letter by DMO was issued against Gazette of India Notification dated 18th July 2014 (Annexure – 5). Copy of land record of the lease hold area is enclosed for reference (Annexure – 6). As the mining lease was not terminated there is no violation of Forest Conservation act 1980. In addition UCIL had obtained approval for diversion of Jaduguda mine lease vide letter no 8-49/1997-FC dated 20.04.1998 with no time limit of its validity (Annexure – 7).

### **Compensatory & Penal Compensatory afforestation**

The Government of India has granted principal approval for diversion of 53.783 hectare forest land and 100.681 hectare for underground mining vide letter no 8-49/1997-FC dated 24/07/1997. As per the instruction of Government of India, UCIL had paid for double the area (8.68 hectare) to Government of Bihar on 29/11/1997 and 13/12/1997 against the Compensatory afforestation of 4.34 hectare (Annexure – 8), Rs 138880.

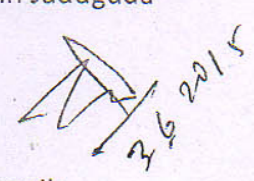
UCIL had paid Rs 502400 as Penal Compensatory afforestation for 31.40 hector of land to Government of Bihar on 18/11/1997 and 13/12/1997

### **Non requirement of Renewal of forest diversification**

A meeting was held in the office of PCCF and ED, Barren Land Development Board, Ranchi, Jharkhand on 07/08/2008. The meeting was chaired by PCCF cum ED, Barren Land Development Board. The meeting was attended by representative of UCIL. It was clarified in the meeting, that renewal of forest diversion is not required for Jaduguda Lease and hence the application submitted by UCIL under Forest Conservation Act 1980, need not be processed further (Annexure – 9).

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

With Regards

  
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