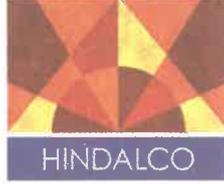


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Letter Ref. No: HIL/LHD/Bag/FC/EDS/२४१

Date: 28/08/2023

To,
The Divisional Forest Officer,
Lohardaga Forest division,
Ranchi, Jharkhand

Subject: Forest Diversion Proposal (7.52 Ha) for Bagru Bauxite Mine at Village-Bagru, Tehsil-Kisko, District-Lohardaga, Jharkhand by M/s Hindalco Industries Ltd.

Ref: Proposal No: FP/JH/MIN/155456/2022 and Query from Nodal officer via letter no. 731 dated 17.07.2023

Sir,

Reference to the above-letter from your good office, our submission is as under:

- In A-1 (iii) of the Form-A (Part-I) of the forest diversion proposal for the Bagru Bauxite Mine, under the heading 'short narrative of the proposal and Project/scheme for which the forest land is required, we submitted the forest land breakup for the proposed diversion as follows: **'The proposal is submitted for diversion of a forest area of 7.52 ha to undertake bauxite mining. However, per MoEF and Gol guidelines, the safety zone of 2.17 ha, in which neither mining nor any felling of trees is involved, as well as the area broken prior to 1980, i.e., 9.87 ha, has been excluded.'** Under the heading 'Additional Information Details' of the Form-A(Part-I), the letter reference to which the broken area and safety zone were excluded in the proposed forest diversion was submitted for kind perusal.
- The proposal was appraised your good office on 21 June 2022 and 14 July 2022 for shortcomings and accordingly after acceptance of the online proposal hard copy was submitted as per your directions dated 18 July 2022.
- It is further submitted that the proposal has been appraised on several occasions at various levels and submitted to your good office on 25 November 2022.
- However, the EDS raised by your good office on 14 December 2022 was compiled and submitted on 18 May 2023 by the CF office.
- It is further submitted that the EDS raised by your good office on 5 June 2023 was resubmitted on 26 June 2023 by the CF in anticipation that the proposal

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may have met your satisfaction and may be forwarded to the IRO, MOEFCC for further consideration.

We would like to humbly submit that the proposal has been under examination for last 14 months at various levels since the submission on 22 May 2022. We request your kind consideration that the proposal in the present state may kindly be forwarded to the IRO MoEF&CC for consideration and we undertake that we will submit the fresh proposal of safety Zone (2017 ha.) by the end of September, 2023. In this regard, an undertaking is annexed herewith as per the guidelines issued by the MoEFCC on 7th November 2022.

Therefore, you are kindly requested to take the matter into your consideration and forward the letter to the Office of the Conservator of Forests for further needful.

Thank you for your kind consideration and early needful.

Sincerely Yours,



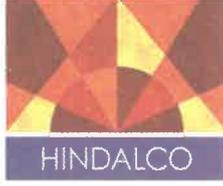
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We, Hindalco Industries Ltd, hereby give undertaking that we will submit the proposal for diversion of Safety Zone (2.17 ha) by the end of September, 2023.


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