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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/PROJECT HEAD PACHWARA SOUTH COAL MINE PROJECT, Shanta Bhavan, Behind SBI Bank, LIC Colony **DUMKA-814 101, JHARKHAND, INDIA,**

CIN: U40300UP2012GOI053569 **GSTIN: 09AAECN3221F1Z8**

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Date: 01.08.2022

Lr No. NUPPL/PSCMP/ GM/FC/2022/07/20

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The Divisional Forest Officer,

Dumka Forest Division, Dumka-814101, Jharkhand, India.

Submissions of response to the Essential Detail Sought (EDS) by the DFO. vide Sub: letter ref. no. 1878, dated 23.07.2022 - Reg. Ref: Proposal No. FP/JH/MIN/59823/2020 Dated 20/11/2020 for seeking prior approval of Central Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest area

Vide letter no 1878 dated 23.07.2022 from Divisional Forest Officer, Dumka, Jharkhand, we are hereby submitting the point wise compliance as under:

SI. No	Particulars of EDS	Response/Compliance of the EDS
01	Submission of 09 sets of "No Objection Certificate "under FRA, 2006.	1. A Letter to District Collector, Dumka for obtaining 'No Objection Certificate' under Forest Rights Act, 2006 against the Forest Land was submitted on 20.10.2020. (Copy submitted to DFO, Dumka).
		2. An UNDERTAKING for obtaining NOC, under FRA, 2006 in respect of Pachwara South Coal Block was submitted during the submission of Forest Diversion proposal on 20.11.2020.
		3. A reminder letter to District Collector, Dumka for NOC under FRA was submitted on 20.01.2021. (Copy submitted to DFO, Dumka).
		4. 3 rd Letter was submitted to District Collector, Dumka for obtaining 'No Objection Certificate' under Forest Rights Act, 2006 against the Forest Land on 26.07.2022. (Copy submitted to DFO, Dumka)
	SURAJIT DAS	5. With File No. 11-43/2013-FC from MoEF & CC, GoI dated-26.02.2019, which states that "Deputy Commissioner shall complete the

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process of compliance of FRA (including forwarding its findings to the concerned CF). Hence for the purpose of the MoEF & CC, as per the provision under Forest (Conservation) amendment rules, 2016 the compliance under FRA is not required for consideration of in-principle approval. This has to be furnished by the state Govt. for consideration of the proposal by the ministry for final approval." DFO, Dumka has been informed regarding the MoEF & CC circular through the letter dated 26.07.2022.

Please find above compliance report for your kind perusal and further necessary actions.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

For Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd.

General Manager/Project Head PSCMP, NUPPL

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Ref.no: NUPPL/PSCMP/GM/ FC/2020/10/15

Date: 20.10.2020

To

The Deputy Commissioner, Dumka, Jharkhand

Sub: Application for "No Objection Certificate" under Forest Right Act (FRA), 2006 in respect of Pachwara South Coal Block (715 Ha.) of M/s Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd (NUPPL).

Madam,

Pachwara South Coal Block is the southernmost part of the Pachwara Coalfield in Dumka District, Jharkhand. Pachwara-Chirudih Sector lies in the western part of Pachwara basin. The Block is allotted to Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd. (NUPPL)- a joint venture of NLC India Limited and Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited, vide allotment order no 13016/26/2004-CA-I/CA-III(Pt) (Vol.II), Dated 03.10.2016 from MoC, GOI.

The total project area is conceptualized same with the allotted coal block area and which comes to about 715 Ha. As per land records, about 397.39 Ha. falls under Government forest category and remaining 317.61 Ha. falls under non forest category. Hence, Forest Diversion for 397.39 Ha. of forest land is required as per the FC Act' 1980.

Detail exploration is undertaken at Pachwara South Coal Block and Geological Report is already approved by the Ministry of Coal (MoC) vide letter no-CA1-13016/1/2017-CA1 (FTS:333272) dated 7th Sep'2020 (Annexure-1). Established gross Geological reserve of the block is 415.02 Million Tonne and net geological Reserve is 373.52 million tonnes (considering cut off as 0.5m). As per the Geological Report, around 174.43 Million Tonne of net geological reserve is lies under the forest land of 397.39 Ha. Mine plan is also prepared and submitted by the project proponent at MoC, Govt. of India for approval.

In this connection, we would like to bring to your kind attention that three number of villages namely - Chirudih, Kundapahari and Mahuldabar are situated within the Pachwara South Coal Block boundary shall be affected while mining activity.

Thus, "No Objection Certificate" under the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006 is requisite to process the Stage -I forest clearance.

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In compliance of Forest (Conservation) Rules 2003 [as amended vide the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules 2014; Forest (Conservation) second Amendment Rules 2014; Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules 2016] requires the District Collector to complete the process of recognition and vesting of forest rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) and submit FRA certificates along with other specified documents in respect of projects other than linear projects in the prescribed format enclosed as Form II.

Therefore, it is requested your good office to kindly issue the "No objection Certificate" under Forest Rights Act (FRA) 2006 in favour of the M/s Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd. (NUPPL) in the prescribed format (Form-II) enclosed as (Annexure-II).

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully, For Neyveli Uttan Pradesh Power Ltd

> General Manager/Project-Head Pachwara South Coal Block

Copy to: The Divisional Forest Officer, Dumka, Jharkhand.

Encl: As above.

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Note No. #1

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UNDERTAKING

This is to certify that Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd (NUPPL) shall undertake that No objection Certificate (NOC) will be obtained under Forest Right Act (FRA), 2006 in respect of Pachwara South Coal Block of Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd. All forest rights under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 will be settled as per the statute in respect of the forest area proposed for diversion.

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(Mohan Reddy Kalasani) Chief Executive Officer Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd.

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General Manager/Project Head

Pachwara South Coal Mine Project

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Ref. no: NUPPL/PSCMP/GM/FC/2021/01/13

Date: 20.01.2021

To The Deputy Commissioner, Dumka, Jharkhand

Sub: Application for "No Objection Certificate" under Forest Right Act (FRA), 2006 in respect of Pachwara South Coal Block (714.8553 Ha.) of M/s Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd (NUPPL)- Re-Submission

Ref.: 1. Our Letter no. NUPPL/PSCMP/GM/ FC/2020/09/15, dated 20.10.2020 2. Letter from DFO, Dumka, Letter no. 125, dated 18.01.2021

Madam,

We have submitted a request letter on dated 20.10.2020 to your good office to initiate the process of recognition and vesting of forest rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) and issue "No Objection Certificate" under the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006 to process the Stage -I forest clearance. In this regard, brief information on the project is given below.

Pachwara South Coal Block is the southernmost part of the Pachwara Coalfield in Dumka District, Jharkhand. Pachwara-Chirudih Sector lies in the western part of Pachwara basin. The Block is allotted to Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd. (NUPPL)- a joint venture of NLC India Limited and Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited vide, allotment order no 13016/26/2004-CA-I/CA-III(Pt) (Vol.II), Dated 03.10.2016 from MoC, GOI.

The total project area is conceptualized same with the allotted coal block area and which comes to about 714.8553 Ha. As per land records, about 398.3243 Ha. falls under Government forest category and remaining 316.5310 Ha. falls under non forest category. Hence, Forest Diversion for 398.3243 Ha. of forest land is required as per the FC Act, 1980.

Detail exploration is undertaken at Pachwara South Coal Block and Geological Report is already approved by the Ministry of Coal (MoC) vide letter no-CA1-13016/1/2017-CA1 (FTS:333272) dated 7th Sep'2020 (Annexure-1). Established gross Geological reserve of the block is 415.02 Million Tonne and net geological Reserve is 373.52 million tonnes (considering cut off as 0.5m). As per the Geological Report, around 174.43 Million Tonne of net geological reserve is lies under the forest land of 398.3243 Ha. The Mine plan for the project activity is also approved by MoC, Govt. of India.

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In this connection, we would like to bring to your kind attention that three number of villages namely – Chirudih, Kundapahari and Mahuldabar are situated within the Pachwara South Coal Block boundary shall be affected during mining activity.

Thus, "No Objection Certificate" under the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006 is requisite to process the Stage –I forest clearance.

In compliance of Forest (Conservation) Rules 2003 [as amended vide the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules 2014; Forest (Conservation) second Amendment Rules 2014; Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules 2016] requires the District Collector to complete the process of recognition and vesting of forest rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) and submit FRA certificates along with other specified documents in respect of projects other than linear projects in the prescribed format enclosed as Form II.

In this regard, we have received a letter from Divisional Forest Office, Dumka, vide Ref. No. 125, dated 18.01.2021 stating that the letter has to be marked to The District Welfare Office, Dumka.

Therefore, we are once again re-submitting the application along with the prescribed format (Form-II) enclosed as (Annexure-II) for grant of the "No objection Certificate" under Forest Rights Act (FRA) 2006 in favour of the M/s Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd. (NUPPL).

This is for your kind perusal and further necessary action.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully, For Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd

> General Manager/Project-Head Pachwara South Coal Block

Encl: As above.

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Lt. no:

NUPPL/PSCMP/GM/FC/2022/07/14

Date: 26.07.2022

To

The Deputy Commissioner, Dumka, Jharkhand.

Sub: Information regarding amendment in Land schedule of Pachwara South Coal Block, NUPPL in respect to the application for "No Objection Certificate" under Forest Right Act (FRA), 2006 of Pachwara South Coal Block (714.8553 Ha.) of M/s Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd (NUPPL).

Ref: 1. NUPPL/PSCMP/GM/FC/2020/10/15; dated: 20.10.2020.

- 2. NUPPL/PSCMP/GM/FC/2021/01/13; dated: 20.01.2021.
- 3. DFO letter No. 211; dated: 02.02.2022.

Sir,

With the letter nos cited in reference (1) and (2), Pachwara South Coal Block, NUPPL has requested for issuing of "No Objection Certificate" under Forest Right Act (FRA), 2006 in favour of Pachwara South Coal Block (714.8553 Ha.) on 20.10.2020 and a reminder letter on 20.01.2021.

Sincerely, we would like to bring under your notice that the Forest land of Pachwara South Coal Block is amended as per the directions of the Divisional Forest Officer, Dumka (reference 3 cited above) and thus, subsequently the overall land schedule got revised.

Now, the revised project area is conceptualized same with the allotted coal block area which comes to about 714.8553 Ha. As per the revised land records, 455.1108 Ha. falls under Government forest category and remaining 259.7445 Ha. falls under non forest category. Hence, as per the revised land schedule, Forest Diversion for 455.8553 Ha. of forest land is required as per the FC Act' 1980.

Therefore, it is humbly requested your good office to kindly issue the "No objection Certificate" under Forest Rights Act (FRA) 2006 against the 455.1108 Ha of forest land, in favour of the M/s Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd. (NUPPL) in the prescribed format (Form-II) attached herewith this letter.

Thanking You,

For Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd

General Manager/Project-Head

PSCB/NUPPL

Opy to: The Divisional Forest Officer, Dumka, Jharkhand.

: As above.

File No.11-43/2013-FC

Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (FC Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj New Delhi-110003

Dated: No Germany, 2019

To,

The Principal Secretary/Secretary (Forests)
All States/UTs Governments

Sub: Compliance of the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006-regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Forest (Conservation) amendment Rules 2016 as amended on 06th March, 2017 wherein inter-alia it has been provided that:

(e) the District Collector shall

(i) complete the process of recognition and vesting of forest rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) for the entire forest land indicated in the proposal.

(ii) obtain consent of each Gram Sabha having jurisdiction over the whole or a part of the forest land indicated in the proposal for the diversion of such forest land and compensatory and ameliorative measures, if any, having understood the purposes and details of diversion, wherever required; and

(iii) forward his findings in this regard to the Conservator of Forests

(f) the entire process referred to in clause (e) shall be completed by the District Collector within the time period stipulated in these rules for grant of in-principle approval under the Act to the proposal.

(g) the Conservator of Forests shall examine the factual details and feasibility of the proposal, carry out site inspection in case the area of forest land proposed to be diverted is more than forty hectares, and forward the proposal along with his recommendations to the Nodal Office.

I am also directed to refer to references/communications received from various State Governments seeking clarification on whether FRA certificate is to be submitted before Stage-II compliance or it has been submitted along-with proposal for seeking Stage-I approval.

It is clarified that within the time period stipulated for compliance of stage-I

condition, Deputy Commissioner shall complete the process of compliance of FRA (including forwarding its findings to the concerned CF). Hence for the purpose of the MoEF&CC, as per the provision under Forest (Conservation) amendment rules, 2016 the compliance under FRA is not required for consideration of in-principle approval. This has to be furnished by the state Govt. for consideration of the proposal by the ministry for final approval.

In view of the above, the State Governments are requested to adhere the provisions contained in Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules, 2016 for FRA purpose while forwarding the proposal for seeking prior approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to this Ministry for consideration.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Prime Minister's Office

2. Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India

3. Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Government of India

4. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India

5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments

- 6. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/ UT Governments
- 7. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), GoI.

8. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEF&CC, GoI

9. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC, GoI/Director, ROHQ, MoEF&CC, GoI/TO(FC)/TO(RoHQ).

10.Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEF&CC with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.

11.Sr. PPS to the Secretary, MoEF&CC

12.Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forest & Special Secretary, MoEF&CC, GoI

13.Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEF&CC, GoI.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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