No. 13016/8/2001-CA II (Vol-II) Government of India Ministry of Coal

New Delhi, dated 24 October, 2008

To

The Secretary. Industries & Commerce Department, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Sub:-Prior approval of Govt. of India for the grant of 2nd renewal of coal mining lease for extraction of Coal over a reduced extent of 5158 hectares. involving 1466 hectares of forest land and 3692 hectares of non-forest in Kothagudem Mandal, Khammam District, for a further period of 20 years from 27.04.2009 to 26.04.2029 in favour of SCCL under Section 5(1)(b) & 6(1)(b) of M.M.(D&R) Act, 1957.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your No. 5878/M-III(2)/2008 1 dated 23.07.2008 on the subject mentioned above and to convey prior approval of the Central Government under Section 5 (1) (b) of the MM(D&R) Act, 1957 for grant of 2nd renewal of coal mining lease for extraction of Coal over a reduced extent of 5158 hectares involving 1466 hectares of forest land and 3692 hectares of non-forest in Kothagudem Mandal, Khammam District, for a further period of 20 years from 27.04.2009 to 26.04.2029 in favour of SCCL subject to the submission of Consent for Establishment (CEF) from Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board and obtaining Environmental Clearance, Environmental Public hearing from Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India and Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. Since the total area of the mining lease granted so far exceeds 10 sq. kms., (the above proposed area is more then five times of permitted limit) approval of the Central Govt. is also granted for relaxation under Section 6(1)(b) of the MM(D&R) Act, 1957 as it is in the interest of development of the minerals.

Yours faithfully,

(Alice Kujur)

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