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विश्वासभाजन,

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File no.- 22 पी०-2(2)-06/2022.....

Office order No. **50** dated **07.04.2025**

Sanction Order of the Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan with reference to non-forestry use of 455.1108 ha of forest land for Pachhawara South Coal Block project in favour of M/s Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd. (NUPPL), District Dumka,

The Instant Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan has been submitted by M/s Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd. (referred to as "the Use Agency") in pursuance of the following conditions laid by MoEF&CC under Section 2(1)(ii) of condition no. (IX),(XIX) and (XXIV) of Stage-1 approvals vide letter no. 8-37/2022-FC dated 18.09.2024 for non-forestry use of 455.1108 ha of forest land for Pachhawara South Coal Block project in favour of M/s Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd. (NUPPL).

The aforesaid Terms of Reference laid by the Central Government reads as follows:

Condition no. 2(1) (ii) : Compensatory Afforestation;

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Condition No. (xxiv): *“The User Agency will undertake comprehensive Soil conservation measures at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department. A scheme of the same shall be submitted to the Regional Office along with the ‘in-principle’ approval;”*

2. It was informed by the User Agency that in compliance of the above-mentioned conditions, the instant integrated Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan has been prepared in consultation with the forest officials including DFO, Dumka, and Pakur, Conservator of Forest (CF) Territorial Circle Dumka and Regional Chief Conservator of Forest (RCCF), Dumka.

3. In the above stated background, the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Ranchi (RCCF), Dumka vide his letter no. 366 dated 10.03.2025 submitted the Plan to office of the undersigned for its consideration for sanction.

4. In order to examine the plan prescriptions a communication was issued to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests (RCCF), Dumka, CF, Territorial Circle, Dumka, DFO, Dumka, Godda and User agency, vide this office letter no. 795 dated 24.03.2025 to arrange a Power-Point Presentation of the plan in meeting scheduled on 26.03.2025 in the conference hall of the undersigned. The presentation was made by the Project proponent in the presence of Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Dumka and Divisional Forest Officer, Dumka and DFO Godda Forest Division (DFO, Dumka and Pakur on video

conferencing). Shri Deepak Vincent Surin (NUPPL) G.M. Project Head, Pachwara South Coal Block, Shri Rajeev Ranjan, Representative (NUPPL) and Shri Kislay Kumar, Director, Ecosofet Pvt. Ltd., Consultant for preparing were also present during the presentation.

5. After deliberation on various provisions of the proposed Plan and the presentation, it was observed that:-

- (i) Two other coal blocks are located in close vicinity of Pachwara South Coal Block (CB) namely, Pahcawara Central and Pachwara North CB. Pachawara South Block is situated within the Dumka Forest Division/District whereas Pachawara Central and Pachawara North Blocks fall within the administrative boundary of Pakur Forest Division/District. The Bansloi river being bifurcating boundary of two district, Pakur and Dumka. Apart from the aforesaid Coal Blocks adjacent to Pachawara South Coal Blocks there is one more upcoming coal block namely Urma Paharitola Coal Block.
- (ii) During the deliberation and presentation, it was informed that in compliance of conditions laid down by MoEF&CC towards Forest clearance with respect to Pachawara Central CB and Pachawara North CB, SMC and wildlife conservation plans have been formulated and approved by the competent authorities. The impact Area (IA) delineated under the above plans has been restricted to the territorial Pakur Forest Division. In the light of above background, this SMC Plan has been formulated restricting the territorial boundaries of Dumka and Godda Forest Division and within the radius of 10 km of the boundary of coal Block.

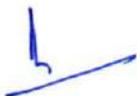
6. The cost of the proposed 10-year (2026-27 to 2035-36) Soil & Moisture Conservation Plan with respect to the activities to be carried out by DFO, Dumka Forest Division and DFO, Godda Forest Divisions have been estimated to be Rs. 4009.59 lakh. The summary of the proposed interventions (component wise activities) under the Plan is as follows:-

The Proposed financial projection under the Plan may be summarized in the following table-

Sl. No	Activity Head	Dumka Forest Division (Rs. In Lakh)	Godda Forest Division (Rs. In Lakh)	Total (Rs. In Lakh)
1.	Natural Resource Management /Soil and Moisture Conservation Measures	2272.60	721.22	2993.82
2.	Capacity Building Frontline Forest Staff	20.00	10.00	30.00
3.	Awareness Development Programmes	10.00	5.00	15.00
4.	Development of Alternative Livelihoods & Promotion of Renewable Energy Consumption	50.00	25.00	75.00
5.	Monitoring and Evaluation	10.00	5.00	15.00
6.	Infrastructural Strengthening towards Implementation of the Plan & its Monitoring and Evaluation	100.00	50.00	150.00
7.	Administrative Cost	50.00	12.50	62.50
	Sub-total	2512.60	828.72	3341.32
	Escalation cost @20%	502.52	165.75	668.27
	Grand Total Cost	3015.12	994.47	4009.59

Cost to the User Agency towards implementation of the SMC Plan is Rs. 4009.59 Lakh.

7. The Plan with a total financial outlay of **Rs. 4009.59 Lakh** extends over a period of 10 years and shall be utilized by the Forest Department through the



DFO, Dumka Forest Division and DFO, Godda Forest Division in accordance with the Plan prescriptions.

8. Considering the proposals under the plan submitted by the User Agency and recommendation of the concerned forest officers, sanction is hereby accorded to the instant Plan subject to the following conditions:

- (i) That the User Agency shall ensure that its officials/contractors and the work force engaged into mining and allied operations under the Project shall not commit or abet any forest/wildlife offence in their area of operation. They will also promptly report any forest/wildlife offence in the area to the nearest forest office/official. Further, they will extend their full cooperation to the forest officials in control/mitigation of any incident, natural or man-made, determined to forest and wildlife in their area of operation.
- (ii) That the total amount of **Rs. 4009.59 Lakh (Rupees Forty crore nine lakh and fifty nine thousand only)** shall be deposited by the User Agency into CAMPA account under the relevant head/sub-head and shall be utilized by the State Forest Department through the DFO, Dumka Forest Division and DFO, Godda Forest Division as delineated under the Plan, strictly in accordance with the prevailing norms under the Jharkhand Forest Department.
- (iii) That as regards the funds earmarked against activities to be undertaken by the State Forest Department, the DFO, Dumka Forest Division and DFO, Godda Forest Division shall prepare a detailed Annual Plan of Operations (APO) in the beginning of every financial year in respect of the instant Plan following all the rules, regulations, Schedule of Rates etc. issued from time to time by the

State Government/Forest Department. Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Dumka shall supervise & closely monitor the progress of the activities undertaken by DFO, Dumka Forest Division and DFO, Godda Forest Division as per the approved APO & funds released under CAMPA.

- (iv) That the Conservator of Forests, Dumka Circle shall supervise all the activities as per directions issued by the Forest Department from time to time.
- (v) That the DFO, Dumka Forest Division and DFO, Godda Forest Division shall carry out the activities under the Plan strictly as per the duly sanctioned APO.
- (vi) That both the DFOs shall ensure that no violation of duly sanctioned Working Plans of their Forest Divisions takes place during implementation of any of the activities involved in this plan over notified and demarcated forest land.
- (vii) That the instant Plan is dynamic and be revisited after 5 years to assess its compatibility with mining and its concurrent reclamation activities and a revised Plan be formulated as per requirement.
- (viii) That though adequate provisions have been made towards cost escalation in the plan viz. increase in wage rate/material cost etc., yet the User Agency shall submit an undertaking to the Divisional Forest Officer, DFO, Dumka and DFO, Godda Forest Division to the effect that they will deposit extra cost of the plan beyond the cost escalation provision owing to increase in wage rate etc. in due course of time as well as consequent upon revision in the plan, if any, as and when given effect to by the competent authority.

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Copy forwarded to Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi, Harmu Housing Colony, Ranchi [email: ro.ranchi-mef@gov.in] / Principal Chief Conservator of Forest-cum-Executive Director, Waste Land Development Board, Jharkhand, Ranchi / Additional PCCF, CAMPA along with a copy of the Plan, for information and necessary action.

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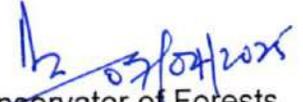
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M/s NUPPL undertakes to deposit extra cost of the Soil & Moisture Conservation Plan beyond the cost escalation provision owing to increase in wage rate etc. in due course of time as well as consequent upon revision in the plan, if any, as and when given effect to by the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

For Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd.

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xxiv.	The User agency will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department. A scheme of the same shall be submitted to the Regional Office along with the 'in-principle' approval; and			

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अनुरोध है कि अवशेष राशि नियमानुसार जमा किया जाय तथा राशि जमा करने संबंधी E-Payment/ Challan की प्रति इस कार्यालय में समर्पित करना सुनिश्चित करें। आर0टी0जी0एस0/ नेफ्ट/ डी0डी0/कैश या अन्य किसी माध्यम से जमा की गई राशि को स्वीकार नहीं किया जायेगा।

विश्वासभाजन,

वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी,

दुमका वन प्रमंडल, दुमका।

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प्रतिलिपि:- वन संरक्षक, प्रादेशिक अंचल, दुमका/क्षेत्रीय मुख्य वन संरक्षक, संथाल परगना, दुमका/प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक-सह-कार्यकारी निदेशक, बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड, झारखण्ड, राँची/ प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक, वन्यप्राणी एवं मुख्य वन्यप्राणी प्रतिपालक, झारखण्ड, राँची तथा प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक, झारखण्ड, राँची को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्रवाई हेतु समर्पित।

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Office Order No.16.....

Dated. 03/04/2025

Sanction Order of the Site-Specific Wildlife Management Plan with reference to diversion of forest land (located in Dumka Forest Division) for Pachwara South Coal Block project in favour of M/s Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd. (NUPPL), District Dumka, Jharkhand State.

The instant Site-Specific Wildlife Management Plan (referred to as 'the SSWMP' hereinafter) has been prepared in pursuance of compliance of the condition mentioned at S. No. v. & viii. of the in-principle approval order issued by the Forest Conservation Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India vide F. No. 8-37/2022-FC dated 18th September, 2024 for diversion of 455.1108 ha of forest land in Dumka district for Pachwara South Coal Block Project in favour of M/s Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd. (referred to as 'NUPPL' hereinafter).

The aforesaid condition laid by the Forest Conservation Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India reads as follows:

"v. The State Govt. shall prepare and implement Wildlife Conservation Plan duly approved by CWLW, Jharkhand to mitigate the impact of mining on elephant and other wildlife in and around the proposed area at project cost."

"viii. A site specific wildlife management plan of a radius of 10 km from the proposed lease area at the project cost will be prepared. Besides this, migration path for elephant's passage if present beyond 10 km then such migration route shall be developed with plantation of suitable species at the project cost."

In the backdrop of the aforesaid condition, it is noteworthy to mention that Pachwara South Coal Block is bounded by Pachwara Central Coal Block in the North and Pachwara North Coal Block in further North. All these three blocks form somewhat a continuum. It is also to be noted that while Pachwara South Block falls in Dumka Forest Division, both Pachwara Central and Pachwara North Blocks lie in Pakur Forest Division. Both Pachwara Central and Pachwara North Coal mines have forest land within and therefore, statutory forest clearances have been obtained by the respective user agencies. The forest clearance has been granted to these two mining projects, subject to certain conditions including preparation and approval of Site-specific Wildlife Conservation plan independently against the two projects. In order to comply with the said condition laid by MoEF&CC, GoI, the respective user agencies have prepared Wildlife Conservation Plans which have duly been approved by the undersigned. Notably, the said wildlife conservation plans have been formulated restricting the respective project impact areas

within Pakur forest division; within 10 km periphery of the lease in case of Pachwara North and within 10-20 km distance from the lease in case of Pachwara Central. Therefore, in the best interest of the conservation needs of the area, the instant Wildlife Management Plan has been formulated restricting the impact area to the territorial boundaries of Dumka and Godda forest divisions within 10 km radius of the boundary of the coal block. Further, enrichment of elephant movement paths, both within the territorial jurisdiction of Dumka and Godda divisions, has also been prescribed under this Plan.

In the above stated background, the User Agency (NUPPL), in pursuance of complying with the aforesaid conditions laid by the Central Government, has prepared the instant SSWMP in consultation with the forest officials of Dumka and Godda forest divisions. Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Santhal Pargana, Dumka vide his letter no. 365 dated 10.03.2025 has submitted the plan to the office of the undersigned for its due sanction.

While considering the plan for its approval, a meeting was arranged by the undersigned on 24.03.2025, in which the User Agency made a power point presentation. Conservator of Forests, Territorial Circle, Dumka; Divisional Forest Officers, Dumka Forest Division; Divisional Forest Officers, Godda Forest Division; Shree Rajeev Ranjan, Retd. IFS; Shree Gotte Ramesh, General Manager/ Project Head, Pachwara South Coal Block, NUPPL, Dumka; Shree Deepak Vincent Surin, Dy. Chief Engineer; Shree Vinod Kumar Prasad, Addl. Chief Manager attended the meeting.

The Impact Area consists of altogether 169 numbers of villages, 133 in Dumka Forest Division and 36 in Godda Forest Division. The areas of villages which fall partly outside the 10 km boundary have also been considered for prescribing management interventions under the plan. The geographical extent of the Impact Area thus delineated is about 257.73 sq. km.

Chapter 3 of the Plan deals with the impact of the Project on environment. Environmental impacts of mining operations are numerous and diverse. It includes land degradation, noise, dust, poisonous gases and pollution of water and so on. The most immediate environmental impact of open cast mining is the loss of habitat. A vast stretch of land cleared for mining operations displaces flora and fauna, causing a ripple effect throughout the ecosystem. Species lose not only their homes but also their food sources, and the delicate balance of the local biodiversity is upset. Chapter 4 of the Plan discusses objectives of management and strategies to address the wildlife conservation issues. Chapter 5 of the Plan deals with management interventions to be carried out by the Project Proponent within the project area. Chapter 6 exclusively deals with delineation of elephant movement paths in Dumka and Godda forest divisions and its enrichment. It has been proposed under this Plan to enrich the areas falling within 01 (one) km of distance, on both sides of the elephant movement path, with plantation of species which are preferred by elephants as well as silvicultural operations in forest areas and decongestion of bamboo clumps. Towards this end, villages involved in the pathways of elephants have been pinpointed. It may also be noted that the delineated elephant movement path passes through the Impact Area too. Thus, the enrichment activities with respect to the

elephant movement path are planned to extend within and beyond the Impact Area. Chapter 7 deals with proposed interventions to be carried out by the Forest Department under the Plan whereas Chapter 8 mentions the financial forecast against the proposed interventions.

It would be pertinent to mention here that in compliance of one of the conditions laid by MoEF&CC towards Forest Clearance to the Project, a dedicated Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan has been prepared for the area within 10 km periphery of the lease boundary. A Catchment Area Treatment Plan with respect to Bansloi River taking the Impact Area between 10 and 15 km of radius from the periphery of mining lease area has also been prepared. Therefore, measures towards soil and moisture conservation within 15 km radius of the lease periphery have not been included under the instant Plan. However, certain check dams have been proposed to be constructed under this plan beyond the 15 km boundary of the lease area so as to meet the water requirement of elephants in and around the elephant movement path.

The total cost to the User Agency towards implementation of the Site-Specific Wildlife Management Plan is Rs. 5216.98 Lakhs spread over a period of 10 years (2026-27 to 2035-36). The financial projection under the Plan under various broad heads may be tabulated as follows:

Sl. No.	Activity Head	Financial Forecast (Rs. in Lakhs)		
		Dumka Forest Division	Godda Forest Division	Total
A.	Habitat Management	802.24	547.42	1349.66
B.	Enrichment of the Elephant Movement Path	1634.15	449.17	2083.32
C.	Human-Elephant Conflict Management	70.00	35.00	105.00
D.	Awareness Development Programmes	50.00	25.00	75.00
E.	Capacity Development Programmes for Frontline Forest Staff	50.00	25.00	75.00
F.	Development of Alternative Livelihoods	200.00	100.00	300.00
G.	Promotion of Alternative Energy Consumption	50.00	25.00	75.00
H.	Development and Implementation of appropriate Monitoring & Evaluation System	18.00	9.00	27.00
I.	Infrastructural Strengthening	125.00	62.50	187.50
J.	Miscellaneous & Administrative Expenses	50.00	20.00	70.00
K.	Total	3049.39	1298.09	4347.48
L.	Cost Escalation Provision @20%	609.88	259.62	869.50
M.	Grand Total	3659.27	1557.71	5216.98

Considering the proposals under the plan, sanction is hereby accorded to the instant SSWMP subject to the following conditions:

- (i) That the User Agency shall ensure that its officials/contractors and the work force engaged into mining and allied operations shall not commit or abet any forest/wildlife offence in their area of operation. They will also promptly report the occurrence of any forest/wildlife crime in the area to the nearest forest office/official.

Further, they will extend their full co-operation to the forest officials in control/ mitigation of any incident, natural or man made, detrimental to forest and wildlife in their area of operation.

- (ii) That the total amount of Rs. 5216.98 lakhs involved under the instant SSWMP shall be deposited by the User Agency in CAMPA Account under the relevant head/ sub-head and shall be utilized by the State Forest Department. Out of the said 5216.98 lakh, a total of Rs. 3659.27 lakhs shall be spent through DFO, Dumka Forest Division whereas Rs. 1557.71 lakhs shall be spent through DFO, Godda Forest Division over a period of ten years from FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36.
- (iii) That the DFO, Dumka Forest Division and the DFO, Godda Forest Division shall prepare detailed Annual Plan of Operations (APO) for execution of activities provided under the Plan with reference to their respective areas of jurisdiction, following all the rules, regulations, Schedule of Rates etc. issued from time to time by the State Government/ Forest Department. Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Santhal Pargana Dumka shall accord sanction to the said APOs following due process and he/ she will closely monitor the progress of the activities undertaken by the two divisions. DFOs shall carry out the activities as per the duly sanctioned APOs. Conservator of Forests, Territorial Circle, Dumka shall supervise all the activities as per directions issued by the Forest Department from time to time.
- (iv) That the DFOs shall ensure that no violation of duly sanctioned Working Plan of Dumka and Godda forest divisions takes place during implementation of any of the activities involved in this plan over notified and demarcated forest land.
- (v) That the instant SSWMP may be revisited after three years and a revised plan may be formulated as per need and convenience of the implementing agencies. The revised plan, if any, shall be put up before the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, Jharkhand for its approval.
- (vi) That though adequate provision has been made towards cost escalation in the plan on account of increase in wage rate/ material cost etc., yet the User Agency shall submit an undertaking to the Divisional Forest Officer, Dumka Forest Division as well as to the Divisional Forest Officer, Godda Forest Division, to the effect that they will deposit extra cost of the plan beyond the cost escalation provision owing to increase in wage rate etc. in due course of time as well as consequent upon revision in the plan, if any, after 3 years from inception year of the plan.

Sd/-

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden,
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Sd/-

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
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Jharkhand, Ranchi.

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M/s NUPPL undertakes to deposit extra cost of the Site Specific Wildlife Management Plan beyond the cost escalation provision owing to increase in wage rate etc. in due course of time as well as consequent upon revision in the plan, if any, after 3 years from inception year of the plan..

Yours faithfully,

For Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd.

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