GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER: JAINTIA HILLS TERRITORIAL DIVISION: JOWAI

No. JH/HCCL/4.0Ha/2021-22/B/ 934

Dated Jowai the 16 September, 2025.

To:

M/s Hills Cement Company Ltd, Village – Mynkre; PO – Lumshnong, East Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya.

Sub:

Request for Non-Imposition of 12% Penal Interest for 7years by DFO, Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai on NPV in terms of In-principle Approval dated 14.01.2025 of the Mines FC Act proposal of M/s Hills Cement Company Limited situated at village Mynkre, PO-Lumshnong, East Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya.

Ref:

No. MFG.16/50/HCCL/Pt.I/8571 Dated, Shillong the 5th September, 2025

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am enclosing herewith the MoEF &CC letter dated the 14th January, 2025 which has conveyed the In-Principle Approval/Stage-I Approval for proposal for diversion of 4.0 ha of deemed forest land for limestone mining at Mynkre in respect of M/s Hills cement Company Ltd. village Mynkre, PO Lumshnong, East Jainaia Hills District, Meghalaya. (Copy of Approval is hereby enclosed).

In this regard, I would like to request you to comply with the following conditions:
1. As per point (iv) of the conditions of the Stage-I approval, you shall pay the cost of raising compensatory afforestation (CA) amounting to Rs. 61,38,007.00 (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Seven) only as per Compensatory Afforestation Scheme. The detailed estimate for Compensatory Afforestation is calculated with the current rate as per Labour Department Notification No.LE&SD.9/2023/Pt/14 dated the 21st July, 2025.

The Cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars on the CA land is **Rs. 96,000.00** (Rupees Ninety Six Thousand) only. The same may be deposited in the Adhoc CAMPA Account.

2. As per point vi of the conditions of the Stage-I approval & vide MoEF letter F.No.3-MGB 013/2022-SHI/831-32 dated 30th June, 2025, the User Agency shall pay the 5 (five) times penal NPV for the extent of violation done plus 12 percent simple interest from the date of raising of such demand till the deposit is made by the User Agency. The penal NPV amount to be paid is **Rs. 1, 51, 60,005.00** (Rupees One Crore Fifty One Lakh Sixty Thousand Five) only.

Penal NPV = $1.9 \times 1595790 \times 5$ times = Rs.1, 51, 60,005.00

- 3. As per point xiv of conditions of the Stage-I approval, the User Agency shall transfer the funds towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon' ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vibe its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 06.01,2022 read with 22.03.2022 through online portal of CAMPA account of the State Concerned. The User Agency is hereby directed to pay an amount of Rs. 63, 83,160.00 (Rupees Sixty Three Lakh Eighty Three Thousand One Hundred Sixty) only towards the NPV (Net Present Value) @ Rs.15, 95,790/Ha.
- 4. As per point (xv) the User agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay additional amount of NPV, Penal NPV, interest amount etc. if so determined in any fresh interpretation/decisions.

- 5. Also, I am to instruct you to issue compliance report in the form of undertaking on all the conditions laid down in the Stage I approval.
- 6. Details of Bank; Name: CAF Meghalaya State CAMPA; Name of the Bank: Corporation Bank; Name of the Branch: CGO, Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-3; Account No: SB01025217; RTGS/IFSC Code: CORP000371.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Enclosed: As above.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Forest Officer,

Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai.

Dated Jowai the September, 2025.

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Copy to:

- The Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal Officer, FC Act), Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
- 2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests (FC Act), Meghalaya, Shillong for information.

Divisional Forest Officer, Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai.