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To,

Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Forest Department, Mantralaya,  
Mahanadi Bhavan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar (CG).

**Sub: Diversion of 7.116 ha of forest land in favour of NMDC Limited for construction of Ore processing Slurry Pipe Line for transportation of ore concentrate from Kirandul to Nagarnar under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in Dantewada District in the State of Chhattisgarh.**

Sir,

The State Government of Chhattisgarh vide letter no. no. F-5-28/2018/10-2 dated 13.11.2018, on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government, in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. It is to say that after examination of the proposal of the State Government, 'In-principle' approval was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 24.11.2020. Now, the State Government of Chhattisgarh vide letter no. krmank/F 5-28/2018/10-2 dated 29.11.2021 and the Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh vide letter क्र./भू-प्रबंध/विविध/115-688/2754 dated 09.11.2021, has submitted a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the 'In-principle' approval and requested the Central Government to grant final approval to the proposal.

In this connection, it is informed that on the basis of compliance report submitted by the State Government of Chhattisgarh vide letter क्र./भू-प्रबंध/विविध/115-688/2754 dated 09.11.2021 the Central Government hereby accords **Final Approval** under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion 7.116 ha of forest land in favour of NMDC Limited for construction of Ore processing Slurry Pipe Line for transportation of ore concentrate from Kirandul to Nagarnar under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in Dantewada District in the State of Chhattisgarh subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. **Compensatory afforestation**
  - a. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 16.00 ha of degraded forest land (RF Compartment No. 1845, Range-Bacheli) in Dantewada Forest Division at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Dantewada Division shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
- iii. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
- iv. 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/>);
- v. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;



- vi. No felling of trees shall be done in the RoW of 7.0 meters earmarked for stacking of soil. Stacking of soil shall be allowed for a temporary period of 2-3 weeks only;
- vii. After completion of pipeline laying work, the stacked soil shall be filled back into the trench and area will be restored to its natural state. The User Agency, in consultation with the State Forest Department, shall undertake gap plantation in the RoW of 7.0 meters with forestry species at project cost;
- viii. Wherever possible, user agency in consultation with State Forest Department shall minimize the numbers of trees to be felled and maximum efforts shall be made to keep fully grown fruit bearing trees intact;
- ix. The pipeline shall be laid down at least 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipe line the ground will be leveled;
- x. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- xi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xiii. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- xiv. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- xv. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xvi. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;
- xvii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xviii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
- xix. 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;
- xx. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- xxi. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-porla/ (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

**Yours faithfully,**

*Chaturbhuja*  
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**Chaturbhuja Behera**  
**Inspector General of Forests**

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1. The PCCF & HoFF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Aranya Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur (CG).
2. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Aranya Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur (CG).
3. User Agency.
4. Guard File.

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